

Erin Kenny
December 21, 1960—
Elected 1994, 1998

Erin Kenny served two terms on the Clark County Commission. She was later implicated in "Operation G-Sting."

Kenny was born in Pasadena, California. Her family relocated to Illinois, where Kenny graduated from high school. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois in 1982 and opened an advertising firm. In 1989, she and her family moved to Las Vegas. Kenny worked as waitress at the Imperial Palace casino before opening her own advertising firm, Erin Kenny Advertising Agency. She closed the firm after two years.



In 1992, Kenny began her career as an elected official. She served in the Nevada State Assembly for one term. In 1994, Kenny opposed Don Schlesinger in the primary for Clark County Commission. After defeating him in the primary, Kenny went on to win the general election. Voters reelected Kenny to the County Commission in 1998. Her second term on the Commission became mired in controversy due to her close relationship with Jim Rhodes, a Las Vegas developer. She did not seek a third term.

Following her time on the County Commission, Kenny went to work as a lobbyist for Rhodes. Kenny earned a law degree from UNLV's Boyd School of Law in 2002, though she did not pass the Nevada Bar. In 2002, Kenny ran for Lieutenant Governor against incumbent Lorraine Hunt, but lost. Federal officials began investigating Kenny in 2003 for taking illegal campaign contributions and political payoffs from strip club owner, Michael Galardi. Kenny took a plea agreement and testified against her fellow commissioners. She was sentenced to thirty months in prison and began her prison sentence in October 2007.