



BLUE NOTES

Douglas County Democrats



The Voice of Douglas County Democrats

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Sheriff candidates set to address DCDCC May 22

Candidates for sheriff will meet with the Douglas County Democratic Central Committee May 22.

“All three candidates have confirmed they’ll be here,” said central committee chair Kimi Cole.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Democratic headquarters, 1513 Hwy 395 S., Gardnerville. A social time will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The three are incumbent Sheriff Ron Pierini, who has held the post since 1996, running unopposed for four terms, former county commissioner and school board trustee Dave Brady, and retired Nevada Highway Patrol trooper Michael Gyll.

All three candidates for the nonpartisan office will appear on the June 10 primary election ballot.



PIERINI



BRADY



GYLL

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Our convention in pictures



TOP: Participants in the 2014 Convention listen intently as a platform is approved.

NEXT: Paul Belt and Cindy Trigg unveil the “Smart People VOTE!” banner.

BOTTOM LEFT: A smiling Katherine Winans greets conventioners at the registration table.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Kimi Cole was elected convention chair.

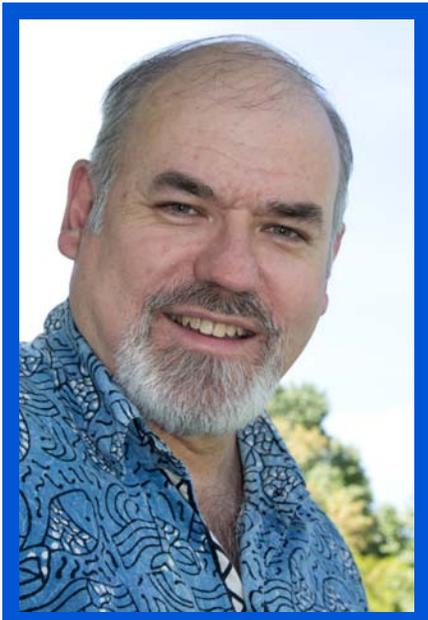


Douglas County Democratic Central Committee platform for adoption and submission to the Nevada State Democratic Party

1. Be it resolved that DCDCC is in favor of supporting a livable minimum wage increase.
2. Be it resolved that DCDCC is in favor of assuring adequate healthcare by changing Medicare to be available from birth to death.
3. Be it resolved that DCDCC is in favor of comprehensive immigration reform that stops deportation of established long-time residents as well as providing a path to naturalization of immigrants.
4. Be it resolved that the DCDCC is in favor of the current infrastructure bill sitting on Speaker Boehner's desk. We ask that the bill be put up for a vote so it can be funded while interest rates are low.
5. Be it resolved that the DCDCC is in favor of increased educational funding by the State of Nevada. Proposed increases could be funded by a possible ½% tax on gasoline, or revenue from legalization of marijuana.
6. Be it resolved that the DCDCC, in order to protect our natural resources, reduce our carbon footprint, and lessen or eliminate climate change, is in favor of increasing Nevada's renewable energy portfolio standard to 30 percent by 2020; conserving water; eliminating plastic water bottles and plastic shopping bags.
7. Be it resolved, the DCDCC is in favor of creating a more nonpartisan atmosphere by making county commission seats nonpartisan offices similar to those on the Reno City Council; by making Nevada an open primary state; and county commission candidates be elected by district as opposed to County-wide election.
8. Be it resolved that the DCDCC is in favor of protecting Roe vs Wade, a woman's right to choose and the ability to make her own personal decisions about her reproductive health. Additionally, the DCDCC publicly asserts that we respect life.

Profile

Lloyd Murray, Democrat



Lloyd Murray

Lloyd Murray is a minister and a philosopher. And he is a loyal Douglas County Democrat.

Born in Yakima, WA, he grew up in nearby Prosser, a small town which today still has a population under 6,000.

He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Seattle University.

His wife's desire to be closer to a brother brought them here in 2002.

Lloyd saw a distinct difference between Democrats and Republicans even as a boy. "I learned that Democrats practiced more of what I learned in Sunday school than the Republicans

did," he said. The Republicans he knows were "very stand-offish."

He's a hard worker who prefers to remain in the background than hold office. "I volunteer for things that are fun to do," he said.

