

About Ralph Samuels



Ralph Samuels knows Alaska, from the crevasses of Denali's glaciers to the

waterways of Southeast Alaska. Anchorage has been Ralph's home since 1986, but he grew up and lived throughout Alaska, including Nome, King Salmon, Fairbanks and Metlakatla, where he graduated from high school. As a result, he has a real appreciation for Alaska's uniqueness, the diversity of our people, and the values and ideals that draw Alaskans together.

Ralph got involved in public service through a family tragedy, eventually working to open the criminal justice system up for the victims of violent crime and their families. That commitment to the people of Anchorage later took shape as Ralph won election to three terms in the Alaska House of Representatives representing South Anchorage. His legislative colleagues chose him to be House Republican Majority leader during his final term in the House.

Alaska's great outdoors is one of Ralph's passions. He is an avid fisherman and hunter, and has crisscrossed Alaska's wilderness in pursuit of caribou and floated remote rivers in search of prized salmon. In addition, Ralph is an experienced mountaineer, with several attempted ascents of Denali under his belt.

- Lifelong Alaskan; 48 years old
- Attended public schools throughout Alaska
- Attended University of Alaska, Fairbanks
- Airline Executive, Peninsula Airways, 1980-2008
- VP, Community and Government Affairs, Holland America 2008-present
- State Representative, District 29, 2002-2008
- House Republican Majority Leader, 2006-08
- Co-chair, House Resources Committee, 2005-2008
- Vice-chair, Special Committee on Oil and Gas, 2005-08
- Past Chairman, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
- Past Chairman, Anchorage Public Safety Advisory Commission
- Former member, Anchorage Budget Commission