

# LGBTQ and Progressive ENDORSEMENT GUIDE

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## Who We Are:

Since 1994 a group of progressive and civic-minded individuals with an intense interest in Southern Nevada politics, gathers to endorse candidates for various offices up for election. This endeavor started at the *Las Vegas Bugle* and now continues in the print publication, the *Las Vegas Night Beat*. Our committee makes the endorsements available online at NevadaImpact.com. This site contains voting dates, locations and deadlines. KEY WORDS are linked to various websites, including the Clark County Election Department and the Nevada Secretary of State. If you need more information, click on those words for additional details.

This site is updated before each county-wide/state-wide election cycle and our intention is to have all updates done before early voting begins.

## Why We Do This:

This list of endorsements is published to help the LGBTQ and Progressive community be better informed about candidates. We can and will impact the outcome of the election. Our panel considers not only the best interests of the LGBTQ community but also the world in which we live. We believe in LGBTQ equality, women's rights, a living wage, affordable education, affordable health-care and common sense gun reform. In a word, we are progressive.

We consider and make recommendations for nearly every race in Southern Nevada, with the exception of a few rural areas. We also make recommendations on all ballot questions. While we encourage you to do your own research, we also understand elections are complex and confusing at times. We hope our suggestions are helpful.

We urge you to vote in every race and

remind you that legislators (Assembly and Senate) will affect all elections at every level. The Nevada Legislature makes statewide decisions, including redistricting. If we elect the wrong legislators, we end up with gerrymandering which unfairly allows a minority to make decisions for the majority.

Nationally gerrymandering is how one party can win the majority of votes but still lose the Electoral College, such as happened again in 2016 for the US Presidential race. Likewise, the Nevada Secretary of State and Attorney General races can impact your voting rights and your legal rights for decades to come.

The comments are edited by Rob Schlegel, former publisher of the *Las Vegas Bugle* (1985-2002). Rob Schlegel is currently a real estate agent in Southern Nevada and continues as a community activist. Nevada Impact endorsements are sponsored by and published in the *Las Vegas Night Beat*. The committee gives special thanks to Bill Schafer.

## OUR SUGGESTIONS

You can take this flyer into the voting booth with you.

*Edited by Rob Schlegel*

### UNITED STATES SENATE

#### ☞Heller, Dean – Rep.

He did support repeal of NV's "sodomy" law (SB 466) in 1993 but hasn't done much right since.

#### ▶Rosen, Jacky – Dem.

With Jacky Rosen, we know she'll have Nevada's best interests at heart. The incumbent -- a pre-existing condition -- voted to take health care away from hundreds of thousands of Nevadans and is fine with women paying more for their insurance. It is essential that Dems get the majority in Congress (both Senate and House) before our country is bankrupt like certain gaudy New Jersey casinos.



### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DISTRICT 1

#### ☞Bentley, Joyce - Rep.

#### ▶Titus, Dina – Dem.

A straight shooting stalwart supporter of ours, no matter what. She walks her talk. We love Congresswoman Dina Titus.

### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DISTRICT 3

#### ▶Lee, Susie – Dem.

She understands education and knows what needs to be done in Congress once the Dems get the majority. She has an amazing story about helping low-income students. Once you hear what she's done, you'll really appreciate this woman. A true philanthropist who really cares about families, women and kids. A fierce champion for Nevada students and working families.

#### ☞Tarkanian, Danny – Rep.

This guy has a trail of unpaid judicial judgments and questionable integrity. He is in line with wacky, conservative politics of the right wing. The only positive thing he has going for him is his family's name recognition, so don't take him for granted.

## Our Rating

## Symbols

▶ Best Choice

☞ Find Another Job

## REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DISTRICT 4

### ☞Hardy, Cresent – Rep.

During a recent candidate forum, Hardy suggested “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” (DADT) should be reinstated. Unbelievable! This guy filed for bankruptcies and failed to pay more than \$5 million in taxes and loans for his personal businesses.

### ▶Horsford, Steven A. – Dem.

In contrast, Steven has consistently supported LGBTQ equality, understands the nation’s issues and will be a real asset for Nevada in Congress. The Dems must be in control of Congress (both houses) in order to provide a check on Putin and his orange-haired puppet.

## GOVERNOR

### ☞Laxalt, Adam Paul – Rep.

If you would like to go back to the Inquisition, vote for Laxalt. He includes his middle name, Paul, to draw attention to his highly regarded and recently deceased grandfather – a Nevada governor and U.S. Senator. Even the current Republican-Governor, Brian Sandoval, can’t support this malicious and hateful man replacing him. Many members of the extended Laxalt family have vocally opposed his candidacy.

### ▶Sisolak, Steve – Dem.

Clearly the only choice for moving the state forward. He has our support.

