



## Alaska's Capital Move Efforts: O Ye, of Little Faith

### Description

## ***Captives in Lala Land...***



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Once upon a time, the people of Alaska voted to move the state capital out of the backwater Southeast community of Juneau. By a vote of 46,659 to 35,683 a 1974 voter initiative *Relocating and Constructing a New Capital* called for the construction of the new capital *at one of two or three sites nominated by a selection committee appointed by the Governor...Construction must allow movement of offices to begin by October 1, 1980.* follow-up 1976 public initiative *Capital Site Selection* resulted in selection of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough community of Willow as the chosen location of the new capital. Of 105,558 votes split three ways for choosing where the people of Alaska wanted the capital moved to, 56,219 (53%) wanted it on the road system in Willow.

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**Many Alaskans had believed their elected officials would do what they were directed to do—move the capital to Willow.**

Finally, in 1970, the Alaska State Legislature passed a bill to move the capital to Willow. The bill was signed by Governor W. A. Egan on March 15, 1970. The bill was titled "An Act to Relocate the State Capital to Willow, Alaska."

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In 1970 Willow had a population of 78. [3]

Capital city of Alaska is the State of Alaska's population and the George Parks Highway funded for moving their capital was The

**That is why the Capital never relocated, Southeast Alaska interests rallied and some elsewhere lost faith.**

Today, Willow is still having faith in our state government. Many Alaskans know that they are the people of the future and they are the people of the future. [4]

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The Willow Methodist Church, to my knowledge, is the only church in Willow. I met many residents as I passed out turkeys at



A family takes home a Thanksgiving meal in Willow, Alaska

Willow is a small town in the Yukon-Flatten Borough, Alaska. It is located about 100 miles from the town of Fairbanks. The town has a population of about 1,000 people. It is a good place to live if you want a quiet life. There are many things to do in Willow, Alaska. You can go fishing, hunting, or just enjoy the beautiful scenery. The town has a good school system and a good medical center. It is a great place to live for a family.

In the 2010 census, Willow had a population of 2,102, which is an increase of 352 people over the 2000 census. The town has a median household income of \$50,619, which is higher than the state average of \$40,194. The town has a low unemployment rate of 4.9%. The town has a good school system and a good medical center. It is a great place to live for a family.

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Estimated median income of Juneau households today is \$87,436—17% higher than the Alaska average. [6]

Well, Alaska's capital, Fairbanks, 40 years ago had a different Alaska. It would be difficult to vote to not invest in moving

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- [4]<http://www.city-data.com/city/Willow-Alaska.html>
- [5]<https://population.us/ak/juneau/>
- [6]<https://www.areavibes.com/juneau-ak/employment/>
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