

## **SCOTT HOEN CARSON CITY CLERK (R)**

Key findings include:

- **Role & term:** Elected in Nov. 2022 to a 4-year term; took office Jan. 2, 2023 (nonpartisan office).
- **Political ties:** Former chair of the Carson City Republican Party (campaign bio)
- **Stated priorities:** “Election integrity,” transparency of voter rolls, and digitizing records; publicly “NOT a fan” of Nevada’s universal mail-in voting (while saying he’ll follow state law/regs).
- **2024 ballot error:** Office reissued ballots to all voters after a congressional candidate’s party was mislisted; Hoen apologized and added QC steps.
- **2024 mailer confusion:** Signature-update mailer text mentioned a postcard that wasn’t included; Hoen said he asked the SoS to alter the postcard over privacy concerns, contributing to the mismatch; he told voters to “just vote.”
- **Litigation climate:** Named in RNC/NV GOP suit alleging “inordinately high” registration rates; state called plaintiffs’ data “highly flawed.” Separate petitions challenged his handling of voter challenges in 2024.

Carson City, Nevada, the consolidated city-county and state capital, has about 58,364 residents. The population is majority White (non-Hispanic) 63% with a sizable Hispanic/Latino 26% community; Immigrants make up about 12–13% of residents. Economically, government, services, and light manufacturing anchor the area. Politically, Carson City leans Republican and has been stable across the last two cycles: in 2020, Trump received 16,113 (54.18%) to Biden’s 12,735 (42.82%)(R+11.36 pts); in 2024, Trump/Vance took 54.31% (16,873) to Harris/Walz’s 43.05% (13,375) (R+11.26 pts). [[Census Reporter](#), accessed, 10/9/2025] [[Nevada Secretary of State](#), accessed, 10/9/2025]

## **BACKGROUND**

Hoen is Carson City’s Clerk-Recorder/Public Administrator, overseeing elections, recording, marriages, and meeting minutes. City staff directory lists his title and divisions; local coverage describes the office’s elections function [[Nevada Appeal](#), 5/24/2024]. Elected Nov. 2022 to a 4-year term; won with 50.48% (10,902 votes). Prior to office, 35 years in title insurance; took office Jan. 2, 2023. He has publicly noted past work with the local GOP (former Carson City Republican Party chair) and campaigned on “election integrity” and voter-roll transparency [[Hoen 4 Clerk](#), accessed, 10/9/2025] [[Nevada Secretary of State](#), accessed, 10/9/2025].

Hoen has contributed to the Republican National Committee and Wired [Dec, accessed, 10/9/2025].

## **ON THE ISSUES**

*NO FINDINGS OF NOTE FOR FIRST ROUND VET*

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

### **Opposed Mail-In Voting**

## August 2024: Hoen Asked Supporters To Rally At The Governor’s Mansion With Signs That Said “Protect The Vote”, “Require Signature Verifications”, “Voter Integrity” And To Oppose The 2020 Bill That Would Expand Mail In Voting.



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NEED YOUR Help in front of the Governor's Mansion from 5PM to 7PM tomorrow, Tuesday August 4th. Bring handwritten signs such as "Veto B4", "Protect the Vote", "Require Signature Verification", "Voter Integrity", "I Back the Ballot".

606 Mountain St, Carson City, NV 89703

WHAT: Call to Action, Tell Governor Sisolak to VETO AB4 (OR IF SIGNED BY THEN, PROTEST AGAINST THE BILL AND SISOLAK)

It's time for Nevadans to stand up to the NV Democrats overreach of our election via Mail in Voting and Ballot Harvesting. The Nevada Republican Party needs YOU to go to your local courthouse and make your voices heard.

Here's what you need to know:

\* While the majority party and its Washington D.C. political partners may have been working on this bill under the cover of secrecy, the rest of us had next to no time to process what effect this legislation might have on Nevada's Election process.

\* Our Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske was not consulted on the contents of this bill at all. Her office received this bill at the same time as Assembly Republicans...an hour before the hearing.

\* Additionally, the bill contains several troubling provisions, including:

- Gives the Governor broad powers and discretion with our elections during an emergency.
- It allows any person to collect and turn in a ballot, effectively authorizing ballot harvesting.
- It is expected to cost Nevada \$3 million, however, additional costs by counties and clerks is not being factored in. Cost could rise up to \$4.5 million.
- We already have extensive accommodations in place for those who wish to cast an absentee ballot.

\* These drastic changes to our election process should not be decided in a mere number of hours.

