

## **MANNY KESS - COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT E (R)**

Key findings include:

- **Unsuccessfully ran for NV State Treasurer.** In 2022, Kess ran as a Republican candidate for Nevada State Treasurer. He lost the Republican primary to Las Vegas City Councilwoman Michele Fiore, receiving about 29.6% of the vote to Fiore's 61.1% [[Ballotopedia](#)].
- **Kess was endorsed by an Assemblywoman who has previously stated that very conservative candidates need to present as more moderate to win.** Kess was endorsed by Assemblywoman Danielle Gallant who has publicly stated that very conservative candidates need to present moderate [[Nevada Current](#), 8/16/24] [[Facebook](#), 3/12/24].
- **Anti COVID lockdown sentiments.** Henderson spoke on a podcast pushing back against quarantine lockdowns [[Youtube](#)]. He also claims COVID lockdowns are what inspired him to run for office [[Lexis](#), 5/20/2022].
- **Sexist campaign jabs.** During his run for NV State Treasurer, he posted a campaign ad wearing a blonde wig mocking his Republican primary opponent [[Youtube](#), 6/5/2022]
- **Tweeted God Bless Trump after his assassination attempt.** Kess posted that Democrats need to condemn Trump's assassination attempt and "God Bless Trump". [[Twitter](#), 7/13/24]

Clark County, Nevada (Las Vegas' County) is the most populous county in the state and one of the fastest-growing metropolitan regions in the United States. The Clark County Commission is the county's governing body and functions as both a legislative and executive authority for over 1 million residents in unincorporated areas, including zoning, public safety coordination, infrastructure, and regional planning. District E, which covers parts of central and eastern Las Vegas, has an estimated population of roughly 328,000 residents. The district includes neighborhoods around downtown Las Vegas, the Medical District, Chinatown-adjacent areas, and sections of East Las Vegas. Politically, Clark County leans Democratic but remains competitive in some local races due to its large independent voter base. As of 2026, the county had approximately 1.6 million registered voters, including roughly 635,000 nonpartisan voters, 465,000 Democrats, and 380,000 Republicans.

Politically, Clark is the statewide bellwether and Democratic base. In 2020, Joe Biden carried Clark County while winning Nevada statewide (official county page for the 2020 general). In 2024, even as Donald Trump flipped Nevada statewide, Clark still voted Democratic: Kamala Harris 50.44% (520,187) to Trump 47.81% (493,052), a D+2.6 pt margin in the county. [[NVSOS](#), accessed 10/10/2025][[NVSOS](#), accessed, 10/10/2025]

## **BACKGROUND**

### **PERSONAL BACKGROUND**

Manny Kess was born in New York, New York, and later relocated to Nevada approximately 10–14 years ago and is the owner of hospitality business Kess Group. He attended the United States Naval Academy and served briefly in the U.S. Navy between 1997 and 1998 [[Ballotopedia](#)]. Kess describes himself as a father and family-oriented candidate, noting that he and his wife are raising a daughter in Las Vegas. He identifies as Greek Orthodox according to candidate disclosures. According to his campaign and promotional profiles, his company’s ventures include, restaurants and hospitality businesses, real estate ventures, travel services, sports memorabilia, and agricultural operations producing organic poultry.

Kess has spoken out about how the 2008 recession took a hard hit on his family’s restaurant in NY and how it influenced him to move out to NV. When he moved to Las Vegas in 2011 when he was 18 and he had a number of serious financial problems including chapter 7 bankruptcy, numerous state liens and foreclosed four of his residential properties In 2012, he launched his first business, the Kess Group, at 19. This business venture is a boutique event-planning and hospitality firm that hosts celebrities and professional athletes in Las Vegas. [Reno Gazette-Journal, 5/20/2022] Kess is also a co-owner of a sports bar in Hollywood, California called 3rd Base LA., and partial owner of several other businesses including a firearms manufacturer, an interior design firm, and a sports nutrition company [Nevada Current, 5/19/2022]

### **POLITICAL & CAMPAIGN BACKGROUND**

In 2022, Kess ran as a Republican candidate for Nevada State Treasurer. He lost the Republican primary to Las Vegas City Councilwoman Michele Fiore, receiving about 29.6% of the vote to Fiore’s 61.1% [[Ballotopedia](#)]. His campaign messaging emphasizes public safety, fiscal discipline, transparency in county government, and addressing homelessness. Kess claims that COVID-19 lockdowns are what inspired him to run for office [Reno Gazette-Journal, 5/20/2022]. Kess spent \$673,974.51 for his State Treasurer campaign [NV SOS, [3/13/2026](#)].

