

NV-03 District Primer

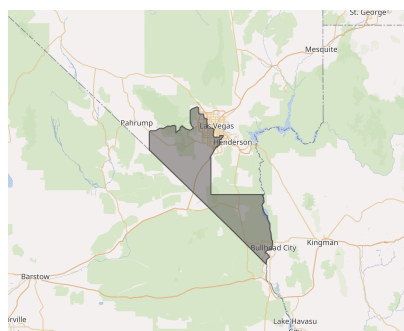
In 2024, Democrat Susie Lee won this seat by 10,223 votes. *That's close!* With a winning margin of just nine voters per precinct, we can't afford to lose a single vote. With your help, we're going to **HOLD** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

Key dates
Filing Deadline: March 13
Primary: June 9
Midterms: November 3

Recent Election Results

2024 Presidential Election	2024 House Election	2022 House Election
Trump: 190,836 (50%) Harris: 187,997 (49%)	Susie Lee (D): 191,304 (51%) Drew Johnson (R): 181,084 (49%)	Susie Lee (D): 131,086 (52%) April Becker (R): 121,083 (48%)

District Facts & Stats



Citizenry

Total population is 839,433. It is 43% white, 21% Hispanic, 17% Asian, and 9.7% Black. Approx. 34% have a college degree or higher. Median household income is \$90,358.

The Local Vibe

Trump's chaotic foreign policy, coupled with domestic hassling of international visitors has squelched the tourism on which the district's economy depends.

Las Vegas hospitality workers face challenges amid visitor slump, especially reduced shifts. The Culinary Union, with 60,000 members, is a strong force here, with nearly all major Las Vegas casinos having been unionized.

Nevada is one of seven states to have a standard minimum wage that does not exclude tipped workers, which is an issue that Nevada's delegation is trying to push on a national level.

Trump's immigration policies have sowed fear among residents, as the district is majority-minority and 25% foreign-born. In addition to large No Kings protests in Clark County, there were major anti-ICE protests in Las Vegas in early 2026, some stretching into multiple days.

Largest Cities

- Las Vegas (parts): total pop. 641,000
- Spring Valley: 215,000
- Enterprise (parts): total pop. 221,000

Geography

The district includes the south and west parts of Las Vegas and Henderson, as well as much of unincorporated Clark County, mostly adjacent communities to Las Vegas. The district was redrawn in 2024 to include more of Las Vegas and rural Henderson.

Key Issues

- **International Tourism:** About 25% of this district works in hospitality and tourism, and Trump's policies led to an 8% decline in foreign visitors in 2025.
- **Immigration Enforcement:** This district is approximately 25% foreign-born and 57% non-white. There were major demonstrations against ICE in 2025 and earlier this year.

About the Candidates

Susie Lee | Democratic Incumbent

Democrat **Susie Lee** has been in office since 2019. She moved to Las Vegas from Ohio in 1993 and had a career in educational non-profits before winning her seat.

Known for her ability to work across the aisle, she is co-chair of the Bipartisan Women's Caucus and is a member of the New Democrats Coalition. Lee emphasizes her ability to use her bipartisan relationships to bring federal dollars home to Nevada, even in a Republican-dominated Congress. As recently as January 2026, she secured \$4.4 M in infrastructure, research, and other funding.

She has proposed bipartisan legislation to support affordable child care. She also backed the Dignity Act, the bipartisan immigration and border security reform act that was torpedoed by Trump before the election.

Lee is unambiguously pro-union and highly attuned to her constituents who are feeling squeezed economically under this administration. She is working on the issue of corporate ownership of single-family homes in Nevada, as a way to blunt the rise of unaffordable homes in the district. She also worked to cap insulin at \$35/month under the Inflation Reduction Act, and she funded suicide prevention for veterans.

Republican Challengers

There are several possible Republican candidates. We'll know more after the primary of June 6. Until then, we have identified the following front-runners:

Marty O'Connell, a video game music composer, has been endorsed by Republican Gov. Joe Lombardo and has raised \$2.9M as of October 2025. Reportedly a "self-funding" candidate who is working with Gov. Lombardo's consultant team, O'Connell touts traditional GOP talking points like reducing taxes and regulation to support growth in small business. He's also a deficit hawk. He's mildly supportive of Trump's anti-immigration efforts, but so far does not seem to be positioning himself aggressively as a MAGA culture warrior.

Aury Nagy, a neurosurgeon, has also raised over \$1M to fund his primary campaign. He is running primarily on healthcare affordability, but he also champions school choice. He is calling for "healthier food standards in our schools," a MAHA talking point, and echoes standard Republican positions on immigration, taxation, and regulation.

The contrast: Rep. Lee is a seasoned legislator who has proven herself as someone who can work effectively across the aisle, and she has earned her constituents' trust. Both O'Connell and Nagy are first-time candidates for public office with no history of leadership, and while both are running as "common sense" Republicans—vaguely supportive of Trump on immigration, not aggressively positioning on MAGA culture war issues—neither can offer voters any reason to believe they won't change course once they arrive in DC.