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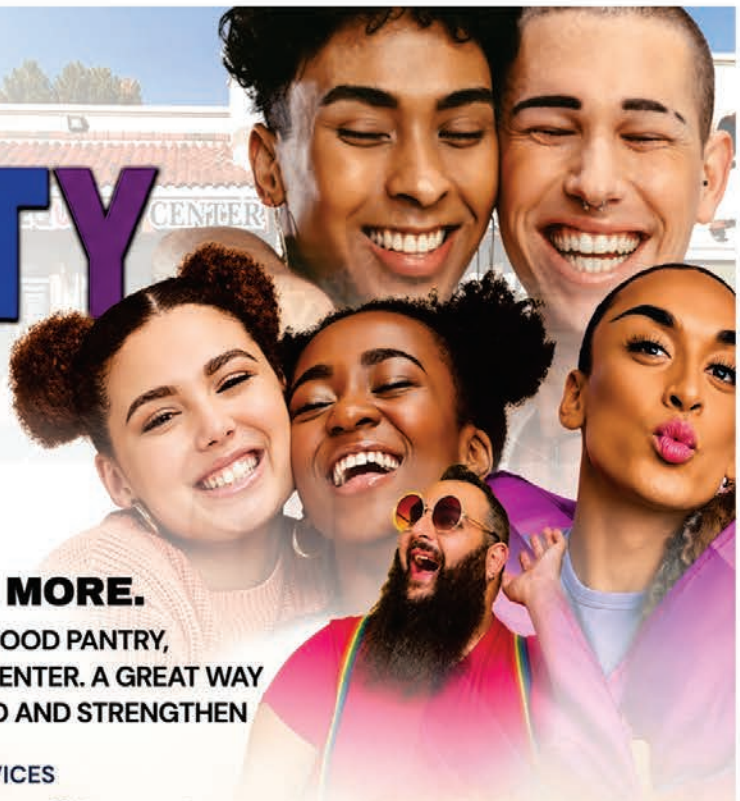

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Engage apathetic friends; Ignore the foolish MAGA

ROB SCHLEGEL

Here at the *Las Vegas Spectrum*, while we are local to Southern Nevada, we are part of an informal network of progressives. We're all fed up with the status quo, fed up with the corruption, and fed up with the glacial pace that Congress and the U.S. Senate have adopted over the past sixty-some years.

As usual, we'll tell you this is the most important election of our lifetime—just like the last election. As a nation, we blew it. Expect the same advice about the next election in 2028. It was true in 2024, it's truer in 2026, and it will be just as true in 2028.

Everyone needs to vote, but everyone also needs to do much more. We need to actively seek out and engage with friends and family who have become apathetic about the voting process. Forget the MAGA crowd. When people are so hateful or ignorant that they'll vote against their own best interests, there's really nothing you can do other than offer them free contraceptives.

Our focus must be on our apathetic friends and family. You know the ones:

"My vote doesn't make a difference."

"Both parties are the same."

"They're all crooks."

"I have no idea who to vote for."

"I don't pay attention to politics."

Recently, Las Vegas REALTORS®—of which this writer is a paid member—held an election for officers. Of the two candidates for local president-elect, the more progressive candidate lost by just two votes. There are roughly 15,000+ REALTORS® in Southern Nevada, yet the candidates received 673 and 671 votes respectively. Let those numbers sink in.

Let's hope that's not what happens in our general election on November 3. That dismal REALTOR® election is a prime example for anyone who says, "My vote doesn't make a difference."

Both parties are not the same. Think Iran, the cost of fuel, the loss of the right to choose, immoral immigration raids and intimidation, interest rates, the wholesale destruction of our justice system, the millions who lost healthcare, and so much more. How much clearer can it be?

Sure, a few crooks get elected. Often, they are people who allow special interest money to influence them. Sometimes they're Democrats, but the odds are much higher that they're Republicans. I can't quote exact statistics, but I read the news. If someone is crooked, prosecute them—no matter their party.

If your friends and family don't know who to vote for or don't follow politics, we've made it easy. For every election, *Nevada Impact*—mostly funded by advertising in the *Las Vegas Spectrum*—gathers information and produces an election guide.

We base our recommendations on more than just LGBTQ+ equality issues. We consider a candidate's position on veterans' affairs, the right to choose, a living wage, access to health-care, fair and comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship, and civil rights—including the right to vote in free and fair elections.

We'll be the first to admit that non-partisan education and judicial races are difficult and can be confusing. Our committee reviews each race and offers recommendations for most of them. We hope it helps.

The Future Solution?

As soon as Democrats take control of the House, the Senate, or hopefully both, they need to hit the ground running. Funding for Trump's programs must be cut. The Senate filibuster rule must be ended immediately. Reform the pardon

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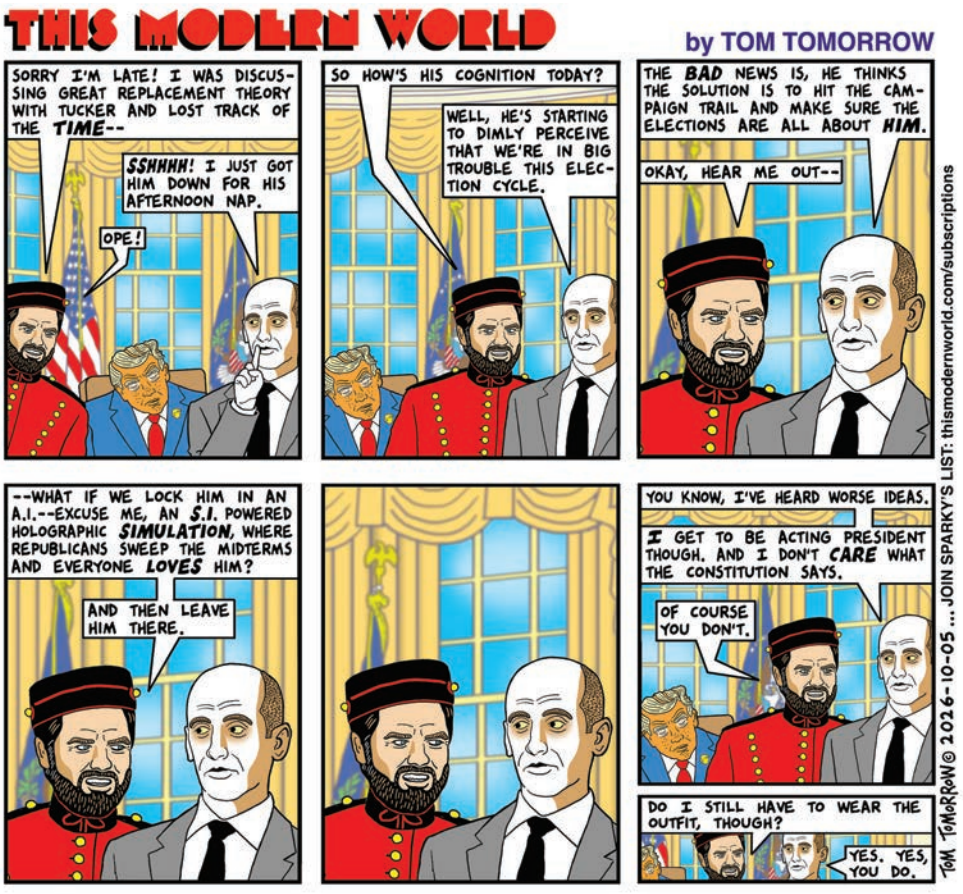

