

**Dario Herrera**  
**June 27, 1973—**  
**Elected 1998**

Dario Herrera moved to Las Vegas in 1991 to attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He was considered a rising star in the Democratic party in Clark County, becoming one of the youngest members of the Nevada legislature. He was elected to the Nevada Assembly and the Clark County Commission. Herrera's career ended abruptly when he faced charges as part of "Operation G-Sting."



Herrera was raised by a single mother in Miami, Florida. He moved to Las Vegas in 1991 to play football at UNLV. He majored in political science and, after winning an award in the political science department, he was hired as a spokesperson for UNLV. Herrera worked on Governor Bob Miller's reelection campaign in 1994. The following year, he graduated with a degree in political science. The University of Colorado, Boulder Law School accepted Herrera and he completed one year of law school.

In 1996, Herrera left law school to return to Las Vegas and run for the Nevada Assembly at the request of Democratic Party leaders. He won the election to the Assembly and earned a reputation as a charismatic politician during his one session in the Assembly. In 1998, Herrera withdrew his name for reelection to the Assembly in order to run for the Clark County Commission seat left vacant when Lorraine Hunt decided to run for lieutenant governor. He easily won the seat by receiving sixty percent of the vote. In 2000, the Democratic Party selected Herrera to speak at the Democratic National Convention.

In 2001, Herrera announced he would seek Nevada's newly created seat in the US House of Representatives. His campaign suffered negative publicity when he became the target of an ethics investigation related to a contract he had with the Las Vegas Housing Authority. He lost the congressional seat to Jon Porter. In 2003, federal investigators indicted Herrera for taking bribes as part of "Operation G-Sting." He was convicted of conspiracy, wire fraud, and extortion and sentenced to thirty months in prison.

Herrera began serving his prison sentence in 2007.