

Who is Stephen Wright?

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I remember once we were in a large building, and one man came along and asked rather loudly, “Who is Stephen Wright?” I guess he’s demanding someone to give him an answer. I thought it’s kind of funny that this man had such an urgency wanted to know who my husband was.

Most Alaskans don’t know who Stephen Wright is, so I would like to tell you a little bit about him since he’s going to enter the politics arena the second time. Last time, he lost to Don Young in the Primary, and this time around, he’s running for Lt. Governor teaming up with a Alaskan Native candidate Michael Sheldon who’s running for Governor.

Stephen Wright was born on Elmendorf AFB when his father was station in Anchorage during the Vietnam War. Then his family moved to Washington state. He grew up in a small farming town located in central Washington, outside Moses Lake. I was told this town was called Ephrata because it reminded the settlers of Bethlehem. The town was close knit community around 3000 people. Most people there are honest, hardworking, and God fearing country folks. Stephen attended elementary school all the way to high school in Ephrata. After graduating from High School, he served two years mission. Then he attended Ricks College for two semesters while he was delayed enlisted or waiting for his deferment to enter the United States Air Force. Then he met me. We had a 3 month courtship and then we got married. He was stationed in Grand Folks, North Dakota working on the B-

1B aircraft. We have five sons: three are in college and two are still in High school.

Stephen Wright served in the military for 22 years, and then he retired here in Alaska. He enjoys fixing things so he is getting involved in the politics. The military career prepared him to be a public servant. Not only he earned his bachelor degrees in Accounting and Accounting Management from Parks College while in the military but also earned a Master degree in Healthcare Administration from Wayland Baptist University. The military experience and the positions he held have trained him to be an efficient public servant. For example, while station overseas he had to work with civilian contractors, military personnels from other entities, and report to two Generals in two different commands and a two star General when required. He also worked as a Resource Advisor for three years. He learned to be inventive in finding new resources and efficient by cutting wasteful spending.

Stephen Wright likes sports. He played baseball and football in high School. He played softball on and off base. When our kids were growing up, he coached for the Little Leagues, and Flag Football. His true passion, however, is in Politics. He likes to go to meetings to meet people and talks about the current affairs in our local community. He also likes to have his voice been heard by bearing his testimonies in the hearing for SB26, and SB15. He likes to jump in the middle of action, instead of watching from the sideline. That's why he decided to run for Lt Governor position opposing the often ill fated Governors approach to taking, cutting, and limiting our PFD refusing to balance the public and private sector. He is hoping to fix the problems we are facing today within our state.

Stephen Wright is a true conservative unlike some candidates who claim they are. He believes pro-life, Second Amendment, right to carry arms, limited government, and most importantly, he believes the PFD is rightfully belong to people of Alaska that government should not take it from the people. He calls himself, "PFD Protector." He also wants to fix our state government which he believes is inefficient and wasteful. Ultimately, he wants to make Alaska a better place to live: more jobs, more money, more freedom by using our natural resources, claiming our land back, building up infrastructures...ect.

I hope you would give him and other new people a chance to serve you as long as they are good candidates. Too often we are looking for a candidate who is rich, powerful with impressive resume, and we end up with career lawyer who makes for a bad politician like fifty cent or half dollar bill running our state. We need to study their background and voting history, and ask, "Is this person we can trust?" We are now facing a crossroad either we make it or break it. Our state government are ruining our state by turning our state into a social state: our state government is expending and our private sector is shrinking. The unemployment rate is up in a large scale and many companies and people are leaving the state. On top of that, the crime rate went up, and the people are feeling their once peaceful lives have been deeply disturbed. The solution is simple: we need to replace Walker/Mallott and the majority of legislatures who care less about the people.

We need to take Alaska back. In order to do so, we need to put the right people in the office that includes new people, good people, qualified people. We don't want corrupted politicians who's self serving and tie with special interest groups and unions. Alaskans, the future is in your hands so vote for what's right for Alaska. Believe me, Stephen Wright is right for Alaska.