

LGBTQ / Progressive Endorsements from NevadaImpact.com and the Las Vegas Night Beat

Since 1994 a group of progressive and civic-minded individuals with intense interest in Southern Nevada politics, gathers to endorse candidates for various offices up for election. The Night Beat has published those results and the committee makes them available online at NevadaImpact.com

This year for the Primary, early voting begins May 26 and runs through June 8 with regular voting taking place on Tuesday, June 12. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The deadline to register without having to appear in person is Saturday, May 15. In office and online registration can be done until May 22 at the Clark County Election offices or online at Nevada Secretary of State's website. Extended online registration can be done May 23-24 but only at the Secretary of State's website. <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/election/pages/dates.aspx>

This list of endorsements is published to help the LGBTQ community be better informed about candidates and to impact the outcome of the election. Our panel has the best interest of the LGBTQ community at heart, but your priorities can best be voiced by doing your own research.

Please understand that many races are not listed because there is no Primary. Many races may only have a Republican or a Democrat Primary. In many cases, we may endorse one party's candidate in the Primary but endorse an opposing party's candidate in the general.

Races which do not appear on this endorsement list will appear on the general ballot.

US Senate

✓ **Rosen, Jacky**, *Democrat*

This is a key race for Dems to regain control of the Senate. She brings new energy to the race.

✗ **Heller, Dean**, *Republican*

Used to be moderate but got on the crazy train and missed a few exits.

US House of Representatives, District 1

✓ **Titus, Dina**, *Democrat*

Always right on our issues. A true, long-time friend.

US House of Representatives, District 3

✓ **Lee, Susie**, *Democrat*

The clear choice for the Dems. Right on our issues.

✓ **Hammond, Scott**, *Republican*

A mixed record on our issues but you could do worse.

US House of Representatives, District 4

✓ **Spearman, Patricia "Pat"**, *Democrat*

Horsford has the experience and leadership. Spearman is an out and proud Lesbian State Senator. Both will vote exactly the same on our issues. There is a strong field of good candidates in this race. You pick but Senator Spearman has our vote.

✗ **Hardy, Crescent**, *Republican*

No redeeming social qualities. If you're Republican, vote for someone else.

Governor

✓ **Giunchigliani, Christina “Chris G”, Democrat**

Hands down our candidate. Best ally we’ve ever had. A member of ACLU, which we like.

✓ **Schwartz, Dan, Republican**

Better than the fanatic alternative (Laxalt).

Lt. Governor

✓ **Marshall, Kate, Democrat**

Sterling record as state treasurer through difficult times. High integrity.

✓ **Roberson, Michael, Republican**

He’s no Jeanine Hansen or Brent Jones. Has been helpful on some issues, some issues not.

✓ **Uehling, Ed, No Political Party**

We like his husband and Ed isn’t bad either. No primary though.

Secretary of State

✓ **Araujo, Nelson, Democrat**

Up and coming progressive with legislative experience. He’s also out, proud and one of our own.

✓ **Aldridge, Ernest C., Republican**

If you’re a Republican, this is the best choice.

Attorney General

✓ **Ford, Aaron, Democrat**

Leadership, experience and great voting record.

Republicans... Neither are good people.

State Senate District 8

✓ **Loop, Marilyn Dondero, Democrat**

Experienced, former Assemblywoman. Solid record of support.

State Senate District 9

✓ **Scheible, Melanie, Democrat**

State Senate District 10

✓ **Cancela, Yvanna, Democrat**

Yvanna Cancela has proven to be a friend and ally. Outstanding first session, 2017.

State Senate District 14

✓ **Boszak, Wendy, Democrat**

State Senate District 16

✓ **Kieckhefer, Ben, Democrat**

Great on all our issues.

State Senate District 20

✓ **Pazina, Julie, Democrat**

We like both Democrats here but it’s a big campaign and we think Julie Pazina is up to the task.

State Senate District 21

✓ **Ohrenschall, James, Democrat**

A long-time supporter from the Assembly and we look forward to working with him in the Senate.

State Assembly District 2

✓ **Orentlicher, David, Democrat**

Prolific author, an MD with a JD and a progressive civil libertarian.

✓ **Hambrick, John C., Republican**

A sometimes ally. Supportive on trans issues.

State Assembly District 4

- ✓ **Munk, Connie**, *Democrat*
 - ✓ **McArthur, Richard**, *Republican*
- A mixed record of support.

