

State of Nevada

Secretary of State



Declaration of Candidacy  
Independent for Partisan Office

STATE OF NEVADA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

For the purpose of having my name placed on the official ballot as an Independent candidate for the office of \_\_\_\_\_, I, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_, do swear of affirm under penalty of perjury that I actually, as opposed to constructively, reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the City or Town of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Nevada; that my actual, as opposed to constructive residence in the State, district, county, township, city or other area prescribed by law to which the office pertains began on a date at least 30 days immediately preceding the date of the close of filing of declarations of candidacy for this office; that my telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_, and the address at which I receive mail, if different than my residence, is \_\_\_\_\_; that I am a qualified elector pursuant to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada; that if I have ever been convicted of treason or a felony, my civil rights have been restored; that if nominated as an Independent candidate at the ensuing election, I will accept that nomination and not withdraw, that I will not knowingly violate any election law or any law defining and prohibiting corrupt and fraudulent practices in campaigns and elections in this State; that I will qualify for the office if elected thereto, including, but not limited to, complying with any limitation prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this State concerning the number of years or terms for which a person may hold the office; that I understand that knowingly and willfully filing a declaration of candidacy which contains a false statement is a crime punishable as a gross misdemeanor and also subjects me to a civil action disqualifying me from entering upon the duties of the office; and that I understand that my name will appear on all ballots as designated in this declaration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of candidate for office

Subscribed and sworn or affirmed to before me this \_\_\_\_\_

day of the month \_\_\_\_\_ of the year \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Designation of name to appear on ballot

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Designation of name to appear on certificate of election

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public or other person authorized to administer an oath

E-mail address



## Code of Fair Campaign Practices

There are basic principles of decency, honesty and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of Nevada has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested by fairly conducted campaigns, the voters may exercise their constitutional right to vote for the candidate of their choice and that the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

### **THEREFORE:**

- 1. I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly and limit attacks against my opponent to legitimate challenges to my opponent's voting record or qualifications for office.*
- 2. I will not use character defamation or other false attacks on a candidate's personal or family life.*
- 3. I will not use campaign material which misrepresents, distorts or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations which are intended to create or exploit doubts, without justification, about the personal integrity of my opposition.*
- 4. I will not condone any dishonest or unethical practice which undermines the American systems of free elections or impedes or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters.*

I, the undersigned, as a candidate for election to public office in the State of Nevada, hereby voluntarily pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the principles and practices set forth in this code.

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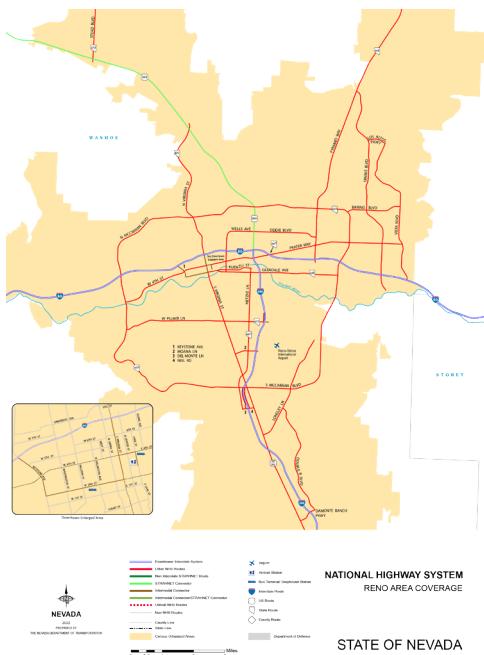
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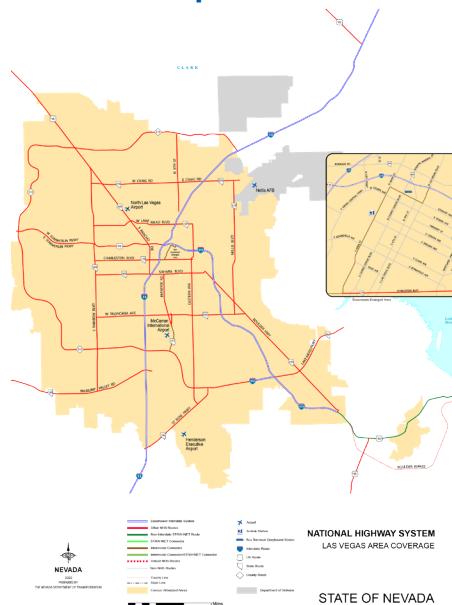
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NOTE: Subscription to this code is voluntary. A candidate who subscribes to this code and submits this form to the appropriate filing officer may indicate on his or her campaign materials that he or she subscribes to this code.

