

**Nevada State Democratic Party**  
2021 Executive Officer Elections

## **Judith Whitmer**

Candidate for Chair

Dear Central Committee Members,

As a long time Democratic, grassroots activist, I worked on the ground to elect President Obama in 2008 and 2012. It was the message of 'hope and change' that resonated with me as a single parent struggling to pay the bills and take care of my children.

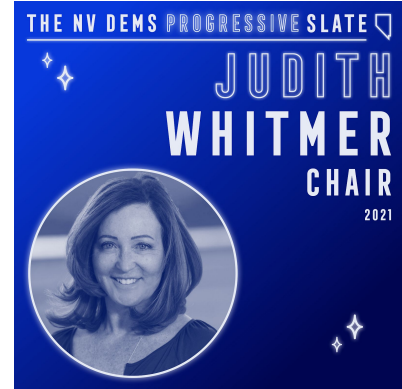
In 2016, it was the Bernie Sanders message of 'Not me, Us' that led me to become active in Party politics. Since the day I was elected to serve in the Clark County Democratic Party, I have devoted my time to electing Democrats at every level of government. As a National delegate for Bernie in 2020, I firmly supported progressive policies to help the millions of people who continue to suffer throughout this country.

I know those struggles firsthand. When my husband died of ALS in 2015, we had already lost our entire life savings and retirement after years of medical care not covered by our health insurance. My commitment to those causes has not dampened my determination to elect Democrats and fulfill my responsibilities as a Party leader. I worked around the clock to elect Joe Biden as our next President, and I personally recruited over 1000 new members to the Clark County and State Central Committees.

As progressives, we are committed to the ideals of Democracy - every voice must be heard and each person has the right to participate. The Party will achieve unity when we are inclusive and committed to lifting up the least among us. More people - including non-voters and non-partisans - will turn out to vote for Democrats when they feel that their needs are represented and that they can hold our elected officials accountable. Finally, the Party must fulfill the promise of unity by allowing people the right to choose their candidates in a primary. A primary election is not divisive when people know that it's fair and unweighted.

As State Party Chair, I will also leverage the DNC to designate Nevada as the first primary - in recognition that our diverse population is representative of the country as a whole. Since the Nevada cannabis industry has flourished, we should also push for federal legalization of marijuana and the immediate release of those incarcerated for possession in every state with a plan for investment in communities of color. We must once again be the Party of the People.

In Solidarity,  
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