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David Bobzien announces candidacy for Assembly District 24

Cites experience in quality of life issues as crucial for effective representation of neighbors in next legislative session

(Reno)-Democrat David Bobzien announced today his intention to run for Assembly District 24, which includes the older sections of northwest and northeast Reno as well as portions of Stead and the north valleys.

Bobzien cited his experience working on quality of life issues as crucial for effectively representing AD 24 in the Nevada Legislature. "My experience on the Nevada Commission on Aging, the Reno Recreation and Parks Commission, and at the University of Nevada, Reno, provides me with the unique perspectives needed for addressing the challenges of growth, our education system, our growing senior population and access to health care."

As the University of Nevada Reno's Campus Webmaster, Bobzien said that improving education from kindergarten through higher education will be a top priority. Expanding full-day kindergarten into more schools, improving career and technical education opportunities, providing schools and teachers incentives to develop innovative classroom programs that really work in reaching more students, enhancing technology in the classroom, and doing a better job of helping college-bound students make the transition to higher education are just a few of the issues that need to be addressed in the next session, according to Bobzien.

"We have no idea what jobs tomorrow will bring and so we need an education system that will give Nevadans the flexibility to prepare for the future."

As a member of the Nevada Aging Commission, Bobzien said he has come to appreciate the vast challenges facing Nevada's seniors and their families today. "We have to recognize the impact on Nevada's families posed by the high cost of prescription drugs and long-term care for our aging parents, as well as the difficulty in securing and maintaining affordable health insurance coverage."

The affordability of quality health care is an issue facing not only seniors, but all Nevadans, Bobzien said. "Too many hard working Nevadans, many of whom work for small businesses, are either uninsured or underinsured, placing a great strain on our health care delivery system. We must work on finding more innovative ways to help all Nevadans cope with rising health care costs."

As a member of the Reno Recreation and Parks Commission and volunteer on conservation issues, Bobzien has experience in working with others in the community to find workable solutions to the challenges of growth, water and public lands access.

"Nevadans love the outdoors; hunting, fishing, hiking and other outdoor recreation are important for raising families. Protecting our water, parks, wildlife and access to public lands must be priorities."

A Reno resident since 1997, David has been working behind the scenes for months to build his campaign and has already established a website: www.davidbobzien.com. Assembly District 24 has a Democratic voter registration advantage.

A graduate of George Mason University in Virginia, he holds a Master of Public Administration from Boise State University. David serves on the Advisory Board for the Nevada Land Conservancy and has been active with the Truckee Meadows Tomorrow Quality of Life Indicators Task Force. A past chair of the Reno Recreation and Parks Commission, he serves as the commission's representative to the city's Open Space and Greenways Plan Working Group, and chairs the commission's subcommittee on wildlife. David and his wife, Lisa Kornze, live in northwest Reno.