



Hello, my name is Tim Hanifan, and I am honored to be considered to serve as Washoe County Democrats First Vice Chair for this upcoming term.

I am a proud 5th generation Nevadan who has spent my entire life in northern Nevada. I grew up in Douglas County and moved to Reno in 2014 to pursue my bachelor's degree of Science in Chemistry from the University of Nevada, Reno. During my time in school, I was allowed to work for the late Senator Harry Reid in Washington, D.C., and Reno. During this time, I worked on constituent language and general casework, was trained on the legislative process, and helped plan the 2016 Tahoe Summit. Using this knowledge and training, I more recently was able to offer a legislative tracking template for the state party to use to start their legislative tracking efforts. In 2022 I both ran for political office to represent our state and, after, went on to assist and run various local campaigns for potential Washoe Representatives in 2022. This allowed me many opportunities to connect with residents. While involved, I started to work with and became more involved with various affiliate organizations within and outside Washoe County. Through these groups, I have been honored to learn from many great community organizers how to organize groups and voters to achieve a common and important goal.

When I was first approached to run for the First Vice Chair of Washoe Democrats, I looked at the position's duties as well as saw some of the forecasted plans for our party and groups, and I believe there is good work that can be both continued within The Washoe County Dems. One of the main goals and duties of the first vice chair would be to organize and work with the affiliate groups to move our party forward. We can work with the existing groups to build a solid foundation to bring in and engage local democrats and activists, furthering all our goals. To keep engaging with our democrats, we must build a solid foundation and network for existing groups to attract new community members. We need to get all the groups modernized with websites, mailing lists, and training on various modern communication forms and techniques to ensure we maximize the effect of every dollar spent now and in future elections to go from purple to blue.

Furthermore, many groups are growing within our community and the democratic party, and I hope to work with members within those communities to build groups and coalitions of support. We can work and build a framework of groups to support those within our community and encourage engagement. I have been what many call a lifelong democrat, and I am honored to be considered to continue the great work of our local party and create the framework for success now and in the future.

Please reach out to me at [timothyhanifan@gmail.com](mailto:timothyhanifan@gmail.com) if you have any questions or suggestions regarding my candidacy or anything else!

Thank you!