

JIM MARCHANT

Jim Marchant is the two-time Republican nominee for Nevada Secretary of State, having won the GOP primary in June 2026. Marchant first ran for the office in 2022 and was ultimately defeated by Democrat Cisco Aguilar, 48.9% to 46.8%. Since his 2022 defeat, Marchant ran for the U.S. Senate seat held by Sen. Jacky Rosen in 2024 but lost in the primary to Trump-endorsed veteran Sam Brown. In 2025, prior to launching his second bid for Secretary of State, Marchant planned to challenge incumbent Congresswoman Dina Titus. In April 2026, Marchant told the Nevada Current that he dropped his Congressional bid and instead sought the Secretary of State seat again at the urging of “Republican party insiders.” In 2020, he unsuccessfully ran for Congress, challenging U.S. Rep. Steven Horsford, and lost by roughly five percentage points. Marchant was elected to the State Assembly in 2016 but lost his reelection bid in 2018. Marchant, a Florida native who has owned several businesses, moved to Nevada in 2005 and entered politics in 2015.

Key Findings:

Marchant is a staunch Trump supporter and election denier with ties to QAnon. In 2023, Marchant described himself as a “Trump-supporting, MAGA movement Republican”. In 2022, Trump endorsed Marchant for secretary of state. In 2024, The Nevada Independent reported that Marchant, “frequents Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort” and he attend a Mar-a-Lago fundraiser in 2023 with former Trump advisor Michael Flynn. In May 2026, Marchant said he hasn’t trusted Nevada election results in twenty years and said he wouldn't even trust the election results if he wins this year. Marchant has been one of Nevada's most prominent election deniers since 2020, when he lost his congressional race to incumbent Democrat Rep. Steven Horsford. Instead of conceding, Marchant blamed voter fraud, filed a lawsuit that was later dismissed, and insisted the election was stolen from both him and Trump. In December 2020, Marchant stood alongside six Nevada Republicans who signed fake electoral certificates falsely claiming Trump had won the state. He has also downplayed the January 6th riot, calling those imprisoned for it “wrongly accused J6 Prisoners.” In October 2022, the Las Vegas Sun wrote, “While Marchant once denied involvement with the group, he now admits to working closely with a prominent QAnon figure to recruit candidates for top election positions who will promise to overturn election results they don't like.” According to The Nevada Independent, “Marchant said his motivation to later run for secretary of state came from QAnon leader Wayne Willott, who suggested he go out for the job in 2022.”

Marchant has pushed an aggressive and extreme anti-voter agenda that would eliminate early voting and vote-by-mail, and force all Nevada voters to re-register with proof of citizenship. In May 2026, The Nevada Independent reported, “Marchant's main priority would be to unregister, then reregister all voters in Nevada, including using biometrics to verify people's identities.” In a May 2026 Q&A with the Reno Gazette Journal, Marchant said, “I would require everyone to re-register to vote and be able to prove citizenship and prove that you live in the district you are registering in.” In 2018, he called automatic voter registration “an absolute disaster for Nevada.” Marchant is a longtime opponent of voting machines and in 2026, he renewed his push to eliminate them in favor of paper ballots. In 2022, Marchant pledged to eliminate early voting and proposed ending vote-by-mail for many voters, despite voting by mail himself in 2006, 2008 and 2010. Marchant also supported mandatory voter ID and called for a single Election Day that would also be a holiday.

Marchant was charged with felony child endangerment in Nevada in 2010. Marchant was charged with one count of felony child endangerment on June 18, 2010, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Bail was set at

\$3,000 and the bond was posted by 911 Bail Bonds. On November 15, 2010, a “DA Denial” was entered in the case. Online searches, phone calls, and an in person request confirm that no further information is available in court records.

Marchant has painted himself as a successful entrepreneur, but the company he founded was sued repeatedly for breach of contract and forced to pay over \$4 million in damages. While he likes to describe himself as a successful entrepreneur, Marchant’s business ventures have repeatedly landed him in court. Press accounts referred to him as the CEO and president of Maxcess, Inc., a Florida-based internet service provider that offered both voice and data communications in a high-speed, statewide network. According to Florida Department of State records, Marchant also served as both the registered agent and director of Maxcess, which was an active business in Florida from 1998 until 2009. In August 2022, the Las Vegas Review Journal wrote, “Republican Jim Marchant has painted himself as the ideal choice for secretary of state in part due to his business acumen, although his internet company was sued by multiple parties in the early 2000s, resulting in the company having to pay millions in settlements... In Orange County, Florida, Northpoint Limited Partnership No 3 received more than \$4 million in damages from Maxcess in 2002 for breach of agreement/contract. In 2001, Qwest Communications Corporation filed a lawsuit against Maxcess for indebtedness and won \$833,395.16. In 2003, Global Motor Inns Inc. filed a lawsuit against Maxcess for breach of contract, and a judge ruled in favor of the plaintiff and awarded them \$721,188.03. A few other lawsuits were filed in Orange County, however those were dismissed voluntarily.”

BACKGROUND

Marchant Moved from Florida to Nevada in 2005. “Marchant, 58, moved from Florida to Las Vegas 10 years ago.” [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 2/20/15]

In 2017, The Nevada Independent described Marchant as “semi-retired.” “He moved to Las Vegas in 2005 and is semi-retired.” [The Nevada Independent, [2/6/17](#)]

Marchant was born in Gainesville, Florida in 1956. “Marchant was born in Gainesville, FL in 1956.” [The Nevada Independent, [2/6/17](#)]

Marchant’s father was a Gainesville businessman who owned mini-marts in Florida and Marchant worked at one of his father’s stores as a clerk after graduating from college. “Marchant’s father, James ‘Cotton’ Marchant Sr., was a Gainesville businessman who owned mini-marts in Florida. After graduating from Troy University in Alabama in 1978, Marchant started working in one of Cotton’s stores as a clerk before rising through the ranks of the family business.” [Mother Jones, [10/26/22](#)]

Marchant received criminal justice degree from Troy State University in Alabama in 1978. “Marchant, who owns Desert Ice LLC, received a degree in criminal justice in 1978 from Troy State University in Alabama, now called Troy University.” [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 2/20/15]

In Florida, Marchant worked with then-Gov. Jeb Bush when he served on the Florida Information Service Technology Development Task Force. “Before moving to Nevada in 2005, Marchant lived in Florida and worked with then-Florida Gov. Jeb Bush when he served on the Florida Information Service Technology Development Task Force. ‘That’s where I got my feet wet in politics was in Florida,’ Marchant said.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 5/3/23]

Business Career

Marchant founded and served as CEO and president of multiple tech companies beginning in 1984. “Marchant, according to his campaign site, founded and served as CEO and president of multiple technology companies beginning in 1984, as well as Federation of Internet Service Providers of America. He also founded ‘one of the first Internet service provider companies in the country’ in 1994, although the website does not specify the name of the company and he did not answer the Review-Journal when asked.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/31/22]

In 1984, Marchant started “Marchant Business Systems,” which provided accounting systems to customers throughout Florida. “In 1984, he started a software company that his campaign bio says served ‘customers nationwide.’ According to a copy of his résumé from 2000, Marchant Business Systems mostly provided accounting systems to customers ‘scattered primarily throughout Florida,’ along with meeting the computer needs of a payday lender in the state.” [Mother Jones, [10/26/22](#)]

