

Hi friends and neighbors:

It feels odd not to introduce myself at a regular meeting, but posting our statements to the community listserve/website is a great idea, and I'd like to see it continue even after we are meeting together again.

My name is Kendra Zamzow. I have lived in Chickaloon since 2010. I served on the Chickaloon Community Council back around 2011-2012, but did not finish my term due to a position that took me out of town for a year. I also served on the Revenue Sharing Committee. A group that I volunteer with, Castle Mountain Coalitions, has adopted a section of highway near the Chickaloon Post Office for litter cleanup.

In my ten years here, I've gotten to know and have a friendly relationship with many people in the community. But many of us who used to participate regularly in Council meetings no longer do, uncomfortable in what is too often an angry environment. I am running to be a voice for civility on Council and to promote participation.

Detailed agendas and meeting minutes on the community website help with participation by keeping people up to date with even when they can't come to meetings. I would like to thank Kristine Kennedy, who is leaving council, for keeping the minutes and Sharyl Ferrall for maintaining the website. Participation could also be increased if there was a remote option – through a phone line or online. This way if someone works on the Slope or is at risk from COVID but wants to provide input at a meeting, they can do so. Mostly I would like to hear what people want from Council, and help bring those thoughts, concerns, and ideas forward in a civil manner.

My background was originally in the fishing industry, working slime lines, setnet crew, fishery observer on Gulf and Bering Sea boats, and running my salmon gillnetter on the Copper River flats. I value hard work, common sense, and frugality. After years in fishing, I returned to school at age 40, earned a PhD in Environmental Chemistry, and moved to Chickaloon. I worked for a small non-profit (Center for Science in Public Participation) for 12 years. I recently accepted a job with Chickaloon Native Village as their Environmental Program Manager.

I am encouraged to see new residents Ron Clarke and Kalee Bowen running. A mix of older and newer residents helps provide different perspectives and energy on Council. If elected, I would agree to serve only two terms at most. The Community Council Election is scheduled for **Wednesday December 9th** at the Community Building. However, with the November meeting unexpectedly cancelled, the most certain way to vote would be to request an **absentee ballot**. This can be done by writing to Chickaloon Community Council, PO Box 1145, Chickaloon, AK 99674 or by calling

Petesy Lust (354-4456), Pat Owens (355-7714), or Cory Stock (354-1800).

If you would like to chat with me, please contact me at 354-3886 or kzamzow@gmail.com.

Thank you very much,

Kendra Zamzow