End the tax cuts; get the money back

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power. Democrats have tried playing nice for too long, only to be stabbed in the back the moment they lose power.

Investigations into corruption, graft, and misuse of power needs to start right away. Dems will have subpoena power, and they need to use it liberally and fast. The minute democracy and integrity are restored at the Department of Justice, prosecutions and restitution must follow. The Dems and the Justice Department waited too long during the Biden presidency, and nothing got finished. Justice delayed was justice denied.

The tax cuts for billionaires and corporations shouldn't just be rescinded—the entire tax structure needs to be overhauled. Recover the money and raise the tax rates. Eliminate the loopholes that have allowed major corporations to avoid paying taxes for years. CEOs and corporate officers who receive minimal salaries and are instead compensated with untaxed stock, must be taxed on those options.

That isn't the end of our reform list. We also need to abolish the Electoral College, expand the Supreme Court, grant statehood to Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico, end *Citizens United*, and ban stock, futures, and prediction market trading by Congress, the Senate, and the presidency.

Please, plan to vote, go early, preferably on Oct. 17, and let's start ending this national nightmare.

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Photo shows The LGBTQ+ Center's new administrative office at 500 S. Fourth St, in downtown Las Vegas. See article on page 8 through 12.

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GUEST COLUMN

We can't afford to sit this one out

There is a simple question LGBTQ+ Nevadans should be asking right now: What happens if we don't vote?

Not what happens if *someone else* doesn't vote. What happens if *we* don't vote?

Because, while we're working, raising families, paying bills and trying to live our lives, decisions are being made about our rights, our schools, our healthcare, our families and our future. And those decisions are made by the people we elect.

For LGBTQ+ Nevadans, voting has never been simply about politics. It's about power and whether we use it.

We know what happens when LGBTQ+ people are pushed to the margins. We have watched our lives become political fodder. We see transgender people become targets, and we're witnessing efforts to roll back protections and redefine who deserves equality under the law.

And we know something else: our rights were never handed to us. They were fought for, organized for, marched for, litigated for and, yes, voted for.

Access to the ballot cannot be taken for granted. Across the country, voters are confronting disinformation, intimidation and barriers to participation. Nevada has maintained important avenues for participation, including early voting, mail voting, and same-day registration. Access to the ballot means little if we don't use it.

André Wade
Column by Silver State Equality
Executive Director

So don't leave your vote to chance.

Make a plan. Visit Vote.NV.gov to check your voter registration and make sure your address is current. If you want a ballot mailed to you, register or update your registration online by Oct. 20.

Early voting runs **Oct. 17 through Oct. 30. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Find a voting location in your county and decide when you will go. If you are not registered, Nevada offers same-day registration during early voting and on Election Day. Check the identification and residency requirements before heading to the polls.

If you vote by mail, follow the instructions carefully and sign your return envelope. The Nevada Secretary of State recommends **mailing your ballot at least one week before Election Day, which means Oct. 27 this year**. Mailed ballots must be postmarked on or before November 3 and received by 5 p.m. on November 7. You can also return your ballot to an official drop box in your county by 7 p.m. on November 3. Track your ballot at MyBallot.NV.gov.

Plan with others

Talk to your friends and family. Help them make a plan.

Because one vote becomes thousands when a community organizes.

- One conversation can motivate a neighbor
- One ride to the polls can help someone cast a ballot.
- One reminder can make the difference between participating and staying home.
- One person helping another navigate the process can turn frustration into action.

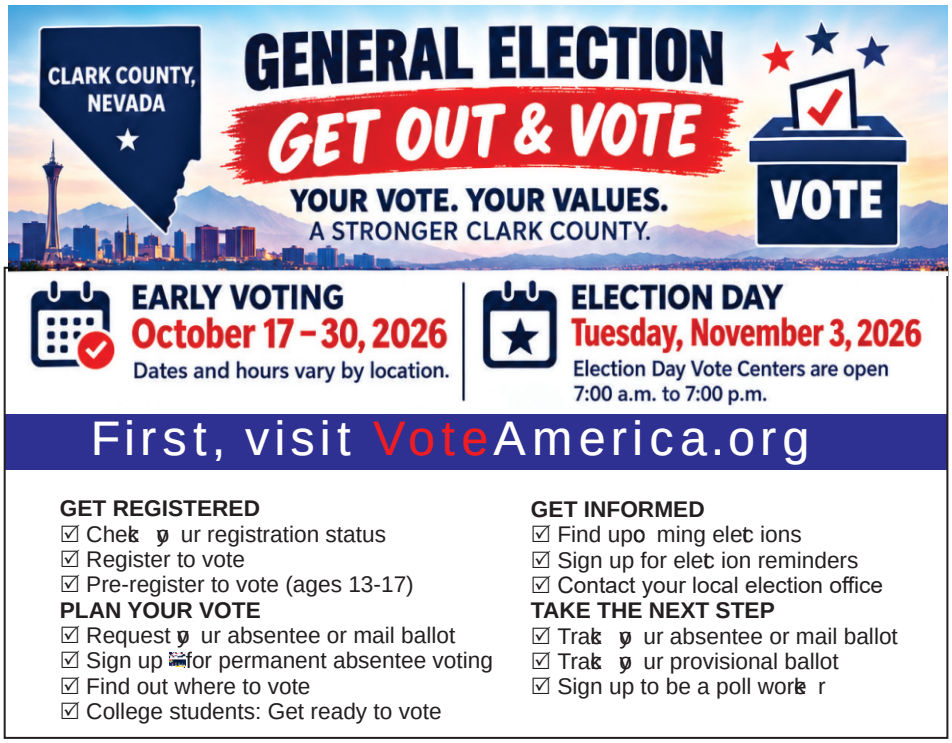
This November, we need to make voting part of how we care for our community.

