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PURPOSE:

In the 2020 election cycle, Nevada's U.S. House of Representatives delegation fundraised a combined total of \$9,994,636. This fact sheet summarizes the campaign donations and expenditures of these representatives. The data are collected from the *Open Secrets* website.¹

ABOUT THE DATA:

The *Open Secrets* website reports current and historical campaign finance summaries for all congressional representatives (United States Senate and House of Representatives) across the United States. These campaign finance summaries include data on the funds raised by representatives during each election cycle, the geographic and demographic characteristics of contributors, campaign expenditures, legislation, news, and organizations' political action committee (PAC) and individual contributions.

Nevada has four representatives in the United States House of Representatives: Representative Dina Titus, District 1;² Representative Mark Amodei, District 2;³ Representative Susie Lee, District 3;⁴ and Representative Steven Horsford, District 4.⁵

KEY FINDINGS:

1. Representative Lee (District 3) raised the largest amount of money: \$4,748,018, and Representative Titus (District 1) raised the smallest amount of money, \$701,332.
2. Nevada's three Democratic representatives (Titus in District 1, Lee in District 3, and Horsford in District 4) spent a portion of their funds on salaries, while Republican Representative Amodei (District 2) did not.
3. Votesane PAC accumulated the highest individual contributions at \$77,275.
4. District 4 had the highest top five contributions totaling \$207,210 and District 2 compiled the lowest total, \$55,950.
5. Two organizations⁶ appeared in the top five contributors list for multiple districts: MGM Resorts International appears in the top contributor lists for Districts 1, 3, and 4, and United for A Strong America appears in the top contributor lists for Districts 3 and 4.

¹ Open Secrets, "Congress," 2021 (<https://www.opensecrets.org/members-of-congress>)

² Open Secrets, "Rep. Dina Titus - Campaign Finance Summary," 2020 (<https://www.opensecrets.org/members-of-congress/dina-titus/summary?cid=N00030191&cycle=2020>)

³ Open Secrets, "Rep. Mark Amodei - Campaign Finance Summary," 2020 (<https://www.opensecrets.org/members-of-congress/mark-amodei/summary?cid=N00031177&cycle=2020>)

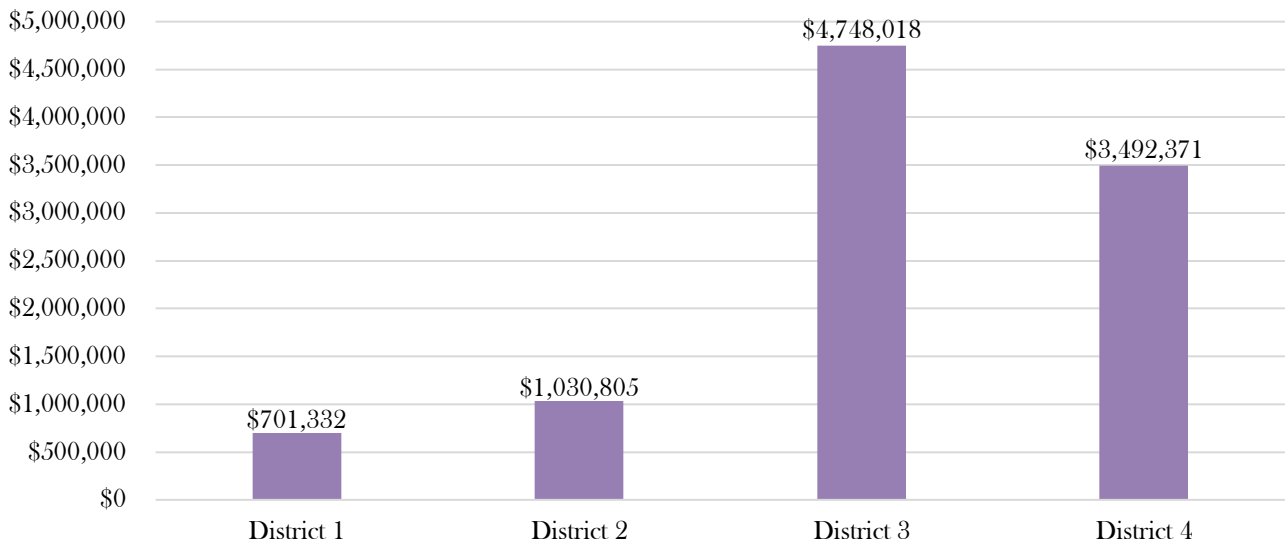
⁴ Open Secrets, "Rep. Susie Lee - Campaign Finance Summary," 2020 (<https://www.opensecrets.org/members-of-congress/susie-lee/summary?cid=N00037247&cycle=2020>)

