

Sam Barnes Seeks Seat in State House

A local realtor became the first Fairbanks Republican to file as a candidate for the State House.

Sam Barnes, a resident of Fairbanks since 1966, announced his intention to enter the House race recently.

The 30-year-old Barnes has been active in local government affairs for the past several years and for the first time will seek elective office.

Citing a genuine desire to serve his community and to participate in state government as a leader, Barnes sees the next few years as being critical to future development of the Fairbanks community. "The quality of representation will strongly influence the quality of life," says Barnes.

He and his wife, Lydia live at 1417 Gillam Way with their two children, Wendee and Dean.