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Primary Endorsement Guide

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In this year's primary election, as in all Nevada primaries, there will be three ballots. One for Democrats, one for Republicans, and one for those who chose not to affiliate with a national party. That's how it should be. Dems will select their candidates. Reps will select who represents their party. Those who don't affiliate with a party can vote for the non-partisan races, but, as it should be, they'll have no say in who the Democrats or Republicans select to carry the banner for their party.

Everyone gets to vote for the non-partisan races, which primarily include judicial offices.

In the general election, party affiliation can be cast aside, if you choose, and the selection of most offices is then decided, regardless of party affiliation or not.

Our endorsements are made with the best interests of LGBTQ+ voters and our progressive allies in mind. When we recommend a candidate, we consider a wide range of issues and don't limit our focus to LGBTQ+ issues alone. Of equal importance to us are issues such as the right to choice (abortion), comprehensive immigration reform, veterans, a living wage, the right to health care for all, civil and human rights,

protecting our environment, and racial/ethnic equality, including the right to be represented and to vote. Does it need to be said that we support gender equality, the right to gender expression, marriage equality, and non-discrimination?

Based on the track record, current positions, and those previously elected by the



Republican Party, we will not be endorsing any candidate in the Republican primary. If you are registered as a Republican, we suggest it is time to reconsider your party affiliation. Enough said.

Your ballot will be based on the geographical location where you're registered to vote. Here are our endorsements for Southern Nevada.

Federal Partisan Offices

US Congress (see comments, pg. 4)

Representative in Congress, District 1

Cornejo, Gabriel

Hoover, Joy

Paniagua, Luis

✓ Titus, Dina

Representative in Congress, District 2

✓ Benitez-Thompson, Teresa

Durham, Kathy

Fonken, Matthew

Gorman, Gerold Lee

Hebert, Joshua

Jolle, Mark

Kerns, John

Kidd, Greg

Wadsworth, Morgan

White, Samuel

Zavala Enriquez, Gamaliel

Representative in Congress, District 3

Lally, James

✓ Lee, Susie

Robinson, Terrill

West, Brandon

Representative in Congress, District 4

✓ Horsford, Steven (no primary)

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Who makes Nevada Impact endorsements? Where does the information come from?

Nevada Impact selections have been made by a committee since 1992, when it was started by the *Las Vegas Bugle*. The committee is composed of community leaders and is chaired by Rob Schlegel, former publisher of the *Bugle* and current publisher of the *Las Vegas Spectrum*. Over 45 progressive and LGBTQ+ allied organizations were consulted for their online endorsements, with a weighted emphasis on endorsements from Silver State Equality, which made recommendations in federal and state partisan offices. Silver State Equality is not affiliated with Nevada Impact or the *Las Vegas Spectrum* – just highly respected.

While several LGBTQ+ candidates are running, some were endorsed, some not. It's a matter of who can realistically get elected.

This endorsement guide, while edited by Rob Schegel, includes contributions from several long-time community and political leaders.

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To check your voter status, register, change address, check dates, etc., visit the Clark County Voter Services website. Here is a shortened website address for your convenience: <http://tiny.cc/clarkvoter>

Endorsements for the general election should be out by September. The *Las Vegas Spectrum* expects to publish a full-sized magazine prior to the general election. To advertise, contact Rob@LasVegasSpectrum.com.

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State Partisan Offices

Governor

Arterburn, Sunshine
 Bayfield, Miqehl
 Bouari, Emile
 Cooper, James
 ✓ Ford, Aaron
 Hill, Alexis

Lieutenant Governor

Burke, Courtney
 ✓ Jauregui, Sandra
 Scheiner, Bridget N "BridgieNix"

State Treasurer

Dalia, Joe
 Maharjan, Jay
 ✓ Mathis-Coleman, Tya

State Controller

Blackstock, Robert K. "Bob"
 ✓ MacDougall, Michael
 Tolle, Robert "Bob"

Attorney General

✓ Cannizzaro, Nicole Jeanette

This was a hard decision. Both candidates are very good.

Conine, Zach

Nevada Senate

Nevada State Senate Dist. 2
 ✓ Flores, Edgar
 Barron, Isaac

Nevada State Senate Dist. 21

✓ Ohrenschall, James
 Romero, Junior

Nevada State Assembly

State Assembly Dist. 1

Cato, Jo (could also be good choice)
 DeSalvio, Lou
 ✓ Esparza, Alexis
 Fennell II, James
 Gledhill, Millan