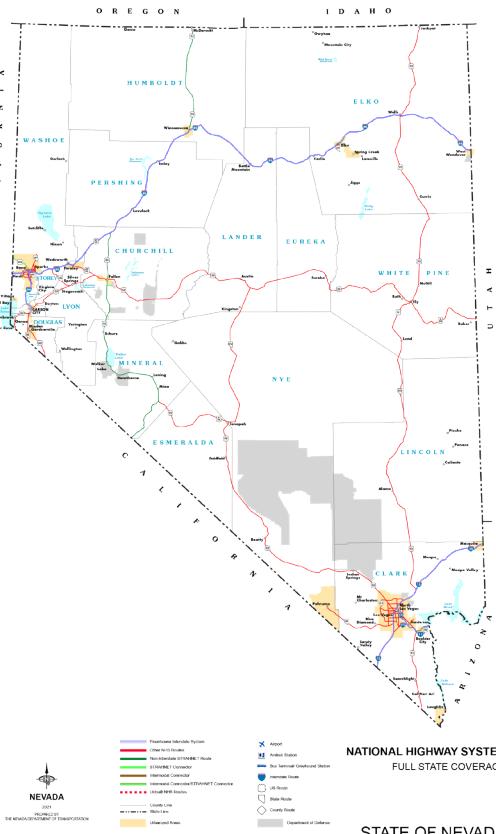
**National Highway System (NHS)  
Routes in the Reno-Sparks  
Metropolitan Area**



**National Highway System (NHS)  
Routes in the Las Vegas  
Metropolitan Area**



**Metropolitan Area**



**NDOT Phone Numbers**

Carson City (775) 888-7000

Elko (775) 777-2700

Ely (775) 289-1700

Las Vegas (702) 385-6500

Reno (775) 834-8300

Tonopah (775) 482-2301

Winnemucca (775) 623-8000

**Nevada Department of Transportation**

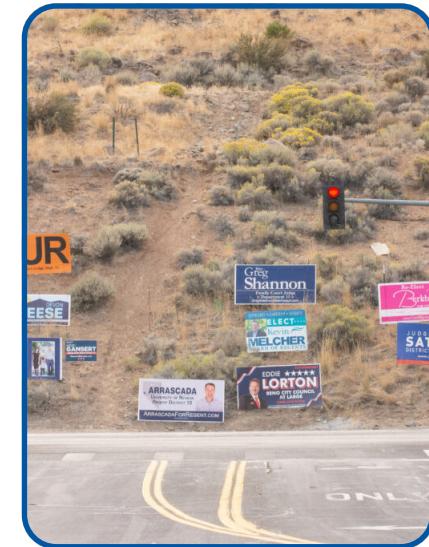


Right-of-Way Division  
1263 South Stewart St.  
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**Political Signs  
And Your Highways**

*Rules & Regulations Regarding the Placement of Political Signs Near Highway Right-of-way*



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Joe Lombardo

## **No political sign can be placed within state highway rights-of-way.**

As you conduct your campaign for public office, please keep in mind that it is illegal to place signs within the right-of-way of state highways. State highways include not only the well numbered rural routes, but also many county roads and city streets. The provisions of Nevada Revised Statute 405.020, 405.030 and 405.110 and Nevada Administrative Code 410.440, prevent the placement of any advertising signs, including political signs, within state highway right-of-way or roads, which are owned or controlled by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). In addition, the federal and state "Highway Beautification Acts" limit the placement of any sign on private property if that sign is located within 660 feet of a National Highway System (NHS) route. NHS routes include all freeways, interstates, expressways, most U.S. routes and some state routes including several city streets (see maps).

NDOT has previously published several notices regarding the erection of political signs. This pamphlet is intended to summarize NDOT's enforcement of the laws on political signs and supplements the more detailed regulation. The term "political sign" includes any temporary or portable display or device advertising for or against a candidate for public office or a political party or political point of view.

### **Rules for state highways:**

No signs are permitted in the state highway right-of-way. This includes the right-of-way along freeways, interstates, expressways, highways, and many city streets. NDOT's right of way in urban areas often includes any sidewalks and some clear distance on either side of the street.

