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Preparing for the 2026 Primary Election

The 2026 Primary Election is approaching, and now is a great time to make sure you are ready to vote. This issue includes helpful information about how Nevada's closed primary system works, where to find reliable information about candidates, and how to return your mail ballot securely and on time. Taking a few minutes to review your sample ballot and understand your voting options ahead of time can make the voting process smooth and stress-free.

Early voting for the Primary Election begins May 23 and runs through June 5, with Election Day on June 9. Mark your calendar and plan ahead so you know when and how you will cast your ballot.

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Understanding Nevada's Closed Primary Elections

Did you know that Nevada has closed primary elections? This means that during a Primary Election, you may only vote for candidates from the political party you are registered with. If you would like to participate in a different party's primary, you can easily change your party affiliation (see information below).

For example, registered Democratic voters help decide which Democratic candidates move on to the General Election. Registered Republican voters help decide which Republican candidates advance to represent their party.

If you are registered as nonpartisan or with a minor political party, you will not see partisan contests for Democratic or Republican candidates on your ballot. However, you may still vote in nonpartisan contests, such as judicial offices. (NRS 293.257)

General Elections Are Different

General Elections work differently. In November, all voters receive the same ballot based on where they live, regardless of party affiliation. You may vote for any candidate listed for each office, and the candidates receiving the most votes are elected.

Verify or Change Your Party Registration

Your political party affiliation is printed on the back cover of your sample ballot in the address block. If you would like to change your party registration, you may do so online at: [RegistertoVote.NV.gov](https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/vote) You may also change your party affiliation when voting in person at any early voting site or Election Day Vote Center.

Understanding how primary elections work can help explain why reviewing your sample ballot ahead of time is so helpful. ■



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did you know?

All early voting and Election Day voting sites are also mail ballot drop-off locations.

Researching Candidates: A Guide for Clark County Voters

Because Nevada election offices do not publish candidate platforms, voters often rely on a variety of resources to learn about candidates. Your sample ballot shows every contest and candidate that will appear on your ballot based on where you live. Reviewing it ahead of time allows you to become familiar with the races and gives you time to research candidates before heading to the polls.

This is especially helpful for judicial races which are nonpartisan (*NRS 293.195*). Judicial candidates do not run with a political party listed next to their name on the ballot, so voters often look to other sources to learn more about their background and experience.

Judicial Candidate Questionnaires

One helpful starting point is the Judicial Candidate Questionnaires published by the Nevada Secretary of State.

Non-incumbent judicial candidates must complete the questionnaire (*NRS 293.179*). Incumbent judges may complete the questionnaire voluntarily.

These questionnaires allow voters to hear directly from candidates about their education, legal experience, professional background, and perspectives on the judiciary.

You can view the questionnaires at: nvsos.gov/elections/election-information/2026-judicial-candidate-questionnaires

Commission on Judicial Discipline

For candidates who currently serve or have previously served as judges, voters may also review public information from the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline, which oversees judicial conduct in the state.

Information is available at: judicial.nv.gov/Discipline/Commission_Home/

Candidate Websites and Online Information

Voters may also wish to review information from:

- candidate websites
- social media pages
- local news coverage
- voter guides published by civic organizations or community groups

For candidates who filed with the Clark County Registrar of Voters, candidate website information (when available) can be found at: clarkcountynv.gov/government/departments/elections/services/cf

Because voter guides and other materials can be produced by different organizations, each may approach the information from a different perspective. Many voters find them helpful when reviewing information from organizations they are familiar with.

Campaign Finance Information

Another useful resource is the Nevada Secretary of State's Campaign Finance portal.

Candidates (except federal candidates) are required to file reports about campaign contributions, expenditures, and certain financial interests. While these reports are not endorsements or evaluations of a candidate, they provide transparency and can help voters better understand campaign funding and professional connections.

