

## **A Note to our Members, from MRRW President Patty Miller and the Board**

Dear MRRW Members and Friends:

The purpose of this note is to help explain Nevada's Presidential Caucus ("caucus") and Presidential Preference Primary (PPP). The fact that Nevada is holding both a caucus and a PPP has proven confusing to many voters.

With this letter, the MRRW board seeks to dispel confusion so that Nevada voters can vote in the manner best for them.

### Presidential Caucus

Nevada has historically held presidential caucuses to select the candidate(s) to support at the Republican National Convention, which will be held July 15-18, 2024 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. When an incumbent President was Republican, such as with President Trump in 2020, a caucus was not held.

A caucus is a gathering of voters in a given precinct. This February, the Nevada Republican Party, supported by the County Parties, will hold caucus meetings for participating voters to discuss Presidential candidates and submit their vote. At these meetings, people will also be nominated to the County Republican Central Committee and as delegates<sup>1</sup> to the County Convention.

**The caucus meetings will be held on Thursday, February 8 from 5pm – 7pm, at a specified location for your precinct.**<sup>2</sup> Only registered Republicans passing a verification process are allowed to participate. At the conclusion of caucus voting, the ballots will be counted in full view of the participants, placed in an envelope, and sealed with security tape. All precinct votes will be secured and tabulated. The caucus results will determine which candidate(s) will receive what portion of Nevada's 26 delegates to the Republican National Convention. The

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<sup>1</sup> A *delegate* is someone who represents his/her state at the Republican National Convention, and whose purpose is to support a particular candidate to obtain the Republican Party's nomination for the General Election to be held in November 2024. For more information: <https://www.thewellnews.com/political-news/the-republican-convention-delegate-process-explained/>, [https://ballotpedia.org/Republican\\_delegate\\_rules,\\_2020](https://ballotpedia.org/Republican_delegate_rules,_2020).

<sup>2</sup> To find your precinct, please use this link:

[https://www.washoecounty.gov/voters/reporting\\_and\\_statistics/precinct-districtmaps.php](https://www.washoecounty.gov/voters/reporting_and_statistics/precinct-districtmaps.php)

Republican candidate for President will ultimately be decided at the National Convention.

Q: What if I can't attend the caucus meeting?

A: Unfortunately, a voter must be present at his/her local precinct caucus meeting to cast a vote in the caucus.

Q: What if I can't attend the entire two hours?

A: If you cannot stay for the entire caucus, you will be able to cast a ballot and leave.

Q: What about non-local military personnel?

A: Military personnel that are deployed outside their precincts are being contacted and given instructions as to how they can participate by absentee ballot. However, all others must attend the caucus to vote; there is no advance or absentee voting.

### Presidential Preference Primary (PPP)

Due to new legislation, the Nevada Secretary of State is preparing for a **PPP to be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024**. Mail-in ballots (for Presidential candidates only) will be sent to all registered voters, and there will be advance voting and day-of voting on February 6, 2024. Tabulating the PPP ballots may take several days, so the results will not be immediately available.

### Participating Candidates

Presidential candidates needed to select *either* the PPP or the caucus; they were not allowed to participate in both. At the time of this writing, the caucus ballot includes candidates like Donald Trump, Ron DeSantis, Vivek Ramaswamy and Doug Burgum. Other candidates, for example, Nikki Haley and Tim Scott, are on the PPP. It is our understanding that you may not write-in a candidate's name who is not on the ballot in either the PPP or the caucus.

### Voting in the Caucus and/or the PPP

Voters can vote in the PPP and the caucus, if desired. As candidates are only on one or the other ballot, you may choose to participate only where your preferred candidate is on the ballot. However, note that there are Republican activities at the caucus meeting in addition to the presidential ballot, and you are encouraged to attend the caucus.

## Awarding Nevada's Delegates

Candidates who participate in the PPP are not eligible to receive Nevada delegates, as Nevada uses the caucus process to identify and award delegates. Top vote-getters from the caucus will proportionally share the 26 Nevada delegates to the National Convention. Although no delegates will be awarded to a candidate who participates in the PPP, candidates may use a positive result in the PPP to bolster their campaigns.

## Other 2024 Elections

The **Primary election for State representatives and local offices will be on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.** Nevada still maintains a 'closed' election so registered Republicans will receive ballots with the Republican candidates and the candidates for nonpartisan offices. Winners of these primary elections will advance to the General Election.

The **General election for President, State and local offices will be on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.**

The Primary and General elections are managed by the Secretary of State and will include mail-in ballots, and advance- and day-of voting.

We appreciate you taking the time to read and understand this information, and we encourage all voters to be as informed as possible.