

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

2017 and 2018 offered us a unique and rare opportunity to look inward and reinvent our party. It was painful but rewarding work. We have come a long way and there is still work to be done. Additionally, we must focus on expanding the successes we enjoyed at the ballot box last November to the presidential election of 2020. I'm running for re-election because we not only *need* people who are willing to listen to all sides of an issue, advocate for fair and transparent processes, and be able to effectively navigate their way through a myriad of processes, but believe as I do that *we are stronger* when we do it together.

I bring the spirit of cooperation, experience, and the passion to serve our party in a way that elevates all Democrats.

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

When I ran for this position in 2017 I said that "continued expansion of digital communications, increased information/presence on our website, and greater opportunity for training" were among my top goals. I have delivered on all three of those items:

1. I advocated for and was given the privilege of creating the training program developed by the Resource and Community Engagement (RACE) Committee. One year later, our members and party leaders have a free, top notch training program that covers all areas of political organizing - and it is doing well.
2. We expanded the NV Dems website to include events and information for both the state and county parties and ensured content is posted within 24 hours of receipt.
3. Communications, forms, and notifications are now 100% digital (except for individuals without access) and the messages I send are opened by nearly triple that of the national average. And I work hard to maintain the membership list so that it is always current.

I am proud of the work we have done. I am proud of my contributions to that work. Going forward I will work to ensure that the training program remains effective and sustainable. I will see to it that you continue to receive the information you need when you need it and in a way that is helpful/useful. And I will do everything I can to help ensure that Nevada's 2020 presidential nomination process is accessible, smooth, and successful.

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 Marla Turner

Date: February 4, 2019

Please e-mail this form to nominations@nvdems.com or fax to 702.735.2700 or mail to NV Dems, 2320 Paseo Del Prado Drive, #B-107, Las Vegas, NV 89102 by Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

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SUMMARY

Native Nevadan and lifelong community activist with a passion for social justice and equality. Proven ability to work with stakeholders, navigate complex processes, and develop ideas from concept to fruition. Driven and dependable with strong communication, clerical, digital, and training skills. Extensive board experience in the areas of education, politics, public health, community organizing, women's issues, the arts, and minority owned small business development.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Political Activist
- Candidate and Campaign Training
- Research and Technology
- Graphic Design
- Fundraising
- Event Planning
- Board Development
- Energetic
- Dependable
- Dedicated
- Service-Oriented
- Professional
- Honest and Ethical
- Problem Solver

EXPERIENCE

Secretary, 2011 - Present **Nevada State Democratic Party**

- Brought communications into the digital age
- Increased communication to members by more than 200%
- Passed policy allowing for video-conference meetings to allow for greater participation
- Developed Nevada's first activist training and statewide rapid response programs
- Passed the nation's first Democratic Party anti-bully policy
- Created the first comprehensive source of all political events covering entire state of Nevada

Program Developer and Consultant, 2018 - Present **Surge AAPI, Las Vegas, NV**

- Create and implement candidate and campaign management training program for progressive members of the Asian American Pacific Islander community
- Develop operating budgets and fundraising plans
- Manage all financial records and reporting
- Help raise seed money for start-up organization
- Serving in volunteer, unpaid capacity until after first program year

President, 2012-2017 **Emerge Nevada - Las Vegas, NV**

- Restructured and rebuilt organization's financial and operational health
- Served as instructor and director of candidate training program from 2014-2017
- Increased candidate election win rate from 43% to 97%
- Second highest fundraiser among EmERGE affiliates in the nation
- Developed mentor program for students and advisory council for organization
- Increased types of services to post-graduates
- Implemented policies to protect proprietary materials and data integrity
- Served as board member, Director of Alumnae Services, Vice-President, and President
- Served in volunteer, unpaid capacity through entire tenure

Member and Government Affairs Director, 2012-2014
Clark County Business Development and Advisory Council, Clark County, NV

- Appointed to position by Clark County Commissioners
- Developed and implemented policies to increase minority business development and bidding opportunities offered by government of Clark County Nevada

Founder/Publisher, 2008 - Present
The Blue Nevadan - Las Vegas, NV

- Created free website in 2011 devoted to all things Democratic in the state of Nevada including a statewide database of political/municipal events and pertinent candidate and issue-oriented information
- Distributed free weekly newsletter containing information on political events in Nevada between 2008-2017
- Supervisor to occasional intern and/or staff

Precinct Volunteer and Rapid Response Team Member, 2008 –2012
Organizing for America – Nevada, Las Vegas, NV

- Worked to influence and see enacted various agenda items of President Obama
- Universal healthcare speaker
- Rapid response team captain disseminating time-sensitive and priority information

Co-Founder and CEO, 2008-2010
Nations for Change, Las Vegas, NV

- Developed free and/or low-cost training program in the art of grassroots activism based on a pay-it-forward premise that students would be next teachers
- Expanded number of trainers and participants from 30 to 11,000 in 18-month period
- Expanded program internationally to include 21 countries in 18-month period
- Provided network of volunteers to work on various candidate and issue campaigns

Founder and Director, 2007-2010
Obama Music, Arts, and Entertainment, Las Vegas, NV

- Created and provided platform showcasing >2,000 pieces of art from all mediums about or in support of Barack Obama for President
- Promoted the Obama 2008 campaign to artist communities
- Arranged for winners of original Obama song competition to sing at 2008 inaugural ball