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

### ▶Marshall, Kate – Dem.

As state Treasurer for 8 years, Marshall instituted significant safeguards and improvements in the Treasurer’s office.

### ☞Roberson, Michael - Rep.

Proven to be petty, vicious and vindictive while a state senator, he is hated by most members of his own senate caucus. There is no place in public office for anyone like Roberson.

Uehling, Ed - No Political Party

## SECRETARY OF STATE

### ▶Araujo, Nelson – Dem.

Extremely smart and decent guy who knows our issues first hand. Vitally important office to protect our right to vote and make voting more inclusive. Will end attempts at voter disenfranchisement.

### ☞Cegavske, Barbara K. – Republican

Unlike most other secretaries of state, who refused to turn over state-held information from voter records (including names, addresses, dates of birth and voting histories), Cegavske submitted Nevada’s voter files to Trump’s election integrity commission. Cegavske also failed to protect her agency’s website from hackers, thus leaving Nevadans open to being defrauded and/or scammed.

## STATE TREASURER

### ☞Beers, Bob - Rep.

### ▶Conine, Zach – Dem.

## STATE CONTROLLER

### ▶Byrne, Catherine – Dem.

She’s a CPA and has the skill set required to perform this very important function.

### ☞Knecht, Ron – Rep.

A candidate more interested in meddling in non-Controller activities than performing his constitutionally required duties.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### ☞Duncan, Wes – Rep.

In his one session in the state assembly, he voted against our bills.

### ▶Ford, Aaron - Dem.

He knows the law and is a great guy, smart and will do well for Nevada. As both Senate Minority and Majority Leader, Ford has led the fight against extreme policies and proved his mettle. Excellent on our issues.

## STATE SENATE -----

### STATE SENATE DIST. 2

### ☞Border, Calvin “Cal” – Rep.

### ▶Denis, Mo – Dem.

Great on education. Will continue to be good on our issues.

### STATE SENATE DIST. 8

### ▶Loop, Marilyn Dondero – Dem.

She served three terms in the state assembly and was a highly effective legislator. Let’s elevate her to the Senate.

### ☞Weber, Valerie - Rep.

### STATE SENATE DIST. 9

### ☞Jones, Tiffany - Rep.

### ▶Scheible, Melanie – Dem.

An important seat to gain a veto-proof majority.

### STATE SENATE DIST. 10

### ▶Cancela, Yvanna – Dem.

Awesome woman who won her primary and is elected. Won’t be on the ballot.

### STATE SENATE DIST. 12

### ☞Hardy, Joe – Rep.

### ▶Jordahl, Craig – Dem.

### STATE SENATE DIST. 20

### ▶Pazina, Julie – Dem.

One of the nicest women you’ll ever meet. Knows the issues and willing to work very hard. Progressive.

### ☞Pickard, Keith - Rep.

### STATE SENATE DIST. 21

### ☞McGinnis, Ron - Republican

### ▶Ohrenschall, James – Dem.

Great on LGBTQ issues.

## STATE ASSEMBLY -----

### STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 1

### ▶Monroe-Moreno, Daniele – Dem.

She who won her primary and is elected. Won’t be on the ballot.

### STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 2

### ☞Hambrick, John C. - Rep.

### ▶Sherwood, Jennie – Dem.

She has a real shot for winning this seat. Please get your neighbors to also support her! Tough but important race to win!

### STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 3

### ☞Sedlmeyer, Stephen G. - Rep.

### ▶Torres, Selena – Dem.

Another tough race but Selene Torres is up to the challenge. Get your neighbors to support her!

### STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 4

### ☞McArthur, Richard - Rep.

### ▶Munk, Connie – Dem.

The non-partisans and independents are even coming around for her. Will be good on our issues.

### STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 5

### ☞Burke, Jason - Rep.

### ▶Miller, Brittney – Dem.

Awesome. She teaches school and is great on our issues.

### STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 6

### ▶McCurdy, II, William O’Neil – Dem.

Won his primary and is elected. Won’t be on the ballot.

### STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 7

### ▶Neal, Dina – Dem.

Awesome woman who won her primary and is elected. Won’t be on the ballot.

### STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 8

### ▶Frierson, Jason – Dem.

A good solid guy. Great on our issues. He deserves our support.

### ☞Peetris, Tina M. - Rep.

### STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 9

### ☞Cannon, Linda - Rep.

### ▶Yeager, Steve – Dem.

Great guy. Smart and excellent on our issues.

### STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 10

### ▶Brooks, Chris – Dem.

Good energy. Great on progressive policy. Solid legislator.

### ☞Searles, Noel - Rep.

### STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 11

### ▶Diaz, Olivia – Dem.

Great on education. Will continue to be good on our issues.