[Scott Hoen, Facebook, 8/3/2020]

### 2024 party-label error on mailed ballots

**October 2024: Hoen Oversaw Ballot Preparation And Carson City Had To Reissue Mail-In Ballots To All Voters Because An Independent American Party Candidate Was Incorrectly Listed As A Democrat.** According to a press release issued from the county clerk’s office, all Carson City voters will be receiving new official mail-in ballots due to an Independent American Party candidate being incorrectly listed as a Democrat. According to the release, ballots will be reissued Oct. 16. Clerk-Recorder Scott Hoen, who answered questions by email through Carson City Public Information Officer Cameron Gresh, said that while new official mail-in ballots will be sent out, there is no word on when the sample ballots will be arriving. Some people may be under the impression that ballots come from the Secretary of State’s office, but this is not the case. All ballots, sample and official, must come through each County Clerk’s office before they are distributed to voters. According to Hoen, sample ballots are printed by Nevada State Printing after they are sent off by the Clerk-Recorder department. Hoen did not mention what date sample ballots were sent to the printers, which is located in Carson City. Hoen said there was a ‘period of time’ they had to wait for the Secretary of State to confirm whether candidates were on or off the ballot. ‘Bottom line is that we waited to the last minute to put out the sample ballot to ensure the correct candidates were listed,’ Hoen said. The arrival of the mail ballot before the sample ballot was a “timing issue” as mail official ballots were shipped from Washington state through Reno, Hoen said, which allowed the mail ballots to arrive prior to the sample ballots. According to the county clerk's press release, those who have already voted by mail are asked to do so again with the corrected ballot. When asked how an error could have been made, Hoen said that ‘staff in the Clerk-Recorder’s office work on proofing the ballots.’ ‘Ultimately, a mistake was made, and the Clerk-Recorder takes full responsibility and apologizes for the error,’ Hoen said. ‘It was an error that no one caught before materials were sent to the printer. Additional processes are being set up to correct the situation and

prevent errors in the future. In-person voting is not affected by this, and we expect a big turnout with early voting and election day.” [[The Nevada Independent](#), 10/10/2024]

**Corrected Ballots Were Mailed Out On October 16 And Voters Who Already Returned A Mail Ballot Were Asked To Vote Again Using A New One.** “According to a press release issued from the county clerk’s office, all Carson City voters will be receiving new official mail-in ballots due to an Independent American Party candidate being incorrectly listed as a Democrat. According to the release, ballots will reissued Oct. 16. Clerk-Recorder Scott Hoen, who answered questions by email through Carson City Public Information Officer Cameron Gresh, said that while new official mail-in ballots will be sent out, there is no word on when the sample ballots will be arriving.” [[The Nevada Independent](#), 10/10/2024]

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### **Confusing Secretary of State mailer**

**October 2024: Carson City Voters Received A “Confusing” Signature-Update Mailer That Referenced A Return Postcard That Wasn’t Included And Had A Return-Date Of October 1 That Had Already Passed When Voters Received It On October 2.** “A number of Carson City residents became concerned after they received what some are calling rather confusing voting instructions in the mail. The mailer states that individuals should update their signatures in their voter registration to assist in streamlining voting. However, there is no section on the mailer to provide a signature, or any information required to verify the signature is coming from the designated voter. This is because Clerk-Recorder Scott Hoen asked the Secretary of State not to ask for verifying information out of concern for voter privacy, he told the Board of Supervisors Thursday during public comment. The issue stems from the Secretary of State’s office he said, and that they had originally wanted to send out mailers asking for signature updates along with a driver’s license number and social security number as part of the verification process, ‘on an exposed postcard.’ However, this is not entirely accurate; what the mailers asked for, according to the Secretary of State’s Office was one of the following: a date of birth, the last four digits the voter’s social security number or the last four digits of their driver’s license, but not the full numbers. ‘I asked the Secretary of State not to make that request of voters, so they changed the postcard,’ Hoen said. Hoen said that Carson is the only county out of Nevada’s 17 that they did the change for. However, what the change actually entailed was not including the returnable postcard, but the language on the mailer was not updated, which is causing the confusion. The insert that Carson City voters received reads: As we prepare for the upcoming general election, we are reaching out to give you the opportunity to update the signature we have on file for you. Nevada law requires us to use your signature to confirm your identity when voting (NRS 293.269927 and NRS 293.285) and having an updated signature will make it easier to process your mail ballot or check you in at a polling place! Please sign, detach, and mail the included signature update postcard. The confusion didn’t stop there, however; Hoen said that residents received the mailer on October 2, which asked the signatures to be

returned by October 1. This is an anomaly, as other counties received their mailers weeks ago, but Hoen did not comment on why Carson voters received theirs so late. We'll update why these were so received so much later when we have that information. 'It was a mistake, and it was simply a mistake, and I'm sorry it is causing such frustration and confusion,' Hoen said. 'You do not need to do anything other than vote.'" [[Carson Now](#), 10/3/2024]

