



## CAUCUS MEMO

### 2020 Nevada Caucus Site Rules & Guidelines

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The Nevada State Democratic Party is committed to running an expansive, accessible and transparent caucus process. To ensure the integrity of the First In The West Caucus, it is imperative that the following guidelines for campaigns, observers and other guests at caucus sites be followed.

**The following rules MUST be followed by guests at all caucus sites:**

1. Only eligible, registered caucus participants may participate in the caucus.
2. The Site Lead/Temporary Chair will ask that all guest observers (including campaign staff and volunteers) be seated in an area other than what is reserved for eligible caucus participants, if there is room. Caucus participants are given first priority for space in the precinct location.
3. Guest observers must remain quiet and not become involved in caucus discussions once the caucus is called to order.
4. Eligible caucus participants are to be considered actively participating in the caucus from the time it is convened until it is adjourned. It is not appropriate for a reporter to interview a caucus participant while the caucus is in session.
5. All facilities at the caucus have been reserved for caucus attendees and the Nevada State Democratic Party. The Site Lead/Temporary Chairs, as officers of the Democratic Party, have the first right to these facilities.
6. In the event that there is broadcast equipment at a caucus site, it must be set up and used in a way that will not hinder or obstruct the participation of any caucus attendees. In the event of violations of these rules, the Site Lead/Temporary Chairs may ask the disruptive person(s) to leave.

**Precinct Caucus Day Site Guidance:**

Campaign staff and persons appearing on behalf of candidates and issues not specifically listed on the agenda or the presidential preference card will not be offered



an opportunity to speak during the caucus. However, they may speak individually with attendees and pass out literature prior to the caucus being called to order at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 22. In accordance with Nevada Revised Statute, soliciting signatures to any kind of petition is prohibited.

1. Presidential campaigns will be limited to two (2) staffers or volunteers at each caucus precinct location on February 22.
2. Campaign staff and campaign volunteers who are observers will not be allowed to communicate, signal, or instruct the eligible caucus participants once the caucus is called to order by the Temporary Chair.
3. Campaign staff and campaign volunteers will be given the opportunity to speak during the realignment period.
4. Campaign signs are NOT allowed to be posted inside any caucus location or inside any property hosting a caucus location.
5. Campaigns may NOT hand out stickers, due to possible assessment of damage charges by facilities. Buttons, pins, and literature are acceptable to distribute outside of the caucus site prior to the caucus being called to order.
6. No campaigning activity by presidential campaigns is permitted inside the registration area of the precinct caucus.
7. Paraphernalia that obstructs views, causes a distraction (such as noisemakers) or interrupts the caucus are prohibited on caucus sites.
8. Eligible caucus participants WILL BE allowed to wear campaign gear in support of their candidate in their precinct caucus.
9. Each campaign is responsible for the removal of any campaign materials they bring to the precinct caucus or provide to supporters at the conclusion of the caucus.
10. Campaign staff and campaign volunteers must respect precinct chairs and site leads at all times, including their personal space. Campaign staff and campaign volunteers may ask for information or clarification but are not to crowd, harass, or make physical contact with the precinct chair for any reason.
11. No outside food is permitted at caucus locations. Individuals may bring water. Campaigns are not to provide food or drink to caucus attendees once inside the caucus location.
12. All guests, observers and campaign staff or volunteers will be asked to identify themselves at check-in.



13. In the event of violations of these rules, the Site Leads or Precinct Chairs may ask the disruptive person(s) to leave.

#### **Early Vote Site Guidance:**

1. There will be no campaigning allowed inside Early Voting sites. Campaigns will not be allowed in Early Voting Sites under any circumstances.
2. Campaign staff and volunteers may not campaign within 100 ft from any early voting site.
3. Voters may wear t-shirts, buttons or other items in support of their preferred candidate inside polling locations, but may not pass out literature or other campaign materials.
4. Presidential campaigns will be limited to one (1) observer at any early voting location space permitting. All observers will be asked to identify themselves at check-in. NV Dems early vote site volunteers as officers of the Democratic Party, have the first right to these facilities.
5. All observers are to remain in the designated observer location at all times during early voting hours.
6. No outside food is permitted at Early Voting sites. Individuals may bring water.
7. In the event of violations of these rules, on site staff, volunteers or property management may ask the disruptive person(s) to leave.
8. Press is strictly prohibited from interfering in the early vote process and obstructing a participant's ability to cast their preference for Democratic nominee. It is not appropriate for a reporter to interview an early vote participant while they are casting their preference.

#### **Strip Caucus Guidance:**

1. Presidential campaigns must abide by the rules and regulations set by each individual property regarding campaigning and/or contacting employees on the property.
2. Under no circumstances are presidential campaigns allowed to campaign in the back of the house of any property prior to or during the Strip Caucuses on Saturday, February 22, 2020.



3. Presidential campaigns will be limited to three (3) staffers or volunteers at each Strip Caucus precinct location on February 22, 2020.
4. No outside food is permitted at caucus locations. Individuals may bring water. Food may be provided by the management of specific properties for their employees.
5. Campaign signs are NOT allowed to be posted inside any Strip Caucus precinct location or inside any property hosting a Strip Caucus precinct.
6. Campaigns may NOT post signs or hand out stickers, due to possible assessment of damage charges by facilities.
7. Buttons, pins, and literature are acceptable to distribute.
8. No campaigning activity by presidential campaigns is permitted inside the registration area of the Strip Caucus precinct site.
9. Paraphernalia that obstructs views, causes a distraction (such as noisemakers), or interrupts the caucus are prohibited on caucus sites.
10. Eligible caucus participants will be allowed to wear campaign gear in support of their candidate.
11. A designated area for campaigning will be provided at each site and will vary by location.
12. Each campaign is responsible for the removal of any campaign materials they bring to a Strip Caucus precinct or provide to supporters at the conclusion of the caucus.
13. Individual properties reserve the right to ask campaign staff, volunteers or caucus participants to leave if activities are causing disturbances to hotel guests near the Strip Caucus precinct room or anywhere on the property.