NDOT employees will remove signs erected in the highway right-of-way and usually take them to the nearest maintenance station. In most cases, owners of the sign or their representatives can drop by the station to get their signs. NDOT will try to remove the signs so as not to damage them. Removed signs will be retained for 30 days and then disposed of.

If you have a question about the right-of-way for state highways, please call the nearest NDOT district office. In Clark County call the District I Office in Las Vegas at (702) 385-6540, in Tonopah call (775) 482-2300, in northwestern Nevada call the District II Office in Sparks at (775) 834-8300, in Winnemucca call (775) 623-8000, in northeastern Nevada call the District III Office in Elko at (775) 777-2700, and in Ely call (775) 289-1700.

### **Additional rules for the National Highway System:**

Political signs adjacent to and within 660 feet of any NHS highway must meet federal spacing, size, zoning, and lighting requirements and a permit must be obtained from the appropriate NDOT District Office, except as noted below. A non-refundable fee of \$200.00 will be charged for this permit. The following highways are part of the NHS and are under federal and state regulation: IR-11, IR-15, IR-215, IR-515, IR-80, IR-580, U.S. 6, U.S. 50, U.S. 50A, U.S. 03BUS, U.S. 93, U.S. 95, U.S. 95A, U.S. 395, U.S. 395ALT, SR 88, SR 146, SR 147, SR 159, SR 160, SR 163, SR 172, SR 173, SR 225, SR 289, SR 318, SR 360, SR 376, SR 430, SR 439, SR 445, SR 535, SR 564, SR 573, SR 582, SR 589, SR 593, SR 595, SR 599, RM10004, RM11322, SR 612, SR 613, SR 647, SR 648, SR 653, SR 659, SR 667, SR 673, SR 720, William St. (FRCC11), Eastern Ave./Civic Center (FRCL53), Lake Mead Blvd. (FRCL57), E. Jennings Way (FREL17), Vista Blvd. (FRWA08), Del Monte Ln-Neil Rd. (FRWA44)

Damonte Ranch PKWY (FRWA49), Sparks Blvd. (FRWA53), Wells Ave. (FRWA54), Oddie Blvd. (FRWA58), 4th St. (FRWA62), FRWA66, FRWA67, Harry Reid Int'l Airport Connector (SR171), Matley Ln. (FRWA51), Durham Rd. (FRWA50)

Political signs erected on private property that is adjacent to a state highway may be erected no more than 60 days before a primary election and must be removed within 30 days after the primary election. Signs for candidates or questions appearing on the general election ballot do not have to be removed until 30 days after the general election.

A permit is not required for small political signs (4' x 8' or smaller) that are placed on private property near the NHS.

### **General Rules:**

The following rules apply to all signs located near state highway right of way including NHS routes:

Political signs must not distract drivers. The sign cannot resemble official traffic signs.

The sign cannot block view of on-coming traffic.

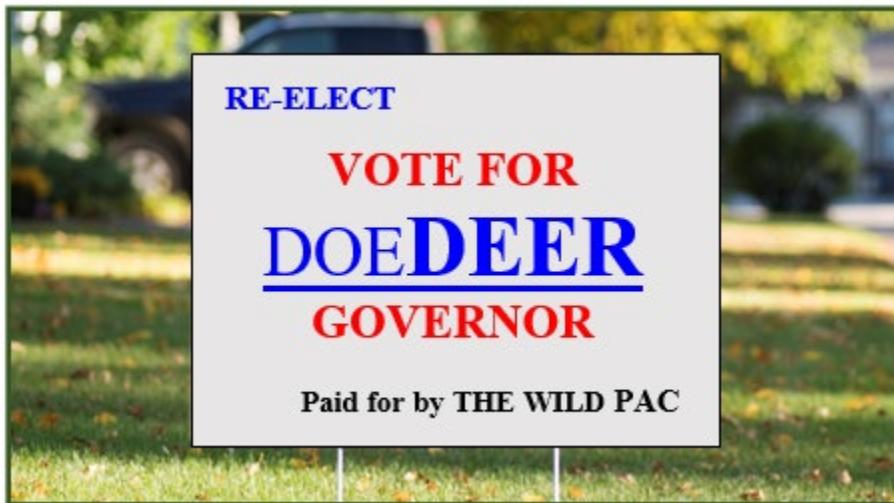
Apart from state requirements, local governmental agencies can and do have varying criteria regarding placement of political signs on city and county roads. These local restrictions vary greatly among the various entities and must be checked locally.

