



Nevada Humanities to Feature Elected Officials Discussing What Motivates Them to Serve Their Communities

Virtual “Why It Matters” Conversations Happening Through April 2021

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February 9, 2021—RENO, Nev—Washoe County Commissioner Alexis Hill, Nevada State Senator Nicole Cannizzaro, West Wendover Mayor Daniel Corona, and Nevada State Senator Ben Kieckhefer will come together for a conversation to discuss what brought them to politics and public service. From local races to seats in the state legislature, Nevada has seen an unprecedented number of young, new candidates running for and holding elected office. Nevada Humanities will host a conversation with these elected officials across the state as they discuss what it means to them to serve their communities, how local and state politics work, and what makes politics in Nevada unique. [**Why It Matters: Why I Showed Up: A Conversation with Nevada Elected Officials on How They Came to Politics**](#) will be offered on **February 18, 2020, at 6 - 7 pm on Zoom**. This event is part of a national initiative about civic and electoral engagement entitled, [**Why It Matters: Civic and Electoral Participation**](#). [Register](#) for this event at nevadahumanities.org.

“Many of us feel the call to public service as a lifelong need to serve our communities,” said Christina Barr, Executive Director of Nevada Humanities. “Our *Why It Matters* panelists have each come to public service in their own unique and inspiring ways. We are excited to share their experiences. I hope these stories show that public office is accessible to anyone and that they inspire other Nevadans to chart similar paths.”

[**Why It Matters**](#) includes a special series of online conversation programs through April 2021 around the topics of voting, electoral participation, and civic engagement, featuring academics, journalists, and community leaders working in the field. These events are meant to bring people together to talk, share, learn, and listen using the humanities to promote understanding through historical context and conversation.

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About Nevada Humanities: Nevada Humanities is one of 56 independent, nonprofit state and territorial humanities councils affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. With offices in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada Humanities creates public programs and supports public projects statewide that define the Nevada experience and facilitate the exploration of issues that matter to the people of Nevada and their communities. For more information about Nevada Humanities visit nevadahumanities.org.

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