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Nevada 2020 General Election Results and Analysis

Friends and Colleagues,

What a journey this election season has been in Nevada. Election officials, primarily the Clark County Registrar of Voters, have faced criticism for the slow pace of vote counting. However, Nevada law permits mail-in ballots to be accepted and counted so long as they are postmarked by Nov. 3 and received by Nov. 10. Additionally, some races, such as Senate Districts 5 and 6, were extremely close until the provisional ballots were counted late last week after verification by the Secretary of State.

Nationwide we have seen record voter turnout this year, and Nevada is no different. Overall, voter turnout in Nevada was up by .5%; however, voter registration increased by over 350,000 since the 2016 election. Both Democrats and Republicans have benefitted from the increased voter engagement, but independents and nonpartisans have truly changed the narrative in Nevada this election cycle.

Like the rest of the nation, the general election was held on Nov. 3, and while Democrats maintained their Senate and Assembly majorities, they failed to flip the key Republican-held seats needed to increase their majorities in both houses. Senate Democrats lost one seat and held on in the tight Senate District 6 race. Assembly Democrats will lose three seats and their supermajority. The results represent a Republican stand against the blue wave that was expected to continue across the state.

Regarding Nevada's statewide ballot measures: Question 1, which makes changes to the Board of Regents and its control of the state university, failed 50.15%-49.85%; Question 2, which amends the Nevada Constitution to remove provisions regarding the definition of marriage, passed 62.43%-37.57%; Question 3, which amends the Nevada Constitution regarding the State Board of Pardons Commissioners, passed 61.18%-39.82%; Question 4, which would amend the Nevada Constitution to guarantee specific voting rights, passed 64.12%-35.88%; and Question 6, which would amend the Nevada Constitution to require larger percentages of renewable energy, passed 57.94%-42.06%.

Below we will provide an overview of the state election results. You can find our compilation of state election analyses [here](#) and our full analysis of the federal election results [here](#). We stand ready to answer any of your election-related questions and to help navigate the many new opportunities and challenges that will present themselves during the 2021 legislative session in Nevada.

Kind regards,

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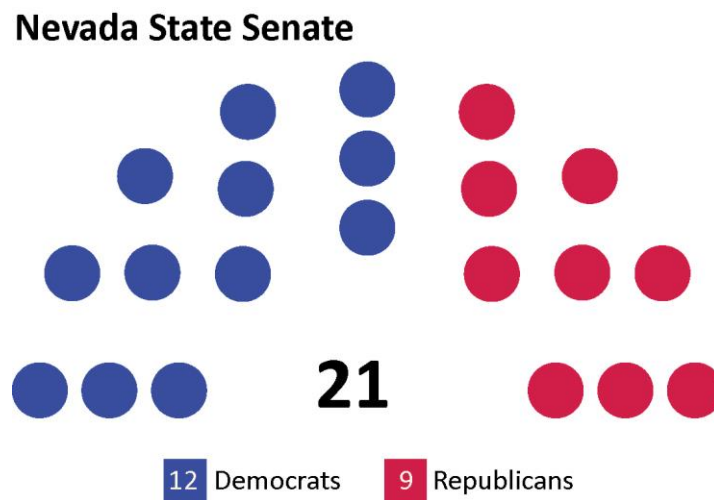
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Nevada State Legislature

Due to the pandemic and the state of the budget, significant tax policy adjustments are slated for 2021 and will likely dominate during the limited 120-day session. However, with no supermajority in either house, Democrats and Republicans will have to work together more than before on any bills that require a two-thirds majority.

Nevada State Senate

Heading into the election, Democrats controlled the state Senate by a 13-8 margin and were seeking to flip multiple Republican-held seats to obtain a supermajority. However, three open Democratic seats were also vulnerable. This election, a total of 10 out of the 21 Senate seats were on the ballots. While the Democrats will keep their majority, they lost retiring Joyce Woodhouse's seat in Senate District 5. Senate District 6, held by Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzarro, was a close race but she prevailed by more than 600 votes.



