

Election Endorsements for LGBTQ Equality, Social Justice

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Prior to each election cycle, a group of progressive and civic-minded individuals with intense interest in Southern Nevada politics, gather to endorse candidates for various offices up for election. The *Night Beat*, Nevada Impact and now *Gay Vegas Magazine* are publishing those results. These endorsements are also at NevadaImpact.com

This year for the General Election, early voting begins Oct. 18 and runs through Oct. 31 with regular voting taking place on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The deadline to register without having to appear in person is Sunday, Oct. 5. In office and online registration can be done from Oct. 5-14 at the Clark County Election Department office or on the Secretary of State's website <https://nvsos.gov/sosvoterservices/Registration/step1.aspx>

These endorsements are published to help inform the LGBT community about candidates, and to have an impact on 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.

In some races, there are dual endorsements because candidates from more than one party are equally endorsed. Also, in a few races, there are no endorsements because neither candidate is qualified. Be very careful to never vote for an Independent American Party candidate. The IAP is extremely anti-LGBT equality.



GENERAL
ELECTION
ENDORSEMENTS



BALLOT QUESTIONS

STATE QUESTION NO. 1 – Court of Appeals Amendment to NV Constitution

✓ **YES**, in the interest of fairness and ability to carry out justice in a timely manner. It's a right for a speedy trial and this will resolve many delays.

STATE QUESTION NO. 2 – Mining Taxation Amendment to NV Constitution

✓ **YES**, no one deserves special rights (as we've been told all our lives). It's time mining paid its fair share. They are the only industry with a constitutional break on taxes because mining bosses helped write the State Constitution in 1864.

STATE QUESTION NO. 3 – Margins Tax Amendment to Titles 7, 32, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 of Nevada Revised Statutes

✓ **YES**, Neither big business nor the legislature has ever come up with or passed a better solution. Big business is paying for "small businesses" to front the opposition. Business and the legislature had 25 years to solve the education funding issue and they've done nothing. Voting "YES" means more businesses will relocate to Nevada – businesses that value education for their families. Decent jobs and an improved economy will be the end result.

CLARK COUNTY CANDIDATES GENERAL ELECTION

DEM = Democratic Party IAP = Independent American Party IND = Independent Candidate LIB = Libertarian Party REP = Republican Party

REP. IN CONGRESS DIST. 1

✓ Titus, Dina DEM

A fearless champion. She's leading the fight to get equal benefits for LGBTQ Veterans. She is a long time supporter of social justice, a true friend while in the state legislature and now a stalwart ally in Congress.

REP. IN CONGRESS DIST. 3

✓ Bilbray, Erin DEM

The incumbent (Joe Heck) wants to confuse you. His lip service to a few progressive issues has never turned into a vote. He portrays himself as a doctor, but is a full-time member of the GOP congressional delegation. Somehow he finds time to paycheck double-dip by claiming National Guard Reserve status, where he advises the military. Give us a break! Erin Bilbray is the only choice for thinking Nevadans. She's on our side on every social justice and equal rights issue and has worked tirelessly to better the lives of all.

REP. IN CONGRESS DIST. 4

✓ Horsford, Steven A. DEM

GOVERNOR

✓ Sandoval, Brian REP

This Republican governor signed the bill to repeal the "infamous crimes against nature" – which at one time was used to destroy the lives of LGBT people. He also signed the bill that is helping bring parity to the trans community.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

✓ Flores, Lucy DEM

Unwavering support for the LGBT community, plus if the Governor decides to run for higher office mid-way through his next term, the Lt. Governor becomes governor. We don't want the Republican to get that slot, since he is hostile to equality.

SECRETARY OF STATE

✓ Marshall, Kate DEM

Kate Marshall has always been a friend. Her opponent is fiercely opposed to anything LGBT friendly.

STATE TREASURER

✓ Wallin, Kim DEM

STATE CONTROLLER

✓ Martin, Andrew DEM

Proud to claim this current Assemblyman as one of "us" and extremely knowledgeable.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

✓ Miller, Ross DEM

Clearly on the record for marriage equality and always openly embraced domestic partnerships.

