

## **WASHOE COUNTY DISTRICT 5 COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE KATHERINE YRIARTE**

In 2026, Katherine Yriarte will be a Republican candidate for Washoe County Commissioner, District 5. Commissioner Jeanne Herman was term limited. Yriarte has lived in Reno, NV for 40 years. Yriarte and her husband, Daniel, established Team Yriarte Horsemanship, a professional horse training business, in 2016. She is the founder and president of Nevada Equine Council, an official affiliate of the American Horse Council, a national organization representing all segments of the horse industry.

### *Key findings:*

**In August 2023, Yriarte’s business, Team Yriarte Horsemanship, received a county code violation.** In 2024, the Reno Gazette-Journal reported that small-business owners who board or train horses in Washoe County were struggling with county codes. In the article, Yriarte said she was unaware of the county code for commercial stables before receiving a violation in August 2023. Yriarte began the process within days after receiving a violation notice. As of March 2024, Yriarte still did not have a Washoe business license and was waiting for approval of the transfer of water rights she purchased from her neighbor, which can take several months. Yriarte, who had spent \$7,000 to come into compliance as of March 2024, had continued operating while she moved through the process. Team Yriarte Horsemanship was the main source of income for Yriarte and her husband. As of March 2026, “Team Yriarte Horsemanship LLC” was an active business in Nevada, registered in 2019. In October 2025, Yriarte announced her candidacy for Washoe County Commissioner in a Facebook post detailing the impact licensing issues had on small business owners. In the post, Yriarte said their business had “just a few steps left” to get a Washoe County business license.

**Yriarte described herself as a “moderate conservative Christian” with “real-world experience.”** Yriarte described herself as a “moderate conservative Christian.” Yriarte said she “respects separation of church and state while letting timeless values of service and dignity guide her decisions.” She notes that she is not a career politician, citing her “real-world experience” of managing budgets, running businesses and nonprofit organizations, and training horses.

### **Yriarte has taken positions on many elections-related issues, including:**

General philosophy. Yriarte said her “commitment is simple: protect every eligible voter’s right to vote while ensuring every legal vote is counted accurately and securely.” On her campaign website, she has stated she supports “strong chain-of-custody procedures for all ballots, public logic and accuracy testing of voting equipment, post-election risk-limiting audits, secure and monitored ballot drop boxes with bipartisan oversight, and clear public reporting at every stage of the election process.” She has stated that “secure and transparent elections are essential to public trust.”

Voter Fraud. Yriarte said she would advocate for “serious consequences for ballot tampering, double voting, voter interference, and the misuse of public resources for campaigning.” She supports “clear voter education on how Nevada elections actually work, including ballot security, signature verification, audits, and recounts.”

Early Voting. Yriarte said she will defend “fair early voting access.” She said every citizen must be able to vote safely and without fear.

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Election Integrity Audits. Yriarte supports “routine maintenance of voter rolls to remove outdated or duplicate registrations, strong safeguards for automatic and same-day registration, cross-checks with death and address records, and strict penalties for intentional fraud.” She supports “strong chain-of-custody procedures for all ballots, public logic and accuracy testing of voting equipment, post-election risk-limiting audits, secure and monitored ballot drop boxes with bipartisan oversight, and clear public reporting at every stage of the election process.”

**Yriarte has taken positions on other issues of note, including:**

Priorities. Yriarte has described her priorities as advocating for rural and working families, reforming commercial codes, protecting open spaces, expanding mental health services and supporting systems for seniors and individuals with disabilities to prevent homelessness.

Tribal Sovereignty. Yriarte vowed to work with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe rather than around. She pledged “early engagement on all issues” with a goal of no decisions affecting tribal land or water without involvement from the beginning.

Homelessness. On her campaign website, Yriarte noted growing homelessness among seniors and people with disabilities. Yriarte called for the creating a Supportive Housing Pipeline through partnerships, streamlined accessible housing regulations. She vowed to work to implement Homelessness Prevention—an At-Risk Registry and Hospital-to-Home Program intervening before people lose housing.

Public Lands. Yriarte said she would safeguard open spaces, agricultural lands, and trails from unchecked development. She said “preservation of recreational access and natural resources is paramount.”

