



Date of Submission: 10/28/2021

To the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners and the Carson City Board of Supervisors,

The Washoe County Registrar of Voters has confirmed that Jeffrey Thiede
(Candidate Name)

who resides at 2960 Tobiano Dr, Reno, NV 89521,
(Residence Address, City, State, Zip)

☒ Meets the below requirements

☐ Does not meet the below requirements

Namely, the applicant:

Actually, as opposed to constructively, resides at the physical address listed above, which is within the boundaries of Senate District 16;

Is a registered member of the Republican Party;

Is at least 21 years of old and qualified elector pursuant to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada.

The applicant does not meet the above requirements for the following reason(s):

Deanna Spikula
Deanna Spikula, Registrar of Voters

10/28/21
Date

NEVADA SENATE SEAT DISTRICT 16 APPLICATION OF INTEREST

(Note: This document and accompanying materials will become public record as part of the Carson City Board of Supervisors November 4, 2021 meeting, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners November 9, 2021 meeting, and the Joint Carson City Board of Supervisors and Washoe County Board of County Commissioners meeting on November 10, 2021.)

Only complete applications will be forwarded for consideration.

General Information

Applicant Name: Jeffrey Thiede

Physical Address: 2960 Tobiano Drive

City: Reno

Zip Code: 89521

Mailing Address: 2960 Tobiano Drive

Best Contact Phone Number: 775-544-7334

Email Address: pepjef@yahoo.com



I certify, by signing below, the following:

- ☒ That I actually, as opposed to constructively, reside at the physical address listed above, which is **WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES of Senate District 16 as of September 29, 2021** and have executed the **DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY** which I have returned with this Application;

You can verify that you live within the boundaries of Senate District 16, by referencing this map:

https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Districts/Reapp/2011/Final/Senate/SEN2011_District16.pdf

- ☒ That I am registered as a member of the **Republican Party**;
- ☒ That I am **21 YEARS OLD** and a **QUALIFIED ELECTOR** pursuant to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada;
- ☒ That there is no legal condition, status or other matter which would prevent me from taking the oath of office as a Nevada Legislator or from holding such an office.

Signature: 

Date: 10/27/2021

Additional Information

Along with this application, you may attach information regarding your background and education such as a letter of interest, a resume, or a statement of qualifications. *(For example, you may include information about political activities, community work, and memberships in various organizations. Please DO NOT include letters of recommendation from third parties – they will not be considered.)*

SUBMITTING APPLICATION

Your completed application may be submitted by email to SD16applications@washoecounty.gov or delivered in person to the Washoe County Administrative Complex, County Manager's Office, 2nd Floor, 1001 East 9th Street, Reno, NV 89512 on or before **Noon, October 28th, 2021.**

For the purpose of applying to fill the vacancy in the office of a Legislator in the following legislative district, Senate District 16, I, the undersigned Jeffrey Scot Thiede do swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I actually, as opposed to constructively, reside at 2960 Tobiano Drive, in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada; that, as required by NRS 218A.260, my actual, as opposed to constructive, residence in that legislative district began on a date at least 30 days immediately preceding the date established pursuant to NRS 218A.262 for the close of filing of applications to fill the vacancy; that my telephone number is (775)544-7334, and the address at which I receive mail, if different than my residence, is 2960 Tobiano Drive; that I am registered as a member of the Republican Party; that I am a qualified elector pursuant to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada; that if I have ever been convicted of treason or a felony, my civil rights have been restored; that I will otherwise qualify for the office if appointed thereto, including, but not limited to, complying with any limitation prescribed by the Constitution of this State concerning the number of years or terms for which a person may hold the office; that I understand that knowingly and willfully filing a declaration of eligibility which contains a false statement is a crime punishable as a gross misdemeanor; and that, as required by NRS 218A.200, I will have been an actual, as opposed to constructive, citizen resident of this State for 1 year immediately preceding the date of my appointment and that, during such period, I will have resided at the following residence or residences:

2013-Present

Street Address

2960 Tobiano Drive

City or Town

Reno

Nevada

From..... To.....

Dates of Residency

Street Address

City or Town

Nevada

From..... To.....

