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POLITICAL HOPEFULS

BRYAN FOR STATE SENATE

Las Vegas Assemblyman Richard Bryan, unveiling a platform of strict conflict of interest legislation and a wide ranging consumer protection program announced he will seek the Democratic nomination for State Senate.

Bryan, 34, will be seeking one of four seats in the Las Vegas Senate District.

"My decision to seek election to the Senate is based upon my conviction that I can do more for the people in Clark County in the Senate and in my belief that I can be more effective in pressing for conflict of interest legislation and consumer protection laws there."

Bryan, a leading advocate of stringent conflict of interest legislation, said "Recent controversies involving a teepee at the airport, expansion of the redline in downtown Las Vegas, and changes in the pawnshop ordinance make it clear that conflict of interest legis-

lation should be assigned a high priority in the next session of the legislature."

Bryan said that such legislation must include a requirement for all public officials to disclose their financial worth prior to filing for public office. The veteran legislator said that he will soon file with the news media a personal financial disclosure statement and urged other candidates for public office to follow suit.

The Las Vegas legislator said that he will introduce legislation to create a consumer protection agency at the State level. He also called for legislation providing for a three day "cooling-off" period on goods purchased from door-to-door salesmen. This would allow the purchaser to return the merchandise within three days and receive a full refund of any money paid.

Bryan also said he favors the licensing of



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automobile mechanics and a law which would forbid any automobile mechanic from undertaking repair work beyond the scope of repairs authorized by the customer.

In 1969 Bryan was voted "Outstanding Freshman Legislator" and received the Nevada Federation of Wildlife Conservation Legislator award in 1970. He was voted by the Vegas Valley Jaycees as the Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1969.

Bryan has served as a Deputy District Attorney and in 1966 was chosen Nevada's first Public Defender. He has also been counsel for the County Juvenile Court.

He is married and the father of three children.

CANDIDATES INVITED TO SUBMIT RESUMES

BYRNES FOR U.S. CONGRESS

William T. Byrnes, a 30 year old Republican from Las Vegas, has filed for candidacy in the United States Congressional seat in Nevada.

Byrnes is a history teacher at Jim Bridger Junior High School. Born in San Francisco, he attended the University of Nevada, Reno, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree. He later graduated with a master's degree from Northern Arizona University.

Teaching classes in current affairs lured him into political activities. Byrnes stated, "I've always been interested in politics and have kept up-to-date on issues of concern in the United States and especially in Nevada. I kept teaching about current issues and felt that it was time to try politically to do something about the issues. I have lived in both the northern and southern parts of the state for an equal number of years and know the problems of both areas. It is important for a United States Representative to know the pulse of both ends of the state and not to be partial to one geo-

graphical area. I feel I am qualified."

Two of the six positions he strongly adheres to are concerned with Presidential elections. Byrnes proposes that Presidents be elected by popular instead of electoral vote and suggests that Presidential candidates be selected through a national primary rather than through party conventions.

Summarizing other major points of his platform, Byrnes said, "I am committed to a system which would allow state, country, and city employees moving out of one area to renew their retirement plans in the area to which they move. I am also in favor of increasing money to support public recreation and education, and I feel the United States should take a less friendly stand with countries where illegal drugs are manufactured and sent to America in large quantities. I also advocate a guaranteed retirement insurance. For example: Persons who worked for a firm for 29 years didn't get their retirement when the firm went bankrupt. Money in a retirement



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fund should be guaranteed in a way similar to the way it is guaranteed in a bank."

He feels that the coming election should be decided on the basis of important issues. "I have taught history to over 1000 students and each student has been told that each voter should follow the issues closely and that voters should cast their vote for the candidate with the best platform."

His wife, Lenore Owen Byrnes, is a native of Reno. They have two sons, Michael and Patrick, and expect a third child in August.

This summer Byrnes will devote his full time in behalf of the campaign.

WILLIAMS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Aaron Williams, North Las Vegas City Councilman, has announced his candidacy for election to the Clark County Commission. Williams, a democrat, is seeking election to represent district C which encompasses west Las Vegas and a portion of the city of North Las Vegas. Currently the Clark County Commission consists of five members. Under the new reapportionment plan enacted by the state Legislature the county Commission will now have seven mem-

bers each of whom will represent a specific district.

A resident of North Las Vegas for twelve years, Williams has been employed by Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Company as a senior buyer.

Aaron Williams is currently the vice chairman of the district Board of Health of Clark County serving on the air pollution control committee. Williams is a member of the Catholic Welfare Board; a director of the southern Nevada Drug Abuse

Council (SNDAC); North Las Vegas Democratic Club; Optimist and Kiwanis Club; Sugar Ray Robinson Youth Foundation of Southern Nevada and is a director of the Nevada Tuberculosis and Respiratory Health Association.

Williams, as a member of the National League of cities, serves on its important Human Resources Committee. He is also the First Vice President of the Las Vegas Chapter on the N.A.A.C.P. and serves on the Clark County Economic Opportunity Board.

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