

JEANNE HERMAN - WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 5 (R)

Key findings include:

- **Republican County Commissioner:** Serving since 2014, Herman is a Republican member of the Washoe County Commission representing District 5. Herman was reelected in 2018 narrowly (winning 52% of the vote) and by a wider margin in 2022, securing 54% of the vote.
- **Election Denier and Far Right Conservative:** Herman is an election denier, frequently spreading misinformation relating to elections and election results. She has pushed not to certify elections. Herman is also associated with Robert Beadles, a California cryptocurrency investor who moved to Reno and bankrolled efforts to challenge Nevada's election results.

Washoe County occupies northwest Nevada and includes the City of Reno and the resort town of Sparks. With a population of roughly 492,000 residents in 2023 and annual growth of about 1 %, the county is Nevada's second-largest. The county's racial composition is 59.7 % White (non-Hispanic), with large Latino (10 %), Asian (6 %) and multiracial (15 %) populations [[datausa](#), 10/8/2025].

Although the county includes the Democratic-leaning city of Reno, its rural outskirts and affluent suburbs make it a competitive "purple" county. Issues such as housing affordability, homelessness, water supply, and election integrity have dominated county politics. In 2024, Harris won Washoe County 49-48 while Rosen won 50-44. Herman won in 2022 54-46.

BACKGROUND

Jeanne Herman is a rancher and long-time real-estate broker representing Washoe County's rural District 5, which covers the sparsely populated northern and western parts of the county. According to her official biography, she has been a licensed Realtor in Washington, California and Nevada since 1971 and has raised horses and cattle with her family; she has served on the National Association of Counties' Public Lands Policy Steering Committee and the Rural Action Caucus, on the county's State Land Use Planning Advisory Council, the Truckee River Flood Management Authority, and other local boards. She has lived in the Reno area since the 1980s, grew up in Nome, Alaska, and is a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; she stresses a strong belief in God and the U.S. Constitution [[Washoe County](#), 10/8/2025].

Herman first won election to the Washoe County Commission in 2014, defeating Democrat Patricia Acker. In her 2018 re-election she narrowly won 51.9 % of the vote against Lindsay Judd and in 2022 she secured a third term with 53.7 % against Democratic challenger Edwin Lyngar [[Ballotpedia](#), 10/8/2025].

Herman is a Republican and describes herself as a constitutional conservative and has positioned herself within the far-right wing of the Nevada Republican Party; she frequently expresses support for Trump and his false claims of widespread voter fraud. Campaign finance disclosures show that far-right influencer Robert Beadles – a cryptocurrency millionaire who spreads conspiracy theories – contributed \$8,000 to her 2022 campaign [[Nevada Independent](#), 10/8/2025].

ON THE ISSUES

Nothing found for first round vet

VULNERABILITIES & ADVERSE FINDINGS OF NOTE

ELECTION INTEGRITY

Herman has been one of Nevada's most prominent local election deniers. In March 2022 she introduced a sweeping "elections integrity" resolution that would have required only paper ballots, hand counting of ballots, law-enforcement officers at all polling sites, purging voter rolls after five years, and allowing the National Guard to secure ballot drop boxes [[Nevada Current](#), 10/8/2025]. Voting-rights groups argued the proposal was unconstitutional and would intimidate voters; the commission defeated it 4-1 with Herman casting the lone affirmative vote [[Nevada Current](#), 10/8/2025]. Nevertheless, she continued to push similar ideas; in December 2023 she circulated a "Clean Elections" resolution calling for paper ballots and precinct-level hand counts. County staff warned that the proposal would violate Nevada law and could delay results; the measure has not advanced [[This is Reno](#), 10/8/2025].

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTIONS

Herman has repeatedly voted against certifying election results. During the 2024 primary election recounts, she was one of three Republican commissioners who refused to certify the recounts, citing unsubstantiated allegations of fraud [[Nevada Independent](#), 10/8/2025]. After the Nevada Supreme Court issued a writ of mandamus, the commission reconvened and certified the results; Herman cast the lone vote against certification and claimed there were "many reports" of fraud without evidence [[Nevada Independent](#), 10/8/2025]. She again voted against certifying the 2024 general election results, while the rest of the commission approved them [[Nevada Independent](#), 10/8/2025].

ASSOCIATION WITH ROBERT BEADLES

Herman has cultivated a close relationship with Robert Beadles, a California cryptocurrency investor who moved to Reno and bankrolled efforts to challenge Nevada's election results. Beadles donated \$8,000 to her 2022 campaign and was the driving force behind lawsuits and recount petitions challenging Democratic victories [[Nevada Independent](#), 10/8/2025]. He also has a history of spreading COVID-19 and election misinformation. Herman attends events hosted by Beadles and uses his talking points in public meetings.

CULTURE WAR ISSUES

Herman has aligned herself with national culture-war issues. During a February 2023 commission meeting, after dozens of residents decried a Drag Queen Story Hour event at a county library, she asked whether the commission could agendaize a discussion of the event and said she had offered to donate conservative Rush Revere books to the library but was refused. She also raised property-tax concerns for seniors and suggested using the county budget to lower water costs for the county-run golf course [[Washoe County](#), 10/8/2025]. In 2021, when a public health officer implored commissioners to wear masks during a COVID-19 surge, Herman refused to put on a mask and was quoted saying, "I'm not going to wear a mask" [[This is Reno](#), 10/8/2025].

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