



## GENERAL ELECTION 2022

Democracy and your rights are under attack in this election. How Congress (Senate & House) is decided will affect women's rights, same-gender marriage, gender equality, access to voting, immigration reform and wages.

During the 2022 Primary, some races were decided by a few dozen votes.

We must keep our majority in Congress, the state legislature, judicial races, the even the Nevada Secretary of State office, where a fake elector must be defeated.

Please vote and urge your friends to vote.

Visit <https://Vote.org> to check your registration!

Since 1996, this LGBTQIA+ and Progressive Voter Guide has been produced by NevadaImpact.com and distributed through various publications and online. While this guide is edited by long-time, human rights activist, Rob Schlegel, it's the work of numerous individuals that know the candidates and research the races. This year's guide will be available in the print edition of QVegas, shortly before the election and should be available online by mid-October at [www.NevadaImpact.com](http://www.NevadaImpact.com). Technically, Nevada Impact is non-partisan but due to the issues we care about, you'll find we usually endorse Democrats – but not always. Our issues include racial, sexual and gender equality, women's right of choice, access to voting, comprehensive immigration reform, a living wage and issues impacting human rights. Because of the nature of our political system, party affiliation is necessary to get most issues passed. Good examples of that would be Nevada's employment non-discrimination act, passed in 1999 or the repeal of the "sodomy law" in 1993. Those are two of dozens of human rights issues that would not have been passed, had the Democratic Party not had the majority in the state legislature. It's also a great argument to vote No on Question 3! We don't want outside money or conservatives deciding which Democrat wins the Democrat nomination. If you want to vote in the primary, register with a party, not as independent. We have more to do, both here in the state and nationwide. The only way democracy can work is if we all vote. While one party may claim "election fraud," and make it harder to vote, it's primarily to discourage you from voting. That allows the radical right, which is a minority, to gain control of our elected offices. Please help save democracy by making sure you vote. Go two steps further. Use this guide and make sure your friends and family vote, as well. To check your voter status, register, change address, check dates, etc., visit the Clark County Voter Services website. Here is a shortened website address for your convenience:

[HTTP://TINY.CC/CLARKVOTER](http://tiny.cc/clarkvoter)

**EARLY VOTING STARTS OCT. 22 AND RUNS THROUGH NOV. 4, 2022.  
ELECTION DAY VOTING IS TUESDAY, NOV. 8, FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M.  
FOR MORE DETAILS, INCLUDING EARLY VOTING SITES,  
VISIT CLARK COUNTY VOTER SERVICES WEBSITE.**

We've created a shortened address for your convenience:

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## LGBTQ+ PROGRESSIVE VOTER GUIDE 2022

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STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 21

☒ [Marzola, Elaine \(Dem\)](#)

Has worked hard on labor, education, and judiciary issues. Has a degree in women's studies from UNLV and a law degree, working as both an attorney and law clerk.

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 22

☒ [Ramos, Rick \(Dem\)](#)

Probably the most important thing we can say about Rick Ramos is that we need a Democrat in this office, rather than the conservative incumbent.

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 23

☒ [Brickfield, Elizabeth, \(Dem\)](#)

An amazing and remarkable attorney and socially conscious!

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 24

☒ [Sarah Peters \(Dem\)](#)

100% on our issues.

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 28

☒ [D'Silva, Reuben, \(Dem\)](#)

Some very good points, mentions LGBTQ positively. He's run before against progressive incumbents, which we didn't like. That said, he's ambitious and we urged him to run for a lower office first. This is a good spot for him and let's let him prove his mettle.

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 29

☒ [Cohen, Lesley Elizabeth, \(Dem\)](#)

Incumbent and perfect for the job.

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 30

☒ [Natha Anderson \(Dem\)](#)

100% on our issues.

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 34

☒ [Bilbray-Axelrod, Shannon \(Dem\)](#)

Incumbent and great on our issues.

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 35

☒ [Gorelow, Michelle, \(Dem\)](#)

Incumbent and let's keep her.

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 36

☒ [Hafen, II, Gregory T \(Rep\)](#)

Represents multiple counties (rural Clark, Lincoln and Nye).

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 37

☒ [Backus, Shea, \(Dem\)](#)

Great on our issues.

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 41

☒ [Jauregui, Sandra, \(Dem\)](#)

She's one of the reasons we have marriage equality in our state constitution.

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 42

☒ [Brown-May, Tracy, \(Dem\)](#)

Appointed last session but hit the ground running. Let's keep her.

COUNTY COMM. DIST. E

☒ [Segerblom, "Tick", \(Dem\)](#)

Incumbent. Great on our issues and that'll never go up in smoke.

COUNTY COMM. DIST. F

☒ [Jones, Justin, \(Dem\)](#)

Incumbent. Right on all our issues, all the time.