Dates of Residency

Street Address

City or Town

Nevada

From..... To.....

Dates of Residency

Street Address

City or Town

Nevada

From..... To.....

Dates of Residency

(Attach additional sheet or sheets of residences as necessary)

.....Jeffrey Scot Thiede.....

(Name of applicant)



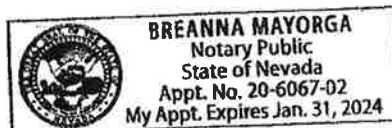
(Signature of applicant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 23 day of the month of October of the year 2021



Notary Public or other person

authorized to administer an oath



Jeffrey Thiede

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October 27, 2021

RE: State Senate Seat-District 16 Opening

To the distinguished Carson City Board of Supervisors and the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners:

With great excitement, I am applying for the Nevada State Senate Seat, District 16 that was vacated by the Honorable State Senator Ben Kieckhefer. I have included in this letter of intent some professional and personal information that may be beneficial in considering me for this position. Additional information can be found in my resume.

I am applying for this position for one reason. I believe in our amazing Representative Republic. Unfortunately, I am seeing this institution begin to crumble. I know many people have differing voices that sometimes conflict with the notion of the 'land of the free and the home of the brave'. I certainly disagree with those who want to change our landscape into a socialist society where merit no longer applies. I believe in hard work, dedication to our families, and a free ability to worship deities as one pleases. I believe that these rights are being taken away systematically with the goal of transforming our country into something we have fought against for centuries. While the layout of our current legislative body as well as the executive branch have embraced socialist ideologies, it is our jobs as citizens of this incredible state to correct the direction that we are currently moving towards. I believe my experience across this world has prepared me to take on this task and help heal our state.

Personally, I am a devoted husband, father, son, Marine, and educator of 19 years. The love of my life, Pepper, has been my incredible wife of almost 25 years. Pepper has been a teacher in Career and Technical Education for high schools and middle schools for 22 years. I have two awesome children, McKinley and Coltin. McKinley is in her senior year at the University of Louisiana Monroe while on scholarship for volleyball. My son Coltin is a sophomore at the University of Utah majoring in computer science at the same time pursuing a career in the United States Air Force through the ROTC program on campus. I am blessed to have an amazing family!

I became an educator to help students understand that regardless of your background, you make your life what it is. We are all blessed with free will to choose our own path through life. Some people have others to lean on while others work through adversity and make successes and failures on their own accord. I use my personal experience to help empower the children of our community to be the greatest they can be. I am lucky that both Pepper and I both work at Damonte Ranch High School. We work hard to ensure the children we are tasked to educate are provided the best opportunities to succeed.

In the earlier years, I grew up in Washoe Valley and attended Wooster High School, graduating in 1991. Subsequently, once married, we were able to move back to the "Valley" where we purchased a house when our children were young. I gained a teaching job in the first year of Damonte Ranch High School's existence in 2003. Three years later we relocated to Palmer, Alaska when an Athletic Director position opened at Palmer High School. These are two totally different worlds, and the experience gained in the seven years I was there helped guide me when I returned to Nevada and Damonte Ranch as the Athletic Director, a position I have held since 2013. Some may ask, "Why Alaska?" Well, my wife was born and raised in Alaska, and Palmer, Alaska was a place her family helped established in the 1930s. What a great adventure!

In 1991, I joined the United States Marine Corps. I was quickly promoted to Corporal in 14 months as my performance was viewed as exemplary by superiors. I served in Somalia during "Operation Restore Hope" with distinction while providing humanitarian relief to the people of that emaciated country. Later, I had the privilege of serving on the USS Anchorage for a short stint. Finally in 1994, I was stationed on Okinawa, Japan until June 1995 where I served as a marksman instructor. Over the course of the year in Okinawa, I was proud to help over 5000 Marines recertify their marksmanship requirement.