Neither equality nor democracy is self-sustaining. The future we want for LGBTQ+ Nevadans will not happen because we hope for it. It happens when we participate. It happens when we organize. It happens when we rise up and show up.

So let's make one thing clear: we are not sitting this one out.

Make sure you are registered to vote. Make a plan to vote.

This November, rise up, show up and vote. Our rights, our families and our future deserve our participation.



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THE CENTER'S NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDINGS -- 11,230 sq. ft. of office space was recently added to The Center's property portfolio, including 500 and 516 S. 4th St., directly across from the Nevada State Supreme Court building in downtown Las Vegas. This building will house The Center's offices and the other will house the newly acquired AFAN and Golden Rainbow. Photo by *Spectrum*

The LGBTQ+ Center expands footprint in downtown Vegas

By KRISTEN PETERSON
Las Vegas Spectrum Senior Staff Writer

In 2023 The LGBTQ+ Center of Las Vegas opened a pharmacy inside its Maryland Parkway location offering customized, stigma-free pharmaceutical services for the LGBTQ+ community and beyond.

The pharmacy was a major step forward in The Center's goal to sustain itself. Its proximity to the adjacent Arlene Cooper Community Health Center, a sexual health clinic, allows convenience for its patients. But that was only part of the plan.

Two years later The Center opened its Gavin J. Goorjian Community Health Center on Las Vegas and Charleston Boulevards, fulfilling its goal of providing accessible primary care in a safe, affirming environment.

The three-story 16,000 sq. ft. facility with a first-floor community pharmacy available to anyone with or without insurance, also includes a floor for mental and behavioral health services.

Additionally, The Center's mobile medical clinic, affectionately named "Mobilina, Princess of the Desert," has been serving rural and urban Nevada since Spring 2025 using a State Opioid Response Grant.

Somewhere between too broke to pay its electric bill and this year's acquisition of Aid for Aids of Nevada and Golden Rainbow, The Center has become a force for accessible and affordable healthcare, victim advocacy, trans services, and in serving the community in whatever way it can.

By acquiring AFAN and Golden Rainbow and merging them into The Center's umbrella of services, it is not only sustaining the future of the two organizations founded during the '80s to serve individuals and families living with HIV AIDS, it's joining forces.

The move allows the nonprofits to streamline resources and expand access to care, while maintaining their own identi-

NEW HOME FOR AFAN AND GOLDEN RAINBOW -- Additional office space for AFAN and Golden Rainbow, which are now under The Center's umbrella. Located next door to The Center's executive offices. Photo by *Spectrum*

ties, brands and 501c3 statuses.

There are more than 12,000 Nevadans living with diagnosed HIV. AFAN provides emergency financial assistance, case management, housing, medical transportation, education, mental health and nutritional services for those who seek assistance. Golden Rainbow offers similar services.

Staff from both organizations are joining Center administrative staff in a newly purchased building downtown at 500 S. Fourth St., across from the Nevada Supreme Court. AFAN's former executive director, Antioco Carrillo, will serve as The Center's Chief Housing and Integrated Health Officer.

The Center's growth arrives at a time when so much is at stake for healthcare, HIV prevention, treatment and education and the LGBTQ+ community in general.

On his first day in office the president issued an order limiting trans rights and erasing the existence of trans people from federal programs and documents. He slashed funding for global and domestic HIV/AIDS programs and with his party allowed COVID-era tax credits to expire doubling insurance premiums during an affordability crisis.

This is also the first presidential administration to not acknowledge World AIDS Day since the anniversary was established in 1988, stating instead that "awareness is not a strategy."

"Nevada had 500 new cases last year," John Waldron, The Center's CEO said. "AIDS doesn't go away just because the government stops funding it."

Leading The Center's health care programs is its medical director, Dr Jerry

CEO JOHN WALDRON sitting outside one of two pharmacies. This is at the Las Vegas Blvd. facility. Photo by *Cashman*

THE GAVIN J. GOORJIAN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER -- This 16,000 sq. ft. medical center, opened at 921 Las Vegas Blvd. S, in late 2024. Photo by *Cashman Photography*

Health care for community, without asking for a gay card, says Lukas Serrano

Cade, a consulting physician for the Southern Nevada Health District, who has spent decades working in HIV/AIDS treatment, prevention and clinical trials. He was a doctor at UMC working in the hospital's first unofficial AIDS ward and co-founded its HIV programs in 1985. A primary care physician and advocate, he is also a former member of President Clinton's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and has led more than 100 clinical trials. Those include a clinical trial that is currently ongoing at the Goorjian Community Health Center.

The primary care clinic is designed to offer inclusive services to the LGBTQ+ community, offering chronic disease management, HIV care, sexual and reproductive healthcare and gender-affirming care. As with the Arlene Cooper clinic, Quest has a lab and phlebotomist onsite. A radiology department is in the planning, and the mammogram room, located in a former spacious bank vault, is more like a pampered spa experience with cloth robes, tea and attention to comfort. The Center also includes aesthetic services for laser hair removal, CoolSculpting and Electro Muscle Stimulation body contouring services.

Similar to the Center's other healthcare services, its food distribution program and Cyber Center computers partnership, the Goorjian Community Health Center is open to the entire community. The framed poster of Divine from *The Neon Woman* hangs in a waiting room off the pharmacy, however, it offers a warm and camp-filled reassurance that you are indeed in a safe environment.

"We don't ask for a gay card," says Lukas Serrano, director of public affairs, who is also a phlebotomist and drives Mobilina. "A lot of our unhoused people are cis and straight.

"We never turn anyone away for an inability to pay. We have a lot of resources, a lot of partners."

The building is named for Goorjian, an altruist and advocate dedicated to LGBTQ+ causes, who came from a family that has strong ties to Nevada. Goorjian died in 2022, leaving $3.5 million to the Center. The Helmsley Charitable Trust donated $2.2 million to develop its primary care unit.

The Helmsley Charitable Trust also funded half the purchase of Mobilina. A State Opioid Grant that the Center used to

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operate Mobilina officially ended in September, and the nonprofit is now looking for replacement funding.

As with everything else, Waldron says, “The need doesn’t go away. We need to continue providing that care. We’re committed to the community.”