State Assembly Dist. 2

✓ Bywaters, Kamilah
 Kung, Mike

State Assembly Dist. 6

✓ Jackson, Jovan
 Candido, Douglas

State Assembly Dist. 8

✓ Nguyen, Duy
 Cook Sr., Paul John

State Assembly Dist. 9

✓ Hampton, Ryan
 Hank, Maria Teresa

State Assembly Dist. 10

✓ Karris, Venise
 Thomason, Valerie

State Assembly Dist. 15

✓ Watts III, Howard
 Davila, Miguel

State Assembly Dist. 16

✓ Gonzalez, Cecelia
 Chase, Eva

State Assembly Dist. 17

✓ Hunt, Linda
 Smith, Robert

State Assembly Dist. 18

✓ Considine, Venicia
 Brown, Antario

State Assembly Dist. 20

✓ Orentlicher, David
 Smith, Tony T

State Assembly Dist. 22

✓ Booth, Shenea
 Hernandez, Dionisio
 Taylor, Tamara

State Assembly Dist. 29

✓ Combs, Brad
 Delobel, Ashley
 Pereszlenyi, Alex

State Assembly Dist. 34

✓ Nadeem, Hanadi
 Navarr. Shaun R

State Assembly Dist. 41

✓ Spotleson, Vinny
 Wyett, Gabriela

State Assembly Dist. 42

✓ Brown-May, Tracy
 Vasquez, Dayton

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Clark County Partisan Offices

Clark County Commission Dist. E

Hernandez, Marco
✓ Segerblom, "Tick"

Clark County Commission Dist. F

Crawford, Sebastian
Hovanessian, Lenna
Kumar, Serena
Lieberknecht, Justin
Lloyd, Minddie
Wall, Michael
✓ Yan, Minjia

Clark County Commission Dist. G

Gibson, James Brinley
✓ Solomon, Christian

Clark County Assessor

✓ Martinet, Melissa
Washington, Tamicka N.

Clark County Clerk

✓ Goya, Lynn Marie

Clark County Recorder

⊙ Berry Burress, Skye
✓ Flanagan, Tanya
Perez, Anna L

Clark Public Administrator

✓ Itkin-Goodman, Stephanie
⊙ Ivy, M.J.
Velazquez, Edgar

State and District Nonpartisan Offices

Nevada Courts

Nevada 8th Judicial Court Dept. 13

✓ Ganz, Adam
Howell, Christopher
Kurth, Robert

Nevada 8th Judicial Court Dept. 26

✓ Goodey, Jessica
Hooge, Daniel
⊙ Thunell, Pete

Nevada 8th Judicial District Court, Family Division, Dept. P

⊙ Isso, Jennifer
Perry, Mary
This race is a trainwreck. Maybe Perry?
⊙ Smith, Kurt S

Nevada 8th Judicial District Court, Family Division, Dept. R

Caston, Marilyn
⊙ Henderson, Bill
✓ Petsas, Nicholas "Nick"

Nevada 8th Judicial District Court, Family Division, Dept. S

⊙ Brewer, Kristine
✓ Forman, Randall
⊙ Harris, Tanner

Nevada Board of Regents, Dist. 2

McGrath, Jennifer J.

Cain, Hunter
Chambers, Dylan
✓ Villa, Patrick

Nevada Board of Regents, Dist. 3

✓ Brooks, Byron
Swendseid, Erik

Nevada Board of Regents, Dist. 5

⊙ Boylan, Patrick
Cavalaro, Kathleen
DeLorenzo, Tyler
✓ Denis, Moises
Garcia, Ashley
Molina, Stephanie

Nevada Board of Regents, Dist. 8

✓ Goicoechea, Peter
Lane, Lori
Miller, Karmen La'Shaun
Talib-deen, Kirk

Nevada Board of Regents, Dist. 10

✓ Reed, Peter
Matthews, Andy

County Nonpartisan Offices

Clark County School Board

Clark County School District Board of Trustees, Dist. F

Adams, Irene Bustaante
✓ Hutchinson, Robert
Neeley, Laurence

Clark County Sheriff

Sheriff
✓ McMahill, Kevin

City Offices (All Nonpartisan) Henderson

✓ Mayor of Henderson
Romero, Michelle
Chadwick, Hollie
✓ Price, Adam
Ramirez, Andrew
Scorsetti, Angeles

Henderson City Council Ward III

✓ Atlas, Jennifer
Owens, Annette Dawson
Hood, Leroy

Henderson Municipal Court Dept. 1

Albritton, Alicia A.
Thompson, Gary
✓ Wiersch, Catherine

Las Vegas

Las Vegas City Council Ward 2

Booker, Marilyn
✓ McCarthy, Luke
Nordstrom, Shanno

Las Vegas City Council Ward 6

✓ Brune, Nancy
Grammas, Steve

Marlon, Dave

Las Vegas Municipal Court Dept. 1

Walkder, Matt
✓ Canady, Rae
Pellizzari, Amanda

Las Vegas Municipal Court Dept. 2

Green, Jessica
Lay, Matt
✓ Murphy, Allycia

North Las Vegas

Mayor of North Las Vegas, 13

Black, Scott
Bouchard, Gary
Langdon, Zaire
✓ Monroe-Moreno, Daniele
Thorns, Henry

