



NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2016 NEVADA SENATE RACE

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Abortion: Should abortion be highly restricted?	Yes	No
Campaign Finance: Do you support the DISCLOSE Act, which requires key funders of political ads to put their names on those ads?	No	Yes
Campaign Finance: Support Supreme Court's <i>Citizens United</i> decision, which allows unlimited independent political expenditures by corporations and unions?	Yes	No
Climate Change: Believe that human activity is the major factor driving climate change?	Won't answer directly. Voting stands suggest no. ¹	Yes
Climate Change: Should government limit the levels of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere?	No. Has voted to block greenhouse gas regulation of power plants.	Yes
Contraception: Should employers be able to withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if they disagree with it morally?	Yes	No
Economy: Support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	No	Yes. Implied in issues she raises.
Financial Regulation: Support the Dodd-Frank act, which established the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and increases regulation of Wall Street corporations and financial institutions?	No	Yes
Gay Marriage: Support gay marriage?	No, but accepts court's decision.	Yes
Gun Control: Support more restrictive gun control legislation?	No	Yes
Healthcare: Repeal the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare?	Yes	No
Healthcare: Did you support shutting down the federal government in 2013 in order to defund Obamacare?	Yes	No
Healthcare: Should Planned Parenthood be eligible to receive public funds for non-abortion health services?	No	Yes
Immigration: Support the DREAM Act, which would allow children brought into the country illegally to achieve legal status if meet certain conditions? ²	Opposed DREAM Act but offered similar alternative bill.	Yes
Immigration: Should America's 11 million undocumented residents have an earned path to citizenship?	Opposes blanket amnesty but open to some earned citizenship proposals.	Yes

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Iran: Support the US-Iran treaty that limits Iran’s nuclear capability in return for lifting economic sanctions?	No	Yes
Iraq: Should the US recommit significant additional ground troops to Iraq to combat the success of ISIS?	Ambiguous. Supports embedded advisors and targeters. Wary of unlimited troop increases.	No
Marijuana: Decriminalize and/or legalize marijuana?	Supports medical marijuana. Opposes recreational.	Supports medical marijuana. Believes recreational legalization will happen, but is premature until more regulatory infrastructure in place.
Minimum Wage: Raise the federal minimum wage?	No. Consistent opposition with multiple objections. Current position: leave it “to the localities”	Yes
Renewable Energy: Support government mandates and/or subsidies for renewable energy?	No. Strongly opposes prioritizing green energy.	Yes
Social Security: Support full or partial Social Security privatization?	Yes	No
Student Debt: Refinance student loans at lower rates, paid for by increasing taxes on high earners?	No. Also voted to cut subsidies.	Yes
Student Financial Aid: Should federal student financial aid, like Pell Grants, be increased?	No. Voted for significant cuts to Pell Grants and for a budget plan that would have made 1 million students ineligible.	Yes
Supreme Court: Support the Senate holding hearings to consider Obama Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland?	No ³	Yes
Taxes: Signed Americans for Tax Reform Pledge to oppose “any and all” tax increases to raise revenue?	Yes	No
Taxes: Increase taxes on corporations and/or high-income individuals to pay for public services?	No	Yes
Voting Rights: Support stricter voting rules such as voter ID requirements or reduced registration times, even if they prevent some people from voting?	Yes	No

Other senate candidates include [Tony Gumia](#) (Independent), [Tom Jones](#) (Independent American Party), and [Jarrod Williams](#) (Independent). Due to limited space, we can’t include their positions, but invite you to check out their websites.

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¹ [Public Radio International](#) interview.

² Need to have graduated from high school, have a clean legal record, and attend college or serve in the military.

³ [Initially encouraged a hearing but changed his mind](#), stating that the Senate should spend its time finding common ground on other issues rather than focusing on this deeply divided issue.