In 1995, Marchant launched Mercury Communications, one of Florida’s early internet service providers. He sold the company in 1998. “In 1995, Marchant launched Mercury Communications, one of Florida’s early internet service providers. In what Marchant claims as a career highlight, he asked Florida’s Department of Revenue if he was required to charge his new customers sales tax. The department ruled that he was. That led to a backlash from Marchant and others in the nascent internet industry, and the tax never wound up being implemented. During the same period, Marchant helped start

the Florida Internet Service Providers Association and became the trade group's president in 1997. In 1998, Marchant sold Mercury, which had about 4,500 subscribers, for what his résumé described as 'an extremely attractive price.'" [Mother Jones, [10/26/22](#)]

In 1999, Marchant started a telecommunications company, Maxcess Inc. "One of his companies was Maxcess Inc., which bought telecommunications capacity on networks owned by others and resold that capacity to third parties, according to court records. Maxcess was incorporated in 1999, according to opencorporates.com and operated in multiple states. It is listed as 'inactive' in public records. Maxcess was sued by multiple companies in multiple states for a breach of contract among other allegations, according to court records." [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/31/22]

- **Marchant said he raised roughly \$17 million to start Maxcess but the company struggled and soon burned through its startup capital.** "Marchant has said that he then raised roughly \$17 million for Maxcess, his third and final technology venture. The initial goal was to quickly offer access to high-speed internet and internet phone service in Florida before expanding throughout the Southeast. Instead, the company struggled to develop a functioning product and soon burned through its startup capital." [Mother Jones, [10/26/22](#)]
- **In May 2001, Maxcess stopped doing business and fired all its employees. Former employer claimed Marchant "drove it into the ground."** "In May 2001, less than three years after Marchant started the company, Maxcess stopped doing business and fired all its employees, according to a federal court filing. The former employee said Marchant 'drove it into the ground.' A second former employee, who also asked for anonymity, told me that new hires were encouraged to invest their own savings in the company, and that some put in significant amounts. This person remembers workers being encouraged to work for free after Maxcess was unable to make payroll, and that some did so for months." [Mother Jones, [10/26/22](#)]

Marchant launched the Federation of Internet Service Providers of America. "Marchant is the founder of the Federation of Internet Service Providers of America and has been involved in the computer software, internet and telecommunications industries for about 40 years. Marchant is also a former Nevada Assemblyman and unsuccessfully ran for U.S. Congress in 2020." [Las Vegas Weekly, 6/9/22]

- **"Under Jim's tenure, FISPA formulated laws and lobbied the US Congress, FCC, and State legislatures to enact most of the cyber laws that are in effect today."** "And for that reason, Jim founded the Federation of Internet Service Providers of America (FISPA) and served as President for six years. Under Jim's tenure, FISPA formulated laws and lobbied the US Congress, FCC, and State legislatures to enact most of the cyber laws that are in effect today. Jim successfully lobbied against Internet taxation in Florida during the mid to late 1990s, receiving national press attention from both print and TV news media. This effort set a national precedent for no taxation on Internet access. As a result, most state legislators and the US Congress passed bills that would exempt consumers from paying sales tax on Internet access as well as no sales tax on online purchases through the Internet." [JimMarchant.com, accessed [6/22/26](#)]

After moving to Las Vegas, Marchant founded an ice and water vending machine company. "He moved to Las Vegas after retiring from tech in the early 2000s and founded an ice and water vending machine company which he still runs with a business partner." [Las Vegas Review Journal, 10/7/22]

- **Marchant described Desert Ice, which had at least 3 Las Vegas locations in 2022, as a “little, small business here.”** “Marchant has claimed that he went into early retirement for a few years following Maxcess’ collapse. After learning that a cousin had invested in an ice and water vending machine company, Marchant moved to Nevada in 2005 to get into the industry. Although there is little record of what he did for work after first arriving in the state, he did maintain an active online presence. [...] The ice company Marchant listed during this divorce—Desert Ice—had a strangely rudimentary website. Archived versions of the now defunct page listed a phone number Marchant has used on Nevada voter registration forms, according to public records, and not much else. Clicking the YouTube button led to a 45-second video with a Nathan Fielder-esque soundtrack. More recently, Marchant has described the company, which appears to have at least three locations in Las Vegas, as a ‘little, small business here.’” [Mother Jones, [10/26/22](#)]
- **Mother Jones: “In 2020, Marchant submitted a campaign financial disclosure that put the value of his 50 percent share of Desert Ice between \$500,000 and \$1 million. It was a major shift from 2010, when Marchant stated under oath that the company was worth nothing.”** “In 2020, Marchant submitted a campaign financial disclosure that put the value of his 50 percent share of Desert Ice between \$500,000 and \$1 million. It was a major shift from 2010, when Marchant stated under oath that the company was worth nothing. Despite the valuation, Marchant said he’d received no income from the company in 2019 and 2020. (According to a recent Nevada financial disclosure, Marchant has added one revenue stream since his last campaign: Social Security.)” [Mother Jones, [10/26/22](#)]

Mother Jones: Marchant “sells himself as a skilled entrepreneur” but court records and interviews with former employees “reveal that his career ended in financial ruin.” “Jim Marchant, the far-right Republican candidate for Nevada secretary of state, sells himself as a skilled entrepreneur. ‘I’m a business guy,’ Marchant has said in his pitch to voters. ‘I had three very successful technology businesses.’ But previously unreported divorce records obtained from a Florida county courthouse—along with interviews of former employees, lawsuits brought against his most prominent company, foreclosure proceedings, and recent campaign financial disclosures—reveal that his career ended in financial ruin. In a financial affidavit submitted during his 2010 divorce from his second wife, Marchant listed no retirement savings despite having been “semi-retired” for seven years. He also owed \$63,106 in credit card debt, had another \$30,931 of credit card debt in collections, and was paying off an additional \$39,519 on a new Ford pickup. He put the fair market value of his business, an ice vending machine company, at zero dollars.” [Mother Jones, [10/26/22](#)]

Former employee of Marchant’s company: “I would not want Jim to be secretary of a preschool.” “Nevertheless, Marchant, 66, has claimed that his ‘background in the technology business’ makes him ‘uniquely qualified’ for the job of secretary of state. While his first two businesses appear to have achieved moderate success, his third and most ambitious venture quickly folded and faced millions of dollars in court judgments. As one of its former employees, who asked to remain anonymous, told me about his old boss, ‘I would not want Jim to be secretary of a preschool.’ (Marchant did not respond to multiple messages sent via phone and email to request an interview and responses to detailed questions about his business record.)” [Mother Jones, [10/26/22](#)]

Political Career

2026: Marchant launched campaign for secretary of state, dropped Congressional bid.

“Challenging Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV) in the 1st Congressional District, state Sen. Carrie Buck (R-Las Vegas) is the favorite but still faces four GOP opponents, including retired teacher and pastor Jim Blockey (R) and real estate investor Rick “Indicted” Saga (R). After announcing a congressional bid, former state Rep. Jim Marchant (R) opted to run for secretary of state instead, while former celebrity car dealer and ex-felon Bobby Khan (NP) decided to run in the general election.” [The Nevada Independent, 3/17/26]

- **Marchant said party insiders urged him to switch and run for secretary of state again.** “Marchant told the Current he switched from the CD1 race to run for secretary of state again because the office fits his interests better. He also suggested Republican party insiders urges him to make the switch, though he declined to name names. ‘Just like Democrats get together and decide who they want to run and what seat, we do too,’ he added.” [Nevada Current, 4/21/26]
- **April 2025: Marchant announced Congressional campaign against Rep. Dina Titus.** “Former Republican Assemblyman and perennial candidate Jim Marchant announced he is running for Congress in longtime Democratic Rep. Dina Titus’ district. ‘I’m running to bring strong, conservative leadership to Washington to fight for our freedoms, secure our borders, support law enforcement, and always put America FIRST,’ he wrote in a Tuesday post on X. Marchant, a businessman who started three technology companies, previously ran for U.S. Senate to usurp Sen. Jacky Rosen in 2024, but he did not make it out of the primary, losing to Republican Sam Brown and receiving 6.5 percent of the votes.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, [4/22/25](#)]