Kess entered the Clark County Commission District E race on December 10th, 2025 and one of his uplifted running points is to bring more accountability, citing that in September 2025, the Nevada Commission on Ethics formally admonished incumbent Segerblom (and other Commissioners) for accepting free tickets to the 2023 inaugural Las Vegas Grand Prix without proper disclosure. Kess has donated \$151,887.62 from 2021 to 2024, mostly to himself or other Republican candidates and PACs. He also donated to Assemblywoman Danielle Gallent who endorsed him in March 2026 [[NV Secretary of State](#), accessed 3/12/2026].

### **Kess Political Donations**

| <b>Contributor</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Recipient</b>      |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| manny kess         | 11/18/2021  | \$250.00      | Steven Delisle        |
| Manny Kess         | 7/19/2021   | \$1,000.00    | Morning in Nevada PAC |

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|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Manny Kess | 7/19/2021  | \$1,000.00 | Morning in Nevada PAC    |
| Manny Kess | 6/10/2021  | \$271.95   | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 7/29/2021  | \$150.00   | Danielle Gallant         |
| Manny Kess | 3/24/2022  | \$250.00   | Charlie Nicole De La Paz |
| Manny Kess | 6/17/2021  | \$25.00    | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 6/19/2021  | \$200.00   | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 6/17/2021  | \$80.00    | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 6/19/2021  | \$50.00    | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 6/24/2021  | \$45.00    | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 6/25/2021  | \$1,000.00 | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 6/19/2021  | \$2,000.00 | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 7/23/2021  | \$2,079.83 | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 7/26/2021  | \$395.92   | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 6/26/2021  | \$779.83   | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 7/29/2021  | \$150.00   | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 7/28/2021  | \$355.86   | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 9/2/2021   | \$176.98   | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 8/25/2021  | \$229.73   | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 8/26/2021  | \$1,284.18 | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 9/17/2021  | \$50.00    | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 12/9/2021  | \$1,337.21 | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 12/2/2021  | \$18.00    | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 12/1/2021  | \$136.00   | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 12/1/2021  | \$77.54    | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 8/20/2021  | \$100.00   | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 10/12/2021 | \$102.32   | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 10/28/2021 | \$500.00   | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 10/29/2021 | \$25.00    | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 11/3/2021  | \$20.00    | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 11/3/2021  | \$40.00    | Manny Kess               |
| Manny Kess | 11/3/2021  | \$214.95   | Manny Kess               |

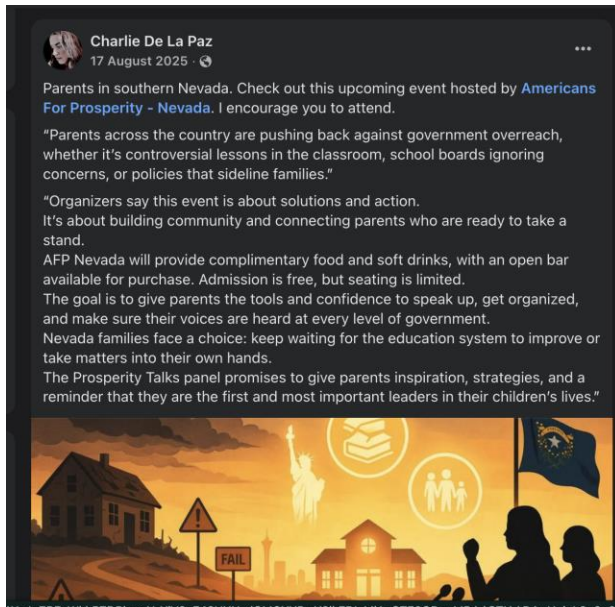
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| Manny Kess | 11/10/2021 | \$250.00    | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 11/18/2021 | \$250.00    | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 11/10/2021 | \$214.96    | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 3/2/2021   | \$2,674.06  | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 3/9/2021   | \$3,250.00  | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 3/29/2021  | \$2,838.92  | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 4/24/2021  | \$2,622.13  | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 2/18/2021  | \$38.84     | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 3/6/2021   | \$113.38    | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 3/3/2021   | \$409.34    | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 3/8/2021   | \$56.19     | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 3/9/2021   | \$103.17    | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 3/10/2021  | \$64.69     | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 3/7/2021   | \$291.91    | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 3/30/2021  | \$65.00     | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 3/30/2021  | \$531.92    | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 4/3/2021   | \$97.07     | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 4/19/2021  | \$159.96    | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 4/20/2021  | \$200.00    | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 4/21/2021  | \$97.31     | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 5/6/2021   | \$42.99     | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 1/21/2021  | \$4,140.00  | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 1/28/2021  | \$3,250.00  | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 1/8/2021   | \$50,000.00 | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 1/20/2022  | \$60.00     | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 4/22/2021  | \$5,000.00  | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 3/1/2021   | \$152.98    | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 2/12/2021  | \$50,000.00 | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 1/1/2021   | \$3,738.41  | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 2/1/2021   | \$212.26    | Manny Kess |
| Manny Kess | 2/1/2021   | \$2,756.84  | Manny Kess |

