

Dear Members of the Rules and Bylaws Committee,

As you prepare to make your recommendation on the presidential nominating calendar, we write to urge you one final time to recommend Nevada to kick off the Democratic presidential nominating process.

This decision is about giving our eventual nominee the strongest possible path to victory in 2028. The early nominating calendar should be designed to test the qualities our next Democratic nominee will need to win across the map and take back the White House. **We've been clear at every step, this is about reaching a broad coalition of diverse voters, not elevating or prioritizing any voice over another. In Nevada, we embody that entire coalition. We are home to Latino, Black, AANHPI, Native American and white working-class voters and our organized labor is some of the strongest in the country..**

Nevada is a small, affordable, competitive battleground where candidates must build the broad, multiracial, working-class coalition that Democrats need to win nationally and voting is safe and accessible. It is the only state that fully represents the principles the Rules and Bylaws Committee established to guide this process:

- **Rigorousness:** We are diverse and we are the working class. Nevada's electorate sets up a presidential candidate with the ability to win nationally.
- **Fairness:** Nevada is a small and inexpensive state where Democrats have a long history of grassroots organizing and competitive primary elections.
- **Efficiency:** From universal vote-by-mail to same-day registration, to seven days of in-person early voting, Nevada runs the safest, most secure, and accessible elections.

There's a reason Nevada has earned the support of national organizations and voices including the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, UNITE HERE, CHC BOLD PAC, Latino Victory, Somos Votantes, former HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, ASPIRE PAC, and AAPI Victory, who collectively represent the very voters we must win on our path to victory.

That's because lessons candidates learn in battleground Nevada are the lessons they will need to succeed in the general election. In Nevada, candidates cannot rely on one constituency alone but must earn support from Latino, Black, AANHPI, Native American, and white working-class voters alike. They must engage urban, suburban, and rural communities and persuade non-partisans and lower-propensity voters while also mobilizing our Democratic base. If a candidate can build a winning coalition in Nevada, they are building one that can compete across both the Blue Wall and the Sun Belt.

The challenges facing our party after 2024 make this even more urgent. Democrats must reconnect with working-class voters and continue earning the trust of Latino communities while strengthening support among Black, AANHPI, Native American, and younger voters. That work must begin with the nominating calendar itself. Nevada provides the proving ground where

candidates demonstrate they can communicate an economic message that resonates with the voters who will decide the next presidential election.

As you make this recommendation, we respectfully ask that you follow the principles you set out at the start of the process. Nevada best satisfies the standards you established and offers our party the strongest opportunity to nominate a candidate prepared to win the coalition required in 2028.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to building a nominating process that reflects the Democratic Party's values and positions us for success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Catherine Cortez Masto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Catherine" being the most prominent.

Senator Catherine Cortez Masto

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steven Horsford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steven" being the most prominent.

Congressman Steven Horsford