State Assembly District 8

- ✓ **Frierson, Jason**, *Democrat*

State Assembly District 12

- ✓ **Levy, Anat “Annette”**, *Democrat*
- Supportive and an ally.

State Assembly District 13

- ✖ **Sanson, Steve**, *Republican*
- Any GOP candidate other than Sanson.

State Assembly District 15

- ✓ **Watts III, Howard**, *Democrat*
- Progressive and supportive on our issues.

State Assembly District 21

- ✓ **Atamian, Garo**, *Republican*

Better than his GOP gun-promoting opponent but we're going with Osvaldo Fumo in the general

State Assembly District 22

- ✓ **Watson, Kristee**, *Democrat*
 - ✓ **Hardy, Melissa**, *Republican*
- Great health care ideas, responsible background checks for guns

State Assembly District 23

- ✓ **McCarthy, Matt**, *Republican*
- He is one... Aw shucks, just vote for him.

State Assembly District 29

- ✓ **Cohen, Lesley Elizabeth**, *Democrat*
- Our friend, always.

State Assembly District 32

- ✓ **Fransway, Tom**, *Republican*
- We don't know him but he's not a Hansen and this is a gambling state so odds are he's better.

State Assembly District 34

No Republican endorsement but Janice Wesen is better than the fringe-right Anthony Laurie. Vote for the Dem, Shannon Mary Bilbray-Axelrod in the general.

State Assembly District 35

- ✓ **Gorelow, Michelle**, *Democrat*

State Assembly District 36

No Republican endorsement but don't vote for Oscarson. Vote the Dem, Lesia Romanov in general.

State Assembly District 37

- ✓ **Cornstuble, Rick**, *Democrat*

State Assembly District 42

- ✓ **Henry, Ladon Rene**, *Democrat*
- This would be Nevada's first transgendered elected official.

Clark County Commission, District E

✓ **Segerblom, Richard**, *Democrat*

A long-time friend and supporter.

✓ **Rose, Randolph**, *Republican*

His Republican opponent (Trish Marsh) has used homophobic campaign tactics in the past. Marsh is bad news.

Clark County Commission, District F

✓ **Jones, Justin**, *Democrat*

Good on our issues. Long history of strong support.

Clark County Commission, District G

✓ **Van Dover, Fred**, *Republican*

We think he's okay but Cindy Lake would be dangerous.

District Attorney

✓ **Langford, Robert L.**

Wolfson's campaign (incumbent) points out that Langford is a former ACLU board member. That's a great endorsement in our book! Beats ineffective counsel any day.

County Assessor

✓ **Johnson, Briana**, *Democrat*

Knows this department, very capable.

County Recorder

✓ **Jill MacFarlane**, *Republican*

We're going with Debbie Conway in the general.

County Treasurer

✓ **Fitzpatrick, Laura**, *Democrat*

Runs a highly efficient county department.

Public Administrator

✓ **Telles, Robert**, *Democrat*

Be very careful here. This office is a "license to steal". We know Robert Telles but he won't have a primary.

Constable, Mesquite Township

✓ **Hughes, Shawn L.**

The current constable has 'gotta go.

Constable, North Las Vegas Township

✓ **Martin, Jon**, *Democrat*

Regent, State University District 1

✓ **Cato, Jo**

Runs a small advertising business, very qualified.

Regent, State University District 12

✓ **Carvalho, Amy**

Qualified and capable.

Trustee, Clark County School District D

✓ **Cepeda, Irene**

Responsive and qualified. The incumbent (Kevin Child) is anti-LGBTQ and is continually in trouble for harassment of staff. He's been banned from school campuses without an invitation and escort.

Trustee, Clark County School District F

✓ **Eady, Eileen**

She's an EMERGE graduate and best choice for this important office. EMERGE is a Democratic women's leadership training organization.

Justice of the Peace, Goodsprings

- ✓ **Carter, Amber**

Justice of the Peace, LV Township, Dept. 1

- ✓ **Graham, Elana Lee**

Fair and open minded. The only choice.

Justice of the Peace, LV Township, Dept. 15

- ✓ **Delagarza, Melisa**

- ✓ **Rogan, Jeff**

Either of these candidates would be great. Dual endorsement. You choose.

Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat C

- ✓ **Cadish, Elissa**

Supportive, fair minded and she will be the best thing that's happened to this court since Michael Cherry.

Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat G

- ✓ **Stiglich, Lidia**

Supportive on our issues.