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| Manny Kess | 4/29/2021 | \$300.00   | Manny Kess       |
| Manny Kess | 5/24/2021 | \$2,009.99 | Manny Kess       |
| Manny Kess | 5/28/2021 | \$1,000.00 | Manny Kess       |
| Manny Kess | 3/9/2024  | \$500.00   | Danielle Gallant |

### **Kess Campaign Contributions (updated 3/16/2026)**

| <b>Contributor</b>  | <b>Date</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Recipient</b> |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| Alec Hsu            | 12/31/2025  | \$10,000.00   | Manny Kess       |
| Andrew Molasky      | 12/18/2025  | \$100.00      | Manny Kess       |
| Brian Hymel         | 12/15/2025  | \$100.00      | Manny Kess       |
| Costas Merges       | 12/20/2025  | \$500.00      | Manny Kess       |
| Dan Grifford        | 12/14/2025  | \$1,000.00    | Manny Kess       |
| Erik Sexton         | 12/19/2025  | \$1,000.00    | Manny Kess       |
| Garret Nelson       | 12/18/2025  | \$250.00      | Manny Kess       |
| Kevin Bentley       | 12/15/2025  | \$500.00      | Manny Kess       |
| Kostas Koutsothanas | 12/18/2025  | \$250.00      | Manny Kess       |
| Michael Merges      | 12/20/2025  | \$500.00      | Manny Kess       |
| Scott Waller        | 12/10/2025  | \$100.00      | Manny Kess       |
| Viktor Szucs        | 12/18/2025  | \$100.00      | Manny Kess       |

Kess has raised \$14,400.00 for his campaign as of March 16th, 2026 [[NVSOS](#), accessed 3/16/2026]. Kess was also endorsed by Assemblywoman Danielle Gallant who has publicly stated that very conservative candidates need to present moderate [[Nevada Current](#), 8/16/24] [[Facebook](#), 3/12/24]. He also also donated to Charlie Nicole De La Paz who ran for Assembly District 19 and encouraged parents to go to events hosted by Americans for Prosperity [[Facebook](#), 8/17/2025]



Morning in Nevada PAC is a Nevada state-level Republican PAC created in 2015 by allies of former Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt. On its own site, it says its mission is to “advance conservative causes and elect conservative candidates,” and specifically to recruit and support conservative young leaders in Nevada. [[Morning in Nevada PAC](#), accessed 3/16/2026]

In practice, it has functioned as both an ideological vehicle and a political network hub for Laxalt-world Republicans. Its signature project is the annual Basque Fry in Gardnerville, which has become a major Nevada GOP gathering featuring national conservative figures. The PAC’s own site and news coverage show the event tied to speakers and allies such as Ted Cruz, Kellyanne Conway, Mercedes Schlapp, Matt Schlapp, Mick Mulvaney, Tom Cotton, and Ron DeSantis. In 2023, the Basque Fry was co-hosted with Never Back Down, the super PAC backing DeSantis’ presidential bid, which at the time was chaired by Laxalt. [[Morning in Nevada PAC](#), accessed 3/16/2026]

On issues, the PAC presents a standard hard-right Nevada message. Its website says it supports low taxes, deregulation, “educational freedom” and parental choice, opposition to “sanctuary state” policies, and an absolutist defense of the Second Amendment. Its 2024 endorsement message also framed Democrats as a “radical left” threat and warned against tax increases, gun control, anti-hunting measures, reduced criminal penalties, and even a “ban on gas stoves,” using the slogan “Don’t California My Nevada.” [[Morning in Nevada PAC](#), accessed 3/16/2026]