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE

As of January 2026:

Candidate	Total Raised	Total Expenditures	Cash on Hand
Katherine Lynn Yriarte	\$1,421.76	\$609.09	\$560.91

[Yriarte 2026 Annual CE Filing, Nevada Secretary of State, filed 1/14/26]

## BACKGROUND

**As of 2026, Yriarte had lived in Reno for 40 years.** “Katherine Yriarte: Yriarte, a Republican, has lived in Reno for 40 years. According to Yriarte’s website, she is currently a small business owner who operates Team Yriarte Horsemanship with her husband. She is also the founder and president of the Nevada Equine Council. Her priorities are to stand up for rural and working families, reform commercial codes, protect open spaces, expand mental health services and support systems for seniors and individuals with disabilities to prevent homelessness.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 2/11/26]

- **Yriarte moved to Reno as a child in 1986 and never left.** “Katherine moved to Reno as a child in 1986 and never left. This is home. She's built her life here with her husband Daniel, her partner of over 10 years in marriage and in their professional horse training business, Team Yriarte Horsemanship, since 2016.” [Meet Katherine, katherineynv.com, accessed 3/17/26]

**Yriarte has been married to her husband, Daniel, for over 10 years.** “Katherine moved to Reno as a child in 1986 and never left. This is home. She's built her life here with her husband Daniel, her partner of over 10 years in marriage and in their professional horse training business, Team Yriarte Horsemanship, since 2016.” [Meet Katherine, katherineynv.com, accessed 3/17/26]

**November 2025: Yriarte attended a “candidate school” sponsored by Americans For Prosperity.** “I believe if you’re going to lead, you should be prepared — so I’m taking candidate school! Excited to keep learning, listening, and getting ready to serve our amazing community. Thank you to Americans For Prosperity - Nevada for putting on this informative class today! I am excited to implement the tools I am learning. 🙌❤️” [Facebook, [11/8/25](#)]

## Career

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- **Team Yriarte Horsemanship was established in 2016 as a professional horse training business that specializes in behavioral rehabilitation, gentling mustangs and rescue horses, and biomechanics.** “Katherine moved to Reno as a child in 1986 and never left. This is home. She's built her life here with her husband Daniel, her partner of over 10 years in marriage and in their professional horse training business, Team Yriarte Horsemanship, since 2016. Team Yriarte Horsemanship is one of the most trusted training operations in northern Nevada, specializing in

behavioral rehabilitation, gentling mustangs and rescue horses, and biomechanics. Katherine lives in service every day.” [Meet Katherine, [katherineyfornv.com](http://katherineyfornv.com), accessed 3/17/26]

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- **Nevada Equine Council is an official affiliate of the American Horse Council, a national organization representing all segments of the horse industry.** “The Nevada Equine Council is the official affiliate of the American Horse Council, located in Washington, DC, a national organization representing all segments of the horse industry. NVEC is a member-based, 501(c)6 non-profit organization.” [About, [nvequinecouncil.org](http://nvequinecouncil.org), accessed 3/16/26]
- **According to their website, “The Nevada Equine Council exists to represent, strengthen, and unify the equine industry in Nevada through leadership, education, service, and communication.”** [About, [nvequinecouncil.org](http://nvequinecouncil.org), accessed 3/16/26]
- **Nevada Equine Council’s legislative priorities included tax laws, county codes, environmental regulations, land management, and water conservation.** “Laws and regulations significantly impact horse owners, whether a business or a hobby. Tax laws and county codes affect business pursuits, environmental regulations affect all who care for horses, and land management and water conservation are constant concerns. The Horse Council intends to carefully choose which bills they will support each year, and look to initiate bills that will help the Nevada equine industry.” [Legislative, [nvequinecouncil.org](http://nvequinecouncil.org), accessed 3/16/26]
- **Nevada Equine Council’s website had a call to action about Washoe County’s commercial code requirements, urging people to engage with the county’s research on equine codes.** “Equine boarding and training facilities in Washoe County are currently held to commercial code and required to obtain a Special Use Permit in order to be issued a Washoe County business license. The commercial code requirements include things such as paved and striped parking, commercial landscape and fencing, purchasing water rights, and installing a permanent ADA compliant bathroom. In early 2024, Commissioner Clara Andriola (District 4) allocated \$30,000 in special district funds to retain a consultant to research and report on equine codes in other jurisdictions, as well as to solicit community input on the topic via an online survey and a series of in-person and virtual workshops. In addition to the opportunities provided in the research summary, Washoe County will consider input from the survey, workshops, and from other stakeholder agencies to identify possible future updates to Washoe County standards for commercial equine uses. Additional community engagement will be a critical part of this work, as well as multiple public hearings. Be sure to stay informed and express your interest in participating in this process by signing up for updates on this project. Please visit the Washoe County website by clicking the link below to sign up.” [Legislative, [nvequinecouncil.org](http://nvequinecouncil.org), accessed 3/16/26]