### ☞Miceli, Gianna - Rep.

### STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 12

### ☞Fletcher, Richard - Republican

### ▶Martinez, Susan – Dem.

A hard worker, down to earth and will be good on our issues.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 13

### ►Roberts, Tom – Rep.

A very decent guy and we'll be happy with him.

☞Foster, Leonard – Independent Am.

Warning: The "Independent American Party" or "IAP" is never "independent" and closer to fascism than constitutional government.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 14

### ►Carlton, Maggie – Dem.

Salt of the earth. Knows the issues, good on labor, good for us. Won her primary and is elected. Won't be on ballot.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 15

☞Vaughan, Stan - Rep.

### ►Watts, III, Howard – Dem.

Environmentalist, member of PLAN, a solid progressive and smart! Could be governor one day.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 16

### ►Swank, Heidi – Dem.

Won her primary and is elected. Won't be on ballot.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 17

☞Little, Patricia "Pat" - Rep.

### ►Thompson, Tyrone – Dem.

Highly qualified. All around great guy. Knows and is supportive on our issues.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 18

### ►Carrillo, Richard – Dem.

Good guy but needs some education on gun issues.

☞Sadler, Matt - Rep.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 19

Edwards, Chris – Rep.

Won his primary and is elected. Won't be on ballot.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 20

☞McDonald, Michael L. – Rep.

### ►Spiegel, Ellen – Dem.

Has served four terms in the Assembly and has been a staunch supporter on our issues.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 21

☹ Arrington, Cherlyn - Rep.

### ►Fumo, Ozzie – Dem.

Really nice guy, great on our issues and hopefully is working towards eliminating cash bail.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 22

☞Hardy, Melissa – Rep.

### ►Watson, Kristee – Dem.

Working hard and has a good shot. We like her. We need her!

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 23

Leavitt, Glen – Rep.

Won his primary and is elected. Won't be on ballot.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 28

### ►Flores, Edgar – Dem.

Won his primary and is elected. Won't be on ballot.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 29

### ►Cohen, Lesley Elizabeth – Dem.

Great on progressive issues: – a loyal, reliable and hardworking supporter on our issues.

☞Silberkraus, Stephen H. - Rep.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 34

### ►Bilbray-Axelrod, Shannon – Dem.

Good on our issues. A natural fit for the legislature.

☞Wesen, Janice E. - Rep.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 35

### ►Gorelow, Michelle – Dem.

A quality candidate. Will be good on our issues.

☞Schoen, David - Rep.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 36

☞Hof, Dennis – Rep.

Another reality TV star but claims to be more honest about his sexworkers.

### ►Romanov, Lesia – Dem.

Phenomenal. She's a school teacher and even the local (Pahrump) Republicans like her.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 37

### ►Backus, Shea – Dem.

From the legal community. Hard working and will be good on our issues.

☞Marchant, Jim – Rep.

Never supported us.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 41

### ►Jauregui, Sandra – Dem.

Will continue to be good on our issues.

☞Wade, Paris – Rep.

Filthy rich, self-funded and big on guns.

## STATE ASSEMBLY, DIST. 42

### ►Assefa, Alexander - Dem.

Won his primary and is elected. Won't be on ballot.

## COUNTY RACES -----

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. E

☞Marsh, Trish – Rep.

We wonder about her sanity, not to mention she's been homophobic during a previous race but openly courts our vote.

### ►Segerblom, "Tick" – Dem.

Great on our issues during his 12-year tenure in the Legislature. The best choice for the county following the term-limited departure of Commissioner Chris G.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. F

☞Black, Tisha – Rep.

Don't trust this candidate. Pawn of big developers.

### ►Jones, Justin – Dem.

Supportive on our issues while serving in the State Senate. Likes the planet!

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. G

No endorsement in this race.

☞Gibson, Jim – Dem.

☞Lake, Cindy - Rep.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Wolfson, Steve – Dem.

Won his primary and is elected. Won't be on ballot.

## COUNTY ASSESSOR

### ►Johnson, Briana – Dem.

Highly qualified.

☞McClain, Gina - Rep.

## COUNTY CLERK

### ►Goya, Lynn Marie – Dem.

The lesser of two evils. Let's get rid of this damn office and make it an appointed position. We don't need this office but we sure don't need her opponent.

☞Lloyd, Mindie – Rep.

## COUNTY RECORDER

### ►Conway, Debbie – Dem.

Highly qualified.

☞MacFarlane, Jill - Rep.

## COUNTY TREASURER

☞Collins, Phil - Rep.

### ►Fitzpatrick, Laura – Dem.

Highly qualified.

## PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

☞Fougere, Thomas L - Rep.