2024: Marchant lost U.S. Senate primary to Sam Brown. “Sam Brown, an Army veteran who was the heavy favorite in the Nevada Republican primary race for Senate even before former President Donald J. Trump’s last-minute endorsement, won the nomination on Tuesday, according to The Associated Press. [...] With 89 percent of the vote counted, Mr. Brown had about 60 percent, lapping the crowded primary field. His closest rival, Jeff Gunter, a former U.S. ambassador to Iceland, had about 15 percent. Jim Marchant, a former state assemblyman, was at roughly 7 percent, and Walter Grady, an Air Force veteran who goes by Tony, had 6 percent.” [The New York Times, 6/11/24]

- **The Nevada Independent: Marchant Dropped Election-Fraud Messaging From His Senate Launch.** “Notably, Marchant made no mention of election fraud during his campaign launch a departure after the topic had become one of his signature issues during a failed 2022 campaign to become Nevada’s secretary of state.” [The Nevada Independent, 5/2/23]
- **Scandal-tied operative Dick Morris planned to advise Marchant’s campaign.** “Dick Morris, a former political advisor to Bill Clinton who resigned over a prostitution scandal and now contributes to Newsmax, plans to advise Marchant’s campaign. He spoke of a campaign strategy that would minimize attacks on Biden and instead focus on ‘the mob in the street’ in order to persuade independent and Democratic voters to join his cause.” [The Nevada Independent, 5/2/23]
- **On August campaign finance report, Marchant reported \$2,700 in spending on mileage.** The Nevada Independent’s Eric Neugeboren wrote, “Republican Jim Marchant, who lost a bid for U.S. Senate in the June primary, reported on his October campaign finance report that he

spent \$2,700 on mileage in August. It seems the proud election denier is riding off into the sunset.” [The Nevada Independent, 10/17/24]

- **May 2023: Marchant announced U.S. Senate Bid at a MAGA Rally with U.S. Rep. Paul Gosar, and commentator Wayne Allyn Root.** “Jim Marchant, a former Republican state assemblyman and one of the state's most prominent election deniers, is planning to run for Nevada's U.S. Senate seat in 2024. Marchant, 66, announced his bid Tuesday at a ‘Make America Great Again’ rally at Fervent Church in Las Vegas, where advertised guests included Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ), a member of the far-right House Freedom Caucus with ties to white nationalists, and commentator Wayne Allyn Root. In a speech, he portrayed himself as a principled conservative who would ‘expose and overcome’ what he referred to as deep state media bias, take on censorship of right-wing speech online, and secure the U.S. border with Mexico.” [The Nevada Independent, 5/2/23]

November 2022: Marchant was defeated by Aguilar by two percentage points, 48.9% to 46.8% - or roughly 20,000 votes. “Democrat Cisco Aguilar has defeated Republican election denier Jim Marchant for Nevada secretary of state, dealing the latest blow to former President Donald Trump's ‘Big Lie’ campaign. The Associated Press called the race after Nevada's population center Clark County, home to 1.3 million active registered voters, released its final batch of results from 23,300 mail-in ballots. With about 97% of the vote reported Saturday night, Aguilar won by two percentage points, 48.9% to 46.8% - or roughly 20,000 votes. The race between Marchant and Aguilar put the future of Nevada's elections on the ballot at a time when the hard-right wing of the GOP has sowed deep distrust in the electoral process.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 11/14/22]

2020: Marchant Ran for US Congress. [Targeted News Service, 7/30/19]

- **June 2020: Marchant Won GOP Primary; Would Challenge Incumbent Democratic US Rep Steven Horsford.** [AP, 6/15/20]
- **2020: Marchant Lost to Incumbent Horsford by More than 16,000 Votes, Or Nearly Five Percentage Points.** [Las Vegas Review Journal, 11/18/20]

2018: Marchant lost reelection to the state house by a margin of just 135 votes. “He then narrowly lost the seat in 2018 to Democrat Shea Backus, losing by a margin of just 135 votes.” [The Nevada Independent, [10/7/19](#)]

2016: Marchant was elected to the Nevada State Assembly’s District 37 seat. “Marchant served a single term as an assemblyman in Summerlin-area District 37 after winning his 2016 bid to replace outgoing Republican Assemblyman Wes Duncan.” [The Nevada Independent, [10/7/19](#)]

- **June 2016: Marchant won the primary “based largely on his anti-tax policies and anti-establishment philosophies.”** “The candidates running in Assembly District 37 are opposites in practically every way. Republican Jim Marchant claimed victory in the June primary based largely on his anti-tax policies and anti-establishment philosophies. He ousted sitting Assemblyman Glenn Trowbridge, R-Las Vegas, for helping pass the record \$1.5 billion tax increase package in 2015.” [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 10/23/16]

- **“Marchant sees his campaign as a battle against establishment politics.”** “Marchant sees his campaign as a battle against establishment politics. He said Trowbridge and the other legislators who backed Sandoval’s tax plan refused to even consider the alternative proposed budgets.” [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 5/29/16]

2015: Marchant, a Florida Transplant and Owner of Las Vegas Water and Ice Vending Business, Announced Plan to Run against Republican Assemblyman in Recall Election. “Jim Marchant wants Assembly Speaker John Hambrick’s job. The owner of a Las Vegas water and ice vending business said Thursday he hopes to run against the Republican Las Vegas assemblyman in a recall election. Recall organizers hoping to unseat Hambrick announced Marchant as their preferred challenger Thursday.” [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 2/20/15]

PERSONAL VOTER RECORD

Living in Nevada, Voting in Florida

Marchant left Florida and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 2005. Marchant “moved to Las Vegas in 2005 and is semi-retired.” [The Nevada Independent, [2/6/17](#)]

Marchant has called Las Vegas home since 2005. “Jim Marchant has called Las Vegas home since 2005 after taking advantage of business investment opportunities here.” [About Jim, Accessed [6/16/22](#)]

Marchant voted in Florida in 2006, 2008, and 2010. Marchant voted by mail in Seminole County, Florida on November 7, 2006; November 4, 2008; and November 2, 2010. [Seminole County Voting Records, Obtained [June 2022](#)]

Voting by Mail

Marchant opposes vote by mail as a candidate for SOS. “Marchant is campaigning on a six-part ‘Contract with Nevada,’ similar to congressional Republicans’ ‘Contract with America’ legislative agenda in 1994. The contract stipulates: A statewide voter ID requirement, the mandatory use of paper ballots, no mail-in voting except for approved absentee voters such as military members, restricting voting to Election Day, no limits on where and when poll watchers may observe ballot handling in election offices and aggressive voter roll cleanup. When asked how he would accomplish most of these changes if elected, given the fact that election laws are made by the Legislature and must be enforced by the secretary of state, the former legislator said he would seek to convince the state representatives of the need to prevent fraud. He would also use the office’s bill draft requests to attempt to change the voting laws. Marchant said he also opposes automatic voter registration.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 4/24/21]

- **May 2022: Marchant tweeted “no mail-in ballots! We need to protect our election integrity!”** [Marchant Tweet, [5/18/22](#)]
- **NPR: Marchant “organized...America First Secretary of State Coalition, which says it aims to achieve ‘election integrity’ through reforms such as...eliminating mail-in voting...”** [NPR, [6/15/22](#)]