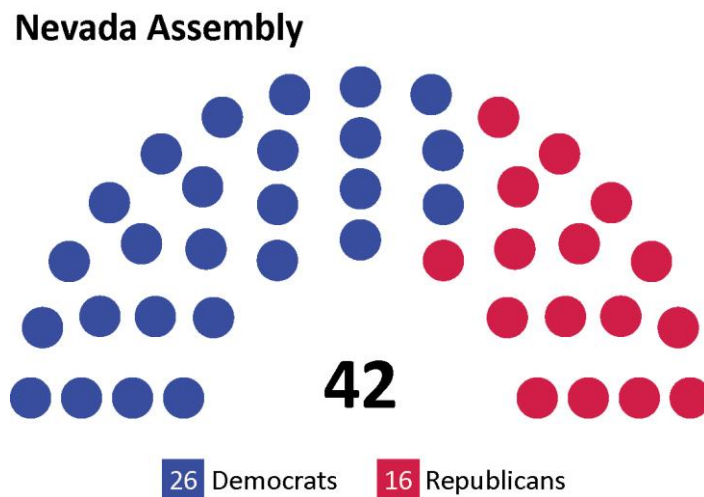
There were four competitive state Senate races, two in districts held by Republicans and two in districts held by Democrats:

- **SD 5 (Clark):** Democratic candidate Kristee Watson sought to fill the seat for termed-out Joyce Woodhouse and hold off Republican challenger Carrie Buck.
- **SD 6 (Clark):** Democratic incumbent and Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzarro sought to hold off Republican challenger April Becker in the most expensive race in the state this election.
- **SD 15 (Washoe):** Republican incumbent Heidi Gansert sought to hold the seat and prevent a Democratic flip by challenger Wendy Jauregui-Jackins.
- **SD 18 (Clark):** Republican incumbent Scott Hammond sought to hold the seat and prevent a Democratic flip by challenger Liz Becker.

SD 1	Democratic incumbent Patricia “Pat” Spearman ran unopposed and won 100% of the vote.
SD 3	Democratic incumbent Chris Brooks ran unopposed and won 100% of the vote.
SD 4	Open seat in which Democratic candidate and Assemblywoman Dina Neal defeated Republican candidate Esper Hickman, 75%-25%.
SD 5	Open seat (historically Democratic) in which Republican candidate Carrie Buck defeated Democratic candidate Kristee Watson, 48.76%-48.26%.
SD 6	Democrat incumbent Nicole Cannizzaro defeated Republican candidate April Becker, 50.47%-49.53%.
SD 7	Open seat in which Democratic candidate Roberta Lange ran unopposed and won 100% of the vote.
SD 11	Democratic incumbent Dallas Harris defeated Republican challenger Joshua Dowden, 59%-41%.
SD 15	Republican incumbent Heidi Gansert defeated Democratic challenger Wendy Jauregui-Jackins, 52%-48%.
SD 18	Republican incumbent Scott Hammond defeated Democratic challenger Liz Becker, 56%-44%.
SD 19	Republican incumbent Pete Goicoechea defeated Independent challenger Tiffany Seebach, 79%-21%.

Nevada State Assembly

Heading into the election, the Democrats controlled the Nevada Assembly with a 29-13 supermajority. All 42 Assembly Districts were up for election, with 10 total open seats. Democrats will keep their majority, but Republicans were successful in eliminating the supermajority by flipping three seats. Democrats will now have 26 seats, and Republicans will have 16 seats. With no supermajority, Democrats will have to recruit Republican allies to pass any tax or other legislation that requires a two-thirds majority.



