



# NVDEMS

## 2019 Nomination Form for the NSDP Officer Elections

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Gender (circle one): M X F

County: Clark (District D)

Congressional District: CD1 CD2 CD3 X CD4

Employer: Service Employees International Union, Local 1107 Nevada

Occupation: Political Director

Position Sought: (check one only)

Chair X

First Vice-Chair

                

Second Vice-Chair

                

Secretary

                

Treasurer

**Please state why you are seeking to run for this office:**

When I set my sights on becoming Nevada State Democratic Party Chair in 2017, I had a vision of strengthening party unity and committing to doing the hard work it takes to elect Democrats up and down the ballot. I was beyond pleased to see the fruits of our labor result in one of the largest blue waves to hit our state. I'm running to be re-elected Chair to build upon the tremendous work we did last cycle and ensure Nevada remains in Democratic control.

Working together, we made major historic gains for our party and for our state. We elected a Democratic Governor for the first time in nearly two decades and Governor Sisolak now has the privilege of working alongside a legislature in which both houses are controlled by Democrats. Not only do we lead both houses, but we now have a supermajority in the assembly, the most seats either party has held in the Senate since 2003, and we are the first and only state legislature in the country with a female-majority.

We nearly cleaned house when it came to electing Democrats to Nevada's constitutional offices, electing a Governor and Lieutenant Governor who will support our progressive agenda, an Attorney General who will stand up for our state against attacks from the Trump Administration, as well as a Treasurer and Controller who will keep our government on track.

On the federal level, we not only retained three of Nevada's four congressional districts, we drastically expanded our winning margins. Adding to our historic gains, we were the only state in the country to take out a Republican incumbent and flip our U.S. Senate seat from red to blue. For the first time in Nevada history, we now have two women representing our state in the U.S. Senate.

Finally, we did something that hasn't happened in our state in almost a decade—we defied Republicans' voter registration advantage and we turned Washoe County blue in a midterm election. And we did that by robustly staffing our party office in the county, ensuring we had the capacity to reach every single Democrat in northern Nevada.

These victories weren't the result of luck—they were the outcome of hard work, grassroots efforts, and a unified party dedicated to electing leaders who represent Nevada's values. Now is certainly not the time to rest on our laurels. We must keep the momentum going into 2020 and show the country why Nevadans' voices matter.

When I first ran for party Chair, I predicted we could knock out Dean Heller from the U.S. Senate and reclaim the Governor's mansion as well as the constitutional offices—and that's exactly what we did. Now, I'm dedicating myself to seeing this blue wave through to another election cycle and to helping Nevadans elect the next Democratic candidate for president. We laid the groundwork in 2018 and it's time we defeat Donald Trump in 2020.

**Please state any experience that you would like to share that prepares you for this position (please feel free to attach a bio):**

Growing up in Las Vegas and raising my sons here gave me a huge sense of pride for my state. As someone who grew up in poverty and around gang violence, I've always known the need and the value of giving back to my community and empower those who feel powerless.

After dropping out of high school to raise my first-born son and working as a foreman to help make ends meet, I learned first-hand the role unions play in advocating for the hard-working women and men across our state. That's why I'm so proud to work now as a union advocate to improve working conditions and ensure members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) get the pay they deserve.

When I decided I had to do more for myself and to set an example for my sons, I made the choice to go back to school to earn my diploma and an associate's degree from the College of Southern Nevada. It was at CSN as Student Body President, I experienced my first role as an elected leader. Here I learned the power of organizing. When students throughout the state were threatened with tuition hikes, I worked with other student body presidents to coordinate a bus trip for students to travel to Carson City and lobby the legislature.

In 2016, I was first elected to the Nevada Assembly and assumed the honor of representing Assembly District 6. It's in this role I've been able to take the voices of my district to the legislature and advocate for their rights—like fighting for criminal justice reform, affordable health care, and a public education system that adequately prepares our students.

As chair of the Nevada State Democratic Party, I led an operation that gave a voice to every county in Nevada, surpassed voter registration goals and outpaced Republicans every month, knocked on 1 million doors, made 1.3 million phone calls, turned out more millennial and minority voters than in recent midterm elections, and expanded our grassroots support.

I also established the Caucus to Convention Committee. This committee traveled to Washoe, Clark and our rural counties to get feedback and hear about your ideas to improve Nevada's caucus process as well as increase participation.

For the first time, the party opened a field office in Las Vegas's Historic West Side which allowed organizers to mobilize many first-time minority voters. As a young black man who grew up in this city, I understand the value of face-to-face conversations and the need to do engage with every community if we want to win.

Finally, as Chair, I was able to develop a relationship with the Democratic National Committee that brought resources to the state. For example, in 2018 the state party received nearly \$1.2 million in in-kind and monetary donations from the DNC.

Last year was an amazing year for the Democratic Party in Nevada and I believe that with my experience as a native-Nevadan, a union advocate, an Assemblyman representing a working-class district, a young black man, the son of a pastor and a teaching assistant, I

have the background and the experience to help strengthen the unity of our party and keep Nevada blue in 2020 and beyond.

**I affirm that as of this date, I am an active registered Democrat in the state of Nevada having voted in the last election.**

X William McCurdy II

Date: 02/10/19

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