Las Vegas Review Journal: Before becoming a vote-by-mail opponent, Marchant voted in multiple elections with a mail-in ballot. “While touting false claims that mail-in ballots contribute to election

fraud, Republican secretary of state hopeful Jim Marchant has voted on multiple occasions with a mail-in ballot while a registered voter in Florida. Marchant voted in Florida with mail-in ballots in 2006, 2008 and 2010, as first reported by CNN. [...] Before he lost his election in 2020, however, Marchant did not denounce the use of mail-in ballots. In May 2020, he tweeted, ‘Mail-in Ballots have mostly arrived. Be sure and follow the directions perfectly. We would not want your vote to be thrown out because of a mistake. Please Vote for Jim Marchant for Congressional District 4 in Nevada!’ [...] Following his election loss, he and many other Republicans began pushing unsubstantiated claims that the 2020 election was stolen, and mail-in ballots were part of the problem. In December 2021, after a Las Vegas man was caught for voting twice using his dead wife’s name, Marchant called for an end to mail-in voting, saying on Twitter that it is a ‘broken system that can not be ignored!’ In May 2022, Marchant tweeted ‘NO Mail-in ballots! We need to protect our election integrity! VOTE Jim MARCHANT in 2022 to FIGHT voter fraud!’” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 9/24/22]

Marchant voted by mail in Florida in 2006, 2008, and 2010. Marchant voted by mail in Seminole County, Florida on November 7, 2006; November 4, 2008; and November 2, 2010. [Seminole County Voting Records, Obtained [June 2022](#)]

Marchant voted by mail in Nevada in 2020. Marchant voted by mail in Nevada’s primary election on June 9, 2020. [Nevada Voting History, Obtained [January 2022](#)]

REAL PROPERTY AND FORECLOSURES

French Daisy Street, Las Vegas, Nevada

2006: Marchant purchased 3460 French Daisy Street. James C. Marchant purchased a property at 3460 French Daisy Street in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 12, 2006, for \$725,000 from Akiko Blake. [Clark County, [Nevada Assessors Office Records](#)]

- **2009: Marchant stops making payments on the French Daisy Street property.** Marchant had a “failure to pay monthly principal and interest installments due 9/1/2009 and all subsequent installments together with late charges.” [Clark County Recorder’s Office, Notice of Default and Election to Sell under Deed of Trust, [2/1/10](#)]

2011: FSB was granted the property in foreclosure proceedings. According to a Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure filed on May 9, 2011, BankUnited, FSB was granted the property. The amount of unpaid debt on the property was \$578,168.62. [Clark County Assessor Records, [20110525:02429](#)]

Colonial Court, Sanford, Florida

2001: Marchant purchased 7456 Colonial Court. James C. and Ruth Marchant purchased property at 7456 Colonial Court in Sanford, Florida on May 1, 2001 for \$295,000 from James and Linda Dawson. [[Seminole County Property Records](#)]

2011: Regions Bank filed to seize the property. According to Seminole County, Florida court records, Regions Bank filed a foreclosure case against James C. Marchant, Jr. on June 22, 2011. According to a complaint filed in the case, Marchant and his wife, Ruth J. Marchant defaulted on the mortgage, owing a principal sum of \$212,241.49. The case was disposed on June 12, 2012. [Seminole County Civil Court, [2011CA002250](#)]

- **July 2011: Ruth Marchant states that her divorce agreement makes it clear that Jim Marchant bears sole responsibility for the property.** According to a letter filed with the Seminole County Civil Court by Ruth Marchant, “I do not know why my name is included other than it is on the deed...Mr. Marchant and I have lived separate lives since November 2003. The Dissolution of Marriage Final Judgment states Mr. Marchant ‘shall make the mortgage—and HELOC payments.’ Regions Mortgage and Regions Bank have both assured me I am not financially responsible for the debts.” [Seminole County Civil Court, [2011CA002250](#)]

2012: Final judgment filed against Marchant. A final judgment grand total of \$234,162.55 was entered against Marchant on February 9, 2012. [Seminole County Civil Court, [2011CA002250](#)]

2012: Motion to Dismiss filed. On June 15, 2012, a Motion to Dismiss Action, Discharge Lis Pendens, Vacate Judgment and Return the Original Note and Original Mortgage was filed in the case. “Plaintiff wishes to voluntarily dismiss this action...Based upon the current resolution of the dispute, there is no longer any need for the Original Note and Original Mortgage to be retained in the court file...” [Seminole County Civil Court, [2011CA002250](#)]

Crooked Pine Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada

Marchant does not appear to own his current primary residence. According to voting records, Marchant most recently resided at 2124 Crooked Pine Drive in Las Vegas, Nevada. However, according to Clark County Assessor searches, that property is [currently owned by Lotus Constructchen \(sic\) LLC](#). Marchant is not listed in an ownership history search of the property. [[Clark County Assessor Records](#)]

Homestead Exemption

2001 - 2011: Marchant claimed the homestead exemption on 7456 Colonial Court, Sanford, Florida. On October 8, 2001, the Seminole County Assessor’s Office received a Homestead Tax application from Marchant for the property he owned at 7456 Colonial Court in Sanford, Florida. The request was granted in 2002, was never revoked, and remained listed on the property when foreclosure proceedings began in 2011. [Conversation with Seminole County Assessor’s Office, June 14, 2022]

- **Seminole County Appraiser’s Office: The Homestead Exemption is for homeowners who make the property their primary residence.** The “Homestead Exemption is a tax reduction allowable to homeowners who make their property their permanent residence. If approved, this exemption could reduce the taxable value of your residence by up to \$50,000.” [Seminole County, Florida Appraiser, accessed on [6/16/22](#)]

2007 - 2011: Marchant claimed the homestead exemption on 3460 French Daisy Street, Las Vegas, Nevada. On January 16, 2007, Clark County, Nevada Recorder’s Office received a Homestead Declaration for the property owned by Marchant located at 3460 French Daisy Street in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was not revoked during the time Marchant owned the property, which was foreclosed on in 2011. [Conversation with Clark County Recorder’s Office, June 14, 2022]

COURT RECORDS

Child Endangerment

June 2010: Marchant charged with one count of felony child endangerment. According to Las Vegas Justice Center records, James Carl Marchant was charged with one count of felony child endangerment on June 18th 2010 (Statute 200.508). According to court docket records, bail was set at \$3000 cash/\$3,000 surety” on June 18, 2010 and a bail receipt was entered the same day. [[State of Nevada v. Marchant, PC10F11729X](#)]

- **“Unjustifiable physical pain or mental suffering.”** According to statute, 200.508 defines “abuse, neglect or endangerment of child” as “a person who willfully causes a child who is less than 18 years of age to suffer unjustifiable physical pain or mental suffering as a result of abuse or neglect or to be placed in a situation where the child may suffer physical pain or mental suffering as the result of abuse or neglect...” [Law.Justia.[com](#)]

November 2010: Charges dismissed. On November 15, 2010 a “DA Denial” was entered in the case. [[State of Nevada v. Marchant, PC10F11729X](#)]

Marchant: “The Police Dropped the Charges after They Figured out there Was More to the Story than What They Had Assumed and What BLM Reported...” [Nevada Globe, [6/9/22](#)]

Nevada

Citibank South Dakota v. James Marchant. According to Eight Judicial District Court databases, a judgment was entered against Marchant on March 30, 2011 in the amount of \$14,197 in a case brought against him by Citibank South Dakota. [Citibank South Dakota V. James Marchant, Clark County Courts A-10-624188-C]

