

My name is Kitty Sopow and I am running for assembly as a write-in candidate.

I grew up in St. Louis and lived there until moving to Sitka in 2012 to work with Sitka Tribe as an AmeriCorps volunteer. This allowed me to experience Sitka's diverse communities and make a positive impact. Since then, I've worked with various organizations conducting research with subsistence users and examining their relationship to resources. As well as doing research, I'm completing my graduate degree in anthropology to better understand relationships between communities, governments, and resources.

As an assembly member, I'd love to work on cost of living and sustainability issues. Though I've only lived here for five years, I love calling Sitka home and I'm committed to this community. If elected, I'd be honored to serve, listening to community members and making decisions that will benefit this town for its current and future residents.

My name is Kitty Sopow, I am 29 years old and am asking for your vote in October.

I see Sitka as a community that has the capacity to offer many opportunities for young, single adults and the next generation of families. I recognize that the cost of living is discouraging to young, up and coming families who wish to settle in this town. Having assembly members that represent the younger demographic is an essential part of having a governing body to accurately represent its constituents. Because both my husband and I have moved here in our early 20's, I understand and am sympathetic to the reasons why young people are struggling to establish a foot hold in this town.

It is necessary to come together as a community along with the municipal government to support the residents of this town. As responsible advocates, it is our responsibility to raise awareness and take action in order to contribute to a stable, long-term economic base.