⁵ Open Secrets, "Rep. Steven Horsford - Campaign Finance Summary," 2020 (<https://www.opensecrets.org/members-of-congress/steven-horsford/summary?cid=N00033638&cycle=2020>)

⁶ As noted on the Open Secrets website, organizations themselves do not donate to campaigns. Rather, this money comes from the organizations' PACs, their individual members, employees, or owners, or and those individuals' immediate families.

Figure 1 displays the total money raised by each member of Nevada’s U.S. House of Representatives delegation during the 2020 election cycle. Representative Lee (District 3) raised the largest amount of money, \$4,748,018, and Representative Titus (District 1) raised the smallest amount of money, \$701,332.

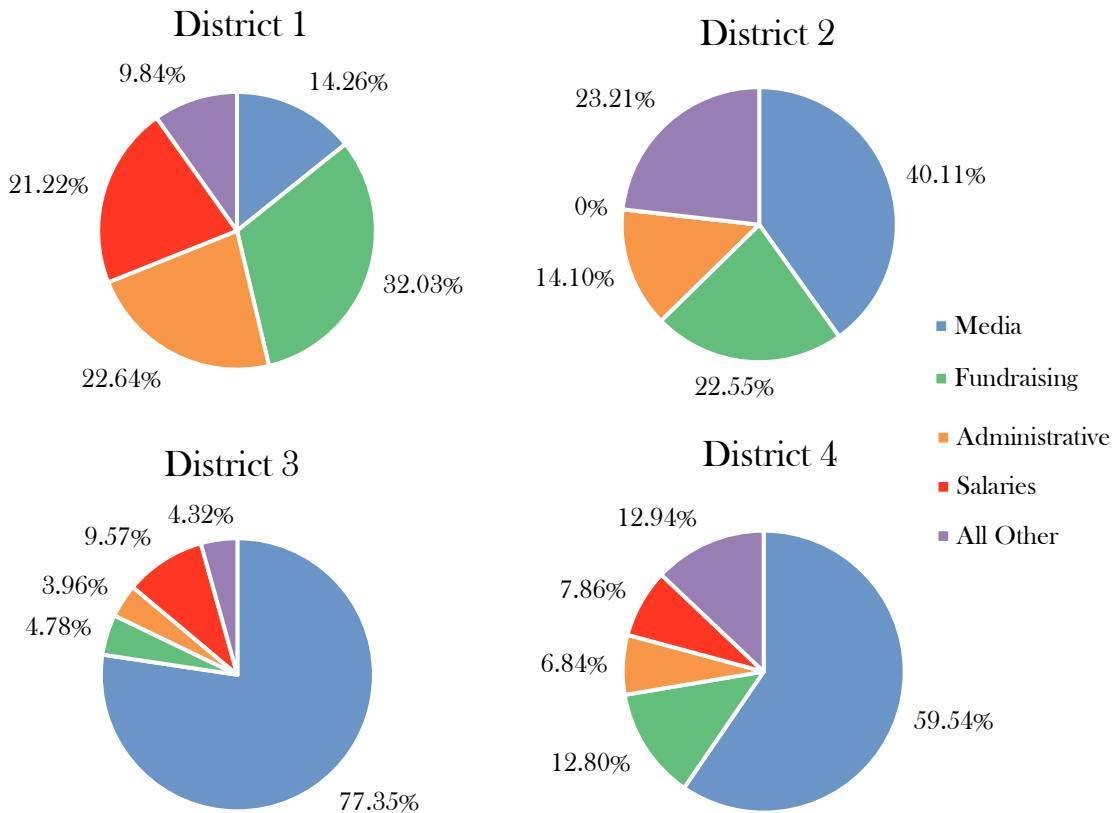
Figure 1: Total Money Raised in Nevada: U.S. House of Representatives, 2020



* Adapted from the Open Secrets’ campaign finance summaries of Dina Titus, Mark Amodei, Susie Lee, and Steven Horsford.

