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Dear Gaming Colleague:

The American Gaming Association (AGA) is ensuring that you have the information you need to participate in an upcoming presidential primary or caucus. Enclosed you will find a host of information about how to register to vote, key dates and deadlines, and where the candidates stand on issues that affect your livelihood.

Over the last year, AGA has aggressively sought to educate presidential candidates about the variety of career opportunities gaming companies provide to people of all backgrounds and experiences, as well as the significant economic impact of the industry in the most important presidential states. It just so happens that in the key states, gaming supports more than half-a-million jobs and generates \$75 billion in economic activity.

In any state with gaming, we want candidates seeking elected office to meet with you – to get to know the employees who ensure this industry thrives, through world-class guest services and unmatched entertainment experiences. In doing so, they will come away with a true understanding of what the casino gaming industry is all about in 2016.

As one of the nearly one million people who work in the diverse casino gaming industry, you have an opportunity to play a significant role in selecting the next president of the United States. We thank you for your engagement in the political process and welcome your feedback.

Sincerely,

**Geoff Freeman**

President and CEO

American Gaming Association

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# CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT

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**KEY:**

-  **OPPOSED**
-  **MIXED**
-  **OPEN/SUPPORTIVE**

The purpose of the guide/chart is to provide information to voters on each candidate's position on gaming. It should not be read or construed as an endorsement or statement of support by AGA of any candidate.

# CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



## JEB BUSH (R)

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Jeb Bush served as the governor of Florida from 1999 to 2007.

### IEWS ON GAMING

Bush governed a state where gaming supports nearly 8,000 jobs, drives \$1.2 billion in economic activity and generates nearly \$350 million in tax revenue.

Bush served on the board of the Florida “No Casinos” group, which opposes the expansion of casino gaming in the state because it believes gaming poses a “*threat to our economy, our families, our quality of life, and the character of our communities.*” [NoCasinos.org]

“*The facts are that Jeb Bush has always opposed casino gambling and he will continue to do it,*” Bush campaign spokesman, Cory Tilley, told the Associated Press during his campaign for governor in 1998. [Associated Press, 7/22/98]

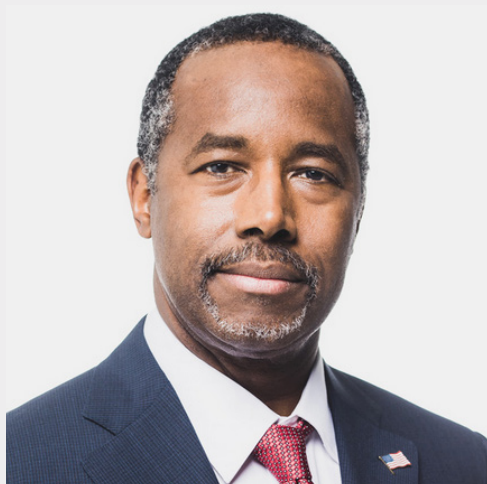
“*I think gambling is a vivid example of a culture that demands immediate gratification,’ giving an ‘impression that you can achieve things without work’ and ‘that luck matters,’ the former governor said. As such, gambling is a ‘deterrence for true economic development.’*” [The Kansas City Star, 4/5/08]

“*I don’t like gambling, just for the record. Is that politically incorrect in Nevada?*” [Ralston Live, October 21, 2015]

“*I hate gambling. I hate it.*” [Miami Herald, November 17, 2015]

“*I am opposed to casino gambling in this state and I am opposed whether it is on Indian property or otherwise ... The people have spoken and I support their position.*” [CNN.com, September 1, 2015]

# CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



**BEN CARSON (R)**

**[WWW.BENCARSON.COM](http://WWW.BENCARSON.COM)**

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Ben Carson is a retired pediatric neurosurgeon who worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

## **VIEWS ON GAMING**

*“Any gaming issue should be a state issue,” according to Carson.”*

[Las Vegas Review-Journal, November 23, 2015]

# CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



## HILLARY CLINTON (D)

[WWW.HILLARYCLINTON.COM](http://WWW.HILLARYCLINTON.COM)

Hillary Clinton is a former First Lady, U.S. senator from New York and U.S. Secretary of State.

### IEWS ON GAMING

Clinton opposed bringing casinos to Arkansas when she was the state's first lady in 1984. [Las Vegas Sun, July 6, 2015]

In a debate during her campaign for U.S. Senate in 2000, Clinton said, *"I know how hard the people in Niagara are working to try to turn their economy around and if they believe that a casino would help attract more tourists back to what really was the tourism capital of America for so many decades, I - I would support that. I leave that to their judgment."* [Online Poker Report, October 22, 2014]

*"Hillary believes that the development of a casino at the Monticello Raceway can be the spark for economic growth in the Catskills, and she supports*

*it,"* said Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson. [New York Post, April 11, 2015]

In June 2015, Clinton spoke at MGM Resorts International's Aria Resort & Casino and met with gaming workers. During her speech, she recognized the workers, saying Las Vegas 'runs on grit, not just glitz.' [POLITICO, June 18, 2015]

# CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



**TED CRUZ (R)**

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Ted Cruz is a U.S. senator from Texas.