**For further information, or if you have any questions, please call the Nevada Department of Transportation's Right of Way Division.**

**In northern Nevada, (775) 888-7480 and in southern Nevada, (702) 385-6540.**



## Campaign Signs



**Governance of Campaign Signs (NRS 405.030 and 405.110):** State law governs set time periods for placement of campaign signs along interstate and primary highways. Additionally, they govern campaign signs placed within highway rights-of way. Candidates are responsible for reviewing all state, county, and city ordinances for the rules regarding campaign signs, ensuring they do not violate the laws.

**State Highway Time Periods (NRS 410.411(4)): Campaign signs must:**

- Not be placed next to highway earlier than sixty (60) days before a primary election.

**If Candidate is Unsuccessful:**

- Campaign sign MUST be removed no later than thirty (30) days after the election.

**If Candidate is Successful:**

- Campaign sign may continue to be displayed through the general election. All campaign signs MUST be removed not later than thirty (30) days after the election.

**Reminder:**

- You must obtain permission from property owners prior to placing campaign sign on private property.
- The posting of campaign signs on public utility poles is prohibited, per NRS 704.638.

# Disclosures on Campaign Materials

**Term Re-Elect (NRS 294A.330):** Prohibits a candidate's use of the term "re-elect" in any campaign materials or statements unless that candidate is the current incumbent, either by election or by appointment. NRS 294A.340 also prohibits a candidate's use of other words that falsely imply the candidate is the incumbent.

**Disclosures on Campaign Materials (NRS 294A.348):** Any candidate, committee for political action, political party, or committee sponsored by a political party that spends more than \$100 for the purpose of financing a communication through any television or radio broadcast, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, mailing, or any other type of general public advertising shall disclose on the communication that it was paid for by the candidate, committee for political action, political party, or committee sponsored by a political party.

If communication is approved by a candidate, the communication must state that the candidate approved the communication and disclose the street address, telephone number, and internet address, if any, of the person, committee for political action, political party, or committee sponsored by a political party that paid for the communication.

Any internet website available for viewing by the general public or electronic mailing to more than 500 people that: (1) advocates expressly the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate or group of candidates; or (2) solicits a contribution through any television or radio broadcast, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, mailing, or any other type of general political advertising, shall disclose on the internet website or electronic mailing, as applicable, the name of the candidate, committee for political party, or committee sponsored by a political party.

\*\*Disclosures and statements must be clear and conspicuous, and easy to read or hear. The disclosure requirements do not apply to any statement or communication appearing on an article of clothing. They also do not apply to any item that has a retail cost per item of less than \$5 each, such as buttons, pens, magnet, can holder, etc.



I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge receipt of this document, pursuant to NRS 294A.350(2), stating the requirements to report campaign contributions and expenses and the filing date schedule for the reporting of campaign contributions and expenses, pursuant to NRS 294A.120, and as set forth in this acknowledgement. I further hereby acknowledge and understand the following:

- I am required to file my five (5) Contribution and Expense Reports electronically with the Secretary of State unless I have been granted a waiver to file on paper.
- I am required to file my Contribution and Expense Reports pursuant to the following schedule:
  - ♦ First Report: Due: April 15, 2024
  - ♦ Second Report: Due: July 15, 2024
  - ♦ Third Report: Due: October 15, 2024
  - ♦ Fourth Report: Due: January 15, 2025
  - ♦ Annual Report Due: January 15, 2025

If you file reports one through four, you are not required to file the annual report.

- I am required to file my four (4) Contribution and Expense Reports and my Annual Contribution and Expenses Report as required by NRS 294A.350 even if:
  - ♦ I withdraw my candidacy pursuant to NRS 293.202 or NRS 293C.195;
  - ♦ End my campaign without withdrawing my candidacy pursuant to NRS 293.202 or NRS 293C.195;
  - ♦ Receive no contributions;
  - ♦ Have no campaign expenses;
  - ♦ Run unopposed in the election by another candidate;
  - ♦ Is defeated in the primary election;
  - ♦ Is removed from the ballot by court order; or
  - ♦ Is the subject of a petition recall and the special election is not held.

Any candidate, person, organization, committee, political party, or nonprofit corporation that violates any provisions of NRS 294A is subject to a \$10,000 civil penalty for each violation and payment of the State's court costs and attorney's fees incurred to enforce the filing requirements.