North Las Vegas City Council Ward 1

Ramirez, Diana
✓ Strothers, Sherry
Villeda, Esmeralda

North Las Vegas City Council Ward 3

✓ Robinson, William
Zeiler, Ida

North Las Vegas Municipal Court, Dept. 1

Cannon, Christopher
✓ Henry, Alexander

Township Nonpartisan Offices

Justice of the Peace, Henderson

Twtnshp. Dept. 2
✓ Bateman, Sam

Justice of the Peace, Henderson

Twtnshp. Dept. 3
✓ Hendron, Lance
Parker, Blair C
Schifalacqua, Barbara

Justice of the Peace, Henderson

Twtnshp. Dept. 4
Allmon, Michael
✓ Cory, John
Gruber, Harvey
Richards, Trent

Justice of the Peace, Las Vegas Twtnsh. Dept. 11

✓ Goodman, Eric A.

Justice of the Peace, Las Vegas Twtnsh. Dept. 12

✓ Sullivan, Diana L.

Justice of the Peace, North Las Vegas Twtnsh. Dept. 3

✓ Harris, Belinda T.



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Not happy with Nevada's federal office holders

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We avoided comments on most races in the primary. Congress (and the Senate, but neither of the NV Senators is up for reelection) is an exception. We are endorsing the incumbents because they will win the primary and then, hopefully, the general election. They are far better than the alternatives, which would be Republicans.

All five of our federal office holders voted for the Laken Riley Act, which has

allowed the Trump administration to detain and deport undocumented immigrants for minor infractions. It has undermined due process and perpetuated harmful stereotypes about immigrants. It has led to racial profiling and fear within the community. It has destroyed families!

Shame! You should have all known better.

Additionally, all five have taken money from the American Israel PAC. Sen. Rosen, \$2,253,000; Sen. Cortez Masto, \$834,000; Rep. Lee, \$734,000, Rep. Titus \$281,000, and Rep. Horsford, \$211,000. While we are pro-Israel, we are against genocide. We are not

equating what's happening in the West Bank or the threatened annihilation of Iran with the Holocaust, but it's still not right. We are anti-Hamas, but we are pro-Palestinian. We are not in favor of the Trump-Netanyahu needless war on Iran.

Had it not been for the AI PAC money, we suspect Members of Congress might do a better job in policing the weapons and funds going to Israel for its genocidal war against the Palestinians and now against Iran. It's time to rein in both Israel and Trump. Self-defense is one thing, but the needless genocide, which the US supplies the weapons for, must stop.

From Nevada Impact's website

It's war on democracy, but we're not giving up!

It's been all-out war against democracy and your right to vote ever since the disaster that was the 2024 election. The same poisonous ideology that built the Confederacy, sabotaged Reconstruction, and instituted Jim Crow is now slithering its way through the Republican states to suffocate representative democracy.*

Let's be clear. All the fault doesn't lie with the Republican Party. Just as guilty are the corrupt and racist justices on the U.S. Supreme Court. They will stop at nothing to suppress the vote and subvert the will of the people, plus working to line their own pockets.

This shows up in Trump's "Save

American Act," a rebranded and expanded version of last year's Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (Save) act, which passed in the US House but didn't get a vote in the Senate. It also shows up in Nevada's Question 7, officially titled the Voter Identification Initiative. Both these bills are an attempt to suppress the vote of low-income voters, women, our trans community, and racial/ethnic groups, which the GOP believes will vote against them.

Sadly, just like those who are the most anti-gay, but can be found on Grindr, those who rail against voter fraud are the ones committing election crimes. In cases of voter

fraud, they usually get caught eventually.

Primary races are often decided by a few dozen votes.

As progressives, we must retake our majority in Congress – both the House and the Senate. We must retake the Nevada governorship and retain our majorities in the Nevada Assembly and Senate. Equally important is that we elect local officials and judges who uphold the Constitution and won't attempt to take away your right to vote.

The Trump regime, Republican lawmakers, and state and federal courts have made it clear they will stop at nothing to dilute the vote of minorities and make voting by mail more difficult. Voter fraud is nearly non-existent, but new identification requirements will take away the right to vote from Native Americans, the elderly, the poor, and anyone who has had a marriage or court-approved name change. **If you vote by mail, be sure and mail your ballots early.** Delays at the US Postal Service are specifically designed to make your ballot arrive too late to be counted!

Please vote and urge your friends to vote.

Visit <https://www.voteamerica.org/am-i-registered-to-vote/> to check your registration!

*Credit to Indivisible's Ezra Levin

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"I became a human rights/LGBTQ+ activist in 1984 when I started publishing the *Las Vegas Bugle*. I have remained active in the community ever since. Consider involving me in your next real estate transaction."

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