



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

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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.* A 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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A family takes home a Thanksgiving meal in Willow, Alaska

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In the 2010 census, Willow had a population of 2,102, which is an increase of 352 people over the 2000 census.

Its median household income in 2010 was \$50,614, and its median age is 40.9. Among areas that

are in the top 10% of the nation, Willow is in the 47th percentile. In 2010, Willow had a median household income of \$50,614, which is 17% higher than the Alaska average.

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Back then only 35% of the voters had faith that the price was worth it.

By 2010, that number had risen to 48%. The price was worth it, and the voters were more confident in the price.

Population of Willow reached a peak of 2,102 in 2010, a 10% increase from 1,902 in 2000. [5]

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

Willow, this capital has 40 years and here different Alaska would be difficult to not invest in moving

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