Solomon seeks District 19 House seat

Fort Yukon Mayor and Interior Alaska Native leader Jonathan Solomon has joined the race for the State House of Representatives in District 19.

In addition to serving as city mayor, Solomon is also president of Gwitchyaa Zee, the Native village corporation for Fort Yukon, and is a director on the Interior Regional Housing Authority board.

The candidate, running on the Republican ticket, identifies the decision on whether to open the North Slope pipeline haul road, protection of subsistence lifestyles, and agricultural development of Interior Alaska as



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issues in his campaign

Solomon is opposed to opening the haul road. "If the next legislature and Administration see fit to open the road," he adds, "I will work toward providing regulations that would meet the needs of all Alaskans involved."

In favoring subsistence protection, Soloman states, "Subsistence is a lifestyle that cannot, be changed overnight. Natives and non-Natives, alike utilize subsistence and must work together to get the best methods for providing regulations so as not to overkill the much-needed wild game that many Alaskan families use."

The candidate also notes that prime agricultural land exists in the Yukon Flats and Big Delta are part of the district. "More emphasis must be placed on agriculture by the state legislature."

Solomon also favors improvement in community services and community development programs for the district, including "better schools, communications, health and services and all-around community development programs."