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Anchorage Assemblyman Dan Sullivan has filed a letter of intent to run in the 2009 mayoral election. He is in the last few months of his final term on the Anchorage Assembly, having been first elected to the West Anchorage seat in 1999 and re-elected in 2002 and 2005.

Dan's reasons for seeking the mayor's seat are stated as follows:

"I am extremely concerned about the growth of violent crime over the last few years and it will be the top priority of my administration. Quite simply, if you don't feel safe in your community, even the nicest facilities will not provide the quality of life we all deserve. Adding additional police officers is extremely important but we also need to make sure we are properly using our public safety resources. I will be seeking an audit of how we deploy these resources as a first step and we will have a no tolerance policy on any visible crime. As Rudy Giuliani proved in New York City, ignoring minor crimes leads to a sense of lawlessness that increases more serious crimes.

I will also focus on reducing the growth in the city operating budget. This means controlling personnel costs and analyzing ways to deliver services more efficiently. We will re-instate accountability in the budget process, eliminate non-essential spending and we will look at managed competition for the delivery of services such as been implemented in San Diego and other cities. The capital budget will be directed towards the huge backlog of deferred maintenance that has been accumulating over the past years. It doesn't make sense to build new facilities if we are not properly maintaining what we already own.

Anchorage has a healthy and diversified economy, tremendous opportunities for

new business development, a strong education system, and a wide variety of entertainment and recreational possibilities. Our main strength, however, is our extremely active and vibrant citizenry who give a tremendous amount back to our community through their volunteer efforts and contributions. We are a great place to live and I will work every day as mayor to try and improve our city.”

Dan is a fourth generation Alaskan, a graduate of West High School and he holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Oregon. His wife Lynnette is a kindergarten teacher at Lake Hood Elementary School and his daughter Jennifer is a college student.