Florida

Marchant was sued in Florida amidst allegations he didn’t disclose structural defects in property he sold (Cohen v Marchant). Marchant and Ruth Marchant were respondents in a case brought by Allstate Floridian Insurance Company. According to a Petition for Declaratory Judgment, “petitioner Allstate...sues respondents James Marchant...Respondent Sheron Cohen has filed a complaint against James Marchant...among others...Respondent...Cohen has alleged...that...Cohen entered into a purchase and sales agreement with James and Ruth Marchant for property 1708 NW 117th Terrace, Gainesville, Florida...Cohen further alleges that...Marchant breached the contract for the sale of the home by failing to disclose certain alleged structural defects related to adverse soil conditions and foundation problems...The sole remaining count against Respondents...is based on fraud...The fraud count against...Marchant contain(s)...the following allegation...that the Marchants encountered potential buyers prior to Cohen’s purchase who were dissuaded from purchasing the home due to the foundational or structural problems...” [Alachua County, [0107CA2247](#)]

- **2008: Allstate Floridian v. James Marchant.** Marchant made an [unsuccessful](#) attempt to get Allstate Floridian to cover his costs in Cohen v. Marchant. An Order Granting Petitioner’s Motion for Summary Judgment was entered on January 9, 2008. It was “ordered and adjudged that the homeowner’s insurance policy between...Allstate and...Marchant...provides no coverage to any of the respondents for the claims...asserted against them as set for in...Sheron

Cohen v. Hartley Brothers Construction, Inc. et al...Allstate has no duty under the...policy to contribute to the defense of, or provide a legal defense..." [Alachua County, 0107CA2247]

- **2008: Cohen v. Marchant dismissed.** Regarding the case filed by Cohen, the charges against James and Ruth Marchant were eventually dismissed. That case was closed in 2008. [Alachua County, [012004CA00347](#)]

Divorce Cases

2010: Ruth Marchant v. James Marchant. According to Seminole County court records, Ruth J. Marchant sued James C. Marchant for a dissolution of marriage on September 15, 2010. The case was disposed on November 24, 2010. *Please note: Documents not viewable per statute.* [Seminole County Civil Court, 2010DR004687]

2000: Geneva Holloway v. James Marchant. According to Alachua County court records, James C Marchant was the husband in a dissolution of marriage from wife Geneva S. Holloway. The case was closed on October 10, 2000. *Please note: Docket not available.* [Alachua County Civil Court, 011999DR003258]

Traffic Violations

Nevada

Minor violations. Marchant has had several driving violations through the years. These include violations for "residency plates," speeding, expired license plates, and several citations for "illegal parking." [[Las Vegas Justice Center Databases](#)]

Florida plates. In October 2007, Marchant was cited in Nevada for speeding. Charges were later amended to "illegal parking" on November 20, 2007. Marchant was driving a Ford with Florida plates. [State of Nevada Vs. James Carl Marchant, 07MCG012675]

Minnesota

75 in a 60 mph zone. On January 30, 2022, Marchant was cited in Minnesota for driving 75mph in a 60mph zone. According to records maintained by the Minnesota court system, he was convicted of a petty misdemeanor for the infraction. He paid fines totaling \$146 and the case is currently closed. [State of Minnesota Vs. James Carl Marchant, 62SU-VB-22-855]

BUSINESS LAWSUITS: MAXCESS, INC.

Marchant served as CEO of Maxcess, Inc. "Florida Internet users will soon be able to fulfill both their voice and data communications needs through MAXCESS, Inc., a newly formed corporation serving the pent-up demand in Florida, for high-speed access and Internet Telephony Service for consumers, businesses, and ISPs. MAXCESS, Inc., a Florida-based Internet Service Provider (ISP), will offer a high-speed, fully featured statewide network. Nortel (Northern Telecom) announces a three-year agreement with MAXCESS, Inc. for a range of Internet telephony products, to enable MAXCESS, Inc. to offer both voice and data services to its customers. MAXCESS, Inc.'s plans include growing their business throughout Florida, beyond their current base of operations in Gainesville, by partnering with

other Florida ISPs, and then throughout the southeastern United States by the year 2000. The three-year agreement with Nortel reflects this growth, with an initial value of \$ US 6.5 million, growing to a potential of \$ US 50 million. 'Nortel's Internet telephony products can give us the means to meet our customers' needs today, and help us meet our own growth needs tomorrow,' said Jim Marchant, CEO, MAXCESS, Inc. 'Nortel's Internet telephony products give us real world solutions that we can offer to our customers today.'” [Canada Newswire, 5/9/98]

- **Marchant was also Maxcess' president.** “Maxcess Inc., an ISP in Newberry, Fla., is testing the service now. ‘If you've ever experienced a conference call, you know what it can be like,’ said Jim Marchant, president of Maxcess, as well as its parent ISP, Mercury Communications. ‘There's a huge market of business customers out there looking for a service that's cheaper and easier to set up.’ As president of the Florida Internet Service Provider Association, as well as a board member of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Marchant would know. ‘This is of great interest among small businesses,’ he said. ‘People are coming up to me saying 'where can I sign up?’” [Connected Planet, 10/12/98]

Marchant served as Registered Agent and Director of Maxcess from 1998 through 2008. According to databases maintained by the Florida Division of Corporations, James C. Marchant of 7456 Colonial Court in Sanford, Florida was the listed registered agent and director of Maxcess, Inc., a Florida for profit company formed on June 8, 1998. On the entity's most recently filed annual report, dated April 30, 2008, he is listed as “pres.” Its entity status is listed as “admin dissolution for annual report.” [P99000048609]

Maxcess was sued repeatedly for breach of contract, among other allegations. “One of his companies was Maxcess Inc., which bought telecommunications capacity on networks owned by others and resold that capacity to third parties, according to court records. Maxcess was incorporated in 1999, according to opencorporates.com and operated in multiple states. It is listed as “inactive” in public records. Maxcess was sued by multiple companies in multiple states for a breach of contract among other allegations, according to court records.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/31/22]

From 2001- 2003, Maxcess paid more than \$4 million in damages to multiple firms. “In Orange County, Florida, Northpoint Limited Partnership No 3 received more than \$4 million in damages from Maxcess in 2002 for breach of agreement/contract. In 2001, Qwest Communications Corporation filed a lawsuit against Maxcess for indebtedness and won \$833,395.16. In 2003, Global Motor Inns Inc. filed a lawsuit against Maxcess for breach of contract, and a judge ruled in favor of the plaintiff and awarded them \$721,188.03. A few other lawsuits were filed in Orange County, however those were dismissed voluntarily.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/31/22]

Las Vegas Review Journal: Marchant “painted himself as the ideal choice for secretary of state in part due to his business acumen” despite company's multimillion-dollar legal settlements. “Republican Jim Marchant has painted himself as the ideal choice for secretary of state in part due to his business acumen, although his internet company was sued by multiple parties in the early 2000s, resulting in the company having to pay millions in settlements. [...] Marchant declined requests for an interview, but his campaign spokesperson Rory McShane said in a statement to the Review-Journal that thousands of businesses including Marchant's went out of business when the ‘dot.com bubble burst,’ making no reference to the multiple lawsuits against his company. ‘Like any lifetime businessman, Jim Marchant has had his share of successes and his share of failures,’ McShane said, ‘and all along the way

never given up and never stopped creating jobs in Nevada and across the country.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/31/22]

- **Marchant Blamed Telecom Giants, Not His Own Business Decisions, for His Company’s Failure.** “As president of the Federation of Internet Service Providers of America for six years in which he lobbied Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and state legislatures to enact cyber laws, he penned a letter to the editor in 2004 to the Tampa Bay Business Journal. He wrote that he was ‘a former owner of a once thriving small telecommunications business based in Florida’ until ‘deep pockets, massive lobbying power and blatant violations of the 1996 Telecom Act by the Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers’ made it impossible for his business to compete. Marchant urged Congress to appeal an ‘anti-competitive opinion issued by the activist federal appeals court.’” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/31/22]