Waldron says he “stumbled on” the nonprofit sector after spending 25 years in advertising at the *Review Journal*. He launched his second career working for Opportunity Village, then moved onto Boyd Gaming, which is where he was when he joined the Center’s board in 2018. The following year, in 2019, he became the Center’s leader with a mission of sustainability and healthcare.

“We had some years at The Center where fundraising worked out well, and we had reimbursable grants that required we spend the money first,” he said. “What The Center had never explored was earned revenue, and running the Center like a business.”

The following year Waldron met attorney Russel Rosenblum who would open Lexicon bank and refinance the Center’s loan. The partnership cut The Center’s monthly payment in half and secured a fixed interest loan for 10 years. This allowed The Center to keep its Maryland Parkway location and focus on growth.

In April 2023. The Center engaged in a three-year membership program with Sands Cares Accelerator; a program designed to support and strengthen nonprofits financially and through guidance and customized support. The Center received $100,000 annually through the program, from which it graduated earlier this year.

The pharmacies at both locations participate in the 340B drug pricing program in which pharmaceutical companies provide medication at deeply discounted prices to organizations serving low-income and vulnerable patients. Those savings are then used for more services and to assist uninsured or vulnerable patients with healthcare cost.

“340b just changed everything for us,” Waldron said, adding that The Center now serves 12,000 patients a year through its programs. “We’ve seen a lot of people struggling who have had healthcare and lost it or are having to manage Medicaid with so many hours of volunteer service who don’t have the capacity to do that.

“Our ambition is that the community knows we’re constantly looking for ways to help the whole person.”

That sentiment is compatible with the origins of AFAN, a devoted group of advocates and community members who came together when hospitals and social services and the community at large had little information about the new virus that was spreading mostly among gay men and the stigma was cruel.

Historian Dennis McBride describes AFAN in its early days in his book, *Out of the Neon Closet, Queer Community in the Silver State*, as volunteers, including Rev. Rusty Carlson, the pastor at Metropolitan Community Church, along with Wes Davis, the bar manager at The Buffalo. They ran a food bank out of the church, and later the organization moved into a

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Recognizing AIDS volunteers

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small house, near downtown.

AFAN volunteers brought patients who were too ill and weak to care for themselves to social services so they could get needed assistance. With assistance from Rick Reich from the Health District, they were educating Clark County Social Services on the seriousness of the virus and why the young men simply couldn't make it into county offices.

Volunteers with AFAN's Green Bucket Brigade cleaned homes, washed dishes and did laundry for patients. A "Buddy Program" paired community members with AIDS patients to check up on them. Some served as a point of contact so patients wouldn't get lost in the system, particularly patients abandoned by their families.

Golden Rainbow formed in 1987 and fundraisers for both organizations have been part of the community for decades. Golden Rainbow has its Ribbon of Life event, which is expected to return. AFAN hosts its annual Black & White Party, which started as a private dinner party in the home of Bill Oldfield and Darryl Thomas. AFAN's annual AIDS Walk is led by Penn & Teller, who are its longtime grand marshals.

The Center's own housing assistance program for LGBTQ+ youth to senior citizens, (depending on the need) will fall under Carrillo's office, and Waldren said the Center is looking to expand its housing assistance programs.

The changes have resulted in impressive growth for The Center that was founded in 1993 and operated out of a former dentist's office before moving into two different locations in Commercial Center, until moving into the Robert Forbuss building in 2013.

It now has more than 100 employees, runs a nationally accredited victim's advocacy program and has inclusive programming for youths to seniors, including a Neon Trans-Harmonic Choir and name and gender marker change workshop. The Center's event center is used by other nonprofits and can be compartmentalized into meeting spaces. In addition to The Center's many support groups and recovery groups, other LGBTQ+ groups meet at the facility at its Maryland location.

Waldron, who was personally presented the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award in 2022 by Christopher Wray, says that because of what the trans

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CEO AND MAYOR -- John Waldron and Shelley Berkley at the grand opening of the Gavin J. Goorjian Community Health Center in 2024. *Spectrum* photo

The Center: Something for everyone, including the Nikki Woods Switch Closet and Espresso Yourself coffee

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community faces daily, "having safe and affirming places is vital."

The Center's Nikki Woods Switch Closet is designed as a styling boutique for the trans and gender diverse community. Turi Robbins curates the closet and outfits clients might want to wear. She says the styling boutique grabbed her attention when she was younger and the closet was a much smaller space.

"I started going through that closet when I was 13 years old," she says. "I grew up very poor. It was great to be able to find myself through fashion and clothes. People poured so many life skills into me."

Now 25, Robbins works there and says the closet, which accepts donated clothing, is always in need of "cute, adorable hip clothes."

The job, she says, is the dream job that she never knew existed. "It's about the clothes, but a lot of my clients are unhoused, or their family's disowned them. They want to vent or talk. I listen."

Funding is always at the forefront for the Center, and the Center's community partners are referenced throughout the building. The Center's Espresso Yourself coffee shop serves as a workforce training program for youth, which was funded partly by a grant.

Grants are an extremely important part of funding most non-profits. The Center uses an outside firm for grant writing. It's a national firm called Encore. The Center also has an on staff team member who is being developed to write grants and Encore is mentoring her as she learns. AFAN brought with them a team member who writes grants and has other financial related responsibilities. She will support grant writing for both AFAN and Golden Rainbow.

CLOSET CURATOR -- Turri Robbins offers fashion with "cute, adorable hip clothing," at the Switch Closet *Spectrum* photo

Serrano, who also happens to be Mr. Las Vegas Trans PRIDE 2026, started drag king bingo at The Center. Proceeds from the event go into a small fund that is used for clients who might need chest binders, labs, gaffs, binding tape or laser hair removal.

His path to The Center began shortly before Covid. The Army veteran was a phlebotomist at the Huntridge Family Clinic, which would assist the Center in the afternoons, and Serrano would manage the lab. When the Huntridge Family Clinic closed in 2023, he joined the Center's staff.

He didn't begin his transition until age 36 and said that at the time he didn't have a trans community to lean on. Instead, he'd often ask clients about transitioning or how they felt physically during the process.

"I had to build my own resources," he said. Now, at age 40, that wasn't that long ago.

But even today, he says, "A lot of people don't know what a trans man is."

He is happy to represent and was among The Center representatives at this year's Vegas Chamber's Washington, D.C., Fly-In, which brings Nevada business leaders to D.C to advocate and meet with policy makers.

"Any day at The Center, our team may be saving someone's life somewhere," Waldren says "You have people coming in with no hope, who find hope. Every day is an opportunity to do that work. Who wouldn't want that?"