There were five competitive Assembly races, including three successful flips by Republicans:

- **AD 4 (Clark):** Democratic incumbent Connie Munk was defeated by Republican challenger and prior AD 4 Rep. Richard McArthur.
- **AD 29 (Clark):** Democratic incumbent Lesley Cohen narrowly defeated Republican challenger Steven Delisle.
- **AD 31 (Washoe):** Democratic incumbent Skip Daly was defeated by Republican challenger Jill Dickman.
- **AD 35 (Clark):** Democratic incumbent Michelle Gorelow defeated Republican challenger Jay Calhoun.
- **AD 37 (Clark):** Democratic incumbent Shea Backus was narrowly defeated by Republican challenger Andy Matthews.

AD 1	Democratic incumbent Daniele Monroe-Moreno ran unopposed and won 100% of the vote.
AD 2	Open seat in which Republican candidate Heidi Kasama defeated Democratic challenger Radhika Kunnel, 54%-44%.
AD 3	Democratic incumbent Selena Torres ran unopposed and won 100% of the vote.
AD 4	Democratic incumbent Connie Munk was defeated by Republican challenger Richard McArthur, who she unseated in 2018, 52.5%-47.5%.

AD 5	Democratic incumbent Brittney Miller defeated Republican challenger Mack Miller, 54%-46%.
AD 6	Open seat in which Democratic candidate Shondra Summers-Armstrong defeated Republican candidate Katie Duncan, 80%-20%.
AD 7	Open seat in which Democratic candidate Cameron Miller defeated Republican candidate Anthony Palmer, 69%-31%.
AD 8	Democratic incumbent Jason Frierson defeated Republican challenger Edward Facey, 58%-42%.
AD 9	Democratic incumbent Steve Yeager defeated Republican challenger Barbara Altman, 55%-45%.
AD 10	Democratic incumbent Rochelle Nguyen defeated Republican challenger Chris Hisgen, 62%-35%.
AD 11	Democratic incumbent Beatrice Duran defeated Republican challenger Eric Krattiger, 77%-23%.
AD 12	Democratic incumbent Susan Martinez defeated Republican challenger Jeremy Graves, 54%-43%.
AD 13	Republican incumbent Tom Roberts ran unopposed and won 100% of the vote.
AD 14	Democratic incumbent Maggie Carlton defeated Independent challenger Robert Wayerski, 75%-25%.
AD 15	Democratic incumbent Howard Watts defeated Republican challenger Stan Vaughan, 65%-35%.
AD 16	Open seat in which Democratic candidate Cecelia Gonzalez defeated Republican candidate Reyna Sajdak, 65%-35%.
AD 17	Open seat in which Democratic candidate Clara Thomas defeated Republican candidate Jack Polcyn, 66%-34%.
AD 18	Open seat in which Democratic candidate Venicia Considine defeated Republican candidate Heather Florian, 61%-39%.
AD 19	Republican candidate Annie Black ran unopposed and won 100% of the vote.
AD 20	Democratic candidate David Orentlicher ran unopposed and won 100% of the vote.
AD 21	Open seat in which Democratic candidate Elaine Marzola defeated Republican candidate Cherlyn Arrington, 52%-48%.
AD 22	Republican candidate Melissa Hardy ran unopposed and won 100% of the vote.
AD 23	Republican incumbent Glenn Leavitt defeated Democratic challenger Brent Foutz, 63%-34%.
AD 24	Democratic incumbent Sarah Peters ran unopposed and won 100% of the vote.
AD 25	Republican candidate Jill Tolles ran unopposed and won 100% of the vote.