2001: Northpoint Limited Partnership No. 3 v. Maxcess

Northpoint Limited Partnership No. 3 (Breach of Agreement / Contract). Northpoint Limited Partnership No. 3 filed a “breach of agreement/contract” case against Maxcess on August 16, 2001. According to a docket review, a final judgment was entered in favor of the plaintiff on April 8, 2002 in the amount of \$4,334,777.06. According to docket records, Marchant was deposed in the case on February 26, 2002. The case is closed and based on its age, the case file has been destroyed. [Orange County Civil Court, 2001-CA-006753-O]

2001: Qwest Communications v. Maxcess

Qwest Communications (Indebtedness). Qwest Communications Corporation sued Maxcess Inc. in an indebtedness case on October 3, 2001. According to a docket review, a judgment was recorded in favor of the plaintiff on October 10, 2002 in the amount of \$833,395.16. The case is closed and based on its age, the case file has been destroyed. [Orange County Civil Court, 2001-CA-008190-0]

2001: MCI Worldcom Network Services V. Maxcess

MCI Worldcom Network Services V. Maxcess. MCI Worldcom filed a federal lawsuit against Maxcess in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma on October 25, 2001. [United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, 01CV0805H(M)]

Complaint Asked for Relief of over \$1.5 Million after Maxcess “Defaulted on Its Obligations...by Failing and Refusing to Pay...Amounts Due...” According to the complaint, which was filed in October 2001, “MWNS sells telecommunications capacity on its network on both a wholesale and retail basis. In the case of sales at the wholesale level, MWNS sells blocks of telecommunications capacity to ‘resellers,’ such as Maxcess, who in turn, resell that telecommunications capacity to others.” The complaint goes on to allege that “MWNS provides various telecommunications services to Maxcess” based on agreements signed in 2000, and that “Maxcess was to pay to MWNS specified rates and charges for the various telecommunication services purchased by Maxcess...” “Maxcess,” according to the complaint, “has defaulted on its obligations...by failing and refusing to pay...amounts due...” The complaint asked for relief of \$1,540,819.09. The complaint notes that “Maxcess has had the benefit of this value but has made no payment to MWNS...” [United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, 01CV0805H(M)]

In Counterclaim Filed by Maxcess, Marchant Claimed a “Mutual Mistake...regarding the Pricing Structure...” Marchant signed a filing in the case on November 28, 2001 in an Answer and Counterclaim. In it, “Maxcess claims there was a mutual mistake between the parties regarding the pricing structure for the telecommunications services provided by MCI to Maxcess. Further, MCI has overcharged Maxcess in an amount believed to be in excess of \$800,000.” Based on this and additional claims, “Maxcess demands judgement in its favor and against MCI for rescission of the agreements between the parties...” [United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, 01CV0805H(M)]

January 2003: Agreement Granted Worldcom Judgment for \$1,000,000 “on Each of the Claims Brought by It against Maxcess.” In an Agreed Judgment filed on January 21, 2003, the parties outlined an agreement. According to that filing, “Worldcom is entitled to judgment on each of the claims brought by it against Maxcess...Worldcom is entitled to judgment in its favor and against Maxcess on each counterclaim brought by Maxcess against Worldcom in this action...Worldcom is entitled to an order of foreclosure, delivery and sale of all of Maxcess's property, wherever located...to satisfy this judgment...Worldcom is entitled to judgment in the amount of \$1,000,000 against Maxcess...Concurrently...the parties have entered into a written Settlement Agreement that...provides for the timely satisfaction of this Agreed Judgment by Maxcess...Upon breach as defined...Maxcess shall immediately deliver to Worldcom the collateral and/or execute any documents necessary for Worldcom to take possession of the collateral and any proceeds derived from...which may be used in satisfaction of this Agreed Judgment...” [United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, 01CV0805H(M)]

2002: TBF Financial v. Maxcess

TBF Financial LLC (Contract / Indebtedness). TBF Financial LLC filed a contract/indebtedness case against Maxcess Inc. on December 17, 2002. The case was disposed by default on August 28, 2003 and is currently “closed.” According to a docket review, a final judgment was entered against Maxcess Inc. of \$29,465.86 on August 28, 2003. [Seminole County Civil Court, 2002CA003028]

2003: Global Motor Inns v. Maxcess

Global Motor Inns (Breach of Agreement / Contract). Global Motor Inns Inc. sued Maxcess in a “breach of agreement/contract” case on February 11, 2003. According to a docket review, a judgment was entered in favor of the plaintiff on July 3, 2003 in the amount of \$721,188.03. The case is closed and based on its age, the case file has been destroyed. [Orange County Civil Court, 2003-CA-001478-O]

2003: Illinois Citation

Illinois Regulators Revoked Maxcess’s Operating Certificate After It Failed to Appear. “In addition to lawsuits in Orange County, Marchant’s company was cited in Illinois for failure to file an annual report with the Illinois Commerce Commission in 2003. An order from the commission directed Maxcess to appear at the commission’s office to show cause why the commission should not rescind its certificate of service authority, but the company failed to appear. The commission then canceled and revoked its certificate, according to an order from the Illinois Commerce Commission.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/31/22]

2004: Oko v. Maxcess

Sidney Oko (Replevin). According to Orange County, Florida court records, Sidney Oko filed a replevin case against Maxcess Inc., James Marchant, Glen Kernweis and American Management Systems Incorporated on September 28, 2001. According to a docket review, a judgment was recorded in favor of the plaintiff on April 28, 2004 in the amount of \$200,000. Other claims were dismissed. Marchant filed an affidavit in the case in October 2003 and was deposed in the case on September 4, 2003. The case is closed and based on its age, the case file has been destroyed. [Orange County Civil Court, 2001-CA-008067-O]

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS

Nevada Business Association: Desert Ice, LLC. According to databases maintained by the Nevada Secretary of State, James Marchant of 848 N. Rainbow Boulevard #427 in Las Vegas, Nevada, was the listed managing member and registered agent of Desert Ice, LLC, a Nevada LLC formed on April 1, 2005. Its entity status is listed as “active.” [NV Business ID NV20051107324]

Nevada Business Association: Sanotech, LLC . According to databases maintained by the Nevada Secretary of State, James Marchant of 848 N. Rainbow Boulevard #427 in Las Vegas, Nevada, was the listed manager of Sanotech, LLC, a Nevada LLC formed on July 8, 2010. Its entity status is listed as “permanently revoked.” [NV Business ID NV2010156205]

Nevada Business Association: MDK Development, LLC . According to databases maintained by the Nevada Secretary of State, James Marchant of 848 N. Rainbow Boulevard #427 in Las Vegas, Nevada, was the listed managing member and registered agent of MDK Development, LLC, a Nevada LLC formed on October 19, 2007. Its entity status is listed as “permanently revoked.” [NV Business ID NV20071001714]

Nevada Business Association: JAM Distribution, LLC . According to databases maintained by the Nevada Secretary of State, James Marchant of 848 N. Rainbow Boulevard #427 in Las Vegas, Nevada, was the listed manager and registered agent of JAM Distribution, LLC, a Nevada LLC formed on April 14, 2008. Its entity status is listed as “permanently revoked.” [NV Business ID NV20081593050]