I am in my 19th year of education and have held an administrative role for the past 16 years in both Palmer, Alaska and most recently at Damonte Ranch High School. My dedication to students and the community has increased because of the experiences I have been part of over the years. I have been a coach, leadership advisor, teacher, testing coordinator, and athletic director. And, for the record, the position of athletic director is akin to the general manager of a professional sports team. The role of an athletic director is not just a coach of coaches. It is far more demanding and is comparable to many higher management positions in industry that requires a huge amount of time, energy, and a vast knowledge of sports management. I say that only to those who may not understand this position. I can tell you that one year in Alaska, I worked for 281 days on a 180-day contract including weekends and holidays. That is a huge sacrifice when you are not compensated. I sacrificed my time for our kids as they would have suffered by not being provided adequate opportunities without adult support. I mention this only to show my dedication to the job I am tasked with completing, regardless of the time and energy required. This is the same mentality I will bring to the Nevada State Senate. I have a job to do for the people of Nevada, and I will never quit and never stop working.

I believe I have the necessary qualities to serve as a state senator from the years of experience I have received through training. Additionally, I have the educational background that will lend to my experience that may separate me from other candidates. I am not a lawyer, and I don't mean that as a slight to anyone. I am a Marine, a father, an educator, and a nationally recognized athletic director who has spent countless years increasing my knowledge and experience to share with our community. I pride myself by continuing my education by self-learning or taking courses to better understand the laws and regulations that concern my position. I am a science and government teacher who has been able to provide our students the best education opportunities while encouraging all students to work hard in society to be great citizens. I believe my background in social studies, my continued education, and my worldly experience has provided me an insight that can lend to making the state of Nevada a better place for all citizens. I was recognized as the State of Nevada Athletic Director of the Year in 2017 for changing the negative behaviors from our students during athletic events. I am a problem solver

who believes that there are two sides to a story, and I am fully willing to look at the problems and find solutions. I was a 19-year-old Marine tasked with the logistics of sending billions of dollars of equipment to Somalia and was honored by the Marine Corps for my actions. I attribute my leadership abilities to the experiences I was afforded as a United States Marine. Continuous training in leadership provided me the foundation for which I guide my life both personally and professionally for the past 48 years, less the first 18 years which I owe to my wonderful parents.

As an educator, I have not, and never will take sides while teaching. When my students leave my class at the end of the year, they have no idea of my political ideology. I teach both sides of the equation and let them decide what is in their best interest. I know it is a crazy proposition in this era, but it is not my job to sway the youth in one direction or the other as that is the job of the parent and eventually the young adult. If families believe that schools are not fulfilling their obligation, the parents should have the choice to move their child to another school. I was, for a long time, against school choice as I believed schools were built in a certain area where populations were increasing, and you went to that school because of where you lived. However, after time, some schools are lacking while others thrive. Why can't my child go to the school that is thriving while their current school is failing?

My job is to educate our children so they will have the tools to be successful in society. However, there has been a very drastic change to education over the past few years and we can see that amongst other major issues, that have made headlines across the country. I am in the special situation in that I am directly tied to education in a manner that allows me to provide vast information on the good and the bad. My knowledge in education can help change the attitudes of those not in my profession who are tasked with creating legislation. The most frustrating part of my position is the constant change in regulations, policies, or laws that directly affect my duties. I sometimes scratch my head wondering where these new things were created. I research those issues and find that many times there are made without any input from the professionals in education or other sectors. I am a person who can transform the landscape of education, bringing back our stakeholders, specifically parents into the equation. I am disgusted by what the others continue to push regarding education. Our job is to teach these kids the curriculum that should focus on core disciplines first, including college and career readiness programs as well as other programs that focus on job skills in the 21st Century. That is our job plain and simple. I am an educator who is part of the minority when speaking about education; I am a teacher and hold a conservative view of our educational system. I can make change for the better if given the chance.

In conclusion, there will be many people who apply for this position to help lead our state. Why I am I so different? I am not the mainstream politician. I am a citizen who is seeing our country and more specifically our state be given away to a socialist ideology. I am a citizen who has worked hard all of my life, most of which in public service. I am motivated by my family and was taught at an early age what hard work can achieve. My mother and father both worked hard in the same profession each for 30 plus years. My father worked his tail off on ranches outside of Denio, Nevada. He joined the Marine Corps, served as a communications Marine during the Vietnam Era, and was able to start a career in the communications field. He showed me what hard work looks like, many times missing events I participated in when younger. He showed me how to make things from nothing. Everything I have done in my life was made easier by

learning from my mother and my father. Why? Because they are 'doers' and not a 'sayers'. That is exactly what you will get from me if you accept me for this distinguished role.