On a Wednesday morning outside The Center volunteers for the weekly food distribution are packing up for the day. The last of the bounty is carried off by late arrivals navigating the busy parking lot, moving down sidewalks or into surrounding neighborhoods. Lambda Business Chamber of Commerce members are arriving for their monthly lunch meeting.

Inside, staff at Espresso Yourself coffee house assist customers who lounge under the piped-in music or focus on computer screens at the Cyber Café. A woman who is pulling a wagon full of small dogs, all eager to not miss anything happening in the busy lobby area. She stops to talk with a front desk volunteer who is portioning dog food into bags for pet owners short on funds and asks if they happen to have any cat food that day. They do.

It's a busy parking lot, a packed house and lots of smiling faces. I think I'll stay for coffee.

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Buydowns for lower mortgage rates

By JON COPELAND
Spec al to the *Las Vegas Spectrum*

If interest rates are the only thing holding you back from buying a home, we've got some great news! Did you know that you could request a "buydown" from the seller?

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A personal note and some disclosures from the author: I don't sell real estate, but I do sell mortgages, so yes, I'm integral to the whole process. As most readers likely know, the publisher of the *Spectrum*, does sell real estate and we often work "deals" together. I think that's why I was asked to write a column, explaining how to get financed in this crazy market!

That said, there are many other real estate agents out there and I can work with your favorite. Don't feel like you're betraying your agent if you read my information.

I am the branch manager at Castle & Cooke Mortgage, here in Las Vegas, at 6375 S. Pecos Rd., Suite 111. There are some more disclaimers at the end of this article, but my NMLS ID is #302495 and my NV# is 47468.

Here's hoping we meet soon. Read about the programs and then give me a call or text.

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for the progressive lgbtqia+ voter & allies

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Progressive Voter Guide

Endorsements offered in 124 races; Vote and help defend democracy

By ROB SCHLEGEL
Editor, Nevada Impact
Publisher, *Las Vegas Spectrum*

The *Las Vegas Spectrum* is proud to offer the Nevada Impact endorsement guide, which has been produced by this community group, since 1992. You, the voters, are the most important part of the community project. We can't vote for you.

When you look at our list of endorsed candidates, you'll see that it's long. 120+ candidates and issues are in this guide. Your ballot, depending on where you live, should be less than half that.

Judicial races are tough. There are a lot of them. We've done our best and made comments on many. We've also considered who other, progressive groups have recommended. Nevada Impact lists these resources online. Some organizations had suggestions, some did not. The Nevada Impact list is usually in complete alignment with any suggestions offered by Silver State Equality and the Human Rights Campaign.

Early voting is October 17–30. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, with voting centers open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Indivisible, producers of the No Kings Rallies, are hosting voting parties outside eight polling locations on Oct. 17. Go, vote in person or just drop off your "mail-in ballot," get a "I voted" sticker, and it'll give you free admission to that evenings party at The Arts District.

A reminder about voting by mail. Consider dropping your ballot at an authorized voting location rather than relying on mail delivery. We don't know what type of shenanigans may be attempted by the Trump-controlled, US Postal Service. If you wait until day of the election, there is no guarantee the post office will affix a postmark in a timely manner. If they find a way to delay postmarks, your ballot will be void.

Shopping malls, such as the Galleria, the Boulevard and Meadows, are easy places to vote. Check your sample ballot for available drop-off locations.

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To check registration, update your address, or find voting information, voters can visit Clark County Voter Servies, using this short link: https://tinyurl.com/ElectionNov3 or use https://VoteAmerica.org. Not registered? Nevada offers same day registration through election day.

Representative in Congress, Dist. 1
►**Dina Titus, DEM**

Representative in Congress, Dist. 2
►**Theresea Benitez-Thompson DEM**

Representative in Congress, Dist. 3
►**Susie Lee, DEM**

Representative in Congress, Dist. 4
►**Steven A. Horsford, DEM**

Governor
►**Aaron D. Ford, DEM**
We can't emphasize enough how important it is to win this race. The incumbent REP has vetoed a record number of bills. Plus, he's MAGA. Get Joe Lombardo out of Carson City!

Lieutenant Governor
►**Sandra Jauregui, DEM**
Her opponent is a totally unqualified disaster.

Secretary of State
►*Francisco "Cisco" Aguilar, DEM*
Super important to reelect this friend. Without him, the state would be giving Trump;s "gestapo" all your personal info, including your SS# and driver's license info.

State Treasurer
►*Tya Mathis-Coleman, DEM*

State Controller
►*Michael MacDougall, DEM*

Attorney General
►**Nicole Jeanette ►Cannizzaro, DEM**
We're so proud of her. A bright, shining star and great friend!

State Senate, Dist. 2
►**Edgar Flores, DEM**

State Senate, Dist. 8
►**Marilyn Dondero Loop, DEM**
Her mother, Thalia Dondero, would be proud. So are we!

State Senate, Dist. 9
►**Melanie Scheible, DEM**
She's in the Rainbow, plus she's just awesome!

State Senate, Dist. 10
►**Fabian Donate, DEM**
He authored the Legislature's "Fruit Loop Historical Neighborhood" designation, and he's just an all-around, decent human!

State Senate, Dist. 12
►**Julie Ann Pazina, DEM**

State Senate, Dist. 20
►**Calvin Sandoval, DEM**

State Senate, Dist. 21
►**James Ohrenschall, DEM**
His late mother was wonderful James is doing both us, and his mother, proud!

State Assembly, Dist. 1
►**Alexis Elizabeth Esparza, DEM**

State Assembly, Dist. 2
►**Kamilah Bywaters, DEM**

State Assembly, Dist. 3
►**Selena Torres-Fossett, DEM**

State Assembly, Dist. 4
►**Eileen Eady, DEM**

State Assembly, Dist. 5
►**Brittney M. Miller, DEM**

State Assembly, Dist. 6
►**Jovan Alexander Jackson, DEM**

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State Assembly, Dist. 7
►Cameron "C.H." Miller, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 8
►Duy Nguyen, DEM
Proud to count him as our friend

State Assembly, Dist. 9
►Ryan Hampton, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 10
►Venise L. Karris, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 11
►Cinthia Moore, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 12
►Max Carter, II, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 13
►Daniel Andrews, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 14
►Erica Mosca, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 15
►Miguel Davila, DEM
Humble, unassuming. Don't let that fool you. A powerhouse on our issues.

