

Chuck Degnan Running

Chuck Degnan of Nome has filed on the Democratic ticket for the only seat in the State House of Representatives from District 18.

An Eskimo originally from Unalakleet, Degnan recently wrote the Alaska Federation of Natives board members informing them of candidacy and asking for suggestions. A copy of the letter was sent to the Tundra Times.

In the primary he will oppose incumbent Lester Bronson of Nome. The Republican candidate is Leo B. Rasmussen of Nome.

"I feel that as a native I know best what our problem areas are," Degnan wrote, "and can take positive action to find solutions which will benefit all in the State and our district."

Quality education for all, low cost housing, jobs and training, low cost transportation, improved health services and orderly development of natural resources are issues that he said he feels are of vital concern to all Alaska, especially the Northwest.

Degnan received a bachelor of education degree from the University of Alaska in 1966. For the next three years he served in the United States Army as a Lieutenant. He later worked for nearly two years as the Neighborhood Youth Corps field representative with the State Rural Development Agency, serving 3 months in Bethel and 18 months in Nome. During this time, he worked with villages from Point Hope to Quinhagak.

He also said that he has actively participated in the Alaska Federation of Natives, Arctic Native Brotherhood and Inupiak Development Corporation.