

Clark County Commission Chairman Thalia Dondero Files For Re-Election



Clark County Commission Chairman Thalia Dondero filed for re-election to the District E seat she has held since 1974.

Dondero, who has served four of her 12 years on the commission as chairman, said her priorities on the board of county commissioners will include sound planning and orderly growth, continued support of programs to fight crime and "continued opposition to those who would deny the rights of local governments affected by the movement or storage of hazardous materials within their boundaries."

A founding member of the Secret Witness Program, Dondero said crime in District E and throughout Clark County has dropped significantly during the last four years. She supported the \$6.2 million Metro Communications Center Bond issue and \$1.2 million for the Metro Fingerprint System.

Dondero also supported drug aversion and gang-related preventive programs, and backed an ordinance requiring an FBI fingerprint check of all child care providers.

She also worked successfully to roll back county tax rates for Winchester and Paradise Townships in 1983 when invalid petitions in those areas failed to provide residents the opportunity to vote on the countrywide tax rate. The rollback meant a \$2 million tax savings for Winchester-Paradise residents. She also worked successfully to reduce tax rates in Winchester and Paradise Townships in 1985 by supporting state legislation to provide for tax parity among the urban towns.

Dondero is a member of the Board of Trustees of University Hospital and serves on the Clark County Sanitation District and the Clark County Water District. She was appointed by Governor Richard Bryan to the Nuclear Waste Commission and the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

She has served as vice chairman of the Clark County Liquor and Gaming Licensing Board and as a member of the Nevada Development Authority.

She is a former member of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, the Metropolitan Police Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the Criminal Justice Review Committee.

She and her husband Harvey live at 808 Bonita Avenue. They have five children.

Assemblyman Gary Lee Roberts Seeks Re-Election To Assembly District 18



Incumbent Assemblyman Gary Lee Roberts announced that he would seek re-election to his seat in District 18.

Roberts, a 40-year-old Republican who is the president of a Las Vegas appliance firm, served on the Assembly Judiciary, Taxation and Economic Development and Tourism Committees during the 1985 session of the Nevada Legislature.

Roberts said he is seeking re-election to promote efficiency in government by reintroducing a legislative audit bill, referred to as AB 690 in the last session, which would require that state agencies undergo a biannual audit not now required by state law.

The incumbent said his additional goal is to continue to bring high quality economic development to East Las Vegas.

Robert and his wife, Lori, have two daughters.

Assemblyman Jane Ham Files For Re-Election

Assemblyman Jane Ham has filed for re-election to the Nevada State Assembly, District 16.

Ham, 66, is a Republican. She has represented Assembly District 16 in the Nevada State Legislature for three terms - six years.

A member of the Assembly Judiciary and Education Committees, Ham also chaired the Assembly Elections Committee during the 1985 legislative session. She has been appointed Chairman of the Interim Legislative Subcommittee to study the effectiveness of the Public Service Commission.

Ham is also a member of the Legislative Standing Committee on High Level Radioactive Waste. The Committee was appointed to study the effect of the proposed Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository. As a member of this committee, Ham refuses to join some of the other public officials in political posturing and encouraging public hysteria against nuclear waste. She said, "The subject is too serious and too important to the citizens of Nevada to make a political campaign issue out of it."

"No state wants to be host to nuclear waste. Under the federal Nuclear Waste Policy Act the state Legislature and the Governor may veto the Yucca Mountain Repository, but the veto can be overridden by a simple majority of both houses of the U.S. Congress. The purpose of the Nevada Legislative Committee on High Level Radioactive Waste is to ensure the health and safety of Nevada citizens as much as humanly possible," Ham went on to say.

One of the main issues in 1987 will be the impact of the Gramm-Rudman budget reduction on state revenues. Ham said, "We will have to make hard decisions on allocation of state funds. The state Legislature will need experienced lawmakers with the proven ability to say 'no' to spending."

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Assemblyman Jim Banner Files For District 11



Assemblyman Jim Banner, the senior assemblyman from Clark County, filed for his eighth term in the Nevada legislature representing Assembly District 11.

Banner, who has never missed a vote in his seven regular sessions and two special sessions of the legislature, has compiled a record of 6,321 consecutive roll call votes. He has also compiled a 100 percent attendance record.

He was named chairman of the Assembly Labor and Management Committee as a freshman legislator in 1973, and retained that chairmanship through the 1983 legislature.

During the 1985 session, Banner served on the Government Affairs Committee, Transportation Committee and Health and Welfare Committee.

The 64-year-old Democrat said he will continue his efforts in the 1987 legislative session to secure approval of a veterans cemetery for southern Nevada.

He said the next legislature "will face substantially the same problems that all states have encountered in the 1980s - establishing spending priorities to insure that the needs of education, senior citizens and economic diversification are met without further tax increases."

Banner is a graduate of Virgin Valley Grammar School, Las Vegas High School and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

A Navy veteran, Banner has worked in southern Nevada as a carpenter, personnel analyst, personnel officer, labor negotiator and risk management officer.

Banner and his wife, Alice, live at 2223 Poplar Avenue. They have four children.

begun in the 1985 session on excellence in education, and reduction of class size starting with the first three elementary grades. "I am interested in how beginning reading is taught," Ham said. "I would like to take a look at combining some of the small rural county school districts for greater economy."

Other issues are reducing the cost of liability insurance for doctors, child care providers, local governments and many other insured. Health care cost containment will also continue to be an issue in Nevada. Ham said, "Both of these issues have reached a crisis state. We must act on them in 1987."