**Business Code Violation**

**Yriarte said she was unaware of the county code for commercial stables before receiving a violation in August 2023.** “Small-business owners who board or train horses in Washoe County are finding it challenging to keep up with Washoe County's codes, which can be cost prohibitive and, in the case of water rights, hard to obtain. [...] Under county code, sites that board or ‘raise’ three or more horses are considered commercial stables, a definition that can lead to operators having to meet a list of requirements. Sites where horses are used primarily for agricultural operations are excluded. [...] Commercial stables, riding clubs and trainers could fall under the commercial definition in Chapter 110 of the county code. Boarding over two horses requires a special use permit and a business license, ‘since it is classified as commercial,’ Solaro said. [...] Katherine Yriarte, owner of Team Yriarte Horsemanship, is also facing new challenges for her horse training business. Yriarte said she was unaware of the county code before receiving a violation last August. She said there was nothing on the state page about the county requirements. Yriarte started the process within days after receiving a violation notice, she said.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 3/27/24]

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- **As of March 2024, Yriarte did not have a Washoe business license and was waiting for approval of the transfer of water rights she purchased from her neighbor, which can take several months.** “Things have been moving along, although Yriarte said she still doesn't have a Washoe business license. She's still waiting for approval of the transfer of water rights she purchased from her neighbor, which takes several months.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 3/27/24]
- **As of March 2024, Yriarte had continued operating while she moved through the process and prepared for a hearing on her special use permit.** “Yriarte is currently operating as she moves through the process and prepares for a hearing on her special use permit. She's gotten waivers for some of the county requirements such as commercial landscape and fencing. So far, Yriarte has spent some \$7,000 to get things into compliance, including the cost of the water rights.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 3/27/24]
- **As of March 2024, Yriarte had spent \$7,000 to come into compliance, including the cost of the water rights, and costs had the potential to rise over \$20,000.** “Yriarte is currently

operating as she moves through the process and prepares for a hearing on her special use permit. She's gotten waivers for some of the county requirements such as commercial landscape and fencing. So far, Yriarte has spent some \$7,000 to get things into compliance, including the cost of the water rights. Costs could rise to over \$20,000 with the possibility of having to install a commercial septic system, which the health department is requiring. Other costs will include the completion of required paving work for an ADA parking space.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 3/27/24]

- **December 2024: Yriarte’s Special Use Permit was approved with conditions.** “I move that, after giving reasoned consideration to the information contained in the staff report and information received during the public hearing, the Washoe County Board of Adjustment approve with conditions Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP23-0034 for Daniel and Katherine Yriarte, with the conditions included as Exhibit A to this matter, having made all five findings in accordance with Washoe County Code Section 110.810.30.”[Staff Report, Washoe County Board of Adjustment, [12/7/23](#)]
- **October 2025: Yriarte said there were “just a few steps left” to get a Washoe County business license.** “It's official 🎉 Exactly 2 years ago today, I submitted our Special Use Permit application to start the process of obtaining a Washoe County business license for Team Yriarte Horsemanship-Reno, NV horse trainers . It has taken countless hours of work, conversation, meetings, an amendment to the SUP, and compromise to reach the point we are at now.... just a few steps left to get the license issued! Throughout this journey, I have learned that one determined individual CAN make a difference if they are collaborative, respectful, patient, and honest while advocating for what they know to be right. This licensing issue is not limited to Daniel Yriarte and me.... It affects so many small business, agricultural business, and home based business owners. It is in that spirit that I announce my candidacy for Washoe County Commissioner-District 5! I hope to earn your support to serve our community and be your voice in Washoe County.” [Facebook, [10/9/25](#)]