On the candidates side, the PAC backs conservative Republican candidates. . Its 2024 endorsements page says it released a primary and general-election slate to help Republicans reinforce Gov. Joe Lombardo in Carson City. Public finance records and campaign pages also show examples of support for candidates including Carrie Buck, Lori Rogich, John Ellison, Michael Roberson, and Wes Duncan. [[Morning in Nevada PAC](#), accessed 3/16/2026]

As for who funds it, available reporting and Nevada filing snippets point to a mix of major Republican-aligned donors, business interests, and Laxalt patrons. The biggest recurring theme is overlap with Adam Laxalt’s donor base. Nevada Independent reporting said Sheldon Adelson,

Miriam Adelson, family members, and Sands properties had given a combined \$100,000 to Morning in Nevada PAC since its launch. Another Nevada Independent report said Starpoint Resort Group and CEO Michael Muldoon gave \$30,000 to the PAC between 2016 and 2019 [[DSCC](#), 9/22/2022] Filing snippets also show contributions from donors such as Dennis Troesh and George Macricostas, and by 2017 the PAC had reportedly raised more than \$500,000 overall. [[The Nevada Independent](#), 5/10/2017]

The main controversies around the PAC fall into three buckets.

First, election misinformation and election-denial adjacency. In 2020, Morning in Nevada PAC ran Facebook ads attacking mail voting; one report said some ads made unsubstantiated claims that Nancy Pelosi was trying to “fix” the election through mail voting. [([Ms. Magazine](#), 7/16/2020)] More broadly, the PAC’s Basque Fry became a visible gathering point for Nevada Republicans involved in or adjacent to “Big Lie” politics, with coverage in 2022 describing election-fraud mythology as an undercurrent at the event. [[The Nevada Independent](#), 8/13/2022]

Second, campaign-finance scrutiny tied to Adam Laxalt’s Senate run. Watchdogs argued that the Basque Fry functioned as an in-kind contribution to Laxalt’s federal campaign and that he improperly remained involved with a state PAC after becoming a federal candidate. The FEC ultimately dismissed the matter in MUR 8055, but the case shows the PAC drew serious federal scrutiny rather than just partisan criticism. [[KRXI2](#), 8/19/2022]

Third, donor-access and influence concerns because of how tightly the PAC has been linked to Laxalt’s broader political apparatus. Coverage of Laxalt’s relationships with Adelson and with Starpoint/Muldoon repeatedly referenced donations to Morning in Nevada PAC as part of the ecosystem around him, which is why critics have treated the PAC less as an independent cause group and more as an extension of his political brand. [[The Nevada Independent](#),5/10/2017]

## **ON THE ISSUES**

### **Affordability and the Cost of Living**

Kess acknowledges the high cost of housing and cites the demand outpacing supply and the need to increase the number of homes available at attainable price points. His campaign promise towards increasing housing supply is to cut unnecessary delays that drive construction costs and measuring success by how many homes are built and occupied each year.

### **Revitalizing the Commercial Center**

Kess’ campaign website emphasizes the Commercial Center District that is recognized as a unique and culturally important part of the Clark County community but has yet to see consistent visible improvements. His campaign promise is to bring renewed focus towards creating a roadmap towards improvements to the center. He wants to push towards a step-by-step implementation plan with timelines to measure progress with the center. This includes quality of life improvements such as lighting, cleanliness, safety, parking and code compliance. He says he will draw from his experience in hospitality and real estate.

## **Housing, Land Use, & Homelessness**

Kess cites on his campaign website that homelessness in Clark County is one of the most urgent challenges of the community. His campaign promise is to require quarterly public reporting by area so residents can see transportation progress with stabilization beds. He also states wanting to work to ensure county-funded providers are focused on outcomes that move people from streets to stability. He states that success is measured by fewer people living unsheltered.

## **Government Accountability**

Kess promises to be more transparent with County governments and states that spending will be tied to measurable outcomes. He states that contracts will be reviewed based on performance and effectiveness, ethics and disclosure standards will be straightforward and easily accessible to the public.

## **VULNERABILITIES & ADVERSE FINDINGS OF NOTE**

### **Controversial Figures and Statements**

Kess has posted positively about Elon Musk in 2024. [[Twitter](#), 7/29/24].

Kess posted that Democrats need to condemn Trump's assassination attempt and "God Bless Trump". [[Twitter](#), 7/13/24]

Kess posted that Biden is the worst American President. [[Twitter](#), 1/28/24] [[Twitter](#), 2/7/2023].