COUNTY COMM. DIST. G

☒ [Gibson, Jim, \(Dem\)](#)

Incumbent. An ally on the Commission.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

[Wolfson, Steve, \(Dem\)](#)

He'll get elected and there's little you can do!

COUNTY ASSESSOR

☒ [Johnson, Briana, \(Dem\)](#)

Incumbent, doing a great job.

COUNTY CLERK

☒ [Goya, Lynn Marie, \(Dem\)](#)

Incumbent. We genuinely like her.

COUNTY RECORDER

☒ [Conway, Debbie, \(Dem\)](#)

Incumbent and doing a great job.

COUNTY TREASURER

☒ [Diaz, J. Ken, \(Dem\)](#)

Experienced and trustworthy. Currently is #2 in command at this office. We've known and liked him for years.

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.

STATE AND DISTRICT NON-PARTISAN OFFICES

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, SEAT A

☒ [Bell, Linda \(Non-P\)](#)

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, SEAT E

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☒ [Parraguirre, Ron D \(Non-P\)](#)

COURT OF APPEALS, DEPT. 1

☒ [Westbrook, Deborah \(Non-P\)](#)

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 \(Non-P\)](#)

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 \(Non-P\)](#)

COURT OF APPEALS, DEPT. 3

☒ [Bulla, Bonnie \(Non-P\)](#)

DIST. COURT JUDGE DEPT. 9

☒ [Gall, Maria \(Non-P\)](#)

Highly qualified and appointed to fill an unexpired term. Her opponent in this race is bad, bad news.

DIST. COURT JUDGE DEPT. 11

☒ [Albertson, Anna \(Non-P\)](#)

Has spent much of her career representing the disadvantaged, often pro bono. She is a member of Lambda, the LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce. This is a dual endorsement.

☒ [Roohani, Ellie, \(Non-P\)](#)

Very progressive and just appointed. She is a former prosecutor, which we don't normally endorse as a judge, but she is exceptional. This is a dual endorsement.

DIST. COURT JUDGE DEPT. 17

☒ [Schwartz, Jennifer](#)

Has spent decades fighting for legal equality and compassion. Participates in community batterment, understands that the judiciary is often biased due to socioeconomic status or color. Comes from the unique background of having grandparents that were Holocaust survivors.

DIST. COURT JUDGE, FAMILY DIVISION, DEPT. A

☒ [Parlade, Mari D](#)

Both David Jacks and Mari D Parlade appear to be well-qualified. Of the six persons running for this position, Jacks and Parlade are the only two who appear to have argued their credentials and community activism (the others only asked for campaign donations). Both have extensive experience in family law.

Parlade has worked for the Clark County Family Services, so we're giving the nod to her, but David Jacks could be a good choice.

REGENT STATE UN. DIST. 6

☒ [Brown, Heather](#)

REGENT STATE UN. DIST. 7

☒ [Crete, David "Coach"](#)

REGENT STATE UN. DIST. 13

☒ [Moran, John, \(Non-P\)](#)

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.

TRUSTEE, CCSD DIST. D

[Cepeda, Irene](#)

This is a race where our endorsement board could not come to a consensus. We suggest voters visit <https://votesmartnv.org/trustee/irene-cepeda> and read the responses this candidate has given to Battle Born Progress' VoteSmartNV survey.

[Zamora, Brenda](#)

This is a race where our endorsement board could not come to a consensus. We suggest voters visit <https://votesmartnv.org/trustee/brenda-zamora> and read the responses this candidate has given to Battle Born Progress' VoteSmartNV survey. Brenda Zamora identifies as bisexual. The majority of the endorsement board, including Chris Giunchigliani, supports Brenda Zamora.

TRUSTEE, CCSD DIST. F

[Bustamante Adams, Irene](#)

This is a race where our endorsement board could not come to a consensus. We suggest voters visit <https://votesmartnv.org/trustee/irene-adams-bustamante> and read the responses this candidate has given to Battle Born Progress' VoteSmartNV survey.

[Ford, Danielle](#)

This is a race where our endorsement board could not come to a consensus. We would suggest voters visit <https://votesmartnv.org/trustee> but apparently Danielle Ford had not responded to Battle Born Progress' VoteSmartNV survey before our deadline. The majority of the endorsement board, including Chris Giunchigliani, supports Danielle Ford.

TRUSTEE, CCSD DIST. G

[Cavazos, Linda P.](#)

This is a race where our endorsement board could not come to a consensus. We suggest voters visit <https://votesmartnv.org/trustee/linda-p-cavazos/> and read the responses this candidate has given to Battle Born Progress' VoteSmartNV survey. The majority of the endorsement board, including Chris Giunchigliani, supports Linda Cavazos.

