

John to run for District 17 House seat

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Ruby John announced her candidacy for the District 17 seat in the State House of Representatives May 4.

John, 46, who was born and raised in Cantwell, said communication and community interaction are the key to successfully representing District 17.

John said her decision to run as representative for this district is long overdue.

She said she has always wished that District 17 had better representation and now after six years of wishing, she has decided it was time to step forth because she believes she can do a better job.

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background," she said during a recent interview.

She believes better communication with people of the region will help solve some of the many problems in her district. She also has an interest in the politics and issues of the region since she was born and raised there.

John has a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She has served on the Ahtna Inc. board of directors; she has been a member of the boards of the Ahtna Construction and Primary Products Corp. and the Ahtna Heritage Foundation.

She was also an initial board member of the Railbelt School District, member of the Denali Borough Planning Committee, president of Cantwell Village Council and a member of the Denali Reserve Subsistence Committee.

She is married to Alec John and has two sons, Alec Jr., 16, and Jay, 15.

She and her husband, as partners, have been running a service station/grocery store for the past 18 years.