

Biographical Information

Austin Cranford has called Sitka home for 11 years, initially born in Pinehurst, North Carolina. He committed to one term of military service that was completed and has since worked at the University of Alaska as an IT Technician and Vice President, contributing to the education and growth of students across the state. An avid traveler, Cranford has lived in places such as Naples, Italy, and explored various countries, gaining diverse cultural experiences that enrich his perspective. Outside of work, he is passionate about reading and enjoys engaging in debates, fostering thoughtful discussions on various topics.

Advocacy Statement

As a dedicated resident of Sitka for 11 years and an active member of our community, I am committed to addressing the challenges that affect us all. My background in education with the University of Alaska system has given me the skills to think critically, solve complex problems, and advocate effectively for our community's needs.

Our city faces significant challenges in infrastructure, cost of living, and housing. These issues are interlinked, and with the right leadership, we can create practical, sustainable solutions. If elected to the Sitka Assembly, I will prioritize fixing our aging infrastructure, ensuring it can support our community's growth and resilience. This includes advocating for smart investments and strategic partnerships to maximize our resources.

I am also committed to addressing the high cost of living and housing shortages that burden many Sitkans. By removing sales tax on utilities and food, capping utility rate increases, and cutting unnecessary regulations in the housing sector, we can make Sitka a more affordable place to live. Additionally, I will work to foster collaboration with local developers and stakeholders to create more housing opportunities for our residents.

Together, we can build a strong, vibrant, and affordable Sitka for all. I would appreciate your support in making these goals a reality.