

2008 LGBT-FRIENDLY POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS

SPECIAL TO QVEGAS AND LAS VEGAS NIGHT BEAT

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Listed below is a joint endorsement/election guide, presented by *QVegas* and the *Las Vegas Night Beat*—the two publications serving the LGBT community in Southern Nevada. The publications have joined forces to present these endorsements and nationally, this is the only known case where competing publications have done so.

The endorsements were prepared by a group of civic-minded individuals with intense interest in Southern Nevada politics, who gathered to discuss and endorse candi-

dates for various offices up for election.

This is a historic election. Not only do we have the chance to elect Senator Barack Obama as President, but here in Nevada we have the opportunity to upgrade our Congressional Representatives to being 100% in support of equality, civil and human rights. Let's send Senator Dina Titus and Jill Derby to join US Rep. Shelley Berkley in Congress.

Early voting begins on Oct. 18 and runs through Oct. 31. Visit www.accessclark-county.com and go to the Election Dept. for a complete list of early voting sites or call the Election Dept. at 702-455-VOTE (8683).

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4, when polls

open across the nation. Registered voters should receive a card via mail which lists their precinct and polling place. This information is also available from the election Dept. (see preceding paragraph). Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

This list of endorsements is published to help the LGBT community be better informed about the candidates and to impact the outcome of the election. Our panel has the best interest of the LGBT community at heart, but your priorities can best be voiced and voted by doing your own research—and we believe you'll agree our panel made the right choices.

These endorsements will be available online at www.NevadaImpact.com, and published in both the *Las Vegas Night Beat* and *QVegas*. The list will also be sent via email to mailing lists owned by *QVegas* and other concerned individuals and organizations. We urge all readers to follow suit and spread the word about this endorsement guide.

Readers are urged to take this magazine—or at least the endorsement pages—with them when they vote.

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PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

BARACK OBAMA (D) AND JOE BIDEN (D)

Senator Obama is a new first. The LGBT community has the opportunity to support a major party nominee who solidly believes in our struggle for equal human and civil rights. Senator Obama supports federal benefits and protections for same-sex couples, a fully-inclusive Employment Non-Discrimination Act, hate crimes legislation, comprehensive sex education, repeal of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and increased funding for HIV/AIDS. He opposes the federal marriage amendment and bans on adoption by LGBT persons. Additionally, we applaud his views on the economy, foreign policy and the war in Iraq. Quite simply, Obama is more than "Change We Can Believe In," he represents change that will happen, once he's elected.

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DIST. 1 SHELLEY BERKLEY (D)

This woman has worked tirelessly to make government responsive to the people and to represent all her constituents. Support for equal rights for LGBT citizens is never questioned—she makes it her policy!

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, DIST. 2 JILL DERBY (D)

This will be a tough race but Jill Derby is up to the challenge. The incumbent has taken a sharp turn to the right and voted regularly to deny equality for LGBT persons. While this district is mostly northern Nevada (with a sprinkling of Southern Nevada—north of Ann Rd.), if you have friends in this district, please call and ask them to ditch Dean Heller.

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, DIST. 3 DINA TITUS (D)

Our friend—always has been and we're betting she'll be 100% on our issues. She's always been there for us and let's help get out the vote for her.

STATE SENATE DIST. 1 JOHN LEE (D)

A past homophobe but has potential to change. The importance of electing a Democrat is to get a majority in

the Senate so we can address education and financial problems facing Nevada.

STATE SENATE DIST. 3 VALERIE WIENER (D)

Consistently supports LGBT issues.

STATE SENATE DIST. 4 STEVEN A. HORSFORD (D)

Currently Senate Minority Leader and potentially the new Senate Majority Leader. Either way, he'll play a major role in setting the Senate agenda.

STATE SENATE DIST. 5 SHIRLEY BREEDEN (D)

Good on LGBT issues.

STATE SENATE DIST. 6 ALLISON COPENING (D)

Good on LGBT issues.

STATE SENATE DIST. 7 (SEAT A) DAVID PARKS (D)

In addition to be the first and only openly gay elected official in Nevada, he's good on a broad range of issues. He's our role model and hero—and one of the best legislators to ever serve in Nevada. This year, we're moving him up from the Assembly to the State Senate—too bad it's not Governor!

STATE SENATE DIST. 11 MIKE SCHNEIDER (D)

STATE SENATE, CENTRAL NEVADA MIKE MCGINNES (R)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 1 MARILYN KIRKPATRICK (D)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 2 CARLOS BLUMBERG (D)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 3 PEGGY PIERCE (D)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 4 CRAIG BALLEW (D)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 5 MARILYN DONDERO LOOP (D)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 6 HARVEY J. MUNFORD (D)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 7 MORSE ARBERRY JR. (D)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 8 BARBARA BUCKLEY (D)

As Assembly Speaker, she sets the agenda, is great on our issues and her name is constantly being advanced as a candidate for Governor in two years.

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 9 "TICK" SEGERBLUM (D)

A lifetime supporter of civil rights for all.

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 10 JOE HOGAN (D)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 11 RUBEN KIHUEN (D)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 12 JAMES OHRENSCHALL (D)

Has worked hard on domestic partnerships for Nevada and has been good on all our issues. There is a lesbian running on the Republican ticket but Ohrenschall has a great track record and deserves to be re-elected. His opponent moved into this district after the untimely demise of her mother, the infamous Kathy Augustine, registered to vote and now expects us to support her? We think not.

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 13 ANDREW MARTIN (D)

Here's your chance to elect the second, openly gay state official. He's fiscally conservative but very good on our issues and not afraid to speak out.



STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 14
ELLEN KOIVISTO (D)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 15
KATHY MCCLAIN (D)

Great on our issues.

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 16
JOHN OCEGUERA (D)

He's the Assembly Majority Leader and also the best on our issues. Thanks John!

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 17
KELVIN ATKINSON (D)

He'll vote with us on our issues but we wish he would take more of a leadership role.

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 18
MARK MANENDO (D)

Again, we couldn't ask for more.

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 19
JERRY D. CLABORN (D)

Let's thank him for his past support on our issues.

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 20
DAN BRIGGS (D)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 21
ELLEN SPIEGEL (D)

This will be a tight race but Ellen is especially good on our issues. Ask your neighbors to get out and vote.

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 22
NATHAN A. SANTUCCI (LIB)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 23
ALLISON HERR (D)

So good on our issues, she's even been "accused" of being one of us! Alas, she's not.

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 28
Sorry, no endorsement here

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 29
APRIL MASTROLUCA (D)

Another tight race but April is especially good on our issues. Ask your neighbors to get out and vote.

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 34
WILLIAM HORNE (D)

As the incumbent, he's good on our issues and there's no reason to change. Richard Deeds (R) would probably be good but there's no reason to change.

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 37
MARCUS CONKLIN (D)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 41
PAUL AIZLEY (D)

Great on civil and human rights issues. Former ACLU board president, compassionate and intelligent.

STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 42
HARRY MORTENSON (D)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. A
STEVE SISOLAK (D)

Sisolak would support a broad array of issues, including domestic partnership benefits. Has done an outstanding job on the Board of Regents.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. B
TOM COLLINS (D)

He voted against us on SB 466 (repeal of the sodomy law) and AB 311 (Nevada's version of ENDA) while in the

legislature but has been good on HIV issues. We dissed him in the primary but we're cautiously optimistic. We hope this cowboy watched Brokeback Mountain.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. C
LARRY BROWN (D)

Good on our issues. His opponent got her start in politics by working on the anti-gay Question 2 which wrote discrimination into the Nevada Constitution. Shame!

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. D
LAWRENCE WEEKLY (D)

JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT, SEAT B
MARY "KRIS" PICKERING
DEBORAH SCHUMACHER

Dual endorsement.

JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT, SEAT D
MARK GIBBONS

DIST. COURT JUDGE, DEPT. 6
ELISSA CADISH

DIST. COURT JUDGE, DEPT. 7
LINDA MARIE BELL

DIST. COURT JUDGE, DEPT. 8
JOSH KUNIS

DIST. COURT JUDGE, DEPT. 10
JESSIE ELIZABETH

DIST. COURT JUDGE, DEPT. 12
KURT HARRIS

DIST. COURT JUDGE, DEPT. 14
No endorsement.

DIST. COURT JUDGE, DEPT. 17
MICHAEL VILLANI

DIST. COURT JUDGE, DEPT. 22
SUSAN JOHNSON

DIST. COURT JUDGE, DEPT. 23
STEFANY MILEY

DIST. COURT JUDGE, DEPT. 25
KATHLEEN E. DELANEY
SUSAN SCAN

Dual endorsement.

DIST. COURT JUDGE, FAMILY DIV., DEPT. G
AMY M. MASTIN

DIST. COURT JUDGE, FAMILY DIV., DEPT. I
CHERYL MOSS

DIST. COURT JUDGE, FAMILY DIV. DEPT. J
LISA M. KENT

DIST. COURT JUDGE, FAMILY DIV. DEPT. K
CYNTHIA N. GIULIANI

DIST. COURT JUDGE, FAMILY DIV., DEPT. L
JENNIFER L. ELLIOTT

DIST. COURT JUDGE, FAMILY DIV., DEPT. N
GAYLE BECK NATHAN

DIST. COURT JUDGE, FAMILY DIV., DEPT. O
FRANK P. SULLIVAN

DIST. COURT JUDGE, FAMILY DIV., DEPT. P
SANDRA L. POMRENZE

DIST. COURT JUDGE, FAMILY DIV., DEPT. Q
CARL F. PIAZZA

DIST. COURT JUDGE, FAMILY DIV., DEPT. R
CHUCK HOSKIN

MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUC., DIST. 1
SHARON FREDRICK

MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUC., DIST. 3
DORIS WALLACE FLETCHER

MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUC., DIST. 7
CHRIS WALLACE

REGENT, STATE UNIVERSITY, DIST. 2
BRET WHIPPLE

TRUSTEE, CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DIST. A
EDWARD E. GOLDMAN

TRUSTEE, CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DIST. B
CHRIS GARVEY

TRUSTEE, CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DIST. C
LINDA YOUNG

TRUSTEE, CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DIST. E
TERRI JANISON

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, HEND. TWN DEPT. 3
SANDY ALLRED-DIGIACOMO
DAVID GIBSON, SR.
Dual endorsement.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, LV TWNSH DEPT. 12
DIANA L. SULLIVAN

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, NLV TWNSH DEPT. 3
CHRIS LEE
JONATHAN E. MACARTHUR
Dual endorsement.

BALLOT QUESTIONS

STATE QUESTION NO. 1
YES TO REPEAL.

This is unconstitutional.

STATE QUESTION NO. 2
YES

STATE QUESTION NO. 3
YES

STATE QUESTION NO. 4
YES

STATE QUESTION NO. 5
YES

BOULDER CITY QUESTION NO. 1
YES

BOULDER CITY QUESTION NO. 2
NO

While intentions are good, the end results might be less than desired.

BOULDER CITY QUESTION NO. 3
YES

NORTH LAS VEGAS QUESTION NO. 1
YES