

If I were Mayor, I would treat everyone in the village of Unalakleet, Alaska with respect, kindness, and equality. Being from the village of Unalakleet, I have noticed there is a huge line of Ivanoff workers that work most of the jobs here, which means they shut down job opportunities for other workers who aren't Ivanoff's, at least in my opinion. Jobs should really be given to workers who will work and not just be given to an Ivanoff just because they are well known. That is something that really should change around here - give jobs to people who will actually work and not just give in to someone who has a well known family. Another part of being a Mayor is to have kindness and respect; I will go and show up to everyone's sports game and every after school activity as much as I possibly can, be at our local schools, and just help out and be wherever I can.

There are many things that we can do to help keep the community safe, as there are many improvements that need to happen. One of those is to have safe drinking water. With more babies being born, some of them use formula milk to drink and they have to use our dirty water. Also to have our elders drink this unsanitary water is not good at all; it is very bad. There are many families here that have to go and get water from families' water sources outside of the city limits, or go and get water at the culvert when they can, if it is up and working. Then there are times where we go on water conservation just to get more water pumped into our water tank. One thing to note is our water system is very old and we need to replace it as soon as possible. Then, too, some families do not have a connection to those who have water sources out of town, so they end up having to go and get bottled water here at our local AC store, which costs a lot. Not every household could afford all the food and water they need.

Another thing I would do if I were Mayor would be to hire police officers who are certified, because right now we only have a police officer who came out of retirement just to help keep our village safe. Just this past year we had two cops leave Unalakleet because they wouldn't stay here and patrol; they would take turns leaving to go to Anchorage or Fairbanks for two weeks, come back and work for a week or two, then leave again. This wasn't working out for our community. Also, kids nowadays are driving way under the age limit. I believe right now that the age limit is 14 years of age to drive a Honda or snowmachine. But it needs to be raised to at least 15 or 16 years of age. By increasing the age limit, it will decrease the amount of vehicle accidents by a lot.