

**2020 Official Candidate Statement  
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska  
Robert Shoemake  
Candidate: District 2 Assemblymember**



**Name:** Robert Shoemake

**Office Sought:** District #2 Assemblymember

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**Age:** 43

**Occupation:** Appliance Repairman

**Spouse's Name:** Mindi

**Children's Names:** Remington and Sahara

**Place of Birth:** Memphis, TN

**Length of Residency in Juneau:** 4 years

**Communities lived in & dates of residency:** Born Memphis TN, Nashville TN,  
1995 – Lambuth University Jackson TN  
1996 - US Navy, Pearl Harbor HI  
1997 to 2004 - Honolulu till 2011  
2011 - Summer in Juneau  
2011/12 – Summer in Corpus Christi TX  
2012 – Fall and winter New York City New York  
2013 to 2016 - Lakewood WA

2016 to present - Juneau AK

**Education:**

Advance Fire Fighting, May 2015 - May 2015  
Clatsop Community College, Astoria, OR  
Internal Auditor Training, April 2015 - April 2015, QSE  
Solutions, Seattle WA  
Designated Person Ashore, February 2015 - February 2015,  
PMI, Seattle WA  
Basic Safety, Basic Fire STCW, August 2014 - August 2014,  
Fremont Maritime, Seattle WA  
Unlimited Radar, September 2013 - September 2013,  
Clatsop Community College, Astoria OR  
200 Ton Master Upgrade, February 2013 - February 2013,  
University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau AK  
10 Ton Master/ Mate course, 2008 – 2008, Hawaii  
Maritime license center, Honolulu HI  
Kapiolani Community College, 2005 to 2006, Honolulu HI  
US Navy Submarine School and Electronics Technician  
School, 1996-1997 Groton, CT  
Lambuth University, 1995-1996, Jackson, TN

**Military Service:**

US Navy 1996 to 2004

**Business and Professional Positions:**

Port Captain Pierce County Ferry, Operations Manager  
River link Ferry, Port Captain Corpus Christi Harbor Ferry

**Other appropriate information:**

President, Nihi Gardens HOA,  
Board officer, Moiliili Gardens HOA,  
Treasurer, Rugby Hawaii Union  
First Responder to Hurricane Sandy

**Biographical Information** *[limited to 150 words or less.]:*

I grew up in Tennessee where my father instilled in us a hard work ethic. I joined the Navy and was stationed in Honolulu HI. Serving my country taught me how to fix electronics, navigate a ship underwater, as well as the distinction between good & bad leaders. After the Navy, I got a job working construction, where success was all about production, quality, setting a deadline, and meeting it. Before long, I returned to the water, taking a job with a ferry company in Hawaii where I became a licensed captain. That experience led me to Alaska, Texas, New York, Washington and back to Alaska. Out of all the places, Juneau was the best place for our family. I've faced a number of challenges in my life, both personal and professional, but I've never shied away from doing what is right and I'll do the same for my community.

**Position Statement** *[limited to 250 words or less.]:*

This year has been full of unexpected challenges and expectations for our entire community. As the small business owner of Budget Appliance Repair, I am no stranger to trials and hard work. I built my business from the ground up through dedication, diligence, and a commitment to respectful and excellent customer service. I spend much of every workday determining what is broken, finding a solution, and fixing the problem. I am running for Assembly because I want to be a part of “making things work” for Juneau. I know the challenges and difficulties that everyone is facing right now and want to help safeguard our survival and plan for a prosperous future.

As a former Navy Veteran, I took an oath to defend this country. Amidst the many uncertainties we are facing as a nation and community, the most dangerous enemy we currently face is division and hate. We need to come together, respecting the value of all input, to develop and implement solutions:

- identify and establish feasible, effective strategies to address mental health issues in Juneau and the homelessness that it creates
- advocate and nurture job opportunities that will encourage our 18 to 35-year-old community members to remain in Juneau
- identify fiscally sound solutions to transportation challenges for Juneau and our SEAK neighbors
- identify measures to lower the cost of living for the Juneau community

I love Juneau. My family loves Juneau. The bones are good, but some parts need repair and upgrading.