



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 Melissa T Clement
(Candidate Name)

who resides at 7900 Rusty Rd, Reno, NV 89511,
(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: Melissa T Clement
Physical Address: 7900 Rusty Road
Reno
City: 89511
Zip Code: Same
Mailing Address: 775-813-4319
Best Contact Phone Number: mtc3785@sbcglobal.net
Email Address:



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: October 25, 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 Melissa T Clement do swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I actually, as opposed to constructively, reside at N/A, 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 (), and the address at which I receive mail, if different than my residence, is N/A; 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:

7900 Rusty Road

Street Address
Reno

City or Town
Nevada

Nevada
From 10/2017 To Present
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)

Melissa T. Clement
(Name of applicant)

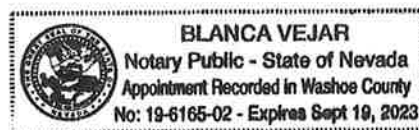
[Signature]
(Signature of applicant)

State of Nevada, County of Washoe

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 27th day of the month of October of the year 2021

[Signature]
Notary Public or other person
authorized to administer an oath



October 28, 2021

Chairman Bob Lucey
Washoe County Commission
1001 E. Ninth Street
Reno, NV 89512

Chair Lucey and Commissioners,

Please accept my attached application for appointment to Nevada State Senate District 16. I believe I am well qualified and uniquely situated to provide the best representation for the citizens of Washoe County and Carson City. I bring experience, integrity, and passion to the table.

I have lived in Washoe County for close to 40 years. I attended Reno High School and the University of Nevada, Reno. My husband and I have raised three children to be productive, contributing citizens of society. I have volunteered extensively with the county and state Republican parties working to elect candidates. Working on the State Republican Platform Committee gave me a state-wide perspective of the issues – from water to economic diversification – that affect our very diverse and beautifully unique state.

There are two reasons that motivated me to run. The first is economic. I am a small business owner who has lived under the capricious rule of a never-ending emergency for the past 19 months. My father owned a small mining and mineral exploration company in Nevada, so I am familiar with the boom-and-bust economy. For small businesses, however, it is now a bust and bust some more economy. The COVID pandemic offered a unique opportunity to poach businesses from other states and invest in Nevadans to make sure we have the workforce to support them. Instead, small business owners, the backbone of our economy have been targeted for shutdowns, inspections, fines, and an ever-changing cast of regulations. The legislature did not see fit to limit Governor Steve Sisolak's emergency powers and it should not fall to innocent businesses to risk their reputation and customer service as unofficial enforcers of his endless directives. We also saw this in the unconstitutional rent moratorium, which has hurt small landlords who bought property under a given set of rules. Our state does not work when we move the goalposts with no notice.

The second reason I feel uniquely suited to the position is seeing a need for unity in our state. Too often, legislators run and rather than wanting to do the tough work of legislating and writing good laws and good policy, the lure of the media soapbox drives factions and grandstanding. I think in order to effectively advance policies that drive economic freedom and growth, we must be a united front at the Legislature, and effectively use the power of the minority – be it party or north v. south – to prevent tax increases, especially those that target our largest employers. Lobbying is relationship-dependent and I pride myself in the

friendships I have maintained on both sides of the aisle and across industries and issues as I lobbied in Carson City over the last decade – all while not abandoning my core beliefs.

My philosophy for the \$2 billion in CARES Act money flooding Nevada:

- This money is a big fat IOU that our children and grandchildren will pay. During the pandemic, our children have suffered the most, yet it seems they have few true advocates in Carson City. Accordingly, their interests should have a seat at the table. Parents must be recognized as the primary educator and decision-maker in their child's life. We must invest in school choice to drive better academic outcomes, not sinecures that perpetuate the soft bigotry of low expectations. Just as in business, competition drives better results. Nevada cannot attract new investments without a better educated workforce.
- This money should also make whole those who have suffered most from the pandemic - small businesses that have struggled and closed, landlords who have borne the brunt of rent moratorium, and those who have yet to receive their unemployment money from a broken DETR system.

I will not run for SD16 in 2022, but I will not be a mere place-holder. Because I will not run, I will be free to fight for Washoe County, Carson City, and for our state without concern for reelection. No special interest – other than our children, our families, and our economy – will impact my decisions. I will fight hard and I will speak freely and forcefully.

I have lived here for close to 40 years. I grew up here. I have raised my children here. I hope that my grandchildren will enjoy the blessings of the greatest state in the land - the Silver State, battle born and battle tested. I am committed to decisions that will guarantee those blessings for generations to come.

I look forward to being a voice for the unsung heroes of our economy in the Senate.

Sincerely,



Melissa Clement

MELISSA TAYLOR CLEMENT

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mtc3785@Sbcglobal.net

7900 Rusty Road
Reno, Nevada 89511

PROFILE

Resident of Washoe County for close to 40 years. Lifelong Republican. Active in politics, lobbying, and grassroots/citizen engagement.

EXPERIENCE

Executive Director, Nevada Right to Life — 2018–Present

Issue advocacy and education, political strategy, election activities, community organizing.

Lobbyist, Nevada Right to Life – 2013–Present

Lobbying on national, state, and local level with an emphasis on Nevada State Legislature.

Director, Protect Our Girls Initiative — 2019–Present

Statewide statutory initiative seeking to mandate parental notification for minor girls seeking an abortion. Signature gathering, volunteer recruitment and management, fundraising, community outreach.

Member, Little Flower School Board — 2006–2008

Provided parental representation on advisory board concerning long-term planning, fundraising, curriculum, and capital improvement.

Director, Student Activities, University of Nevada — 1994–1996

Developed and oversaw budgets, provided leadership training to university student leaders, performed business management functions for Associated Students and three student publications.

Programming Advisor, Associated Students of the University of Nevada — 1989–1994

Guided and advised student government sponsored events and activities.

EDUCATION

University of Nevada, Reno — Master of Arts, Political Science, 1995

University of Nevada, Reno — Bachelor of Sciences, Marketing, 1989

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Nevada Federation of Republican Women

Washoe Republican Women

Washoe County Republican Central Committee

Nevada Republican Central Committee