## IEWS ON GAMING

*“Cruz said states ‘have the determination as to what level of casino gaming to allow.’” [Las Vegas Review-Journal, December 15, 2015]*

*“In a Senate floor speech Friday night, Cruz called Brand USA ‘another bit of corporate welfare,’ adding that it ‘is one of the current majority leader’s pet*

*projects because it helps promote casinos in his home state. Last I checked, casinos were very profitable endeavors that didn’t need the taxpayers helping them out, didn’t need the Congress serving your hard-earned dollars and handing it out to promote casinos.” [Roll Call, December 15, 2014]*



# CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



## JOHN KASICH (R)

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John Kasich is the current governor of Ohio and a former U.S. congressman from Ohio.

### VIEWS ON GAMING

Kasich is governor of a state where gaming supports nearly 18,000 jobs, drives \$3 billion in economic activity and generates more than \$900 million in tax revenue.

In 2009, Kasich said, *"I'm not ideologically opposed to gambling...I haven't made up my mind on it, but I'm not going to say we're not going to do it and pound my fist on the table. We'll have to see, and that doesn't mean we are going to do it. We'll have to take a really hard look at it...I have a sense that the state ought to own it and lease it if it's going to work."* [The Columbus Dispatch, July 31, 2009]

*"If people in Ohio are going to Kentucky, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan (to gamble), we have to honestly look at whether, if they want to do that, we can keep them here and we can benefit and lower their taxes, not patch holes in a budget."* [The Columbus Dispatch, July 31, 2009]

When asked about his successful effort to raise taxes on casinos in Ohio, Kasich said, *"Look, they needed to pay their fair share to the state. Most of the agreement was with local communities, OK? And I thought the state should get more, and we reached a good agreement. And they've opened all the casinos and things are fine."* [Ralston Live, June 15, 2015]

*"I'm proud that Ohioans are getting \$220 million more from gaming companies – funds that will help improve education and job training, as well as support food banks,"* Kasich said in a statement. *"I know that many thought it was futile to push the gaming companies for a better deal, but the governor's job isn't just to enforce laws, it's also to make sure they benefit Ohioans in the greatest possible way. This agreement does that, and also provides the casinos a more predictable set of rules so they can be more successful. The casinos can now move forward without delay. This is a win for all involved."* [BizJournal-Columbus, June 17, 2011]

# CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



**MARCO RUBIO (R)**

**[WWW.MARCORUBIO.COM](http://WWW.MARCORUBIO.COM)**

Marco Rubio is a U.S. senator from Florida.

## IEWS ON GAMING

Rubio represents a state where gaming supports nearly 8,000 jobs, drives \$1.2 billion in economic activity and generates nearly \$350 million in tax revenue.

Rubio has described expanded gambling as “*morally indefensible*.” [Orlando Sentinel, 11/18/07]

In a 2007 op-ed for Florida Baptist Witness, Rubio wrote: “*I will be more steadfast and diligent in my final term as*

*speaker to oppose gambling legislation. But Floridians who oppose gambling must also send a message that there is an electoral price to be paid for supporting gambling.*”

[Palm Beach Post, 7/27/07]

“*Nevada is the gambling mecca of the United States and it has a higher unemployment rate [and] their housing market is upside down,*” he said. “*They are hurting in Nevada.*”

[Washington Post, June 25, 2015]

# CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



## BERNIE SANDERS (D)

[WWW.BERNIESANDERS.COM](http://WWW.BERNIESANDERS.COM)

Bernie Sanders is a U.S. senator from Vermont.

### VIEWS ON GAMING

*I understand how vital gaming is to Nevada's economy and the jobs it is creating. In my view, it is up to each state to choose its own policies toward casinos and other gaming destinations.*

*I also believe that our tribal nations deserve more sovereignty. That includes the right to decide whether to pursue gaming as a source of income and employment for their people.*

*Gaming is a people-to-people business. I believe that gaming industry employees deserve fair wages, good benefits, and strong worker protections. I also believe that gaming, like other industries, should be regulated in a fair and common-sense way.*

*I do not think the federal government should make a blanket decision to legalize online gaming. I believe that each state should have the right to determine its own policies toward online gambling, including fantasy sports and online poker.*

# CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



## DONALD TRUMP (R)

[WWW.DONALDJTRUMP.COM](http://WWW.DONALDJTRUMP.COM)

Donald Trump is a real estate developer and businessman.

### VIEWS ON GAMING

Trump has built and owned several casinos, including:

- Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City
- Trump Marina in Atlantic City
- Trump Plaza Hotel in Atlantic City
- Trump Casino, a riverboat casino in Gary, Indiana

Trump also owns Trump International Hotel, a non-gaming property on the Las Vegas Strip.

