

BLACK VOTERS

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JERRY KELLER

With 24-years of law enforcement experience, Jerry Keller currently heads Metro's Administrative Division as Deputy Chief. Keller has numerous accomplishments throughout his tenure with the force inclusive of starting the department's first bike patrol unit. He was also extensively involved in the Meadows Village Community Center, which was a successful clean-up effort against drugs and urban blight in the area known as the "Naked City". He developed a homeless liaison program designed to assist those

who came to Las Vegas and became indigent. The Homeless Enforcement Liaison Program (HELP) was designed to provide alternatives and directions as opposed to arresting those who loitered in county parks and public buildings, says Keller. A life-long resident of Las Vegas, Keller attended Western High School and continued to the University of Nevada Las Vegas to receive a degree in Education. He became a cop after interviewing with both the school district and police department. Law enforcement provided him with the first call-back, henceforth, a 24-year career was born.

Keller wants the job because he says he has the necessary leadership to direct the department. "I have the style of leadership along with my commitment to the community to turn around the cycle of violence," says Keller in response to his leadership style. "I've worked in a variety of assignments and each place I've been assigned things were better." Charles Bush? Keller says he wasn't directly involved with the case, yet has limited knowledge about the circumstances. "We must learn from that case," adds Keller.

RANDY OAKS

Randy Oaks is the most seasoned



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communicator to enter the race. As a Captain with Metro, Oaks became the first public information officer to work for the department. With 20 years of policing under his belt, Oaks met the call to the office and relies chiefly upon his credibility. "I think that my credibility sets me apart from the rest of the candidates," says Oaks. His experience varies from the department's chief communications officer to aiding stranded hikers in supervising part of Metro's Search and Rescue squad. He's supervised up to 100 people and says he's adequately prepared to manage the nearly 2500 metro employee pool. Oaks has performed lobbying before the Nevada legislature, securing critical political contacts for his election bid. Fund raising, however, isn't something he's grown accustomed to. "It's foreign to me to go out as a police officer and ask people for money," says Oaks. "To walk out of a room with a check or



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cash in an envelope just doesn't sit well with me." Preliminary polls have placed Oaks second to former long-time sheriff Ralph Lamb.

Oaks' career with the force began 20 years ago. He became a police officer because he always esteemed law enforcement. He craved the idea of becoming an officer after his father was denied the opportunity to join the force because he was too short. He says the gist of his platform will center around his ability to communicate and network problems within the community. "I will develop partnerships within the community," says Oaks. He says he wants to revisit the days of Police officers knowing the people on their beats on a first name basis.

African Americans, says Oaks, must be included in the process. "African Americans are interested in the total representation of those on the police force." Oaks adds, "They are interested in the application of some of our policies to make sure that they are not discriminated against."

STEVE RYBAR

Steve Rybar is one of the few candidates who doesn't have ties to the Metropolitan Police Department. As a veteran of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Rybar hopes to upset the Metro



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Tide which seeks to succeed Sheriff John Moran. In 1990 Rybar founded his own private investigative agency where he currently works. His background extends to a brief tour of duty with the United States Army's elite 82nd Airborne unit from 1968 to 1970. During his tenure with the FBI, Rybar worked as an investigator on the "Operation Yobo" sting which eventually led to the arrest of several local politicians for bribery. Among those arrested was State Senator Floyd Lamb, brother to the initial front-runner in the race, former sheriff Ralph Lamb. With limited financial and political support, Rybar has established himself as a contender in the race with his business approach to problem solving. "I've observed changes in Metro and the conditions within the city and I think that I can make a change," says Rybar in response to his reasons for the position.

He says one of his first tasks after the election is get police officers out of their patrol cars and at the doorsteps of the citizens knocking on doors. This, according to Rybar, would eliminate some of the communication barriers that officers are so oftentimes faced with. "They have to start communicating with the community," says Rybar. He

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VOTERS LEAGUE

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LIST OF OFFICES AND NAMES OF CANDIDATES ENDORSED BY THE NEVADA VOTERS LEAGUE

- U.S. SENATE**
- Richard Bryan
- U.S. DISTRICT 2**
- Pat Clary
- LT. GOVERNOR**
- Bill Briare
- ATTORNEY GENERAL**
- None
- STATE CONTROLLER**
- Pete Sferrazza
- U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 1**
- Jim Billbray
- GOVERNOR**
- Jan Jones
- SECRETARY OF STATE**
- Tom Hickey
- STATE TREASURER**
- None
- STATE SUPREME COURT**
- Bob Rose
- UNIVERSITY REGENT - SUBDISTRICT A**
- Linda Howard
- UNIVERSITY REGENT - SUBDISTRICT B**
- None
- UNIVERSITY REGENT - SUBDISTRICT D**
- Wayne Miller
- STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUBDISTRICT A**
- Peggy Lear Bove
- STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUBDISTRICT B**
- Vicenta Montoya
- STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUBDISTRICT C**
- Jan Biggerstaff
- STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUBDISTRICT E**
- Islena Giron
- SENATE DISTRICT - 1**
- John Wiles
- SENATE DISTRICT - 2**
- Barbara Griffin
- SENATE DISTRICT - 3**
- Sandy Colon Pelty
- SENATE DISTRICT - 5**
- Steve Sisolak
- SENATE DISTRICT - 7**
- Lori Lipman Brown
- SENATE DISTRICT - 8**
- Paul Yates
- ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 1**
- Tom Collins
- ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 2**
- John Ponticello
- ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 3**
- John Bonaventura
- ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 4**
- Edd W. Kluth
- ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 5**
- Pam Mortensen
- ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 6**
- Wendell P. Williams
- ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 7**
- Morse Arberry
- ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 8**
- Barbara Buckley
- ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 9**
- Chris Giunchigliani

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 10

Jennifer Brown

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 11

Doug Bache

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 12

Genie Ohrenschall

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 13

Rita Vaswani

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 14

None

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 15

Lou Toomin

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 16

Rick Bennett

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 17

Bob Price

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 18

Mark Manendo

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 19

Sandi Krenzer

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 20

Stephanie Smith

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 21

Kathleen Harney

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 22

Gene Segerblom

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 23

Richard Perkins

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 28

Vonne Chowning

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 41

Larry Spitzer

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT - 42

Kevin Dugan

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Bill Maupin

DISTRICT JUDGE, DEPT. 13

George Foley Jr.

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None

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BLACK PUBLISHERS

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