

SCA Dems - February Meeting and Suggested Actions

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MEMBERSHIP ALERT

February 8, 2021

Next SCA DEMS CLUB MEETING:

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 17, 2021, 5:00 pm

**Speaker: Annette Magnus, Executive Director of
Battle Born Progress**

Topic: 2021 Legislative Session and Progressive Issues

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

Hello Dems: I know we are still sitting here confined to quarters, but I'm beginning to sense a change in the air. We have to stay safe with masking and distancing, but vaccines are giving us a ray of hope.

In the meantime whether we are staying home or getting out more, it's time to saddle up and get on our Activism horses for yet another very important ride. And you thought you were going to get a nice rest after

the Inauguration!

If it's February in 2021 it can only mean one thing. Our State Legislature is in session for 120 days. It only meets every other year - in the odd-numbered year. This year we have all the same critical issues that we see nationally plus important ones of our own. Covid has laid us all low. Our economy has suffered more than any other state, so budget issues will loom large. At the end of this Alert you will find practical information to use to tap into the Legislative Session.

Nevada will be our main focus for the next few months but we cannot take our eyes off national issues and events. Below, in our **Spring into Action** section there are links to our Senators Cortez- Masto and Rosen as well as Congresswoman Lee that you can use to contact them and let them know how you feel about so many important issues. Here's a good one - maybe obvious but worth noting - encourage them to Convict Trump!

FEBRUARY 17 MEETING SPEAKER INFO

We are very fortunate to have Annette Magnus update us on all things Legislative, and tell us about the vital work Battle Born Progress is doing.

Annette is a political science graduate of UNLV. She has become a familiar face throughout the state as an outspoken advocate for progressive causes. She has also served as Co-Chair of the Nevada Women's Lobby, a board member of Emerge Nevada, and Public Affairs Manager at Planned Parenthood of Southern Nevada. Annette will provide a preview of the Nevada 2021 legislative session, bills that we should be watching for and how they will affect our community.

Battle Born Progress is a progressive organization that advocates and lobbies for progressive issues. Battle Born Progress does the hard work behind holding legislators accountable, educating the next generation about advocacy and justice, and helping people get and stay connected with other activists. They work tirelessly in northern

and southern Nevada when civil rights are under attack. They use strategic communication efforts to empower, engage and mobilize Nevada voters to build a state where everyone has a fair opportunity to succeed.

SPRING INTO ACTION!!

Here is the link to an amazing, comprehensive, full-service, one-stop website for all things Legislature-related. 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:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us>

Our local State Senator and Assembly representatives are:

Joe Hardy - Joe.Hardy@sen.state.nv.us

Glen Leavitt (District 23) - Glen.Leavitt@asm.stat

Melissa Hardy (District 22) - Melissa.Hardy@asm.state.nv.us

Another great site for election coverage and commentary is from our friend

Jon Ralston, Editor of the *Nevada Independent*:

<https://thenevadaindependent.com>

Our National Senators:

Catherine Cortez Masto - cortezmasto.senate.gov/contact

Jacky Rosen - rosen.senate.gov/contact_jacky

Our Congressional Representative:
Susie Lee - susielee.house.gov

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