

Nevada State Democratic Party
2021 Executive Officer Elections

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Candidate for First Vice Chair

Dear Central Committee Members,

There may be concerns about electing a 24 year old to this role as Vice Chair, but such worries are an epitomization of one of my key reasons for running.

If we are not creating spaces for everybody in this party, regardless of age, gender, orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, geographic, or any other differing attributes, then we are no longer a party that can claim to be inclusive and accepting. As Vice Chair, I want to be aggressive in how we seek to expand in untraditional places and in all communities.

During my time on the Sanders campaign, I made it a point to spend a disproportionate amount of effort in communities with less caucus-goers than may warrant such time. I went to Elko for their powwow and Hawthorne for their candidate meet and greets. I hosted spanish-language events for majority minority communities in downtown Reno/Sparks and we had Senator Sanders meet with Nevada indigineous leaders privately on two separate occasions.

Bernie spoke publicly on tribal territory at Stewart Community Center and I also brought Bernie's wife, Jane Sanders, to the Yerington Paiute Tribe where she saw first hand how unregulated mining had left their drinking water completely toxic and undrinkable. These efforts are borne of my desire to see our elected leaders and Democratic Party make an effort to bring all Nevadans to the table, regardless of their propensity to cast a favorable vote.

The lack of outreach to many of these communities is something I seek to change in leadership. Providing a seat at the table is not enough if we are not actively committing to outreach that may often be difficult and slow. Stacey Abrams has created a template for such broadening of our base and she made it clear that it takes a long term commitment to doing the hard work.

In Solidarity,
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