

NEBRASKA

Voters in Nebraska this year will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. Half of the seats in the Nebraska State Legislature (24) are up for re-election. There will also be one special election. Republicans are expected to maintain control of all branches of government.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

State Senator Carol Blood (D)

State Senator Carol Blood (D) assumed her current position in January 2017 and is putting in her bid for Nebraska's head of state. She defeated Roy Harris (D) in the Democratic primary for Nebraska governor, receiving over 91 percent of the vote.

Blood <u>cites</u> her experience in both the Nebraska State Legislature and on the Bellevue City Council, where she served as city-wide representative. Her campaign has centered around uniting Nebraskans, regardless of political creed.

If elected, Blood <u>pledges</u> to be transparent about the history of property taxes in Nebraska address any problems found. She has <u>urged</u> legislative leaders in the state to reduce reliance on property taxes to fund K-12 education and to reinstate state aid to local governments.

She <u>promises</u> to maintain public safety and improve public health by having plans in place to withstand or recover quickly from either man-made or natural disasters. Blood asserts that it is important to ensure, as first responders age out, that the applicant pool is sufficient to address the needs of Nebraska communities.

Blood <u>believes</u> it is important to address Nebraska's infrastructure to compete in an increasingly global marketplace. To accomplish this, she emphasizes the need for dependable utilities, reliable transportation, and broadband internet.

She also calls for the expansion of post-high-school options other than college and emphasizes the need to address student loan debt in Nebraska.

Trivia: Blood has been a member of the Bellevue Public Safety Foundation Board, an organization that supports first responder activities, since 2005.