Figure 2 displays the proportion of campaign expenditures allocated for media, fundraising, administrative procedures, salaries, and all other purchases during the 2020 election cycle for each member of Nevada’s U.S. House of Representatives delegation. Examples of “other” expenditures include strategy and research, contributions to other candidates, and unclassifiable purchases. Representative Lee (District 3) and Representative Horsford (District 4) spent most of their funds on media promotions. Nevada’s three Democratic representatives (Titus in District 1, Lee in District 3, and Horsford in District 4) spent a portion of their funds on salaries, while Representative Amodei (District 2) did not.

Figure 2: Campaign Expenditures in Nevada: U.S. House of Representatives, 2020



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Table 1 shows the top five campaign contributors for each congressional district in Nevada. This table includes the organization name, the contributions to a PAC, the individual contributions, the total organization contributions, and the total contributions of the top five organizations in each district. Note, the organizations themselves did not donate, rather the money came from the organizations' PACs, their individual members or employees or owners, and those individuals' immediate families. Organization totals include subsidiaries and affiliates⁷. For Individual Contributions and Organization totals, there is a color scale to compare contribution sizes. The color scale is from purple to green, where the darkest purple represents the lowest contribution of the five organizations in each district, and the darkest green is the highest contribution.

For Individual Contributions in District 1, MGM Resorts International provided the lowest contributions at \$250 while American Cemetery offered the highest at \$11,750. For Organization Totals, the Service Employees International Union had the highest contributions at \$15,000 and the lowest was MGM Resorts International at \$10,250.

For Individual Contributions in District 2, American Bankers Association produced the lowest contributions at \$250 while Clearpath Foundation offered the highest at \$11,200. For Organization Totals, American Bankers Association

⁷ Ibid

produced the lowest contribution at \$10,250 while Sierra Nevada Corporation delivered the highest contributions at \$13,100.

For Individual Contributions in District 3, the League of Conservation Voters donated the lowest contributions at \$15,500 while MGM Resorts International generated the highest at \$37,111. For Organization Totals, the League of Conservation Voters once again compiled the smallest gift amount at \$25,485 whereas MGM Resorts International contributed the highest total at \$47,111.

For Individual Contributions in District 4, MGM Resorts International offered the lowest contribution at \$20,567 while Votesane PAC gathered the highest contribution at \$77,275. For Organization Totals, KKR and Company sourced the lowest contribution at \$30,558 while Votesane PAC compiled the highest contributions at \$77,275.

District 4's highest top five total contributions amounted to \$207,210 and District 2 compiled the lowest top five contributions at \$55,950. Only 2 organizations appeared in the top five contributors in different districts with MGM Resorts International appearing three times and United for A Strong America appearing twice.

Table 1: Top Campaign Contributors in Nevada: U.S. House of Representatives, 2020

Districts	Organizations	PAC Contributions	Individual Contributions	Organization Totals	Top 5 Total Contributions
1	Service Employees International Union	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$58,722
	American Cemetery	-	\$11,750	\$11,750	
	Rocky Research	-	\$11,200	\$11,200	
	University of Nevada	-	\$10,522	\$10,522	
	MGM Resorts International	\$10,000	\$250	\$10,250	
2	Sierra Nevada Corp	\$5,500	\$7,600	\$13,100	\$55,950
	Clearpath Foundation	-	\$11,200	\$11,200	
	Station Casinos	\$2,500	\$8,400	\$10,900	
	Credit Union National Assn	\$10,000	\$500	\$10,500	
	American Bankers Assn	\$10,000	\$250	\$10,250	
3	MGM Resorts International	\$10,000	\$37,111	\$47,111	\$174,204
	EMILY's List	\$10,000	\$28,275	\$38,275	
	United for A Strong America	\$10,000	\$23,233	\$33,233	
	Democracy Engine	-	\$30,100	\$30,100	
	League of Conservation Voters	\$9,985	\$15,500	\$25,485	
4	Votesane PAC	-	\$77,275	\$77,275	\$207,210
	Blackstone Group	-	\$36,400	\$36,400	
	United for A Strong America	\$10,000	\$22,410	\$32,410	
	MGM Resorts International	\$10,000	\$20,567	\$30,567	
	KKR & Co	\$500	\$30,058	\$30,558	