[Wieman, Greg](#)

This is a race where our endorsement board could not come to a consensus. We would suggest voters visit <https://votesmartnv.org/trustee> but apparently Greg Wieman did not respond to Battle Born Progress' VoteSmartNV survey.

BOULDER CITY COUNCIL

☒ [James Howard Adams](#)

Incumbent, has a really great grasp of the complexities and nuances of Boulder City. Strongly endorsed!

HEND. COUNCIL, WARD III

☒ [Cox, Carrie](#)

Tough race. Her opponent is a well-known real estate broker, endorsed by many conservatives. Carrie Cox was the only candidate to complete the Battle Born Progress' VoteSmartNV survey, so we're going with Carrie Cox.

LV CITY COUNCIL, WARD 4

☒ [Francis Allen-Palenske](#)

A decent person and the best choice.

LV CITY COUNCIL, WARD 6

☒ [Nancy Brune](#)

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

NORTH LAS VEGAS MAYOR

☒ [Pat Spearman](#)

State Senator, knows how to fight, understands our issues (she's one of us). 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. Retired military, Senator Spearman knows how to fight and she can be the most powerful advocate we could hope for.

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

## TOWNSHIP OFFICES (NON-P)

### CONSTABLE GOODS SPRINGS

☒ [Rogers, Gary P](#)

Incumbent, has done a good job and straightened out some accounting issues the office had during his first year. Has served 12 years.

### CONSTABLE LAUGHLIN TWP.

☒ [Ross, Jordan, \(Non-P\)](#)

Beneath his brusque exterior, lies a teddy bear.

### CONSTABLE NLV TWP.

☒ [Lopez, Jr., Delgado M, \(Non-P\)](#)

Strong supporter of our community

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LAS

### VEGAS TWP. DEPARTMENT 6

☒ [Goodey, Jessica \(Non-P\)](#)

We're endorsing her because she's not Bill Gonzalez!



### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LAS

### VEGAS TWP. DEPARTMENT 7

☒ [Berkley, Max, \(Non-P\)](#)

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, \(Non-P\)](#)

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 TWP. DEPARTMENT 9

☒ [Bonaventura, Joe, \(Non-P\)](#)

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

[Chio, Danielle "Pieper" \(Non-P\)](#)

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

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LAS

### VEGAS TWP. DEPARTMENT 10

☒ [Dotson, Cybil, \(Non-P\)](#)

This is the best choice.

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LAS

### VEGAS TWP. DEPARTMENT 13

☒ [Saxe, Rebecca, \(Non-P\)](#)

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

## State Ballot Questions

### State Question Num. 1 – YES

Shall the Nevada Constitution be amended by adding a specific guarantee that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by this State or any of its cities, counties, or other political subdivisions on account of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, ancestry, or national origin?

**Yes**

A yes vote secures the right of every Nevadan to be treated equally by the state. Those arguing to oppose this measure bring up a bunch of rightwing-radio blather that is totally discredited.

### State Question Num. 2 – YES

Shall the Nevada Constitution be amended, effective July 1, 2024, to (1) establish the State's minimum wage that employers must pay to certain employees at a rate of \$12 per hour worked,

subject to any applicable increases above that \$12 rate provided by federal law or enacted by the Nevada Legislature; (2) remove the existing provisions setting different rates for the minimum wage based on whether the employer offers certain health benefits to such employees; and (3) remove the existing provisions for adjusting the minimum wage based on applicable increases in the cost of living?

**Yes**

While we would prefer things like minimum wage weren't in the Nevada Constitution, the fact is that they are. Minimum wages need to be adjusted as the cost-of-living increases and this amendment will allow for that. Let's vote yes.

### State Question Num. 3 – NO

Shall the Nevada Constitution be amended to allow all Nevada voters the right to participate in open primary elections to choose candidates for the general election in which all voters may then rank the remaining candidates by preference for the offices of U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Controllers, Attorney General and State Legislators?

**No**

While there are some good arguments for this ballot question, this would allow outsiders to pour money into the state and they could easily snare the top two positions in a primary, forcing voters to decide between the best of two bad candidates. The argument that only party-affiliated voters can decide who runs to represent that party in the general election can be solved by those not-affiliated to simply join a party. Additionally, without the ability to "whip votes," difficult issues such as human rights, likely would not pass if political parties are weakened, which this measure would do. Third party candidates are likely to play "spoiler" to a candidate from an established political party, than to win the election themselves. Odds are, those not affiliated with a particular party wouldn't bother to vote in the primary anyway, so the measure does more harm than good.

If you've seen the huge volume of advertising, featuring a Veteran, claiming 600,000 independent (non-party affiliated) Nevadans can't vote in the primary, ask yourself why they chose to be non-affiliated and then question, "who is paying for those ads?" Don't fall for it. Vote NO!



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