Asked what is fun to do, he responded, "Go out and knock on doors. Get to know people in your neighborhood."

Although he added it's also important for democracy to do some things that aren't fun, he was hard-pressed to name any such task.

"I grew up in the Episcopal

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From the Chair ...

By Kimi Cole



To Vote, or Not to Vote: That is NOT the question!

It has long been a belief of mine that exercising one's right to vote is a foundational core practice to support and enjoy the most tremendous possible life in these here United States.

In the past, when faced with a list of candidates or ballot issues on a sample ballot, I've often wondered who or what the heck to vote for!

As much as I was able to understand the pros and cons of ballot initiatives, it was always a much more daunting task to decide which candidates to vote for. Questions abounded — what's their background? What do they believe? How have they interacted with the community in general? Why might they deserve my, or for that matter, anyone else's vote? *Who knows the answers to these questions?!* It's time to start getting answers to some of those questions.

My first choice, whenever possible, is to meet candidates in person. Hearing someone speak in a public setting is a good start. Do they make a favorable impression on the audience? Do they have anything intelligent to say?

Engaging someone in direct conversation is, to my thinking, an even more effective way to get to know him or her.

When I can ask questions that are on my mind, then look them in the eye, listen to their

tone of voice and observe their body language while they answer, that is the best of all. Do they honestly admit when they don't have a ready answer for a question that's been posed? It's far easier for me to trust someone who says they don't have the answer than if I discover at a later time they just made something up. If you tell me the truth in the morning, you won't have to worry what you said in the afternoon.

It's my honor and privilege to be in the chair position with Douglas Democrats. I feel it's an integral aspect of the position to go to as many events as possible, to meet as many candidates and supporters as I can and then compare notes with others in the organization to gather best available information to help make choices of whom to support and why.

I will continue on that track leading up to elections in the fall, while making as much information available to the Central Committee and Douglas Democrats as possible.

Our website (www.douglasdems.org) is continuously being updated with links to information about candidates and issues. See our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/DouglasNvDemsBlueNotes>) or send me an email at kimimcole@gmail.com.

We're looking forward to an active, productive summer!

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Church," he said. "I was fortunate to have had a priest who answered all my questions truthfully. He applies that lesson to politics today. "The best way to vote is to be informed," he said. "Ask questions of our leaders. If people don't ask questions, they'll never know the truth."

Most of his Republican friends, he said, don't ask questions. "They just accept whatever their leaders tell them."

To seek truth is to learn, he said. "The day you stop learning is the day you start dying. I learned that as a kid."

Lloyd applies his spiritual life to his politics, citing the lessons of Hinduism, Buddhism, and modern Christianity. "They are the teachings of unconditional love, compassion, cooperation, seeking truth, questioning authority." I find that most Democrats live by these principals. They treat people with kindness. They empower people."

Your 2014 DCDCC Officers ...

Chair of DCDCC: Kimi Cole (kimimcole@gmail.com)
 First Vice Chair: Paul Belt
 Second Vice Chair (Campaign Liaison): Cindy Trigg
 Secretary: Katherine Winans
 Treasurer: Eric Griffin
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 Member-at-large: Gim Hollister

Chairs of Standing Committees:

Administration Committee: Nancy Downey (data base maintenance, etc.).
 Publicity/ Public Relations: Pat Stanley
 Fundraising/Finance: Pending
 Membership: Pending
 Candidate Recruitment: Pending
 Political Action/ Programs: Pending



TIMELY

May 19 — Monday

DCDCC Executive Committee
 6 p.m. Democratic Headquarters

May 20 — Tuesday

Last day to register to vote in the
June 10 Primary Election

May 22 — Thursday

Douglas County Central Committee
 7 p.m. Democratic Headquarters

May 24 — Tuesday

Early voting begins

May 29 — Thursday

7 p.m. Drinking Liberally
CV Country Club

June 3 — Tuesday

Last day to request absentee ballot

June 6 — Friday

Early voting ends

June 10 — Tuesday

Primary Election Day

June 14 — Saturday

Carson Valley Days Parade

June 21 — Saturday

State Democratic Party Convention
Reno (Time TBA)

July 26 — Saturday

DCDCC annual Barbecue
Mormon Station State Park