

## NRA-PVF

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# 2022 NRA-PVF Nevada Candidate Questionnaire

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Please mark the best and most appropriate response that aligns with your views.

1. **Do you agree that the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees the fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms for all law-abiding Americans?**

Yes

No

2. Firearm registration is a system in which a government agency maintains immediately accessible records of specific firearms owned by individual citizens. Current federal law prohibits the creation of a federal firearm registration system (other than the existing registration requirement for machineguns and short-barreled rifles and shotguns). Firearm registration has led to gun bans and confiscation in the United States (California and New York City) and abroad (Australia and Great Britain). **Do you support requiring firearm owners to register their firearms with a government agency?**

Yes

No

3. Prior to enactment of a state firearms preemption law in 1989, gun owners were subject to a patchwork of state, county and city laws, regulations and ordinances. The legislature, recognizing the difficulty of maintaining compliance with the law, enacted firearms preemption so that law-abiding gun owners would have consistency statewide. Over the years, this statute has been modified and strengthened to ensure compliance, most recently in 2015. **Do you support Nevada’s current firearms preemption statute?**

Yes

No

4. In 1994, President Bill Clinton signed a 10-year ban on the importation and manufacture for sale to private persons of nearly 200 models of semi-automatic firearms and ammunition magazines that could hold more than 10 rounds. This became known as the 1994 Assault Weapons Ban. Federal studies determined the ban had no measurable effect on crime, and it was allowed to expire in 2004. **Do you support a similar ban on semi-automatic firearms in Nevada?** For additional information click [here](#).

Yes

No

5. While there is no evidence that limiting the capacity of an ammunition magazine has any impact on reducing crime or increasing public safety, some states are introducing legislation to restrict the possession, ownership, purchase, sale, and/or transfer of ammunition magazines by limiting the number of rounds of ammunition a magazine can hold. Many of these magazines are sold standard with firearms and are commonly-owned. **Do you support banning the possession, ownership, purchase, sale, and/or transfer of “higher” capacity ammunition magazines?** For additional information click [here](#).

Yes, I would support legislation banning magazines that hold more than \_\_\_\_ rounds.

No

6. Efforts at the state level are increasingly targeting access to ammunition, with proposals to ban mail order sales, require background checks and point-of-sale record-keeping, eliminate traditional lead shot, ration purchases, and even restrict the amount of ammunition that may be possessed at one time. Most of these proposals at the state level aim to punish law-abiding people who practice, train, and participate in recreational shooting activities. **Do you support new restrictions on the purchase and possession of ammunition beyond current law?**

Yes, please list restrictions:

No

7. Under current federal law, handgun purchases from a federally licensed dealer are restricted to individuals who have reached the age of 21. Some argue this purchase restriction should be extended to all firearms, including rifles and shotguns. This would effectively deny law-abiding adults, ages 18 to 20, their Second Amendment rights. **Do you support raising the age for the purchase of rifles and shotguns to 21 years of age?**

Yes

No

8. A foundational principle of the American judicial system is to guarantee that an individual is entitled to judicial due process – including notice of the relevant accusations, opportunity to appear at a hearing before a neutral judge, to present evidence in his or her favor, and access to legal representation – before the individual is declared legally ineligible to possess firearms or forced to surrender any firearms the individual owns. **Do you agree that an individual's Second Amendment Right cannot be denied without stringent due process?**

Yes

No

9. Gun-free zones create arbitrary boundaries where law-abiding citizens are disarmed, while zero measures are taken to prevent criminals from entering. Many argue that law-abiding gun owners should be allowed to carry a firearm for self-defense outside their home, especially on public property that is not considered a “secured” facility. Secured facilities are those where all points of ingress and egress are protected by metal detectors and armed security. **Do you support reducing or eliminating gun-free zones that are not secured?**

Yes

No

10. The “instant” background check system only prohibits the purchase of firearms based on objective disqualifiers. Due process requires the government to substantiate firearm purchase denials with reliable documentation. A “safety valve” provision in current law enforces this requirement by allowing (not mandating) an FFL to proceed with a sale after 3 business days if the FBI still has not denied the sale (illegal possession, of course, remains actionable). Gun control advocates want to repeal this safety-valve and have proposed increasing the “acceptable” time period of delays to a week, ten days, or even indefinitely. **Do you support current law allowing the purchase of a firearm to proceed after 3 business days if the FBI still has not denied the sale?**