I look forward to the opportunity to interview for this position so we can further discuss my qualifications I will bring to the Nevada State Senate. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey Thiede', with a stylized, looping flourish extending to the right.

Jeffrey Thiede

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Jeffrey S. Thiede

Objective	Be selected to serve as the Nevada State Senator for District 16 to replace the Honorable Ben Kieckhefer	
Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ 19 years in education❖ 16 years administrative experience as Athletic Director/Administrator❖ Eight years testing Coordinator❖ Worked in hotel/casino and other transportation companies from 1995-2003❖ United States Marine 1991-1995	
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ M.S., Educational Administration, National University, San Diego, April 2010❖ B.S., Secondary Education, Social Studies, University of Nevada, Reno, 2002.❖ A.S., Environmental Science, Natural Resources Management, Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, Nevada, 1998	
Relevant Experience	<p>Athletic Director/Admin-Palmer High/Damonte Ranch High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Oversee budget for transportation and all school related activities❖ Direct supervisor for 90 positions❖ Maintain student/athlete eligibility reports for school, district, and state❖ Administrative representative❖ Chairperson of Accreditation 2010-Palmer High School, Alaska❖ Accreditation Visitation Team Member-2017 Wooster High School❖ Supervise student behavior before, during, and after school.❖ Coordinate capital improvement projects for athletic facilities including \$4.3 stadium improvement-Palmer High, AK❖ Coordinator for stadium improvement-Damonte Ranch High School including \$1.5 million in renovations❖ Director for over 100 state championship athletics events and regional athletic events❖ Continuous interactions with community organizations and businesses <p>Testing Coordinator-Damonte Ranch High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Oversee, direct, and implement district, state, and national assessments including: PSAT, ACT, ELL, Career Tech, AP, District finals, End of Course Exams, and Science Assessment❖ Ensure that assessment regulations are followed, and students are provided accommodations as required❖ Ensure fidelity in all testing environments which helps eliminate irregularities <p>Teacher-Damonte Ranch High School (grades 7-12), 2003-2006, 2013-present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Became "highly qualified" in a science beyond my major field of studies in social studies❖ Established teams within middle school grade levels and achieved vertical alignment with high school courses❖ Helped create a district-wide scope and sequence for the environmental science curriculum❖ Taught two different disciplines Science/Government❖ Taught student leadership during my prep for the first three years of teaching❖ Created a leadership curriculum for middle school students	
Related Employment	<p>Athletic Director, Palmer High School/Damonte Ranch High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Oversee all aspects of extracurricular activities including budget, transportation, scheduling, security, eligibility, public relations, setup of events, maintenance of facilities, and parental communications❖ Supervise students during school day, participate in administrative meetings, and district meetings with other school administrators❖ Provide disciplinary action when warranted during the school day to include working with school police for searches.❖ Was a finalist for the Career Tech High School Principal Position in Alaska❖ 2017 Nevada Athletic Director of the Year❖ Certified Master National Athletic Administrator-NFHS/NIAAA<ul style="list-style-type: none">• only 1 of 5 in Nevada to hold that distinction	❖ 2003-Present

Substitute Principal

❖ 2007-2013

- ❖ Substitute for principals at Sutton Elementary, Willow Elementary, Career and Technical High School, and Palmer High

Teacher/Coach (7-12), Damonte Ranch High School, Reno, Nevada

❖ 2003-2006

- ❖ Taught biological and physical science for grades 7-12
- ❖ Taught leadership for grades 7-8
- ❖ Developed a successful volleyball and baseball program for a new high school
- ❖ Helped "open" a new high school in the district

Military Experience❖ **United States Marine Corps**

❖ 1991-1995

- ❖ Honorably discharged
 - ❖ Served as a member of "Operation Restore Hope" in Somalia
 - ❖ Successful completion of Marine Corps Leadership Training
 - ❖ Instructor for marksmanship training
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