AD 26	Republican incumbent Lisa Krasner defeated Democratic challenger Vance Alm, 59%-41%.
AD 27	Democratic incumbent Teresa Benitez-Thompson defeated Republican challenger Barb Hawn, 58%-42%.
AD 28	Democratic incumbent Edgar Flores defeated Independent challenger Natasha Bousley, 77%-23%.
AD 29	Democrat incumbent Lesley Cohen defeated Republican candidate Steven Delisle, 51%-49%.
AD 30	Open seat in which Democratic candidate Natha Anderson defeated Republican candidate Randy Hoff, 54%-41%.
AD 31	Republican candidate Jill Dickman defeated Democratic incumbent Skip Daly, 52%-48%.
AD 32	Republican incumbent Alexis Hansen defeated Democratic challenger Paula Povilaitis, 74%-26%.
AD 33	Republican candidate John Ellison ran unopposed and won 100% of the vote.
AD 34	Democratic incumbent Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod defeated Republican challenger Jay Thomas Carlson, 58%-42%.
AD 35	Democratic incumbent Michelle Gorelow defeated Republican challenger Jay Calhoun, 52%-48%.
AD 36	Republican candidate Gregory Hafen ran unopposed and won 100% of the vote.
AD 37	Republican challenger Andy Matthews defeated Democratic incumbent Shea Backus, 51%-49%
AD 38	Republican candidate Robin Titus ran unopposed and won 100% of the vote.
AD 39	Republican incumbent Jim Wheeler defeated Democratic challenger Deborah Chang, 68%-30%.
AD 40	Open seat in which Republican candidate PK O'Neill defeated Democratic candidate Sena Loyd, 60%-40%.
AD 41	Democratic incumbent Sandra Jauregui defeated Republican candidate Erika Smith, 51%-46%.
AD 42	Democratic incumbent Alexander Assefa defeated Libertarian candidate Liz Delsignore, 66%-21%.

Statewide Ballot Measures

There were five statewide ballot measures on the 2020 general election ballots.

Title	Description	Outcome
STATE QUESTION NO. 1	Shall the Nevada Constitution be amended to: (1) remove provisions governing the election and duties of the Board of Regents and its control and management of the affairs and funds of the State University and require the Legislature to provide by law for the governance, control, and management of the State University; (2) require the Legislature to provide by law for the reasonable protection of individual academic freedom for students, employees, and contractors of Nevada’s public higher education institutions; and (3) revise provisions governing the administration of certain funding derived under federal law and dedicated for the benefit of certain departments of the State University?	Failed, 50.15%-49.85% Against: 630,023 For: 626,146
STATE QUESTION NO. 2	Shall the Nevada Constitution be amended to: (1) remove an existing provision that only a marriage between a male person and a female person may be recognized and given effect in Nevada; (2) require that the State of Nevada and its political subdivisions must recognize marriages of and issue marriage licenses to couples regardless of gender, and that all legally valid marriages must be treated equally under the law; and (3) provide that religious organizations and members of the clergy have the right to refuse to perform a marriage, and that no person has the right to make any claim against a religious organization or member of the clergy for refusing to perform a marriage?	Passed, 62.43%-37.57% For: 821,050 Against: 494,186
STATE QUESTION NO. 3	Shall the Nevada Constitution be amended to: (1) require the State Board of Pardons Commissioners—whose members are the Governor, the justices of the Nevada Supreme Court, and the Nevada Attorney General—to meet at least quarterly; (2) authorize each member of the Board to submit matters for consideration by the Board; and (3) authorize the Board to grant pardons and make other clemency decisions by a majority vote of its members without requiring the Governor to be part of the majority of the Board that votes in favor of such decisions?	Passed, 61.18%-38.82% For: 782,015 Against: 496,287

STATE QUESTION NO. 4	Shall the Nevada Constitution be amended by adding a new section guaranteeing specific voting rights to all qualified and registered voters in the State?	Passed, 64.12%-35.88% For: 826,719 Against: 462,544
STATE QUESTION NO. 6	Shall Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution be amended to require, beginning in calendar year 2022, that all providers of electric utility services who sell electricity to retail customers for consumption in Nevada generate or acquire incrementally larger percentages of electricity from renewable energy resources so that by calendar year 2030 not less than 50 percent of the total amount of electricity sold by each provider to its retail customers in Nevada comes from renewable energy resources?	Passed, 57.94% - 42.06% For: 747,584 Against: 542,654

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