**I acknowledge that I may be assessed a monetary civil penalty up to \$10,000 for each violation, if I fail to timely file the Contributions and Expense Reports in accordance with NRS 294A.120.**

**I acknowledge that I must personally sign each Contribution and Expense Report under an oath to God or penalty of perjury. NRS 294A.350(2)**

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**Signature**

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**Date**



I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge receipt of this document, pursuant to NRS 281.5584, stating the requirements to report candidate financial disclosure statement and the filing date schedule for the reporting of financial statements, pursuant to NRS 281.561, and as set forth in this acknowledgement. I further hereby acknowledge and understand the following:

**New or Existing Candidates for Non-Judicial Office Requirements:**

- I am required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement electronically with the Secretary of State unless I have been granted a waiver to file on paper.
- I am required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement if I'm entitled to receive an annual compensation of \$6,000 or more for serving in the office that I'm seeking, for the office of Legislator or public officer.
- As a candidate filing for public office, I am required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement for the full previous year, from January 1<sup>st</sup> up until the last day to qualify as a candidate, and my statement is due no later than ten (10) days after the last day to qualify as a candidate for office.

➤ Candidate FDS is due on or before, March 25, 2024

**Annual Requirements:**

- If I am elected, I am required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement, for the full previous year, on or before January 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Each year of the term, including the year in which I leave office; and
  - The year immediately following the year in which I leave office,
  - unless I leave office before January 15<sup>th</sup>, in the prior year.

Any public officer or candidate who violates any provisions of NRS 281 is subject to a civil penalty and payment of court costs and attorney fees. The amount of the civil penalty is:

➤	1 – 10 days late:	\$25.00
➤	11 – 20 days late:	\$50.00
➤	21 - 30 days late:	\$100.00
➤	31 – 45 days late:	\$250.00

➤ 46+ days later (or not filed) \$2,000.00

**Candidates for Judicial Office Requirements:**

- I am required to file my Statement of Financial Disclosure with the State Court Administrator at the Administrative Office of the Courts.
- As a candidate for a judicial office, I am required to file my Statement of Financial Disclosure no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day after the last day to qualify as a candidate for office.
  - Judicial candidate SFD is due on or before, January 22, 2024
- If I am elected, I am required to file a Statement of Financial Disclosure each year of my term, on or before March 31, for the preceding calendar year (Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct Rule: 3.15(C)).

**I acknowledge that I may be assessed a monetary civil penalty up to \$2,000, if I fail to timely file the Financial Disclosure Statement in accordance with NRS 281.561.**

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**Signature**

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**Date**

**Public Officer Contact Information:**

Please be advised that this completed Financial Disclosure Statement form will be posted on the Secretary of State's website and available to the public for review. Therefore, any personal contact information listed will be readily available to the public. P.O. Boxes or public office addresses may be used instead of personal residential addresses.

**Section 1 – (Information about your public office):**

You are required to select the type of filing: Annual, Candidate or Appointment:

**Annual FDS** is required of: (1) all elected public officers and those appointed to fill an unexpired term of an elected or appointed office; and (2) those appointed public officers that are entitled to receive annual compensation of \$6,000 or more. Additionally:

- **The date of filing for the annual filing is due no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> of every year.**
- The annual FDS covers the period of the full calendar year immediately preceding the date of the filing.
- You are required to file an annual FDS even if you were not in office for the entire filing period (full calendar year immediately preceding the date of filing).

**Candidate FDS** is required of all candidates running for an elected office, who, if elected, will be entitled to receive compensation of \$6,000 or more for serving in the office sought. **This filing is due no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day after the last day to qualify as a candidate for the office.**

**Appointment FDS** is required of a public officer appointed to fill the unexpired term of an elected public officer and an appointed public officer who is entitled to receive compensation of \$6,000 or more annually for serving in that office:

- **Appointed officers are required to file the FDS within 30 days after the appointment is made.**
- Per NRS 281.571 the Appointment FDS covers the period of the full calendar year immediately preceding the date of the filing for sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7. For Sections 5 & 6, you are only required to report the preceding thirty (30) days to your appointment date.

**What is the civil penalty for willfully failing to timely file a Financial Disclosure Statement?**

NRS 281.581 provides the penalties are as follows:

1-10 days late: \$25.00

11-20 days late: \$50.00

21-30 days late:	\$100.00
31-45 days late:	\$250.00
46+days late (or not filed):	\$2,000.00

**List Office:** You must list all public offices that you hold requiring an FDS to be filed:

- Please include the full title of your public office including the jurisdiction (i.e., name of county, city, township, or district).
- List the term of your election or the date you were appointed to each public office held. If you are filing an Appointment FDS, you will be required to enter an appointment date.

