

Dear Washoe County Republican Central Committee Member,

The Washoe County Republican Central Committee will hold the 2nd Quarter Meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6:30 P.M., with the location TBD.

# The WCRCC will host a final candidate forum on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

The Candidate Forum will be held at the Washoe County Republican Headquarters, 3652 South Virginia Street, Suite C8, Reno, Nevada 89502. (775-827-1900)

One of the most important duties you have is the election of the party leadership that will guide the Washoe County Republican Party into the 2016 election cycle. I encourage all of you to get to know the candidates and their stance on the issues important to you.

Below is a list of candidates who have announced their candidacy for the open seats of Chair and 1st Vice Chair on the WCRCC executive board.

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Chair:

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## Sherry Powell

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### 1st Vice Chair:

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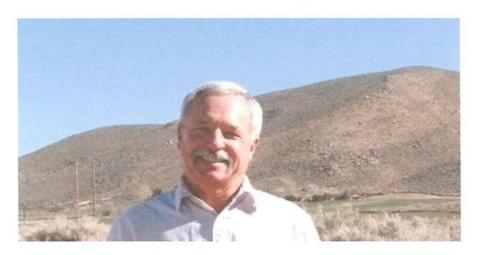
## **Lauren Scott**

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Please take a moment to read their statements following the list of candidates. Candidate submissions were made by the candidates and have been sent as they were received.

## **Candidates for Chair**

Larry Green, Candidate for Chair



LARRY GREEN 4 CHAIRMAN OF THE WASHOE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Born and raised right here in Reno

Attended Reno schools

University of Nevada Reno graduate

40 years Nevada Businessman

Conservative Republican since 1974

Semi retired and ready for a new challenge

I have been fortunate to have lived the American Dream of FREEDOM and OPPORTUNITY. That dream has been fading over the years. It is time for us to step up and prevent our FREEDOM and OPPORTUNITY from eroding any further.

With our recent Republican victories we have a chance to pull our GOP back from the brink and once again be The Grand Old Party. But wait. Can we follow through on our good fortune abiding the closed door, private club policies of WCRCC "leadership"? NO WE CANNOT! This "Pelosi" type corrupt/rigged election, where we must have the election to find out who the voters are, is typical of the tyrannical path "leadership" has followed all along.

If you are unaware of the big problems with "leadership" in the WCRCC, call me at 7757420742, email me at Igreen47@hotmail.com or attend the special and/or town hall meetings of which the WCRCC should announce. "Leadership" is blocking my direct communication with you.

An uninformed electorate is killing America.

### Adam Khan, Candidate for Chair

#### Sam Kumar, Candidate for Chair

## Sam Kumar Candidate for Chairman

Email: samkumarnv@live.com Cell: (775) 232-0236

## Profile Education

- MS in Electrical Engineering, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT.
- MBA, University of Nevada, Reno.

#### **Professional career**

- Positions held: Vice president of Operations, Director of Operations, Program Manager, Intellectual Property Manager, Operations Manager, Engineering Manager, Engineer.
- Managed groups with over 50 employees
- Experience planning, preparing and executing budgets exceeding \$2.5 million
- Experience devising and implementing functional strategic plans at a Fortune 500 level
- Two commercialized patented inventions and one IEEE publication

### **Politics**

- Two term Senator, Montana State University Student Senate
- President, Student Senate, Montana State University
- Voted Outstanding Senator, Montana State University
- NVRA membership secretary 2009-2011
- Washoe County Republican Central Committee 2008- Present
- Nevada Republican Central Committee
- Chair, PR Committee, Washoe County Republican Party, 2009-2011
- First Vice chairman, Washoe County Republican Party, 2011-2013
- Chairman, Washoe County Republican Party, 2014-Present

### Other

- Former President, Northern Nevada Mensa
- Former nationally ranked masters track athlete
- Former City of Reno Corporate Challenge track champion
- Former City of Reno tennis champion

• USA Tennis Northern California Player of the Year 2013

## **Sherry Powell, Candidate for Chair**

#### GOALS FOR THE WASHOE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

- 1. UNIFY THE PARTY
- OPEN DOOR POLICY AND TRANSPARENCY
- 3. RAISE MONEY SO THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE OUR GOALS
- 4. SUPPORT ALL REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES IN NEXT ELECTION
- 5. OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY AND THOSE WHO FEEL THE PARTY HAS FORGOTTEN THEM

I will unify the party, because without unity there will be no way to achieve our goals.

Unity means young and old.

Unity means current, future and past members.

Unity means we all work together.

Open door means the doors will not be locked to members.