Nevada Business Association: Komar Enterprises . According to databases maintained by the Nevada Secretary of State, James Marchant of 848 N. Rainbow Boulevard #427 in Las Vegas, Nevada, was the listed managing member and registered agent of Komar Enterprises, a Nevada LLC formed on April 3, 2006. Its entity status is listed as “permanently revoked.” [NV Business ID NV20061621252]

Nevada Business Association: D12, LLC. According to databases maintained by the Nevada Secretary of State, James Marchant of 848 N. Rainbow Boulevard #427 in Las Vegas, Nevada, was the listed managing member and registered agent of D12, LLC, a Nevada LLC formed on April 3, 2006. Its entity status is listed as “permanently revoked.” [NV Business ID NV20061621268]

Florida Business Association: Colomax, Inc. According to databases maintained by the Florida Division of Corporations, James C. Marchant of 17201 Plantation Lakes Circle in Sanford, Florida, was the listed registered agent and director of Colomax, Inc., a Florida for profit company formed on April 5, 2002. Its entity status is listed as “admin dissolution for annual report.” [P02000039181]

Florida Business Association: Marco Barron, Inc. According to databases maintained by the Florida Division of Corporations, James Carl Marchant, Jr. of PO Box 8129 in Gainesville, Florida was the listed officer/director of Marco Barron, Inc. a Florida for profit company formed on June 1, 1990. Its entity status is listed as “admin dissolution for annual report.” [L77966]

Florida Business Association: Comart, Inc. According to databases maintained by the Florida Division of Corporations, James Carl Marchant, Jr. of 100 West Lucerne Circle Suite 500 in Orlando, Florida was the registered agent and officer/director of Comart, Inc., a Florida for profit company formed on November 14, 2001. Its entity status is listed as “admin dissolution for annual report.” [P01000109595]

Florida Business Association: APlusHealthPlan, Inc. According to databases maintained by the Florida Division of Corporations, James Carl Marchant, Jr. of 7456 Colonial Court in Sanford, Florida was the registered agent and officer/director of APlusHealthPlan, Inc., a Florida for profit company formed on February 20, 2003. Its entity status is listed as “admin dissolution for annual report.” [P03000019792]

Florida Business Association: Mercury Communications, USA, Inc. According to databases maintained by the Florida Division of Corporations, James Carl Marchant, Jr. of 14119 West Newberry Road in Newberry, Florida was the registered agent and officer/director of Mercury Communications USA, Inc., a Florida for profit company formed on February 15, 1996. Its entity status is listed as “admin dissolution for annual report.” [P96000015424]

PHILOSOPHY

2023: Marchant laughed and agreed when radio hosts joked about shooting RNC and DNC officials. “Jim Marchant, a Republican running for U.S. Senate in Nevada in 2024, appeared to agree with a suggestion to shoot officials from the Republican National Committee and Democratic National Committee on a recent radio show. During a June 20 episode of the What's the Story/LeRue Book Hound show, co-host Ed Noel suggested ‘just take all the RNC and DNC people and stand them up side by side,’ to which another co-host, Doug Ashby, said ‘and shoot them.’ Marchant laughed and said ‘exactly’ before explaining how he believes there is a ‘uniparty’ in the U.S., with no discernible difference between Republicans and Democrats. While it's likely this exchange was political hyperbole, Marchant has a reputation for sensationalism. He is known for espousing conspiracy theories about election fraud and other topics.” [The Nevada Independent, 7/5/23]

2024: Marchant sold “Marchant Gold” bars at debate and said the currency would serve holders after the U.S. dollar collapses. “At several points in the debate, Marchant, likely the best-known among the attendees for his prior statewide run and strong election denialism, took a gold bill out of his suit jacket and encouraged attendees to purchase them. The former assemblyman, who is selling these goldbacks under a ‘Marchant Gold’ brand at \$4.20 per bill, said the currency would serve holders after the U.S. dollar collapses, an event he predicted several times. ‘These are the dagger in the heart of the Federal Reserve,’ Marchant said during a segment on monetary policy. ‘Everybody needs to get these. That way you'll be able to buy and barter ... when our dollar does collapse.’ Marchant advocated for a return to the gold standard, a fringe position supported by far-right Republicans such as Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA).” [The Nevada Independent, 1/19/24]

2022: Marchant said he looked up to Robert E. Lee, Ronald Reagan, Donald Trump, Milton Friedman, and the founding fathers, including George Washington. In 2022, Marchant responded to Ballotpedia's candidate questionnaire which asked "Who do you look up to? Whose example would you like to follow, and why?" Marchant responded: "George Washington, Our Founders, Robert E. Lee, Ronald Reagan, Donald Trump, Milton Friedman. All, because all of them are Preeminent Conservative Leaders". [Ballotpedia, accessed [6/22/26](#)]

Marchant: "Nevada Policy Research Institute Rated Me Number Two as the Most Conservative Voting Legislature in the Entire Legislature..." "I was ranked number one by the American Conservative Union as the most conservative voting legislator in the Assembly and Nevada Policy Research Institute rated me number two as the most conservative voting legislator in the entire Legislature, both the Assembly and state Senate,' Marchant said with evident pride. Issues that are important for Marchant include gun rights, land issues, including water, and Yucca Mountain." [Pahrump Valley Times, 5/22/20]

2015: Marchant: "I...Am Tired of Electing Representatives Who Say One Thing to Get Elected and Do Another Once Elected..." "Marchant said that as a small-business owner, he is concerned about Gov. Brian Sandoval's plan to increase business license fees. 'I, like most voters in Nevada, am tired of electing representatives who say one thing to get elected and do another once elected,' he said." [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 2/20/15]

2015: Marchant: "When Our Representatives Stop Listening to Us, We Are Being Ruled, Not Governed." [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 3/2/15]

2020: Marchant: "The COVID Virus May Be a Little More Serious than a Regular Flu, But...We Went Way Overboard...More People Are Suffering than Had We Not Done This." "During his interview, Marchant railed against Horsford and the Nevada state government for shutting down the economy in an attempt to stem the spread of COVID-19. 'The COVID virus may be a little more serious than a regular flu, but I think we went way overboard,' Marchant said. 'More people are suffering than had we not done this.'" [Las Vegas Review Journal, 10/1/20]

- **"It's All Feeding into the Democrats' Plan of Destroying Our Economy."** "It's all feeding into the Democrats' plan of destroying our economy,' he continued. 'They are willing to sacrifice our great economy and the well-being of the general public to get President Trump out of office.'" [Las Vegas Review Journal, 10/1/20]

2019: Marchant Hosted Forum on Yucca Mountain to Discuss Re-Branding to Envision It More as a "Lucrative Industry" in the Future. "Former Nevada Assemblyman and Nevada Congressional District 4 Republican candidate Jim Marchant hosted a forum on Yucca Mountain on July 30 in Pahrump, bringing several nuclear professionals and experts to discuss a re-branding of sorts on the project. Marchant and the panel of speakers placed heavy emphasis on eliminating the public concept of the site as a 'waste dump' and instead, said they envision it more as a launchpad into what could be a 'lucrative industry' in the future, the manufacturing of Small Modular Reactors. Joining in the forum in person on Tuesday afternoon were Dr. Craig Smith, Ron Fraass, Dr. Anthony Hechanova and Marty Waldman, with Steven Curtis participating via teleconference. Marchant started off the discussion by explaining that he and many others were working together to propose an alternative to a permanent dump at Yucca Mountain....Marchant said the ultimate goal in holding the forum was to educate people

and hopefully change the minds of some who are against Yucca Mountain altogether. While this was successful for some, others, however, did not budge in their thoughts.” [Pahrump Valley Times, 8/2/19]