Kess posted that he agrees with the idea of "if you don't support our countries values, please go elsewhere and allow others who do have the opportunity to have the American Dream" [[Twitter](#), 10/14/23].

Kess reposted a tweet by far-right extremist Ian Miles Cheong supporting police running over protest materials.



Kess was endorsed by Assemblywoman Danielle Gallant who has publicly stated that very conservative candidates need to present moderate [\[Nevada Current, 8/16/24\]](#) [\[Facebook, 3/12/24\]](#).

Kess spoke on a podcast with Rudy Giuliani [\[Instagram, 6/6/2022\]](#)

## COVID

Kess spoke on a podcast pushing back against quarantine lockdowns [\[Youtube\]](#). He also agreed with Senator Ted Cruz on COVID practices [\[Instagram, 6/8/2022\]](#). He also praised states that did not enforce lockdown as strictly [\[Instagram, 5/31/2022\]](#)


**Kess posted that it was “ridiculous” about vaccine bans for athletes that refuse to vaccinated being banned from playing sports. [\[Facebook, 7/10/22\]](#)**

**Manny Kess**  
10 July 2022 · 🌐

Ridiculous.

**Wayne Allyn Root**  
10 July 2022 · 🌐

I'm embarrassed to ever be from New York. They won't let him in? We are living in bizarro world. Up is down. Black is white. The world is flat to liberals who don't understand "science" in the slightest.



nypost.com  
**John McEnroe slams 'ridiculous' Novak Djokovic US Open vaccine ban**

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**Kess is critical of stimulus bills during COVID. [Facebook, 6/13/022]**

**Manny Kess**  
13 June 2022 · 🌐

Spot on. Stay aware friends and pay attention.

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| Jun 13, 2022 | 3,749.63 |
| Jan 1, 2022  | 4,573.82 |
| Jan 1, 2021  | 3,793.75 |
| Jan 1, 2020  | 3,278.20 |

**Antonio Fuccio**  
13 June 2022 · 🌐

Where are all the brightlights who made fun of me for being critical of all the "stimulus" and "rescue" bills?

When I said that this wouldn't save the little guy like they said it would but, in the long run, would only serve to increase the wealth gap and income inequality while strengthening the large multi-national corporations... do you remember thinking to yourself WTF is this guy talking about?

Y'all sitting there making this about Trump and Biden... or whether you are



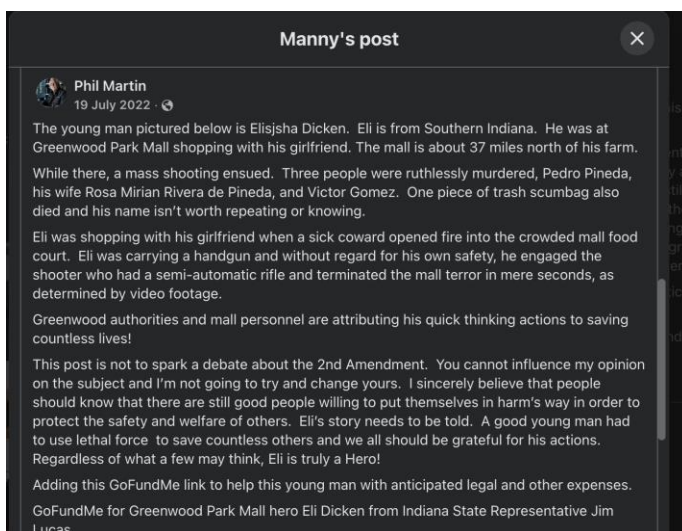
**Kess has posted about being against mask mandates.** [[Facebook](#), 3/31/21]

### Sexism

During his run for NV State Treasurer, he posted a campaign ad wearing a blonde wig mocking his Republican primary opponent [[Youtube](#), 6/5/2022]

### Guns

**Kess reposted an article about “good guys stopping bad guys with guns.”**



### Israel



Kess has expressed support for Israel. [[Facebook](#), 5/12/2021]

### Law Enforcement



Kess has posted about supporting FL Governor Ron Desantis initiatives that would not defund the police. [[Facebook](#), 4/21/26].

## **SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS**

[Campaign Website](#)

[Campaign Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Campaign Instagram](#)

[Campaign Youtube](#)

[Personal Instagram](#)

[Personal Facebook](#)