In a debate last August, Trump said, *“I had the good sense to leave Atlantic City, which by the way...every company virtually in Atlantic City went bankrupt. Every company.”* [Philly Magazine, 8/7/15]

At last a debate last September, Trump said, *“And I will tell you this: Atlantic City, I’ve made a tremendous amount of money in Atlantic City. I left seven years ago, I’ve gotten great credit for my timing, and that’s what I’m all about. I’m a businessman, did really well, really well.”* [CNN.com, 9/16/15]

In a debate in October, Trump said, *“Atlantic City has gone bad...Almost every hotel in Atlantic City has either been in bankruptcy or will be in bankruptcy -- the biggest.”* [Washington Post, 10/28/15]

# NEVADA CAUCUSES



## DEMOCRATIC

**Date:**

Saturday, February 20, 2016

**Where:**

To Be Announced. Please click [here](#) for a list of caucus training events.

**Eligible Participants:**

Open to all registered Democrats. If you are not already registered but eligible to vote, you may complete a registration form and participate on the day of the caucus. If you will be 18 by November 8, 2016 and are otherwise eligible to vote, you may participate in the caucus.

**Basic Caucus Process:**

First, you will register or sign in at your caucus location. The precinct chair will welcome you and explain the rules. Next, the precinct chair will count all the attendees and determine the minimum number of people that must be in a candidate's group to be awarded a delegate. This is known as "viability."

After viability is determined, participants will physically join their neighbors in support of their preferred candidates, or declare themselves uncommitted. This is as simple as going toward the corner of the room that has been reserved for a candidate. After the first alignment, members of viable groups can make a pitch to try to recruit members of non-viable groups to join their candidate. Once the second alignment has taken place and all groups are viable, the number of delegates will be determined. Each group will then elect their delegates who will attend the county convention on April 2. Finally, a member of each preference group will verify the results and the precinct chair report the results to the Nevada State Democratic Party.

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# NEVADA CAUCUSES



## REPUBLICANS

**Date:**

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

**Where:**

Will be announced after January 1st, 2016.

**Eligible Participants:**

Must be a registered voter with the Republican Party at least 10 days prior to the Caucus (Saturday, February 13th, 2016). Also, if you are 17 years old and will be 18 years old on or before November 8, 2016, you will be welcome to participate when you register as a Republican. A government-issued photo ID is required.

**Basic Caucus Process:**

All Republican caucuses in Nevada will start between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016. At that time you will sign in with a local Republican volunteer who will verify that you are a registered Republican. To participate you must show one of the following: a Nevada-issued driver license or a Nevada-issued ID card, or a federal-issued passport or military photo ID. After everyone has signed in, the caucus will start.

The caucus will begin by electing a caucus chair and secretary. These two people will be in charge of running the precinct caucus. Generally the local county volunteers that called the meeting to order are elected by voice vote. After that, there will be an election of delegates and alternate delegates from your precinct caucus to the county convention in the spring. Delegates have the right to vote at the county convention. And each delegate has an alternate delegate who will vote in their place in case they are unable to attend the county convention.

Each precinct caucus will be allocated a certain number of delegates and alternates. Anyone may run as a delegate or as an alternate delegate, and the individuals that receive the most votes are elected to represent the precinct at the county convention. Most people vote for delegates and alternate delegates that support the same candidate that they do.

After that, the caucus chair will ask if anyone wants to submit, in writing, an issue to be considered in the county platform. The platform is a document that expresses the beliefs and values of the county party. Issues submitted at the precinct caucus are debated and voted on at the county convention in the spring, and those that pass become part of the official county platform.

Once all platform issues have been submitted, the caucus chair will ask one person supporting each Republican candidate to stand up and briefly tell everyone attending why they should support their candidate.

# NEVADA CAUCUSES



After each of the short speeches, attendees will cast their vote in the Presidential Preference Poll using paper ballots. Once all of the ballots have been turned in the, the caucus chair will read aloud the results in front of everyone. The whole process takes about 30-60 minutes. All meetings will end by 9:00 pm.

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*Source: Nevada Secretary of State's Office*

## NEVADA: HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Online voter registration is now available for residents of all Nevada counties. Eligible voters can register to vote and update their voter registration information online, including change of address and party affiliation. A DMV issued Driver's License or ID is required.

Click [here](#) to register to vote online or update your registration online.

### Military and Overseas Voters:

visit our [UOCAVA page](#) for more information.

### Voter Registration Form

All counties now offer online registration but if you prefer to register using the Fillable Voter Registration Form, click [here](#) to access the Secretary of State's Online Fillable Voter Registration Form and follow three simple steps:

1. Print the [form](#).

2. Fill out the form legibly and don't forget to sign it.
3. Mail or Deliver in person the form to the [county clerk or registrar of voters](#) in your county.

If you have technical problems, please call the Secretary of State's office at 775-684-5705.

### Other Options for Registering to Vote

You may register to vote at any NV Department of Motor Vehicles office, at your county clerk or registrar of voters' office, at various social service agencies, and on college campuses.

### Changes to Current Registration

If you've moved, changed your name, want to change party affiliation, or otherwise have to update your voter registration status, you must submit another voter application form. Click [here](#) to update your voter registration status online.

*Source: Nevada Secretary of State's Office*