To explore these filings, visit: nvsos.gov/SOSCandidateServices

Preparing Before You Vote

Taking a few minutes to review your sample ballot and explore these resources can make voting easier and your decisions more informed. Learning about the candidates ahead of time will prepare you to confidently make your ballot selections. ■

Returning Your Mail Ballot: Don't Wait Until the Last Minute

In Clark County, all active registered voters are sent a mail ballot for the June 9, 2026, Primary Election unless they have chosen to opt out of mail ballot voting.

Once your ballot arrives, it is best to complete and return it promptly.

While mail ballots can be returned through the postal service, waiting until the last minute can create unnecessary stress. Postal delivery times may vary, so voters are strongly encouraged to return ballots early.

Under Nevada law, voted mail ballots sent through the postal service must be:

- **postmarked on or before Election Day**, and
- **received by the Election Department by 5 p.m. on the fourth day after the election.**

If you do not receive your mail ballot packet by the beginning of early voting and wish to vote by

mail, contact the Election Department immediately: 702-455-VOTE (8683) or MailBallotRequest@ClarkCountyNV.gov

Multiple Ways to Return Your Ballot

You have several convenient options for returning your completed ballot:

- By mail using the postage-paid return envelope in your mail ballot packet
- At Election Department and City Clerk drop-off locations during specified hours
- At any early voting site during specified early voting hours
- At any Election Day Vote Center on Election Day from 7am to 7pm.

Drop-off locations provide an easy alternative if you prefer not to rely on the postal service or if you are returning your ballot closer to Election Day.

A Simple Step That Makes a Big Difference

Returning your ballot early helps ensure it is received and processed without any last-minute concerns.

For a full list of ballot drop-off locations and voting information, check your sample ballot or visit: ClarkCountyNV.gov/vote ■

Community Outreach

The Clark County Election Department is on a mission to build vibrant, engaged communities through dynamic outreach programs. We are passionate about spreading the word, recruiting dedicated workers, and empowering voters to make their voices heard. If you are interested in learning more about how you can get involved with voter outreach, education, or speaker services, do not hesitate to reach out to our **Administration Division at (702) 455-2944**. Let's make a difference together!



A Quick Guide to Voting by Mail

If you are choosing to vote by mail in the upcoming election, following a few tips will help make the process a breeze.

First, ballots are mailed to the address in your voter registration record. If you have moved or are unsure if your registration information is up to date, you may verify or update it at: [RegistertoVote.NV.gov](https://www.RegistertoVote.NV.gov)

What's Inside Your Ballot Packet

Your mail ballot packet contains:

- Your official ballot
- A secrecy sleeve to help keep your ballot private
- A return envelope for sending your completed ballot back to election officials
- Voting instructions explaining how to properly complete the ballot

How to Complete Your Ballot

When marking your ballot, be sure to follow the instructions included in the packet. You should fill in the oval completely next to your selected candidate or response.

If you make a mistake, do not use correction fluid or tape. Simply cross out the candidate's name or ballot question choice you do not wish to vote for and fill in the oval next to the candidate or ballot question choice you do wish to vote for.

Examples are shown below.



After completing your ballot, place it inside the secrecy sleeve (optional) and then into the Election Department return envelope.

Signature Verification

You must sign the outside of your official return envelope which has your name and address before mailing or dropping off your ballot. Election officials compare this signature with the signature on your voter registration record to verify the ballot.

If a signature issue is identified, election officials will contact you and provide an opportunity to resolve the issue so the ballot can still be counted. *(This is another excellent reason to return your ballot early.)*

Important Reminders

- Only place **your own** ballot in your return envelope.
- Do **not** place multiple ballots in one envelope.
- If your return envelope is lost or damaged, contact the Election Department for replacement instructions. Replacement envelopes are also available at early voting sites and Election Day Vote Centers.

Track Your Ballot

During the election period, you can check if your ballot has been received by logging into Registered Voter Services at [ClarkCountyNV.gov/vote](https://www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/vote) and selecting: "Track My Mail Ballot." ■

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