

2022 Progressive Voter Guide

Nevada, Clark County & Municipal Races

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In 1995, the Las Vegas Bugle established a committee of community leaders, known as Nevada Impact, to offer guidance during each election. The selection has been published and promoted over the years by the Bugle, its successor publication, Q-Vegas, the Las Vegas Night Beat and the Las Vegas Spectrum.

This year's endorsement list is mostly being distributed online. It will be available in print at Get Booked, The Center and select locations. Links to Nevada Impact's guide will be sent via thousands of emails (please share!) and the website address will be advertised via postcards to over 13,000, same-gender households in Southern Nevada.

Technically, Nevada Impact is non-partisan but due to the issues we care about (racial, sexual and gender equality; women's right of choice, access to voting, comprehensive immigration reform), we find it is rare we'll ever endorse a Republican candidate. This being a primary, if the candidates aren't Democratic or Republican, in most cases they won't be listed as they don't have a primary. Please remember that most races won't be on your ballot, as your ballot will only show the candidates for the political party you're registered for and only the candidates for your specific voting address. Many races are non-partisan, so those will show up on all ballots, whether Republican, Democrat or those who are not registered with a party affiliation.

Generally, if an incumbent is doing a great job and is challenged by someone within their party, we'll support the incumbent. If asked, we would likely urge the challenger to pick a different race where their talent could be better utilized.

If you don't see a race listed on your ballot, either there isn't a primary or it's not in your area.

The races may not be in the same order as your ballot (although we've tried). It includes most city, township, county, and state offices. If you're from a rural area, many of your advisory boards and constables are listed at the end.

Our choices are as follows:

SECRETARY OF STATE



Aguilar Francisco “Cisco” (Dem)

*No primary, only one Democrat and this is an important office to keep integrity in our elections.
Hansen, Janine (IAP)*

Not in the primary but this woman has been a plague on the LGBTQ community all her life.

Haw, Jesse (Rep)

The leading contender to fix all the imagined conspiracies. Wait until the general and vote for Cisco Aguilar

STATE TREASURER



Conine, Zach (Dem)

Great guy, no primary. Boyd law graduate.

Fiore, Michele (Rep)

This would be the fox guarding the henhouse.

STATE CONTROLLER



Spiegel, Ellen (Dem)

We know Ellen Spiegel to be solid on our issues.

ATTORNEY GENERAL



Ford, Aaron D. (Dem)

Supportive and fair. A person of his word. This is another office where you never want a Republican to be in charge.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, SEAT A



Bell, Linda (Nonpartisan)

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, SEAT E



Parraguirre, Ron D (Nonpartisan)

COURT OF APPEALS, DEPT. 1



Westbrook, Deborah (Nonpartisan)

Experienced in both criminal and civil matters. Served for years as a public defender. She helped revise the rules of Appellate Procedure for Nevada. This is our choice.

Forsberg, Rhonda K (Nonpartisan)

Both candidates would be a stellar replacement for Jerry Tao. Rhonda has a family law background and currently serves as a judge in the 8th Judicial District Court.

COURT OF APPEALS, DEPT. 2



Gibbons, Michael (Nonpartisan)

COURT OF APPEALS, DEPT. 3



Bulla, Bonnie (Nonpartisan)

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

Reid, Rita Pate (Dem)

This is an office where the wrong person literally has a license to steal. Reid is the best choice. (And yes, we admit we chose poorly in the primary and this is an update. The incumbent went "Bob Beers" on us and apparently murdered Jeff German, a reporter for the Las Vegas Sun.)

REGENT STATE UNIVERSITY DISTRICT 6

Catarata, Karl, (Nonpartisan)

Active in many community organizations, including HRC. Emphasis on education affordability.

REGENT STATE UNIVERSITY DISTRICT 7

Hieu Le

Best choice for the position.

Nagy, Aury

Could be a good pick.

REGENT STATE UNIVERSITY DISTRICT 13

Moran, John, (Nonpartisan)

Incumbent. The Regents sacked their chancellor at a cost of \$610,000. Moran was on the right side of this controversy. Let's keep him.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DEPARTMENT 11

Roohani, Ellie, (Nonpartisan)

Very progressive and just appointed. We should retain her.

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The committee was unable to come to a consensus on these three races and therefore there are no endorsements.

CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF

Roberts, Tom,

This is a non-partisan position. When Tom Roberts was in the legislature, he did support some LGBTQ legislation and he's an anti-tRump Republican. We think he's the best fit for the job.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LAS VEGAS TWSH DEPARTMENT 3

Letizia, Harmony (Nonpartisan)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LAS VEGAS TWSH DEPARTMENT 4

Saragosa, Melissa A, (Nonpartisan)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LAS VEGAS TWSH DEPARTMENT 6

Massey, Augusta, (Nonpartisan)

All day, every day! Augusta Massey has our vote and will bring further diversity to the bench!

Gonzalez, Bill (Nonpartisan)

No, NO, NO!

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LAS VEGAS TWNSH DEPARTMENT 7



Berkley, Max, (Nonpartisan)

All day, every day! Worked in the Clark County Public Defender's Office. He will be great on the bench and sympathetic to those with financial issues and poverty matters. His mom was our favorite Congresswoman!

Wilson, Amy, (Nonpartisan)

Former LDS with emphasis on "former." Represented kids in foster care, pro-bono. We like her but we're going with Max Berkley.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LAS VEGAS TWNSH DEPARTMENT 9



Bonaventure, Joe, (Nonpartisan)

Incumbent, fair and even on his rulings. (Don't confuse him with the disgraced John Bonaventura.)

Chio, Danielle "Pieper, (Nonpartisan)

She's a great person, we like her but the incumbent has done a good job, so we'll stick with Joe Bonaventure.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LAS VEGAS TWNSH DEPARTMENT 10



Dotson, Cybil, (Nonpartisan)

This is the best choice.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LAS VEGAS TWNSH DEPARTMENT 13



Saxe, Rebecca, (Nonpartisan)

She is a Clark County Public Defender and will work hard!

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LAS VEGAS TWNSH DEPARTMENT 14



Chelini, Amy "JoAnne, (Nonpartisan)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LAS VEGAS TWNSH DEPARTMENT 16



Wood, Nadia, (Nonpartisan)

Nadia Wood, for sure! Public Defender and smart. Will be good on the bench.

HENDERSON MAYOR



Michelle Romero

Has experience on the city council.

HENDERSON COUNCILPERSON, WARD III



Jodi Tyson

Great candidate, good voice for Henderson. Daughter is family.

HENDERSON MUNICIPAL COURT, DEPT. 2



Jeremy Cooley

Appointed unanimously in 2021 to fill a vacancy. Ran Henderson's drug court. We see no reason not to keep him.

CONSTABLE HENDERSON TOWNSHIP



Taylor, Kenny, (Nonpartisan)

LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL, WARD 4



Francis Allen-Palenske

A decent person and the best choice. This is an even more important race, now that the incumbent, Bob Beers, is attacking her for being endorsed by the "homosexual lobby."

LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL, WARD 6



Nancy Brune

Great person, Latina, has her PhD., ran the Guinn Center for Policy Priorities.

LAS VEGAS MUNICIPAL JUDGE, DEPT. 1



Bert Brown

LAS VEGAS MUNICIPAL JUDGE, DEPT. 4



Cynthia Leung

LAS VEGAS MUNICIPAL JUDGE, DEPT. 6



Angela Dows

Both candidates seem good, but Angela Dows has been a defense attorney and judge pro tempore so she has experience and knows how to look out for defendants.

Kelly Giordani

Sounds good but works in the City Prosecutor's office. We generally prefer defense or public defender credentials for elected judges.

NORTH LAS VEGAS MAYOR



Pat Spearman

State Senator, knows how to fight, understands our issues (she's one of us), thoughtful but doesn't delay. This City Council needs a leader and she's the one for the job. Passed the bill to add transgender as a protected class. She also fought for legislation to upgrade discharges for LGBTQ service members. She helped change the game for LGBTQ foster parents and helped ban conversion therapy.

NORTH LAS VEGAS MUNICIPAL COURT DEPT. 1



Jonathan MacArthur

Has defended some people we don't like. Everyone is entitled to a defense and someone has to do it. Jonathan is the best choice for this position.

NORTH LAS VEGAS MUNICIPAL COURT DEPT. 1



Courtney Ketter

Defense attorney and former City of Las Vegas prosecutor. Fully qualified. His opponent in this race sent out what can only be described as a racially motivated, "dog-whistle" mailer and lost any support we might have given him.

NORTH LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WARD 1



Lance Robert Eliason (No Party)

NORTH LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WARD 3



Scott Black