

Aaron Williams
October 4, 1921—
Elected 1972

Aaron Williams was the first African-American to be elected to local office when the voters elected him to the North Las Vegas City Council in 1968. He was also the first African-American on the Clark County Commission when elected in 1972. He worked to improve the lives of African-Americans and other minorities in southern Nevada through his political positions, membership in various groups, and through his own foundation.

A native of Detroit, Williams moved to Texas where he received his education. He served in the South Pacific with the Army during World War II. In 1960, Williams came to Las Vegas and worked at a supermarket and then at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital. He then began working for Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Company, Inc. He started as a clerk and advanced to senior buyer.

Williams was a member of the NAACP, Poor People Pulling Together, the Kiwanis Club, and the Democratic Party. He founded the Aaron Williams Youth Foundation to fund minority players in the local little league. He was also served on the Clark County Economic Opportunity Board.

In 1968, Williams won a seat on the North Las Vegas City Council. In 1972, he was easily elected to the Clark County Commission. Williams lost his seat in 1976 when the commissioners were forced to run at large, rather than from a geographical district. Aaron Williams continues to reside in North Las Vegas.

