

## Nevada

Voters in Nevada will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 42 seats are up in the Assembly and 11 of the 21 seats are up in the State Senate. Nevada is considered a battleground state with Democrats hoping to maintain their 1 seat advantage in the Senate and to pick up a Governors' Mansion. Republicans look to defend the mansion and Office of Attorney General.

## Governor

## Democratic Nominee

## Clark County Commissioner Steve Sisolak

County Commissioner Steve Sisolak has been on the Board since 2009 and is its current Chair. Though he had the backing of former Senate Harry Reid, he endured a tough intra-party fight in the Democratic Primary.

Commissioner Sisolak is putting education first on his campaign. He wants to funnel the revenue from 2016's successful recreational marijuana ballot measure into the state's public education fund, which the Legislature has failed to do. He is in favor of raising teacher salaries and lowering classroom sizes. He opposes charter schools and any diversion of funds into Education Saving Accounts. He has also pledged to forgo his gubernatorial salary opting to donate it to education groups.

Commissioner Sisolak has repeatedly voiced opposition to President Trump. In one of his first ads, he took aim at the Trump administration and promised to take on the NRA and "big pharma." Commissioner Sisolak is a supporter of banning bump stocks, assault weapons, high-capacity magazines and silencers.

He wants to promote policies as Governor that address the changing climate, cut carbon pollution and protect resources. He is a supporter of renewable and clean energy and supports increasing the state's renewable energy 50% by 2030. As governor, Sisolak will has stated that he will uphold the Paris Climate Agreement and Clean Power Plan.

He supports the Affordable Care Act and supported the Medicaid expansion in Nevada. As a member of the County Board, Sisolak voted to sue pharmaceutical manufacturers stating that companies had <u>abdicated</u> gate-keeping duties. Commissioner Sisolak wants to see pricing transparency for prescriptions and to implement a network of insurance purchasers to leverage purchasing power to lower prices.

**Trivia:** Commissioner Sisolak raised his two daughters as a single parent.

<sup>\*</sup>Information is heavily borrowed from campaign websites, social media, and news and blogs.