Open door means Mon-Thurs 1 to 4 is a minimum.

Open door means Mon-Friday.

Open door means ALL volunteers won't have to look for places to call from or work from in support of our candidates.

Transparency need I have to define it?

Raising money is key. Without money we won't be able to do anything, and that's a fact.

I have worked on EVERY fund raiser, excluding the current Lincoln Day Dinner and that was because I was kicked out.

I have raised money for candidates, ballot questions, charities and events. (In the millions) Money will not leave without a substantial return.

If you do not like a candidate, then become one.

We will support ALL candidates, if we disagree I will go to them and express our views.

I will make your voices heard.

I will work with all new candidates and offer resources.

I will work with former, current and future candidates.

Oh that's right I already did that.

Outreach will be a committee of several not one.

Outreach is the most important of all committees.

As former outreach chair we raised money, got our faces out in the community, increased

voter registration and painted a picture of what republicans are. I will not let the media, democrats or John Ralston define our party. Most of all I will expect your help! If you have any questions please call. 775-828-0827 or text. I hope I can count on your support on April 23rd.

Sherry Powell
Political Activist
Political Strategist
Paralegal C.L.A.
GOP Precinct Captain
WCGOP Outreach Chairman(former)
Lobbyist for Victims of Crime
Steering Committee for Nevadans for Qualified Judges

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## 1st Vice Chairman Candidates

Tom Dickman, Candidate for 1st Vice Chair

**Gary Schmidt, Candidate for 1st Vice Chair** 

Dickman and Kumar voted down by their own Committee Names of CC members to be released to all candidates

Current Washoe CountyRepublican Central Committee (WCRCC) Chairman Sam Kumar and Vice-Chair Tom Dickman have repeatedly denied providing announced candidates even a list of the names of the voting CC members. This is while Candidate Dickman and

presumed Candidate Kumar have always had access to all the names AND contact information.

Thursday night, April 9, 2015, Kumar's and Dickman's own Executive Committee by 12 to 8 voted to release the names of the CC members to all the candidates. This was in defiance of strong opposition by Kumar and Dickman. Also opposed to the releasing of the names were Dave Espinoza, Dave Buell, and Barb Hawn. Tom and Jane Taber, Bill Anthony, Ray Rocha, Kim Bacchus, and Melinda Campbell lead the argument that it was only fair to release at least the names, in light of the fact that it had always been the policy in the past and the presiding officers running for re-election not only had access to the names, but also the contact information. All challenging candidates had been seeking access to the names for well over a month and one much longer than that. There is now less than two weeks before the election on April 23.

Also decided was that after the election in the furtherance of greater fairness, the issue of whether to also release contact information to challenging candidates in the future would be brought before the full CC for consideration.

On another subject matter, a wild-eyed Kumar implied that someone may have forged a signature or signatures on the recent Call for a Special Meeting petitions. Ms. Yvonne Silver stated that she could only remember signing one petition and that her name appeared on two. Roger Stockton and others in the room acknowledged that when they signed, they had signed two petitions for meetings on different dates. It was moved by Taber to allow those in the room who had organized the Call for a Special Meeting petitions to respond to Kumar's accusations but Kumar denied that request and in essence ruled Taber "out of order".

After the meeting, Ralph McMullen indicated that in Kumar's recent email of April 7, 2015, where he denied the Call of the Special Meeting as unauthorized, there was a false impression regarding any support McMullen had given to Kumar's position that there were not enough valid signatures to allow the Special Meeting.

There were 35 signatures on the petition with only 28 required, so removing Silver's name still left a surplus of signatures. Again, none of the guests present who were involved in the Call of Special Meeting drive were allowed to address the issues.

The announced challenging candidates present for the entire meeting were Gary Schmidt running for Vice-Chair and Sherri Powel and Larry Green for Chair.

A Reform Nevada Politics Release Sources: Schmidt, Powell, Green, and several anonymous Executive Board Members and Guests

Gary R. Schmidt for Vice-Chair Education

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics, San Jose State University 1966; Minor Fields of Study in Business Management, Geography, Computer Sciences; Graduate Work in Real Estate at University of California 1967; Computer Science Studies at Lockheed & U.S. Air

Force 1961/66 (ten years experience in data/computer processing including work as a Computer Software Design Engineer with hundreds of hours of formal seminars and training courses); Various Courses in Effective Leadership and Government Administration; Continuing Legal Education courses in Public Records/Open Meeting Laws, Nevada Property Tax Law, Business Court Functions

## **Business and professional background**

Semi-retired Business Owner/Operator: I have owned, developed, and managed agricultural, commercial, and residential properties for 45 years. I have had active business activities and interests in tourist commercial operations, commercial winter sports activities, motel and tourist lodging, farming, ranching, orchard development, nut processing and distribution, wholesale and retail office supplies distribution, restaurant and entertainment operations, business consulting, special events planning and operations, concert and record productions including well known music festivals and concerts- He was co-producer of the 1968 Newport Pop Festival, the first outdoor music festival to draw over 100,000 people!