Yes

No

11. In Nevada, all firearm sales through a federally licensed dealer are required to have a criminal background check run through the state’s Department of Public Safety’s (DPS) Record Bureau. Recently, Nevada expanded the background check requirement to include private transfers and sales of firearms to be processed through a federally licensed dealer. This is also known as “universal background checks.” *Note: Transfer includes loans, leases, and gifts.* **Do you support repealing this expanded background check law on the private sales and transfers of firearms?**

Yes

No, please explain:

12. Nevada law generally prohibits a person from possessing or carrying a firearm on school property without written permission. **Do you support allowing a concealed carry permit holder to possess a firearm inside an occupied vehicle while on school property or keep a firearm secured in their automobile while parked on school property?**



Yes



No

13. Nevada recognizes out-of-state concealed carry permits as long as the issuing state requires training and provides 24-hour access to its' database of permit holders through the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS). This allows permit holders from 21 states to lawfully carry in Nevada. **Do you support expanding the recognition of all out of state concealed carry permits?**



Yes



No

14. Nevada law currently bans concealed but not open carrying of a firearm without a license. Currently, 21 states allow the open and concealed carrying of a handgun without a government issued license or permit. **Do you support - without diminishing the enforceability of any other firearm laws concerning prohibited persons, prohibited places, or prohibited conduct - treating open and concealed carriers alike by repealing the license requirement for the carrying of a concealed firearm?** *Note: This would not repeal the current licensing system, which would still benefit those who wish to take advantage of carry license reciprocity agreements when traveling out of state.*



Yes



No

15. **Do you support imposing an additional tax specifically targeted at the retail sale of firearms or ammunition?** *\*All firearm and ammunition sales are currently subject to an 11% federal excise tax known as the Pittman-Robertson Act and applicable state and local taxes.*

Yes, I support an addition tax of \_\_\_\_.

No

16. Lawmakers at the state and local level have been introducing legislation to criminalize the failure to report the loss or theft of a firearm within a certain period of time from when the owner “knew or should have known” of the loss or theft. Proponents claim, although they have never demonstrated, that this will deter illegal firearms trafficking. While the NRA certainly does not oppose the reporting of lost and stolen firearms, it does oppose stigmatizing and punishing the victims of crime or those who suffer loss from events, such as natural catastrophes, that are not their fault. The message these laws send is that persons whose firearms are lost or stolen are somehow to blame or are complicit in the criminal acts of another person. **Do you support making it a crime to fail to report the loss or theft of a firearm within a specified time period?**

Yes

No

17. The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) issues over 100,000 hunting licenses annually and the fees from these licenses pay for wildlife conservation across the state. Hunting is an essential tool for wildlife management and conservation, as well as an American tradition that teaches self-reliance, responsibility, and respect for nature. Further, hunting is already heavily regulated by NDOW. **Do you support further restrictions or bans on hunting?**

Yes, please explain:

No

18. Traditional lead ammunition is the most common, cost-effective form of ammunition across the United States, but it has been under attack on both the federal and state levels recently by various anti-gun/anti-hunting groups. Non-traditional ammunition, such as ammunition containing tungsten or copper, is expensive and sometimes difficult to find, especially in rural areas. Consideration of any regulation or limitation on traditional ammunition should be based on sound science and population-level impacts. The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies adopted a resolution in 2010 which stated that “state agencies should focus regulation efforts where population-level impacts to wildlife are substantiated.”

**Do you support banning or limiting traditional lead ammunition?**

Yes, please explain:

No

19. **Are you a member of the National Rifle Association or any other firearm/shooting sports/sportsmen’s organization?**

Yes, I’m an NRA member. Membership#: 168133268

Yes, I’m a member of other organizations. Please list:

No

20. **Have you ever run for or held an elected office?**

Yes, please list: US Senate 2016  
US Senate 2018

No

**Please feel free to use the next page to provide additional comments or policy positions you’d like to add, including your history and involvement with the NRA. If your campaign has released a position paper on firearm or Second Amendment related issues, please attach those as well.**

**Thank you for your time and consideration.**

**-- Authorization --**

**This signature is an indication of identity and completion. It attests that the above information accurately represents the views of the candidate.**

Signature Thomas Heck Date 03/31/2022



As the NEXT Governor of Nevada, I will make it the next Constitutional Carry state. As a retired military member, I will fully support and defend the 2nd Amendment Rights in Nevada.

Additionally, I will issue an executive order eliminating fees to obtain a CCW license in Nevada. I will also mandate Sheriff's CCW processing time be no more than 5 days. This will also include the requirement for all gun free facilities or areas to provide armed security for those gun free zones so citizens will know they are protected.

I will also do a review and develop special procedures for each Sheriff's office to find a way to speed up the process for those individuals that have an urgent need for a CCW, especially battered spouses or those with credible evidence of being stalked.



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