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Las Vegas Democratic Socialists of America

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Las Vegas Democratic Socialists of America Announce 2026 Endorsements for Nevada State Assembly

The Las Vegas chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America (LVDSA) is proud to endorse two socialist candidates for the Nevada State Assembly:

- Val Thomason for Assembly District 10
- Shaun Navarro for Assembly District 34

Bios for each candidate can be found below.

These candidates reflect LVDSA's commitment to building long-term, diverse, working-class power in Nevada by electing representatives who fight for the needs of everyday people- not corporations, wealthy donors, or political elites.

Endorsements are determined through a rigorous, democratic process. In order to qualify, candidates must be members of the chapter, willing to openly identify as democratic socialists while running for office, and pledge to not take any campaign contributions from for-profit corporations, for-profit corporate PACs, real estate developers or corporate lobbyists. Candidates complete a thorough online questionnaire before answering questions directly from LVDSA members at a town hall. Then, they must receive support of $\frac{2}{3}$ of LVDSA members attending a monthly chapter meeting to be endorsed.

Now that these candidates are endorsed, LVDSA is committed to mobilizing volunteers, knocking on doors, making calls, and using people power to help these candidates win.

"An endorsement from Las Vegas DSA means more than just another logo on a flyer; an endorsement comes with a commitment to putting all our organizing power into getting these candidates elected. That's why our rigorous endorsement process is so important - we can only make that commitment if we're certain the candidates are just as willing as we are to fight for the working class" says LVDSA Co-chair Tiffany Stoik. "After Zohran Mamdani's win in NYC, we have been feeling the heightened energy and excitement in Las Vegas as well. People are hungry for change, and eager for leaders willing to stand up and fight for them. We'll do everything we can to bring these champions of the working class to the legislature."

Val Thomason, Assembly District 10

Val Thomason is a single mother and longtime community organizer. She has been a DSA member for more than five years, joining after her deep involvement in the Bernie 2020 campaign. As an organizer with DSA, she has focused on building support for rent caps in Nevada, going door to door to speak with renters about their rights and needs. Val's dedication to winning material gains for working people and building a mass socialist movement comes

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from her lifetime of experience with poverty, her experiences being evicted, and her desire to build a world that works for people like us, not the billionaires.

Visit valfornevada.com to learn more about Val or donate to her campaign.

Shaun Navarro, Assembly District 34

Shaun Navarro has been a leader in the community for nearly a decade. As co-chair of Las Vegas DSA, he helped create a monthly mutual aid event for the unhoused community, showing up every last Sunday for 6 years with supplies and volunteers. He helped craft the free brake light clinic, repairing brake lights for free for low income families. He led the charge on Palestine, arranging protests and education years before the horrific events of 2023.

Shaun is a staple in the community, working to organize people to take power back from establishment figures who have let us down time and time again. Shaun is running for Assembly District 34 to continue this work, not as a newcomer but as a seasoned organizer ready to fight for his community in a new forum - Nevada's legislature.

Visit navarrofornevada.com to learn more about Shaun or donate to his campaign.

Editorial note: The Las Vegas chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America may be short-handed as "LVDSA", "Las Vegas DSA", or "Las Vegas Democratic Socialists".

For more information about LVDSA's endorsement process, visit lvdsa.org/endorsements.

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