

Mayor Jeremy O'Neil



Council Subcommittees/Council Representative on Community Boards

Mayor's Beautification Task Force, Mayor's Flood Task Force, COV Permanent Investment Committee, Alaska Municipal League, Prince William Sound Economic Diversification District, and Alaska Gasline Port Authority

Occupation

Healthcare Executive

Brief Biography

I am a 3rd generation Alaskan with strong Alaskan values. Together with my wife Dahlia, we are raising six children, five that currently attend Valdez City Schools. I spent my youth in Fairbanks, where I graduated from Lathrop High School, and then went on to earn a BBA in accounting and an MBA from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I went to law school in Kansas and am a member of the Alaska Bar.

As a professional, I worked in public accounting, law and healthcare. I am currently the administrator of our local hospital. I've run a small business, been a commercial/instructor pilot, and am zealous about community wellness. I've served on the boards of the Prince William Sound College, United Way of Valdez, Sound Wellness Alliance Network, and the Providence Valdez Health Advisory Council (ex-officio member).

I am active in my church and enjoy contributing in various service capacities both official and non-official. I give full credit to my supportive family, especially my spouse, for their constant encouragement and inspiration.

What are your goals being on City Council?

My goals while on City Council are to promote Valdez as the world-class community that it is. I would like to help maintain and enhance its high level of services, to support its vibrant small businesses, to advocate for modern & efficient government, to strengthen its core industries, to maintain strong institutions of learning, ultimately to position Valdez for a bright future and to maximize the opportunities available to all of its residents.

What do you enjoy most about living in Valdez?

The greatest assets in Valdez are its people! Since moving to Valdez, I've been in awe of the amazing spirit that exists here. I've witnessed our community rally when tragedies struck, and I've seen neighbor lift up neighbor without giving a second thought. I've experienced the poise of this community when we were hit with record snow fall in 2011, a road blocking "Damalanche" in 2014, and that same year, when we paid our respects on the 50th anniversary of the "Good Friday" earthquake to the 32 countrymen who were lost in our town. Overcoming hardship is a major hallmark of our community. The ability to persevere is in the DNA of Valdez, and it compels us to tackle the problems of tomorrow with that same courage. To sum it up, Valdez is more than a community, it's a family.

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