



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

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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

Willow is a small town in the heart of the Alyeska Mountains, just south of the town of Anchorage. It is a beautiful town with a strong sense of community and a rich history. The town is known for its scenic views and its proximity to the Alyeska Mountains. The town is a great place to live and visit.

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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.

It is estimated that the median household income in Willow is \$50,614, and the median age is 40.9 years. The town is a great place to live and visit.

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

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Population of Willow reached a peak of 2,102 in 2010, a decline from 2,454 in 1980. Had the town's population remained at the 1980 level, the population would have been 2,454 in 2010. [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 we're different Alaska would be difficult to not invest in moving

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