State Assembly, Dist. 16
►Cecelia Gonzalez, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 17
►Linda F. Hunt, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 18
►Venicia Considine, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 19
No endorsement. The "Libertarian" candidate has no available information, not even that he supports the usual Libertarian issues. We have nothing negative about the Republican candidate, other than the corruption and immorality that his party supports, thus prompting the question, how can any decent person continue to be a Republican?
Zackaraih Lysaght, LPN
Jason Patchett, REP

State Assembly, Dist. 20
►David Orentlicher, DEM
Right on all our issues. There for us, always!

State Assembly, Dist. 21
►Elaine Marzola, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 22
►Shenea Booth, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 23
►Jan Allen Aspelund, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 28
►Reuben D'Silva, DEM
Let's return Reuben. A great community organizer and a great legislator.

State Assembly, Dist. 29
►Alex J. Pereszlenyi, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 34
►Hanadi Nadeem, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 35
►Joe Spica, DEM
Dems lost this race last time, which cost them their veto-proof majority, allowing the current REP governor to veto a record amount of positive legislation. Let's get this seat back!

State Assembly, Dist. 36
►Jon Penn Junejo, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 37
►Shea M. Backus, DEM

State Assembly, Dist. 41
►Vinny Spotleson, DEM
This is the former Sen. David Parks' neighborhood. David's proud to have Vinny represent him and you should be too.

State Assembly, Dist. 42
►Tracy Brown-May, DEM

County Commission, Dist. E
►"Tick" Segerblom, DEM
A political powerhouse for years. When you need help, this is the guy to have on your side. An ally and awesome friend.

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Serving Our Entire Community, On and Off the Bench.

For more than 15 years, Judge Joanna Kishner has served our community with experience, fairness, and respect. A member of Nevada's Access to Justice Commission, she works to keep courthouse doors open to everyone.

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District Court, Department 31

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County Commission, Dist. F
►**Minja Yan, DEM**
We need to keep this seat in Dem control. Don't miss voting for Minja Yan!

County Commission, Dist. G
►**Jim Gibson, DEM**

Dist. Attorney
►**Steve Wolfson, DEM**
He may be a wolf in sheep's clothing, but keep him in your friend column. He's not going anywhere, and has this office in the bag.

County Assessor
►**Tamicka N. Washington, DEM**

County Clerk
►**Lynn Marie Goya, DEM**
Awesome friend. Does a great job. Comes through for us in rainbow colors.

County Recorder
►**Tanya Flanagan, DEM**

County Treasurer
►**J. "Ken" Diaz, DEM**
If you know this guy, how could you not vote for him? A force for honesty, integrity and innovation.

Public Administrator
Stephanie Itkin-Goodman, DEM
Endorsed by Planned Parenthood, PLAN and the progressive group, Run for Something.
Michael Murphy, REP
No endorsement. Michael Murphy has done a good job, but he belongs to a political party, mired in corruption at the top and those in a party who refuse accountability.

Supreme Court Justice, Seat B
►**Kristina Pickering. NP**
She's brilliant.

Supreme Court Justice, Seat D
►**Douglas Herndon, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 1
►**Bita "Marie" Yeager, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 2
►**Carli Lynn Kierny, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 3
►**Monica Trujillo, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 4
►**Nadia Krall, NP**
Very supportive of LGBTQ+ rights, fair, smart.

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Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 5
►**Veronica Barisich, NP**
The better choice of the two.

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 6
►**Jacqueline M. Bluth, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 7
►**Danielle K. Pieper, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 8
►**Jessica K. Peterson, NP**
Mishandled a First Amendment case while attempting to protect a minor's name in a sexual assault case. We believe she learned and is a better judge for it. Very supportive of LGBTQ+ rights. Very good judge, smart and active.

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 9
►**Maria Alice Gall, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 10
►**Tierra D. Jones, NP**

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Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 11
►**Anna Albertson, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 12
Both good. We'll endorse both. You decide.
►**Dan Gilliam, NP**
►**Michelle Leavitt, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 13
►**Adam Ganz, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 14
►**Tina Talim, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 15
►**Joe Hardy, Jr., NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 16
►**Tim Williams, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 17
►**Jennifer Schwartz, NP**
The better choice. An ally, who earned our respect.

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 18
►**Mary Kay Holthus, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 19
►**Crystal Eller, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 20
►**Eric Johnson, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 21
►**Tara Clark Newberry, NP**
She's "one of us" and is our hands-down choice. Say "hello" when you see her at one of our community fund raising events.

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 22
►**Susan Johnson, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 23
►**Jasmin Lilly-Spells, NP**
The better choice. Also supported by NV NOW, PLAN and others,

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 24
►**Colleen Brown, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 25
►**Kathleen E. Delaney, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 26
►**Jessica Goodey, NP**
Also supported by NV NOW, PLAN.

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 27
►**Erika Mendoza, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 28
►**Danielle A. Tarmu, NP**
Also supported by PLAN

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 29
►**Alex Quagge, NP**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 30
Josh Santeramo, NP
Great guy. Supported by NV NOW, PLAN, and has asked for our support. We wish he had not run against Jerry Wiese, because Wiese has earned our support. This was a tough decision.
►**Jerry A. Wiese, II, NP**
A long-time jurist who has earned our support, proven himself to be an impartial judge and good guy. Based on qualifications, Wiese is our choice.

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 31
►**Joanna S. Kishner, NP**
Based on experience, Kishner is the better choice. Also endorsed by PLAN.

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 32
►*Christy Craig, NP*

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. A
►**Maria-Belleza D. "Mari" Parlade, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. B
►**Linda Marquis, NP**

