

I have been a resident of Washoe County for over three decades. After my graduation from college in 1981, I moved from Wisconsin to Nevada where I taught elementary school for 5 1/2 years before going to law school. I worked at a big law firm for two years to pay off my student loans and then continued my public service with the Nevada Attorney General's Office and the Reno City Attorney's Office. I am currently retired although I occasionally serve as a Judge Pro Tem (substitute) for the Reno Municipal Court. I was on the Steering Committee for Nevada Women's Lobby for about 20 years and served as its Northern Chair for at least five of those years. That is where I learned about building consensus among 12 or more very strong-minded women. I have also served as the Secretary, Vice- President and President of SDA Kinship International, a support group for current and former LGBTQ members of the SDA church. That is where I learned about uniting and supporting people with different life stories. I currently serve as the Chair of the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board and have also served on the Warm Springs/Rural Citizen's Advisory Board.

Although I have been a registered Democrat since my early twenties, I did not become active in the Democratic Party until 2008 when Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama were seeking the Democratic Presidential nomination. I started walking my precinct and volunteered to be on the Credentials Committee for the State Convention in 2016 (that was exciting) and the Rules and Bylaws Committee for WashoeDems. I have served on the Credentials Committee for our county convention, and I have been a precinct organizer for over 8 years. I have been a member of both our state and county central committees for many years.

I have been around long enough to have a good relationship with some of the "old guard" who have drifted away from being active and I have worked to develop relationships with many of the newer folks who have taken on leadership roles. We have had many changes in the past 10 years, and I believe I can help build a strong executive board and a "bench" of leaders who will help us turn Washoe County Blue. I hope I have earned your vote.

Pam Roberts, Candidate for 1st Vice Chair