

Jack files for State Senate from Bethel

Carl Jack of Bethel has announced his candidacy for the Alaska State Senate seat currently held by Democratic Senator George Hohman, also of Bethel. Jack enters a three-way race in the Democratic primary with Hohman and former Senator Raymond C. Christiansen, also of Bethel. The winner of the primary election will be unopposed by any Republican candidates in the general election.

Jack has been President of the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), the Yup'ik tribal organization represen-

ting 56 villages of Western Alaska, for four years. He is an enrolled shareholder of Kugkaktlik, Ltd., Native village corporation for Kipnuk and the Calista Corporation. Prior to assuming the AVCP presidency, Jack served as Director of Health Affairs for the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) and in a civil engineering capacity with the State Division of Aviation.

In announcing his candidacy, Jack said, "The primary purpose of my candidacy is to bring to our State government a voice from the Kuskokwim Delta and

Bristol Bay which will not only represent the capital needs of our communities, but also their political, economic and cultural aspirations as well."

Jack pledged to promote Western Alaska economic development "based on the premise that self-determination leads to self-sufficiency" and to promote

"local initiatives and local control" as "the most viable means of addressing the social needs" of communities in District M.

The Yup'ik leader offered to advocate for a "viable State Energy Policy" to meet rural Alaska needs, regionalization of management and policy direction for fish and game.