**Hoen Called This A Mistake And Said Voter Don't Need To Do Anything With The Mailer "Just Vote."** "A number of Carson City residents became concerned after they received what some are calling rather confusing voting instructions in the mail. The mailer states that individuals should update their signatures in their voter registration to assist in streamlining voting. However, there is no section on the mailer to provide a signature, or any information required to verify the signature is coming from the designated voter. This is because Clerk-Recorder Scott Hoen asked the Secretary of State not to ask for verifying information out of concern for voter privacy, he told the Board of Supervisors Thursday during public comment. The issue stems from the Secretary of State's office he said, and that they had originally wanted to send out mailers asking for signature updates along with a driver's license number and social security number as part of the verification process, 'on an exposed postcard.' However, this is not entirely accurate; what the mailers asked for, according to the Secretary of State's Office was one of the following: a date of birth, the last four digits the voter's social security number or the last four digits of their driver's license, but not the full numbers. 'I asked the Secretary of State not to make that request of voters, so they changed the postcard,' Hoen said. Hoen said that Carson is the only county out of Nevada's 17 that they did the change for. However, what the change actually entailed was not including the returnable postcard, but the language on the mailer was not updated, which is causing the confusion. The insert that Carson City voters received reads: As we prepare for the upcoming general election, we are reaching out to give you the opportunity to update the signature we have on file for you. Nevada law requires us to use your signature to confirm your identity when voting (NRS 293.269927 and NRS 293.285) and having an updated signature will make it easier to process your mail ballot or check you in at a polling place! Please sign, detach, and mail the included signature update postcard. The confusion didn't stop there, however; Hoen said that residents received the mailer on October 2, which asked the signatures to be returned by October 1. This is an anomaly, as other counties received their mailers weeks ago, but Hoen did not comment on why Carson voters received theirs so late. We'll update why these were so received so much later when we have that information. 'It was a mistake, and it was simply a mistake, and I'm sorry it is causing such frustration and confusion,' Hoen said. 'You do not need to do anything other than vote.'" [[Carson Now](#), 10/3/2024]

### **Voter-roll litigation**

**The Republican National Committee And Nevada GOP Sued Nevada's Secretary Of State And Hoen Alleging His Jurisdiction Had "Inordinately High" Voter- Registration Rates And Isn't Keeping Voter Rolls "Clean".** "When Scott Hoen ran to be Carson City, Nevada's chief election official two years ago, he campaigned on "election integrity," promising to make sure voter registration lists were accurate. In the chaotic aftermath of the 2020 presidential election, he believed that too many of his fellow Republicans were convinced that there was widespread voter fraud. By keeping voter rolls current, Hoen thought he could restore voter trust in his county's election system. He won. And every day since he took office, he and his staff have tried to keep that focus, using data from all levels of government to remove voters who have moved or died from the active voter list. Hoen was surprised, then, to be named in a lawsuit the Republican National Committee and the Nevada Republican Party filed last month against him, four other Nevada county clerks and the secretary of state. The lawsuit alleges that five localities had "inordinately high" voter registration rates, and that the state is violating federal law by not having what are known as "clean" voter rolls. Hoen said the lawsuit is "unfortunate" and "a distraction" in a pivotal election year. The state responded by saying the data Republicans used in

the lawsuit are “highly flawed” and that the RNC’s analysis was like “comparing apples to orangutans.” Former President Donald Trump’s lawyers asserted without evidence that more than 1,500 dead Nevadans voted in 2020 and that an additional 42,000 in the state voted twice.” [[Stateline](#), 4/9/2024]

**Hoen Called The Suit “Unfortunate” And Said That His Office Follows The Law And Continually Updates The Rolls Using Government Data.** “When Scott Hoen ran to be Carson City, Nevada’s chief election official two years ago, he campaigned on “election integrity,” promising to make sure voter registration lists were accurate. In the chaotic aftermath of the 2020 presidential election, he believed that too many of his fellow Republicans were convinced that there was widespread voter fraud. By keeping voter rolls current, Hoen thought he could restore voter trust in his county’s election system. He won. And every day since he took office, he and his staff have tried to keep that focus, using data from all levels of government to remove voters who have moved or died from the active voter list. Hoen was surprised, then, to be named in a lawsuit the Republican National Committee and the Nevada Republican Party filed last month against him, four other Nevada county clerks and the secretary of state. The lawsuit alleges that five localities had “inordinately high” voter registration rates, and that the state is violating federal law by not having what are known as “clean” voter rolls. Hoen said the lawsuit is “unfortunate” and “a distraction” in a pivotal election year. The state responded by saying the data Republicans used in the lawsuit are “highly flawed” and that the RNC’s analysis was like “comparing apples to orangutans.” Former President Donald Trump’s lawyers asserted without evidence that more than 1,500 dead Nevadans voted in 2020 and that an additional 42,000 in the state voted twice.”[[Stateline](#), 4/9/2024]

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