**Section 2 – (Sources of Income):**

NRS 281.571(2). List each source of your income, in addition to any source listed in Section 1, or that of any member of your household who is 18 years of age or older. No listing of individual clients, customers or patients is required, but if that is the case, a general source such as “professional services” must be disclosed. Check the appropriate box for the source of income.

**Section 3 – (Real Property):**

NRS 281.571(3). List the specific location and the particular use of real estate other than a personal residence. You do not have to list the property unless:

- You or a member of your household has a legal or beneficial interest in the property;
- The real property has a fair market value of \$2,500 or more; and
- The real property is located in Nevada or an adjacent state (California, Oregon, Utah, Arizona, or Idaho).

**Section 4 – (Creditors):**

NRS 281.571(4). List the name of each creditor to whom you or a member of your household owes \$5,000 or more. Except for:

- Debt secured by a mortgage or deed of trust of real property which is not required to be listed above in Section 3; and
- Debt for which a security interest in a motor vehicle for personal use was retained by the seller.

**Section 5 – (Meetings, Events, Trips):**

NRS 281.571(5). List all educational or informational meetings, events, or trips you or a member of your household has taken during the preceding filing period, including: (Report the preceding 30 days prior to your appointment).

- The purpose and location of the meeting, event or trip and the name of the organization conducting, sponsoring, hosting or requesting the meeting, event or trip;
- The identity of each interested person providing anything of value to you or a member of your household to undertake or attend the meeting, event, or trip; and
- The aggregate value of everything provided by those interested persons to you or a member of your household to undertake or attend the meeting, event, or trip.

### **Section 6 – (Gifts):**

NRS 281.571(6). List the identity of the donor, and any gifts received in excess of an aggregate value of \$200 during the preceding calendar year. (Report the preceding 30 days prior to your appointment).

### **Section 7 – (Business Entities):**

NRS 281.571(7). List each business entity with which you or a member of your household is involved as a trustee, beneficiary or a trust, director, officer, owner in whole or in part, limited or general partner, or holder of class of stock or security representing 1% or more of the total outstanding stock or securities issued by the business entity.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Who is a “public officer?”**

NRS 281.005 “Public officer” and “special use vehicle” defined. As used in this chapter:

1. “Public officer” means a person elected or appointed to a position which:
  - (a) Is established by the Constitution or a statute of this State, or by a charter or ordinance of a political subdivision of this State; and
  - (b) Involves the continuous exercise, as part of the regular and permanent administration of the government, of a public power, trust, or duty.
2. “Special use vehicle” means any vehicle designed or used for the transportation of persons or property off paved highways.

#### **If I serve in more than one public office, must I file multiple Financial Disclosure Statements?**

No. A public officer may use one Financial Disclosure Statement to satisfy the filing requirements of NRS 281A.600 and/or NRS 281A.610. Merely list all elected and appointed offices held on the form, and file electronically with the Secretary of State.

#### **What is the definition of “member of the public officer’s or candidate’s household” for purposes of the Financial Disclosure Statement?**

Candidates who chose to not submit a photo will have “No Photo Available” as a result on the Secretary of State’s Silver State, Election Night Reporting website.

For questions or concerns, please contact the Elections Division at (775) 684-5705 or email: [nvelect@sos.nv.gov](mailto:nvelect@sos.nv.gov).

NRS 281.5587 “Member of the public officer’s or candidate’s household” defined.

1. “Member of the public officer’s or candidate’s household” means:

- (a) The spouse or domestic partner of the public officer or candidate;
- (b) A relative who lives in the same home or dwelling as the public officer or candidate; or
- (c) A person, whether or not a relative, who:
  - (1) Lives in the same home or dwelling as the public officer or candidate and who is dependent on and receiving substantial support from the public officer or candidate;
  - (2) Does not live in the same home or dwelling as the public officer or candidate but who is dependent on and receiving substantial support from the public officer or candidate; or
  - (3) Lived in the same home or dwelling as the public officer or candidate for 6 months or more during the immediately preceding calendar year or other period for which the public officer or candidate is filing the financial disclosure statement and who was dependent on and receiving substantial support from the public officer or candidate during that period.

2. For the purposes of this section, “relative” means a person who is related to the public officer or candidate, or to the spouse or domestic partner of the public officer or candidate, by blood, adoption, marriage or domestic partnership within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity.

(Added to NRS by 2015, 1719)

### **What is the definition of “gift” for the purposes of the Financial Disclosure Statement?**

NRS 281.5585 “Gift” defined.