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**As of March 2024, Team Yriarte Horsemanship was the main source of income for Yriarte and her husband.** “Yriarte operates the business with her husband. This is the couple's main source of income, she said.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 3/27/24]

- **Yriarte on Team Yriarte Horsemanship: “We’re very small-scale. We service the pleasure horse owner. We don’t show. We don’t compete. We don’t breed high-end horses.”** “‘We're very small-scale,’ Yriarte said. ‘We service the pleasure horse owner. We don't show. We don't compete. We don't breed high-end horses.’” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 3/27/24]

**Yriarte claimed to have “spent countless hours observing horses, people, reading books, watching videos and taking instructions from, those whom I consider to be masters at their skills with horses as well as research behaviorists and veterinarians in order to cultivate my knowledge and teaching style.”** “A Nevada resident since 1986, I have had a lifelong passion for horses. As an equine professional, I make a living by facilitating clear communication between horse and human I have spent countless hours observing horses, people, reading books, watching videos and taking instructions from, those whom I consider to be masters at their skills with horses as well as research behaviorists and veterinarians in order to cultivate my knowledge and teaching style.” [teamyhorsemanship.com, accessed 3/16/26]

**Yriarte said she was an experienced large animal veterinary assistant who spent nearly 5 years working both ambulatory and at Comstock Equine Hospital.** “I am also an experienced large animal veterinary assistant, having spent nearly 5 years working both ambulatory and in hospital at Comstock Equine Hospital. I am founder and current president of the Nevada Equine Council.” [teamyhorsemanship.com, accessed 3/16/26]

## ELECTIONS & BALLOT ACCESS

### Philosophy

**Yriarte: “My commitment is simple: protect every eligible voter’s right to vote while ensuring every legal vote is counted accurately and securely.”** “A fair and honest election is the foundation of a free society. Without trust in our elections, trust in government collapses. My commitment is simple: protect every eligible voter’s right to vote while ensuring every legal vote is counted accurately and securely. Election integrity and voter access are not competing values — they must work together.” [katherineyornv.com, accessed 3/18/26]

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**Yriarte: “We are called to protect both truth and people — ensuring that no lawful vote is ever silenced and no dishonest act is ever excused. Integrity is not partisan; it is a moral responsibility. I will always choose what is right over what is politically convenient.”** [katherineyornv.com, accessed 3/18/26]

### Election Integrity

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should be able to observe and verify that the system works as intended.” [katherinefornv.com, accessed 3/18/26]

**Yriarte supports “routine maintenance of voter rolls to remove outdated or duplicate registrations, strong safeguards for automatic and same-day registration, cross-checks with death and address records, and strict penalties for intentional fraud.”** “Accurate voter rolls protect both access and integrity. I support routine maintenance of voter rolls to remove outdated or duplicate registrations, strong safeguards for automatic and same-day registration, cross-checks with death and address records, and strict penalties for intentional fraud. Every legal voter deserves protection, and illegal voting must not dilute lawful ballots.” [katherinefornv.com, accessed 3/18/26]

**Yriarte said she supported “bipartisan election boards and canvassing teams, equal access for accredited observers from all parties, and clear rules that prevent any one group from controlling the process.”** “Trust in elections requires fair rules and fair enforcement. I support bipartisan election boards and canvassing teams, equal access for accredited observers from all parties, and clear rules that prevent any one group from controlling the process. Public meetings and open records are essential to maintaining accountability and public confidence.” [katherinefornv.com, accessed 3/18/26]

### Early Voting

**Yriarte said she will defend “fair early voting access.”** “Yriarte said she strongly opposes voter intimidation, coercion, and misinformation. “Every citizen must be able to vote safely and without fear. I will always defend accessible in-person voting locations, fair early voting access, and secure absentee and mail voting for those who need it. I strongly oppose voter intimidation, coercion, and misinformation, and I will work to ensure that no citizen feels threatened, confused, or discouraged from participating in our democracy.” [katherinefornv.com, accessed 3/18/26]