### ►Telles, Robert – Dem.

This office can be a "license to steal" from the vulnerable, deceased. We trust Telles.

## CONSTABLE, BOULDER TOWNSHIP

Hampe, Steve – Rep.

Won his primary and is elected. Won't be on ballot.

## CONSTABLE, HENDERSON TOWNSHIP

### ►Pitts, Joe - Dem.

☞Taylor, Kenny - Rep.

## CONSTABLE, LAUGHLIN TOWNSHIP

Ross, Jordan – Rep.

Won his primary and is elected. Won't be on ballot.

## CONSTABLE, NLV TOWNSHIP

### ►Eliason, Robert L. - Dem.

☞Vega, Jimmy - Rep.

## JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT SEAT C

### ►Cadish, Elissa - Nonpartisan

☞Tao, Jerry - Nonpartisan

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## JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT SEAT F

### ► Silver, Abbi - Nonpartisan

☞ None of the above

## JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT SEAT G

☞ Harter, Mathew - Nonpartisan

### ► Stiglich, Lidia - Nonpartisan

☞ None of the above

## DIST. COURT JUDGE, DEPT. 18

### ► Bailus, Mark B. - Nonpartisan

☞ Holthus, Mary Kay - Nonpartisan

## DIST. COURT JUDGE, DEPT. 29

Jones, David M. - Nonpartisan

Won his primary and is elected. Won't be on ballot.

## REGENT, STATE UNIVERSITY DIST. 1

### ► Cato, Jo - Nonpartisan

Minority business woman and passionate about higher education.

☞ Perkins, Laura E. - Nonpartisan

## REGENT, STATE UNIVERSITY DIST. 12

### ► Carvalho, Amy - Nonpartisan

Qualified and capable.

☞ Coates, Andrew - Nonpartisan

## TRUSTEE, CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DIST. D

### ► Cepeda, Irene - Nonpartisan

Well qualified and vote for her based on her merits, but she's also NOT Kevin Child, the disgraced incumbent.

☞ Child, Kevin L. - Nonpartisan

## TRUSTEE, CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DIST. F

☞ Ford, Danielle - Nonpartisan

### ► Miller, Kali Fox- Nonpartisan

Attorney, CPA, well-spoken and humble.

## TRUSTEE, CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DIST. G

### ► Cavazos, Linda - Nonpartisan

She has proven her mettle. Consistently supported gender diversity.

☞ Scalia, Ryan - Nonpartisan

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, BOULDER TOWNSHIP

☞ Martin, Robert D. - Nonpartisan

### ► Miller, Victor Lee - Nonpartisan

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, LAS VEGAS TOWNSHIP DEPT. 1

### ► Graham, Elana Lee - Nonpartisan

The only choice in this election, despite what you may hear on opposing robo calls.

☞ Leavitt, James Dean - Nonpartisan

This is an important office. We need a fair and open-minded justice. It's doubtful we'll get that from this candidate.

## BALLOT QUESTIONS

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Generally we believe amending the Nevada Constitution should be reserved for questions concerning our rights and liberties. Questions 1, 3, 4 and 6 amend the state Constitution and we only suggest an exception for #6 because it was approved by the legislature and vetoed by the governor in a previous session.

### Question 1 (Marsy's Law)

☞ No.

This clearly contradicts the US Constituion and already exists in law. As the LA Times wrote, "If the concern is protection of families from further victimization, as proponents claim, that goal can be met without granting families a new and inappropriate role in prosecutions." We believe this is best addressed by the legislature.

### Question 2 (The Pink Tax)

☞ No.

This would make additional exemptions to the state sales tax, which already has a narrow base.

### Question 3 (Minimize Regulations and End Energy Monopolies)

☞ No.

Regulation of utilities should not be in the Constitution and if the whole thing blows up in our face, we'll be stuck with it for at least five years (the minimum time needed to amend the Constitution). This may be a good program for those who buy their power by the megawatt but for the little guy, this will be full of problems.

### Question 4 (Medical Equipment Sales Tax Exemption)

☞ No.

Our tax base is too narrow and this doesn't belong in the Constitution. This is an exemption for SOME durable medical equipment -- a windfall for some companies and not for others.

### Question 5 (Voter Registration at DMV)

► Yes

Automatic voter registration. Proven successful in 14 other states. Citizens can opt-out if they wish. There are efforts nationwide to curb voter participation which is proven to disproportionately and adversely affect Persons of Color and low income voters. This is a big step to have more representative elections.

### Question 6 (Renewable Energy Standards)

► Yes

An increase in Renewable Energy Standards would give our state a minimum target of 50% renewable energy by 2030. While this is a Constitutional Amendment, the legislature passed this but it was vetoed by the governor. This is the only viable solution.

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care about executive orders  
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