1. “Gift” means any payment, conveyance, transfer, distribution, deposit, advance, loan, forbearance, subscription, pledge or rendering of money, services or anything else of value, unless consideration of equal or greater value is received.

2. The term does not include:

- (a) Any political contribution of money or services related to a political campaign.
- (b) Any commercially reasonable loan made in the ordinary course of business.
- (c) Anything of value provided for an educational or informational meeting, event, or trip.
- (d) Anything of value excluded from the term “gift” as defined in NRS 218H.060.
- (e) Any ceremonial gifts received for a birthday, wedding, anniversary, holiday, or other ceremonial occasion from a donor who is not an interested person.

(f) Anything of value received from a person who is:

- (1) Related to the public officer or candidate, or to the spouse or domestic partner of the public officer or candidate, by blood, adoption, marriage, or domestic partnership within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity; or
- (2) A member of the public officer's or candidate's household.

**What is the definition of “Educational or informational meeting, event or trip?”**

NRS 281.5583 “Educational or informational meeting, event or trip” defined.

1. “Educational or informational meeting, event or trip” means any meeting, event or trip undertaken or attended by a public officer or candidate if, in connection with the meeting, event or trip:
  - (a) The public officer or candidate or a member of the public officer's or candidate's household receives anything of value to undertake or attend the meeting, event, or trip from an interested person; and
  - (b) The public officer or candidate provides or receives any education or information on matters relating to the legislative, administrative, or political action of the public officer or the candidate if elected.
2. The term includes, without limitation, any reception, gathering, conference, convention, discussion, forum, roundtable, seminar, symposium, speaking engagement or other similar meeting, event, or trip with an educational or informational component.
3. The term does not include a meeting, event or trip undertaken or attended by a public officer or candidate for personal reasons or for reasons relating to any professional or occupational license held by the public officer or candidate, unless the public officer or candidate participates as one of the primary speakers, instructors or presenters at the meeting, event, or trip.
4. For the purposes of this section, “anything of value” includes, without limitation, any actual expenses for food, beverages, registration fees, travel or lodging provided or given to or paid for the benefit of the public officer or candidate or a member of the public officer's or candidate's household or reimbursement for any such actual expenses paid by the public officer or candidate or a member of the public officer's or candidate's household, if the expenses are incurred on a day during which the public officer or candidate or a member of the public officer's or candidate's household undertakes or attends the meeting, event or trip or during which the public officer or candidate or a member of the public officer's or candidate's household travels to or from the meeting, event or trip.



The information gathered here is for any campaign and is designated to give you simple, resourceful information that will help protect your campaign's information making it more secure from attackers trying to obtain your information from your organization.

The Office of the Secretary of State does not endorse the Belfer Center, however is providing this information to assist candidates with securing their campaigns.



The Belfer Center has released **The Cybersecurity Campaign Playbook** which is full of resources on managing your cyber risk and securing your campaign.

You can find **The Cybersecurity Campaign Playbook** here:

[https://www.belfercenter.org/sites/default/files/files/publication/CampaignPlaybook\\_0.pdf](https://www.belfercenter.org/sites/default/files/files/publication/CampaignPlaybook_0.pdf)



Additionally, Belfer has also created a website with information for **Defending your Digital Campaign** and securing your data.

You can find the **Defending your Digital Campaign** website here:

<https://defendcampaigns.org/>



**\*\*If you choose to not fill out this form, the information provided on your Declaration of Candidacy will be used for public information purposes\*\***

This information will be available to the public and will be posted on the Secretary of State's website. It will also be used for any public or media inquiries regarding your candidacy and/or campaign. Please be sure that all information you provide is accurate and that you have not included any information that you do not wish to be made public.

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to Appear on Ballot: \_\_\_\_\_  
(In accordance with NRS 293.256 & 293.2565/must match Declaration of Candidacy)

Office Filing for: \_\_\_\_\_

Party Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How does a constituent, including those with accessibility needs (i.e., those who are deaf/hard of hearing or with visual impairments, etc.) contact you to learn more about your campaign?