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### Voter Fraud

**Yriarte said she would advocate for “serious consequences for ballot tampering, double voting, voter interference, and the misuse of public resources for campaigning.”** “Laws only protect

democracy when they are enforced evenly. I will advocate for the full enforcement of campaign finance and election laws and for serious consequences for ballot tampering, double voting, voter interference, and the misuse of public resources for campaigning. No one should be above the law when it comes to our elections.” [katherineynv.com, accessed 3/18/26]

**Yriarte: “An informed public is one of the strongest defenses against both fraud and fear. I support clear voter education on how Nevada elections actually work, including ballot security, signature verification, audits, and recounts.”** “An informed public is one of the strongest defenses against both fraud and fear. I support clear voter education on how Nevada elections actually work, including ballot security, signature verification, audits, and recounts. I also encourage community outreach that invites citizens to become poll workers and observers so the public has direct insight into the process.” [katherineynv.com, accessed 3/18/26]

### Tribal Voting

**Yriarte said she would work for continued protection of tribal voting access.** “Washoe County, and District 5 in particular, is unique, with urban, rural, tribal, and frontier communities all represented within one region. As a local leader, I will work to ensure our election system reflects and serves every part of our county fairly, securely, and transparently. That means balanced access to voting for both rural and urban residents, secure election operations in communities including, but not limited to Wadsworth, Somerset, Palomino Valley, Gerlach, Golden Valley, Cold Springs, and unincorporated areas, continued protection of tribal voting access and respect for tribal sovereignty, proper staffing and training for poll workers and election officials, and full transparency and public observation during the Washoe County canvass and audit processes. Local trust matters, and elections should be run as close to the people as possible with clear accountability. [katherineynv.com, accessed 3/18/26]

## ON THE ISSUES

### Priorities

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### Tribal Sovereignty

**Yriarte vowed to work with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe rather than around them and honor their tribal sovereignty.** “Honoring Tribal Sovereignty Katherine's commitment to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe: work WITH them, not around them. Their sovereignty is foundational, not symbolic. She pledges government-to-government respect and early engagement on all issues. No county decisions affecting tribal land or water without tribal leadership involvement from the beginning is her goal.” [Meet Katherine, katherineynv.com, accessed 3/17/26]

## Small Businesses

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## Rural Issues

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## Homelessness

**Yriarte vowed to advocate for stronger programs, better accessibility, and increased support for families of children and adults with disabilities, citing her personal friend with a special needs child.** “Additionally, her commitment to supporting individuals with disabilities is deeply personal. One of her closest friends is the mother of a remarkable teenage daughter with special needs, whose strength and resilience have profoundly impacted Katherine's life. This experience has opened her eyes to the gaps in county resources and the pressures on parents and caregivers, inspiring her to advocate for stronger programs, better accessibility, and increased support for families of children and adults with disabilities. Katherine is particularly passionate about addressing the intersection of mental health care, homelessness, and our most vulnerable populations.”

**In reference to homelessness and mental health issues, Yriarte called for Mobile Mental Health Support Teams, creating a Supportive Housing Pipeline through partnerships, streamlined accessible housing regulations, and a Caregiver Support Network with respite vouchers, peer groups, and 24/7 hotline.** “Seniors 55+ are the fastest-growing homeless population, expected to triple by 2030. People with disabilities experience homelessness at two-and-a-half times the general population rate. Mental health diagnoses among seniors spiked 57% between 2019-2023, yet two-thirds get no treatment. Her solutions: Mobile Mental Health Support Teams, creating a Supportive Housing Pipeline through partnerships, streamlined accessible housing regulations, and a Caregiver Support Network with respite vouchers, peer groups, and 24/7 hotline.” [Meet Katherine, katherinefornv.com, accessed 3/17/26]

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## Seniors

**Yriarte planned to advocate for policies that make multigenerational living more dignified and attainable.** “Her personal journey of caring for her parents has deepened her commitment to supporting families at every stage of life. With her father in an independent senior living facility in west Reno and her mother living with her after the passing of her stepfather, Katherine is inspired to advocate for policies that make multigenerational living more dignified and attainable.” [Meet Katherine, katherinefornv.com, accessed 3/17/26]

## Philosophy

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