

## **REVISED: April Meeting and NV Leg Updates**

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## **MEMBERSHIP ALERT**

**April 15, 2021**

### **ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS!**

#### **Next SCA DEMS CLUB MEETING:**

**We just received notification that  
HOLLY WELBORN and ANNETTE MAGNUS  
will join us on  
Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 5:00 pm  
to speak on Criminal Justice along with LESLIE TURNER.**

**ZOOM invites will arrive via an Alert email 2 days before we meet.**

#### **Speaker Info**

ANNETTE MAGNUS, Executive Director of Battle Born Progress, has become a Friend and Favorite of the SCA Dems Club. Her extensive knowledge of Nevada politics and the Legislature, plus her lively and engaging style, make her a valuable addition to our roster of speakers.

LESLIE TURNER studied Criminal Justice and Sociology at UNLV. She has 15 years of experience working with adults, youth, and families directly impacted by systemic racism on various levels. Most recently she worked in a local juvenile detention center, assisting young people and their families to break free from cycles of incarceration.

Leslie is passionate about ending mass incarceration and the school to prison pipeline. It is with that enthusiasm she began working for PLAN, Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, as the Senior Organizer for the Decarceration Project. She also recently participated in a panel discussion on Criminal Justice Reform sponsored by Battle Born Progress.

HOLLY WELBORN, Policy Director for the ACLU of Nevada, is a well-known advocate for Criminal Justice. Holly is an attorney and Nevada native. She completed her undergraduate degree in Political Science at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) and worked on several local, state and national political campaigns. Ms. Welborn's political and policy experience was further enhanced when she worked as a Legislative Aide to the Nevada Minority Leader during the 2007 legislative session. Most recently, she worked for Bristlecone Family Resources addiction treatment agency. This experience fostered her deep sense of commitment to serving the addiction recovery and re-entry populations. During law school, she won multiple academic awards for achievement in Constitutional Law. Holly looks forward to putting her knowledge and combined experiences to work as Policy Director for the ACLU of Nevada.

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### **Legislative Watch Committee Update**

**FOLLOWING ARE SEVERAL NEVADA LEGISLATION INITIATIVES. LINKS ARE PROVIDED TO SUBMIT YOUR OPINIONS ON THESE PROPOSALS.**

**GUN LEGISLATION** - Assembly Bill 286 - ban ghost guns and enforce private property option to ban guns. Still under consideration with additional amendments forthcoming.

Submit your opinions regarding this legislation:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7778/Meetings>

This legislation makes it unlawful to manufacture and sell guns using an assembly of parts, commonly referred to as ghost guns that cannot be traced. There is no oversight or laws to prevent this type of product from being sold to anyone.

Also, private property owners, like Las Vegas strip hotels, have an opt-in to enforce a ban of guns on their property with law enforcement support.

**BAN CAPITAL PUNISHMENT** – Assembly Bill 395 – VOTED OUT OF COMMITTEE – is alive and well for further consideration.

Submit your opinions regarding this legislation:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/8006/Meetings>

In addition to the opportunity to submit your opinion to our Legislators, this link will provide you the full list of 38 exhibits in this Bill, AB395. You may recall that Mark Bettencourt, our Feb democratic club meeting guest speaker. He has submitted an exhibit that addresses all of the failures and misery of attempting to impose the death penalty in Nevada.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 126 – PROPOSES TO MAKE NEVADA A PRIMARY ELECTION STATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.**

AN ACT relating to elections; providing for a presidential preference primary election; setting forth requirements and procedures for holding a presidential preference primary election; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Submit your opinions regarding this legislation:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7448/Meetings>

### **ASSEMBLY BILL 422 – TOP DOWN MANAGEMENT OF VOTER REGISTRATION DATA**

Revises the current data management from County to Sec'y of State control.

AN ACT relating to elections; requiring the Secretary of State to create a centralized database that collects and stores voter preregistration and registration information from all of the counties. Simplifies the data management and improves accurate record keeping.

Submit your opinions regarding this legislation:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/8054/Meetings>

### **ASSEMBLY BILL 2009 - BANNING THE DECLAWING CATS**

Members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee voted to advance legislation on Friday that would ban the declawing of cats. Sponsored by Assemblywoman Susie Martinez, it would generally ban the practice of surgically removing a cat's claws, unless deemed medically necessary.

Submit your opinions regarding this legislation:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7615/Meetings>

## **RESOURCE LINKS**

**Nevada State Legislature:** <https://www.leg.state.nv.us>

From the right-hand sidebar on the main page you can access NELIS - the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System - to track bills (when they begin to be named, numbered, and introduced). You can live-stream committee meetings as bills are discussed. You will find contact information for your representatives as well as other officials. There are educational presentations for important topics like Redistricting. And so much more. It is a great resource in this time when the State House is closed to visitors. I heartily encourage you to explore this site.

### **Local State Senator and Assembly representatives:**

Joe Hardy - [Joe.Hardy@sen.state.nv.us](mailto:Joe.Hardy@sen.state.nv.us)

Glen Leavitt (District 23) - [Glen.Leavitt@asm.stat](mailto:Glen.Leavitt@asm.stat)

Melissa Hardy (District 22) - [Melissa.Hardy@asm.state.nv.us](mailto:Melissa.Hardy@asm.state.nv.us)

### **National Senators:**

Catherine Cortez Masto - [cortezmasto.senate.gov/contact](https://cortezmasto.senate.gov/contact)

Jacky Rosen - [rosen.senate.gov/contact\\_jacky](https://rosen.senate.gov/contact_jacky)

### **Congressional Representative:**

Susie Lee - [susielee.house.gov](https://susielee.house.gov)

Nevada politics and commentary from our friend Jon Ralston,  
Editor, *Nevada Independent*:

<https://thenevadaindependent.com>



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