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### Use of Nicknames, Given Names, Surnames and Titles

#### **NRS 293.256 Names of candidates on ballot not to include title, designation of profession or occupation.**

In any election regulated by this chapter, the names of candidates as printed on the ballot shall not include any title, designation or other reference which will indicate the profession or occupation of such candidates. (Added to NRS by 1969, 20; A 1995, 2624)

#### **NRS 293.2565 Use of given names, surnames, and nicknames on ballot; use of additional criteria to distinguish between candidates having same given names and surnames.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in any election regulated by this chapter, the name of a candidate printed on a ballot may be the given name and surname of the candidate or a contraction or familiar form of his or her given name followed by his or her surname. A nickname of not more than 10 letters may be incorporated into the name of a candidate. The nickname must be in quotation marks and appear immediately before the surname of the candidate. A nickname must not indicate any political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation and must not be the name of any person, living or dead, whose reputation is known on a statewide, nationwide, or worldwide basis, or in any other manner deceive a voter regarding the person or principles for which he or she is voting.
2. In any election regulated by this chapter, if two or more candidates have the same given name and surname and:
  - a. None of the candidates is an incumbent, the middle names, or middle initials, if any, of the candidates must be included in the names of the candidates; or
  - b. One of the candidates is an incumbent, the name of the incumbent must be listed first, and the word "Incumbent" must appear next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent. (Added to NRS by 2003, 1714; A2011, 2086)

## Ballot Name Examples

Legal Name:



<b>Dr. Rudolph Reindeer</b>	<b>Reindeer, Rudolph “Doc”</b> <b>*Acceptable because it reflects a nickname</b>	<b>Reindeer, <u>Dr.</u>, Rudolph</b> <b>*Not acceptable because it reflects a profession</b>
	<b>Reindeer, Rudy</b> <b>*Acceptable because it is a commonly accepted abbreviation of Rudolph</b>	<b>Reindeer, <u>Red Nose</u></b> <b>*Not acceptable because it is not a commonly accepted abbreviation of Rudolph</b>
<b>Donald Duck</b>	<b>Duck, Donny</b> <b>*Acceptable because it is a commonly accepted abbreviation of Donald</b>	<b>Duck, <u>Q</u>Donald</b> <b>*Not acceptable as "Q" is associated with political or social views.</b>
	<b>Duck, Donald “Bill”</b> <b>*Acceptable because it reflects a nickname</b>	<b>Duck, <u>Recall</u> Daphne</b> <b>*Not acceptable as "Recall" is politically or socially motivated</b>
<b>Betty Stone Rubble</b>	<b>Rubble, Betty Stone</b> <b>*Acceptable as it is the full name</b>	<b>Rubble, <u>Queen</u> B. Stone</b> <b>*Not acceptable as it refers to a worldwide title</b>
	<b>Rubble, “Betsie”</b> <b>*Acceptable as it reflects a nickname</b>	<b>Rubble, <u>Atty.</u>, Betty</b> <b>*Not acceptable as it refers to a profession or occupation.</b>



The Office of the Secretary of State will be posting candidate headshot pictures on our Election Night Reporting (ENR) website. If you would like to have your candidate headshot photo posted, it must be in the following specifications and emailed to [NVelect@sos.nv.gov](mailto:NVelect@sos.nv.gov) with “Attention: Candidate Photographs” as the subject line.

- **General Guidance Regarding Candidate Photographs**

- There is no statutory or regulatory requirement for the Office of the Secretary of State to accept or use candidate photographs during election night reporting. This service is instead offered as a voluntary and discretionary act of the Secretary of State.
- Candidate photographs are not required. Candidates who do not submit a photograph will not be contacted.
- Candidate photographs may be accepted from a candidate, spouse, or member of the candidate’s campaign staff only.
- Candidate photographs must be submitted digitally. The Office of the Secretary of State is not responsible for the quality of the candidate photograph.
- Each candidate photograph will be cropped to approximately two (2) inches above the candidate’s head (including hair) to approximately eight (8) inches below their chin.
- Ideal size of the photograph is 0.78 inches wide by 0.94 inches tall (75 x 90 pixels) or 96 x 96 pixels.

- **Time Periods for Submitting Candidate Photographs**

- Presidential Preference Primary Election:
  - October 17, 2023 – January 19, 2024
- Primary Election:
  - March 18, 2024 – May 17, 2024
- General Election:
  - March 18, 2024 – October 5, 2024
  - Photos of candidates submitted for the Primary Election will be used for the General Election.

- **Reasons to Refuse a Candidate Photograph**

- As photographs are optional, any submitted photograph may be rejected at the Secretary’s discretion.
- Photographs may be rejected for the following reasons: nicknames could be rejected under NRS 293.2565; offensive in any way to include include nudity, alcohol, or drug paraphernalia, writing or symbology that may indicate allegiance to any group or organization; contain persons or things in addition to the candidate.