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Biographical information:

I was born in Massachusetts and, at age 5, my parents moved our family of ten to Juneau. We began summering in Gustavus the next year and moved into the Gustavus Inn homestead in 1965. I attended the one-room school here, and completed high school by correspondence courses. Although I have lived in other Alaskan cities, Gustavus has always been home to me. My daughters were raised in Juneau, summering in Gustavus; both now call Gustavus home as well.

I worked eighteen years as a special education paraprofessional in Juneau, Anchorage and Gustavus schools. I served six years on the Chatham Regional School Board as well as many other boards over the years. I ran a successful bed & breakfast here, have worked for Fjord Flying, Alaska Seaplanes, Fireweed Gallery and am now retired.

I enjoy gardening, walking and hiking, cooking, reading, knitting, volunteering and spending time with my children and grandchildren.

Advocacy Statement:

If elected, I will bring many years of understanding and knowledge of Gustavus and its residents. I am organized, detail oriented and practical. I feel I am approachable and will take the time to listen to any and all who care to share concerns or ideas.

My approach to city government is to maintain a workable, no frills budget; keep government at a basic level of providing necessary services to maintain safety and community strength; and to respect and allow for personal freedoms, limiting government infringement.

I feel that our city government works best when community engagement is sought, respected, and honored, promoting an outcome of shared responsibility and caring for our community. I would love to see increased attendance and participation at council meetings where residents feel welcome and are comfortable to speak up about issues that affect them.