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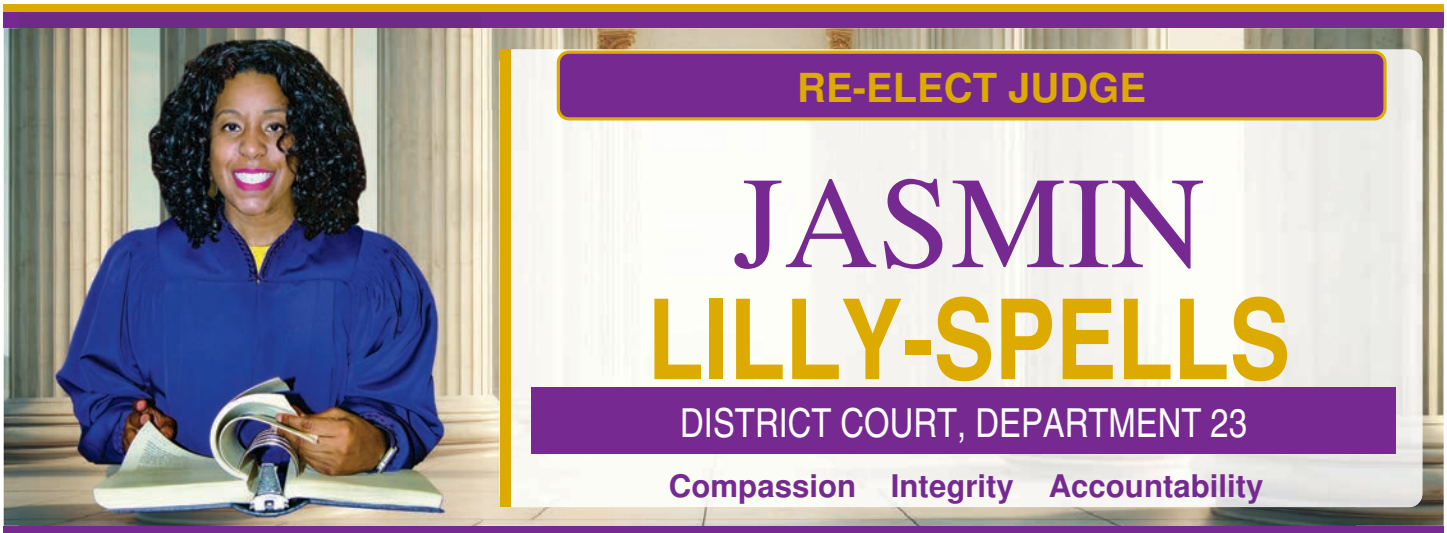

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Judge Jasmin Lilly-Spells

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Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. C
►**Gregory G. Gordon, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. D
►**Gwynneth Smith, NP**
The better choice.

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. E
►**Charles "Chuck" Hoskin, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. F
►**Denise L. Gentile, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. G
►**Rhonda K. Forsberg, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. H
►**Emily McFarling, NP**
A Certified Family Law Specialist

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. I
►**Soonhee "Sunny" Bailey, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. J
►**Dedree "DEE" Butler, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. K
►**Cynthia N. Giuliani, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. L
►**David S. Gibson, Jr., NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. M
►**Amy M. Mastin, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. N
►**Kerri Jean Maxey, NP**
Endorsed by NV NOW, various unions, Hispanics in Politics and the CC NV Dem. Party.

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. O
►**Gina McConnell, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. P
We've said this race is a trainwreck with no good choices. We'll tell you that is also endorsed by a group of Independent Black Voters, while Perry is endorsed by multiple, conservative religious groups, but she also attends the Lambda LGBTQ+ chamber of commerce (what a paradox!). We would leave the office vacant, if a choice.
Jennifer Isso, NP
Mary Perry, NP

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. Q
►**Bryce C. Duckworth, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. R
►**Marilyn A. Caston, NP**
The best candidate. Smart, experienced as a commissioner. Endorsed by NV NOW, Independent Black Voters and PLAN. Her opponent, Bill Henderson, is rude, with an irrational temperament.

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. S
►**Randall Forman, NP**
Smart, experienced as a commissioner, the best candidate. Also endorsed by Independent Black Voters and PLAN.

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. T
►**Nadin Cutter, NP**
Could learn to be a bit more professional but the only one running.

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. U
►**Dawn R. Throne, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. V
►**Margaret E. Pickard, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. W
►**Stacy Rocheleau, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. X
►**Heidi Almase, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. Y
►**Adriana Rincon White, NP**

Dist. Court, Family Div. Dept. Z
Michele "Shell" Mercer, NP
No endorsement here.

Board of Regents, Dist. 2
►**Patrick L. Villa, NP**

Board of Regents, Dist. 3
►**Byron Brooks, NP**

Board of Regents, Dist. 5
►**Moises "Mo" Denis, NP**
Also endorsed by PLAN, NSEA

Board of Regents, Dist. 8
►**Pete Goicoechea, NP**

Board of Regents, Dist. 10
►**Peter Reed NP**

Clark School Dist. Trustee, Dist. D
►**Brenda Zamora, NP**
Also endorsed by Silver State Equality, Victory Fund and NSEA.

Clark School Dist. Trustee, Dist. F
►**Robert E. Hutchinson, NP**
We whole heartedly endorse, as does the NSEA.

Clark School Dist. Trustee, Dist. G
►**Linda P. Cavazos, NP**
Also endorsed by Silver State Equality, Planned Parenthood, PLAN and the NSEA.

City of Henderson Mayor
►**Hollie Chadwick**

City of Henderson City Council Ward III
►**Jennifer Atlas, NP**

City of Henderson Municipal Court Judge Dept. 1
We have no endorsement.
►**Alicia Albritton, NP**

City of Las Vegas Councilman Ward 2
►**Luke McCarthy, NP**

City of Las Vegas Councilman Ward 6
►**Nancy Brune, NP**

City of Las Vegas Municipal Court Judge Dept. 1
►**Amanda Pellizzari,NP**
Dual endorsement. You decide
►**Matt Walker, NP**
Dual endorsement. You decide.

City of Las Vegas Municipal Court Judge Dept. 2
►**Allycia Murphy, NP**
Love everything about her.

City of North Las Vegas Mayor
►**Daniele Monroe-Moreno, NP**
Also endorsed by Silver State Equality, NV NOW, Planned Parenthood, PLAN and Emily's List.

City of North Las Vegas Council Member Ward 1
►**Sherry Strothers, NP**
Also endorsed by Planned Parenthood, PLAN.

City of North Las Vegas Council Member Ward 3
►**William Robinson**

Constable North Las Vegas Township
►**Chad J. Betts, NP**
Endorsed by Culinary, IATSE

Justice of the Peace Henderson Township Dept. 4
►**John Cory, NP**

Statewide Ballot Questions Constitutional Amendments

Question 6: Right to Abortion
►**YES**
The right of women to choose and control their own bodies needs to be enshrined in the Nevada Constitution to help prevent future, legal challenges. Also endorsed by PLAN, BBP and Silver State Equality.

Question 7: Voter Identification
►**NO**
There are no issues with ballots being cast in Nevada by non-citizens. This is all an attempt to make voting more difficult. Many Nevadans, especially Indigenous People, elderly and the poor, do not have the required, government photo ID this measure would require. This will also cause problems for any person who changed their name when getting married. It's just plain wrong.