**Public service/Government** 

**Current CC Member** 

**Current vice- President of Washoe County Republican Assembly** 

**Executive Board Member of the Nevada Republican Assembly** 

**Chairman of the NvRA Campaign and Elections Committee** 

Former candidate for State Senate

Member of the Republican Men's Club

I was the only non California resident ever elected to the California Pistachio Commission with activities in advertising and promotion and Congressional liaison in Washington D.C. in the mid 1980s. I served on the Washoe County Board of Equalization from 2003 to 2007. I have attended and participated in hundreds of local and State hearings, committees, and public meetings, regularly attended CAB and NAB meetings for decades. As an informed citizen I have fought against abusive, oppressive, intrusive, and arrogant government for over forty years. (see web site at Reform Nevada Politics .com) (www.reformnevadapolitics.com)

## Gary Schmidt for Washoe County Republican Central Committee Vice-Chair

The abuses and lack of transparency of The Washoe County Republican Central Committee so called leadership have reached critical mass. Current WCRCC officials' acts and actions amount to what could be described as elitist Gestapo type tactics and must not be tolerated. We need entirely new leadership with openness and transparency (like previous chairs Tabor and McMullen). We, the CC body as a whole, must rid ourselves of these despots. Current leadership is an absolute detriment and embarrassment to the Washoe County Republican Party and has brought it to near bankruptcy.

As the Washoe County Republican Central Committee Vice-Chairman, I, Gary Schmidt, would bring transparency and openness back to the Central Committee. I will NOT tolerate

back room special deals. Vice-Chair Dickman has been part of these problems, not the solution to them. I, Gary Schmidt, as Vice-Chair will NOT allow the general membership to be silenced or ignored. I will bring back discouraged members that have left the body in disgust as well as bring it entirely new members. Current so called leadership has driven good people out of the CC by treating them with disrespect and irrelevance. Additionally, Tom Dickman, by his own admission, had to recuse himself from numerous items before the Executive Committee having to do with his Wife's candidacy. If re-elected his conflicts of interest shall continue and I believe it is in the Party's best interest that he concentrates on supporting his wife Jill's legislative service and her run for re-election instead.

One of the functions of the Vice-Chair is to represent the WCRCC on the State Central Committee. Last year I received the near unanimous support and endorsement from the State Central Committee in my campaign for State Senate as well as the endorsement of the Carson City Central Committee and the Nevada Republican Assembly (NvRA). This year I was elected as Vice-President of the newly formed Washoe County Republican Assembly. I was also elected last year and continue to serve on the Executive Board of the NvRA and to Chair its Statewide Campaign and Elections Committee and I am the Legislative Liaison for the NvRA.. Representing the WCRCC at the State Party level as Vice-Chairman will compliment and be enhanced by these other of my current responsibilities and functions.

I welcome and encourage your comments in regards to these matters,

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For Professional and Political background info see reformnevadapolitics.com from 2014 campaign

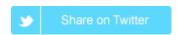
# The abusive actions of the current so called leadership of the WCRCC include the following:

- Making appointments of Committee Chairs without the approval of the Executive Committee (the Chairman)
- Leaving numerous Committee Chairmanships and Committees vacant for over a year (the Chairman)
- Making secret deals without review by the Executive Committee or the Central Committee for the donation of CC funds to specific candidates and not to others
- Denying reasonable access to the minutes and records in the office
- Interfering with and attempting to sabotage efforts of dozens of CC members to call a Special Meeting as is authorized by the By-Laws
- Denying the CC members and the candidates a list (of the names only) of their fellow CC members
- Refusing to provide copies of the recordings of any meetings so that CC members can for themselves verify the accuracy and completeness of meeting minutes
- Locking down the office for weeks at a time to impede member access to records
- Blasting the entire CC membership with blatantly "political" prejudicial diatribes and outright fabrications without allowing candidates or members equal access for rebuttal

Hiding and/or perhaps even having "lost" all records of last year's Washoe County Republican Party Convention (this puts every CC membership in question) (since we cannot have a fair and legitimate election without definitive proof as to who the CC members are, I have filed a complaint with the elections division of the Secretary of State's Office).

Lauren Scott, Candidate for 1st Vice Chair





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