

Myrna Williams
August 26, 1929—
Elected 1994, 1998, 2002

Myrna Williams defeated long-term Clark County Commissioner Thalia Dondero in 1994 and served three terms on the Commission before being defeated by Chris Giunchigliani in 2006.

Myrna Williams was born in Chicago, Illinois but grew up in Los Angeles. Her brother, Mel Torme, achieved stardom as a singer and actor. Williams met her late husband Davey Williams in New York City and the newlyweds moved to Las Vegas in 1960 when he got a six-month gig as a drummer. The couple settled in the city and Williams began attending UNLV. She earned an associate's degree in Law Enforcement and a bachelor's in Social Work. Williams went on to teach at UNLV from 1969 until 1980.



Williams became active in the Las Vegas community. She served on the domestic violence task force, the Public Education Foundation, ShadeTree, and the Anti-Defamation League. In 1984, Williams was elected to the Nevada State Assembly. She served in the Assembly until 1993 and spent six years as the Speaker Pro Tempore.

In 1994, Williams ran against her friend, Thalia Dondero for a seat on the Clark County Commission. Williams won in a close primary contest. She went on to easily win the seat in the general election. Voters reelected Williams in 1998 and 2002. Williams lost her seat to Chris Giunchigliani in 2006 in a very contentious primary election. Williams' husband Davey died in 2006.

In 2007, Clark County honored Williams' commitment to her district when they renamed the Cambridge Community Center in her honor. Williams continues to reside in Las Vegas.