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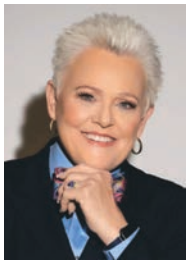

GUEST COLUMN

Your body, your vote, your future

Bishop explains what is at stake in 2026 elections

By Senior Bishop Bonnie L. Radden
Guest Columnist, *Las Vegas Spectrum*

There are elections that decide who governs, and then there are elections that quietly determine how freely we will be allowed to live.

The 2026 midterm election is one of those elections.

On Nov. 3, Americans will walk into voting booths, fill out ballots at kitchen tables, stand in early-voting lines and make decisions that will reach far beyond the names printed beside little boxes.

We will be deciding who has the authority to write laws about our bodies, who will determine whether families like ours are protected. Who will shape healthcare policy. Who will define the boundaries of personal liberty. Who will decide which rights are protected, which are challenged and which may disappear while many of us are still assuming they are secure.

That is why this election cannot simply be reduced to Democrats and Republicans, red states and blue states, cable news arguments or campaign slogans.

The deeper question is, how much of your own life should government be allowed to control?

For millions of Americans—particularly women and members of the LGBTQIA+ community—that is not a philosophical question. It is deeply personal.

The Most Personal Territory of All

There may be no territory more intimate than the human body. Yet in America, women's bodies remain the subject of legislative debate in statehouses and courtrooms across the nation.

Following the Supreme Court's 2022 decision, the federal constitutional protection previously recognized under *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, returning substantial authority over abortion policy to elected lawmakers and the states.

That changed more than legal precedent. It changed the stakes of elections.

Today, the person elected to a state legislature, governor's office, Congress or other position of authority may have a direct role in determining what reproductive healthcare is available to a woman—and under what circumstances she may receive it.

That should matter to all of us, including people whose personal beliefs about abortion differ.

Because bodily autonomy is larger than abortion. It asks whether an adult woman is entitled to remain the primary decision-maker regarding her own health, body and future.

Freedom does not require us to make identical choices. Freedom requires us to respect another person's right to make a choice that belongs to them.

I am a person of faith. I believe deeply in prayer, spiritual discernment and moral responsibility. But faith that must be imposed by the force of government is no longer faith freely chosen.

LGBTQIA+ Rights Are Not Special Rights

The same principle applies when we consider the future of LGBTQIA+ Americans.

For decades, LGBTQIA+ people have fought for things most Americans understandably take for granted: To work without being fired simply because of who they are. To love without hiding. To marry. To raise children. To receive healthcare. To worship.

To walk into a public space without wondering whether their identity will make them unsafe. To build a life without needing society's permission to exist.

Significant progress has been made. The Supreme Court's *Bostock v. Clayton County* decision affirmed federal employment protections for gay and transgender workers under Title VII.

Congress later passed the Respect for Marriage Act, providing important federal recognition and protections for marriages regardless of the sex of the spouses.

Those victories matter. But history teaches us something we should never forget: **Progress is not the same thing as permanence.**

You do not have to be gay to defend the rights of gay people.

You do not have to be transgender to defend the dignity of transgender people.

And you do not have to understand every person's life experience before recognizing their humanity.

Civil rights are not meaningful if we defend only the rights of people who look like us, worship like us, love like us or live like us.

The real test of freedom is whether we are willing to protect it for someone whose life is different from our own.

"I Don't Do Politics"

I hear people say it all the time: *"I don't do politics."* I understand what they mean.

But here is the problem: You may decide you are not interested in politics. Politics does not return the favor. Politics remains interested in you.

You can refuse to participate in politics. You cannot prevent political decisions from participating in your life.

This November, vote for the woman whose medical decision may one day depend upon the law. Vote for the LGBTQIA+ teenager wondering whether adulthood will offer safety or hostility. Vote for families who deserve dignity. Vote for the America you still believe is possible.

And above all, remember this: Your body matters. Your family matters. Your freedom matters. Your future matters.

And your vote is one of the most powerful ways you have to protect them.

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Thousands expected, 'Party at the Polls' as 'No Kings' rally to early vote, Oct. 17

On Saturday, October 17, the first day of early voting in Nevada, Indivisible Las Vegas will host No Kings: Vote Early Party at the Polls, a nonpartisan voter-participation effort with celebrations at eight early-voting locations across the Las Vegas Valley.

Previous No Kings events showed the world the power of people. Now, Indivisible/No Kings will turn that people power into voting power.

Indivisible groups all over the country will be hosting events on October 17, and they'll look different. For Las Vegas, it's the first day of early voting, so Indivisible is throwing a party at the polls. Eight locations throughout the valley will have Indivisible rallies, where those attending can both vote and rally.

Indivisible Las Vegas volunteers will create a festive, welcoming atmosphere outside those eight early-voting locations, encouraging Clark County residents to make voting a priority on the first day of early voting. With multiple locations, everyone in Clark County should be only a few miles away from an event.

More information about No Kings: Vote Early and Party at the Polls online at nokingslasvegas.org

Activities will include music, signs, food, voter welcome teams, selfie props, and photo opportunities.

Families are encouraged to bring their children. Young future voters can take an "I Promise to Vote When I Turn 18" pledge and receive a colorful reminder sticker, while supplies last.

"This No Kings is unique and different. We have a specific action to take, which is to vote. There's nothing more important in our pro-democracy movement than voting. It's our voice and our right. With eight locations across the valley, every Clark County resident will literally be just miles away, so please join us!" said Beth Osborne, Indivisible Las Vegas board member.

While the event is Tuesday, Oct. 17, times will varyy. Six locations will have a morning shift of 9-11 a.m. Desert Breeze will have an early shift of 11 a.m. -1 p.m. All eight locations will have an afternoon shift of 4 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

Where? Rallies will be held on the sidewalks of these voting locations and will be outside the required distance of 100 feet from the polling place. at **Arroyo Market Square** (early and afternoon), **Blue Diamond Crossing** (early and afternoon), **Craig Ranch Regional Park** (early and afternoon). **Galleria Mall** (afternoon only), Meadows Mall (afternoon only), **Pearson Community Center** (early and afternoon), **Cardenas Market on East Bonanza** (early and afternoon), **Desert Breeze Park** (early and afternoon)

PRIDE + Polls: Desert Breeze

Las Vegas PRIDE will host its annual festival on October 17 at the Desert Breeze Events Center. Indivisible Las Vegas will have a booth at the festival to provide information on voting to attendees. Attendees are encouraged to march up to the voting site in the park during the Party at the Polls rally times.

Indivisible Las Vegas is a nonpartisan, progressive grassroots organization working to build a stronger democracy and a more engaged community.

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