STATE SENATE DIST. 2

✓ Denis, Mo DEM

He's a work in progress, but never, never, never vote for an IAP candidate and that is the only other choice. Let's have more Mo.

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STATE SENATE DIST. 8

✓ Loop, Marilyn Dondero DEM

Marilyn is a true friend and great on our issues. Her well-financed, Republican opponent, using a different name, almost single-handedly destroyed AFAN. We shudder to think what shenanigans she might pull if elected to office.

STATE SENATE DIST. 9

✓ Jones, Justin DEM

Proved to be an exceptional freshman legislator.

STATE SENATE DIST. 10

✓ Kihuen, Ruben DEM

He's an honorary member of the "family" and has always supported the LGBT community.

STATE SENATE DIST. 12

Hardy, Joe REP

Unfortunately he has no opponent. Too bad Ed Uehling doesn't live in this district. Send a message by NOT voting in this "race".

STATE SENATE DIST. 20

✓ Lowry, Teresa DEM

She's with us on our issues. The incumbent Republican, voted against marriage equality.

STATE SENATE DIST. 21

✓ Manendo, Mark DEM

Always there on our issues and a great guy.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 1

✓ Kirkpatrick, Marilyn DEM

Has done an awesome job as Speaker of the Assembly.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 2

✓ Hambrick, John REP

He's been supportive on most issues and usually willing to listen. He didn't support us on marriage equality but he's better than the IAP alternative.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 3

✓ Araujo, Nelson DEM

He's "one of us" and of course is in favor of marriage equality. Bright, articulate and will be a great asset to the voters in this district.

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 4

✓ Hinton, Jeff (DEM)

✓ Fiore, Michele (REP)

Dual endorsement. When it comes to LGBT issues, we win with either candidate. Jeff Hinton (Dem) understands education, being recently named Nevada's Teacher of the Year. Michele Fiore (Rep) has always voted with us but she's a bit "half-cocked" on gun issues.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 5

✓ Strasser, Jerri D. DEM

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 6

✓ Munford, Harvey J. DEM

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STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 7

✓ Neal, Dina DEM

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 8

✓ Frierson, Jason DEM
Awesome.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 9

✓ Yeager, Steve DEM



STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 10

No endorsement. There were two great candidates in the primary but they split the vote and now there are no good choices. If you understand party caucuses, then vote for the Dem, since the more enlightened Assembly members may have a chance to influence his choices.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 11

✓ Diaz, Olivia DEM

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 12

✓ Ohrenschall, James DEM

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 13

✓ Kramar, Christine Lynn DEM

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 14

✓ Carlton, Maggie DEM

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 15

✓ Anderson, Elliot T. DEM

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 16

✓ Swank, Heidi DEM

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 17

✓ Thompson, Tyrone DEM

Proved to be an outstanding freshman legislator.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 18

✓ Beaulieu, Amy DEM

✓ Carrillo, Richard DEM

An odd race since the choice is between two Dems. Carrillo has had our backs on every issue of importance. We would win with either candidate.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 19

✓ Zygadlo, James DEM

He has endorsed marriage equality and several other issues of importance to social justice. Earlier versions of this guide had "no endorsement" so please spread the word.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 20

✓ Spiegel, Ellen DEM

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 21

✓ Eisen, Andy DEM

We weren't sure about him when he first ran two years ago, but he's a real winner. Let's keep him.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 22

No endorsement. Never vote for an IAP candidate.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 23

Woodbury, Melissa REP

Bad apple and totally disengaged. We wonder why she even bothers to show up.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 28

✓ Flores, Edgar R. DEM

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STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 29

✓ **Cohen, Lesley Elizabeth** DEM
No question here. We like this woman.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 34

✓ **Smith, Meghan** DEM

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 35

✓ **Healey, James** DEM
Hands down. We like this guy. He's openly gay, progressive and had a stellar first session. He is facing a well-funded opponent who also funds many Tea Party, right wing causes.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 36

Oscarson, James REP
No opponent. We had high hopes for James, but were sadly disappointed last session. He could do better and we hope he does in the next session.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 37

✓ **Mackin, Gerald** DEM
Sounds good on education and has promised to support SJR13 for marriage equality.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 41

✓ **Aizley, Paul** DEM
We're not sure who we like more: Paul or his awesome wife Sari.

STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 42

✓ **Bustamante Adams, Irene** DEM

COUNTY COMMISSION DIST. E

✓ **Giunchigliani, Chris** DEM
Here's what we said in the primary. "One of the strongest champions we've ever had. The County Commission is so dysfunctional and, without Chris, very little would get done, much less, understood."

COUNTY COMMISSION DIST. F

✓ **Brager, Susan** DEM
She's come a long way in her career in supporting our rights and we look forward to continued cooperation.

COUNTY COMMISSION DIST. G

No endorsement

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

✓ **Wolfson, Steve** DEM

COUNTY ASSESSOR

✓ **Shafe, Michele W.** DEM
Has done a good job.

COUNTY CLERK

✓ **Goya, Lynn** DEM

COUNTY RECORDER

✓ **Conway, Debbie** DEM

COUNTY TREASURER

✓ **Fitzpatrick, Laura** DEM

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

✓ **Cahill, John J.** DEM

CONSTABLE, NLV TOWNSHIP

✓ **Eliason, Robert L.** DEM



SHERIFF, CLARK COUNTY

✓ **Burns, Larry**

NONPARTISAN OFFICES

SUPREME COURT SEAT B

✓ **Pickering, Kristina**

SUPREME COURT SEAT D

✓ **Gibbons, Mark**

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 2

✓ **Scotti, Richard**

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 3

✓ **Davidson, Michael**

✓ **Herndon, Douglas W**

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 4

✓ **Earley, Kerry Louise**

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 5

✓ **Ellsworth, Carolyn**

✓ **Horne, William C.**

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 8

✓ **Guerci-Nyhus, Christine**

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 14

✓ **Escobar, Adriana**

Very talented, very capable.

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 19

✓ **Marcek, Cliff**

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 20

✓ **Tao, Jerry**

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 22

✓ **Johnson, Susan**

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 23

✓ **Miley, Stefany A.**

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 24

✓ **Crockett, Jim**

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 25

✓ **Delaney, Kathleen E.**

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 28

✓ **Bush, Susan**

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 30 .

✓ **Wiese, Jerry A.**

DISTRICT COURT DEPT. 32

✓ **Bare, Rob**

FAMILY COURT, DEPT. B

✓ **Marquis, Linda**

FAMILY COURT, DEPT C

✓ **Burton, Rebecca**

✓ **Howard, Jr., John Hall "Jack"**

FAMILY COURT, DEPT D

✓ **Teuton, Robert W. "Bob"**

✓ **Kurth, Jr., Robert**

FAMILY COURT, DEPT F

✓ **Gentile, Denise L.**

FAMILY COURT, DEPT H

✓ **Lyons, Keith**

✓ **Ritchie, Art**

FAMILY COURT, DEPT I

✓ **Shetler, Travis**

DEPARTMENT J

✓ **Hughes, Rena G.**

FAMILY COURT, DEPT L

✓ **Elliott, Jennifer L.**

FAMILY COURT, DEPT M

✓ **Stuart, James**

FAMILY COURT, DEPT N

✓ **Levy, Monti Jordana**

FAMILY COURT, DEPT P

✓ **Gibbs, Nathan**

FAMILY COURT, DEPT S

✓ **Ochoa, Vincent**

FAMILY COURT, DEPT T

✓ **Brown, Lisa M.**

UNIVERSITY REGENT, DIST. 2

✓ **Hayes, Trevor**

UNIVERSITY REGENT, DIST. 3

✓ **Page, Kevin J.**

UNIVERSITY REGENT, DIST. 5

✓ **Lieberman, Sam**

✓ **Spirtos, Nick M.**

Both are great candidates, well qualified.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE, DIST. D

✓ **Corbett, Steven "Stavan"**

SCHOOL TRUSTEE, DIST. F

✓ **Edwards, Carolyn**

SCHOOL TRUSTEE, DIST. G

✓ **Cranor, Erin Earlene**

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, LV 12

✓ **Sullivan, Diana L.**



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