

Council Member Susan Love



Occupation

Mom, Adjunct Faculty at PWSC, Assistant Manager at A Rogue's Garden

Brief Biography

I was born and raised in Valdez (maiden name Nielsen), and graduated from VHS. I received my BA in History from the University of San Francisco and my Master's in Public Administration from the University of Alaska Southeast. After living in California and Pennsylvania, I moved back to Valdez in 2014 with my husband, Austin, and my two sons were both born here. We love raising our family in this community, and our free time is spent mainly outside biking, boating, camping, skiing, and hiking. My work over the years has ranged from tourism, marketing, small business assistance, non-profit management, and student services. Right now much of my time is spent raising our 4 and 2-year-old sons but I also work part time with my family at Rogue's Garden as an assistant manager, adjunct faculty at PWSC teaching Intro to American Government, and I serve as treasurer at the Valdez Cooperative Preschool.

What are your goals being on City Council?

- Working with city staff, the mayor, and city council to identify long-range priorities
- Being responsive and open to the people of Valdez
- Making informed, transparent decisions

What issues facing the City of Valdez are most important to you?

Financial sustainability, maintaining City-owned infrastructure, and economic diversification.

What do you enjoy most about living in Valdez?

Valdez is such an incredible community. I love the access to the ocean and mountains. While the pace of life is slow, I have never been busier anywhere else I've lived thanks to all the social connections in Valdez. It's a community that has given me so much, and I'm grateful to have the opportunity to serve.

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