Assembly District Leader, 2007-2008
Obama Campaign for Change, Las Vegas, NV

- Recruited and trained volunteers in all precincts of Assembly District 1
- Executed the volunteer program directed by the Obama campaign
- Helped prepare volunteers for 2008 caucus

Volunteer, 1984-Present
Campaign volunteer for approximately 100 candidates, Las Vegas, NV

AFFILIATIONS

Nevada State Democratic Party	
Secretary	2011 - Present
Member, Nevada State Central Committee	2007 - Present
Chair, Resource and Community Engagement Committee	2017 - Present
Chair, 2014 State Convention	2013 - 2014
Chair, Community Action Committee	2012 - 2014
Member, Platform Committee	2007 - 2010

Clark County Democratic Party

Member, Clark County Central Committee	2007 - Present
Chair, Elections Committee	2010 - 2016
Member, Media/Website Committee	2010 - 2012
Precinct Captain	2008 - 2012
Co-Chair, Platform Committee	2007 - 2012

Community Affiliations and Memberships (Past and Present)

Aid for AIDS of Nevada	National Organization for Women
America Votes	Nevada Breast and Cervical Cancer Control & Early Detection Program
American Cancer Society	Natl Rapid Response Team/Capitalist Watchdog
Asian-American Pacific Islander Dem Caucus	Nevada Clean Energy Project
2014 Ballot Initiative #1 - Nevada Mining Tax Cap Amendment	Nevada Conservation League
2014 Ballot Initiative #3 - Campaign for The Education Initiative	Nevada Minority Supplier Diversity Council
2014 Campaign to legalize same sex marriage	Nevada State Democratic Party
2015 Campaign to Defeat Education Savings Accounts (ESA)	Nevada Democratic Veterans and Military Families Caucus
2016 Ballot Initiative #1 - Campaign for Universal Gun Background Checks	Nevada Women's Lobby
2018 Campaign Against Senate Recalls	Nevada Youth Network
Battle Born Progress	North Las Vegas Democratic Club
Breast Cancer Coalition of Nevada	North Valley Democratic Club
Clark County Citizen's Academy	Paradise Democratic Club
Clark County Democratic Black Caucus	Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains
Clark County Democratic Party	Planned Parenthood of Southern Nevada
Emerge Nevada	Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
Golden Rainbow	Redrock Democratic Club
Henderson Democratic Club	Rural Nevada Community Action Network
Hispanics in Politics	Si Se Puede Latino Democratic Caucus
Human Rights Foundation	Southern Nevada Democratic Black Caucus
Latinos Unidos	Southern Nevada Cancer Coalition
Let's Talk Nevada	Southwest Las Vegas Democratic Club
Mi Familia Vota	Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
Moms Demand Action	Thinking Liberally
NARAL Pro-Choice America	Women's Democratic Club of Clark County
	Women of Diversity Productions
	Women's Research Institute of Nevada

AWARDS

- **Women's Equality Day Honoree** - Women's Democratic Club of Clark County, 2016
- **Jefferson Jackson Honoree** - Clark County Democratic Party, 2014
- **Grassroots Activist of the Year** - Paradise Democratic Club, 2012
- **Community Hero in Action** - North Las Vegas Township Democratic Club, 2009
- **Outstanding Regulatory Achievement Award** – US Oncology, Inc., 2001 (*1 of 8 awarded out of 350 candidates*)
- **Quality Service Excellence Award** - Columbia/HCA, 1998
- **National Humanitarian of the Year** - Columbia/HCA nominee, 1997
- **Quality Management Facilitator Award**, 1994 (*1 of 15 out of 3,000 employees*)

OTHER

Cause for Applause. Founder and CEO (in development)
Using the arts as a means of social activism

Clinical Research Consultant, 2001 - 2002
Target Research Associates, New Providence, NJ

Clinical Research Manager, 1998 – 2001
Southwest Cancer Clinic, Las Vegas, NV

Director of Cancer Program, 1992 - 1998
Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center, Las Vegas, NV

Cancer Registrar, 1983 - 1992
Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center, Las Vegas, NV

EKG Tech, 1980 - 1983
Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center, Las Vegas, NV

EDUCATION

Association of Clinical Research Professionals , Newport Beach, CA FDA Audit Prep Workshop	2001
Bristol-Myers Squibb Oncology/National Oncology Nursing Society , Houston, TX Clinical Research Coordinator	1999
Community College of Southern Nevada , Las Vegas, NV Registered Nursing program	1991-1992
University of California, San Francisco , San Francisco, CA Cancer Epidemiology and Patient Data Systems Methodology	1986
University of New Mexico , Albuquerque, NM Music Performance and Theory	1977-1980
Additional Course Work: Business Management, Criminal Psychology, Political Science, Journalism, Marketing, Grant Writing	

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Send Out Cards Trainer	2011
Certified Clinical Research Coordinator (CCRC)	2000
Certified Cancer Registrar (CTR)	1989

SOCIAL

- Native of Las Vegas
- Volunteering in the community since age of nine
- Assisted on nearly 100 political campaigns
- Mentor to women and young adults
- Married to Andy x 20+ years
- Mother of two, "Grammy" to three
- Love music, writing, cooking, and gardening
- Believes in the law of attraction, that what we put out into the world is what we get back