2019: Marchant Supported Need to Build Wall on Southern Border. “Marchant said he supports the need to build a wall on the Southern border. He also expressed openness to giving legal status to illegal immigrants brought to the country as children. ‘I am not for amnesty at all,’ he said. Children brought illegally to the country ‘should not get to cut in line. If we can work out something where they can get a work visa and stay here and work for the companies that need them, I’m fine with that. But no amnesty.’” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 9/11/19]

2016: Marchant’s Campaign Proposals Included Bathroom Bill; He Opposed Any Gun Control Measure. “That tax increase hurts businesses, he said, adding that he would push to repeal it if elected. Marchant’s wish list of legislative priorities includes breaking up the “energy monopoly” in the state. ‘When there’s a monopoly, they can charge whatever they want,’ he said, referencing utility giant NV Energy and recent battles over solar energy rates. His campaign proposals include a so-called bathroom bill, which would require transgender students to use restrooms that match the sex on their birth certificates, and opposes any gun control measures.” [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 10/23/16]

Marchant concerned about taxes on small businesses. “Marchant said he is concerned with making small businesses responsible for knowing about all of the different tax rates for different states and municipalities, which he said would be ‘almost impossible’ for small businesses to do on their own. And while there are programs out there that can calculate the taxes, Marchant doesn’t like the idea of making small businesses pay those costs. ‘As a small businessman, I don’t look kind on doing the state’s work for them,’ he said.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 6/23/18]

- **2015: Marchant: “I Will Fight against All Efforts to Raise Taxes...”** [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 3/2/15]
- **1990s: Marchant Lobbied Florida Legislature against Tax on Internet Access Services.** “Marchant hasn’t served in public office before, and said he lobbied the Florida Legislature in the 1990s against a tax on Internet access services.” [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 2/20/15]

Marchant Touted Endorsement from Jim Jordan and High Marks from ACU and NRA. “Marchant is a past member of the Nevada Assembly and touts his high marks from both the American Conservative Union and the National Rifle Association. He also touts his endorsement from Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, one of President Donald Trump's staunchest allies in the House of Representatives. Marchant supports the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, a bill backed by Trump that cut the tax rate for businesses and individuals. Critics of the bill say it cut corporate tax rates disproportionately.” [Las Vegas Sun, 5/17/20]

Trump Support

2023: Marchant described himself as a “Trump-supporting, MAGA movement Republican”. “Marchant last month in a campaign press release described himself as a 'Trump-supporting, MAGA movement Republican' twice endorsed by the former president. (Marchant lost both of those bids.)” [Nevaa Current, 8/9/23]

Nevada Current: “Although an ardent Trump supporter and, like Trump, an inveterate election denier, Marchant said he doesn’t agree with Trump’s executive order seeking to change Nevada’s election system.” “Although an ardent Trump supporter and, like Trump, an inveterate election denier, Marchant said he doesn’t agree with Trump’s executive order seeking to change Nevada’s election system. ‘I understand what he is trying to do,’ Marchant said. But, he added, ‘I am a state’s rights guy. I don’t think the federal government should have a say of what we do here. It should be up to the states. We do have a problem with our election system. We have to clean that up. I don’t want to have a federal law or Constitutional amendment or government change the Constitution to fix this.’ Though he disagreed with the order, he said he wouldn’t have sued.” [Nevada Current, [4/21/26](#)]

The Nevada Independent: Marchant “frequents Trump’s Mar-a-Lago resort”. “Each of the major primary candidates claimed a Trump connection Brown volunteered on his 2020 campaign, dermatologist Jeff Gunter served as his ambassador to Iceland and former Assemblyman Jim Marchant, who frequents Trump’s Mar-a-Lago resort, was endorsed by Trump in his 2022 bid for secretary of state.” [The Nevada Independent, 6/10/24]

- **2023: Marchant attended Mar-a-Lago fundraiser with Trump ally Michael Flynn.** “In December, Republican U.S. Senate candidate Jim Marchant is set to appear at a fundraising reception hosted by Joe Pizza at Mar-a-Lago, a Palm Beach, Florida resort owned by former President Donald Trump. Joining him will be Trump’s former U.S. National Security Advisor Michael Flynn, who was a key supporter of Marchant’s 2022 bid for secretary of state. Flynn was also at a fundraiser for Marchant last month.” [The Nevada Independent, 10/3/23]

Roll Call: Marchant endorsed Trump’s 2024 presidential bid. “Several other names also appear on the GOP primary ballot, the most notable being perennial candidate Jim Marchant, who previously ran for Congress and for secretary of state and is known for his denial of election results. Brown, Gunter and Marchant all endorsed Trump’s 2024 presidential bid.” [Roll Call, 5/28/24]

2024: Trump endorsed Sam Brown over Marchant for Senate, days before primary. “Former President Donald Trump has endorsed veteran Sam Brown for Nevada’s Senate seat, just two days before the state’s primary election. Trump had previously endorsed in every other competitive U.S. Senate race but had kept relatively mum on Nevada, where the National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) had endorsed Brown. Each of the major primary candidates claimed a Trump connection Brown volunteered on his 2020 campaign, dermatologist Jeff Gunter served as his ambassador to Iceland and former Assemblyman Jim Marchant, who frequents Trump’s Mar-a-Lago resort, was endorsed by Trump in his 2022 bid for secretary of state. [...] ‘I like all of the candidates, frankly, including Marchant,’ Trump said. ‘But it looks to me like Sam has got a pretty good lead.’” [The Nevada Independent, 6/10/24]

In 2022, Trump endorsed Marchant for Secretary of State. “Former President Donald Trump has endorsed Jim Marchant for Nevada Secretary of State. The former assemblyman had this to say of his endorsement: ‘President Trump has fought tirelessly for America’s prosperity with the business expertise that built his entrepreneurial empire, and his leadership attained incredible achievements for our nation despite being attacked non-stop by the D.C. swamp. The same D.C. swamp knows that I will also fight tenaciously to protect Nevadans from corruption, and they have been engaged in an all-out assault to stop me. I am deeply honored to receive this endorsement from President Trump. President Trump understands that my background as an internet pioneer, successful businessman, advocate for

Constitutional rights, and proven servant leader as a former Nevada Assemblyman uniquely qualify me as the best option for the next Secretary of State...” [KOLO, [10/13/22](#)]

- **2020: Trump: “Jim Is a Great Guy...Hopefully, He’s Going to Win...”** [CQ, 9/12/20]

The New York Times: Marchant “helped organize a national ‘America First’ slate of secretary of state candidates, a group of right-wing election deniers whose campaigns centered on re-litigating baseless voter fraud claims.” “During last year’s midterm elections, Mr. Marchant helped organize a national ‘America First’ slate of secretary of state candidates, a group of right-wing election deniers whose campaigns centered on re-litigating baseless voter fraud claims. All but one of the candidates were rejected by voters. The once-obscure election oversight post has taken on heightened significance since the 2020 election. In Mr. Marchant’s race, he did not appear to concede.” [The New York Times, [5/3/23](#)]

- **January 2022: Marchant said he was approached by Trump allies to run for secretary of state and was encouraged to organize a slate of like-minded candidates.** “Mr. Marchant said in an interview with The New York Times in January that he had been approached by Mr. Trump’s allies to run for secretary of state and had been encouraged to organize a national slate of like-minded candidates.” [The New York Times, [11/12/22](#)]

2020: Trump: “Jim Is a Great Guy...Hopefully, He’s Going to Win...” [CQ, 9/12/20]

March 2020: Las Vegas Review Journal: “Marchant Said His Platform Has Grown to Mirror Trump’s in Almost All Ways...” “Marchant said his platform has grown to mirror Trump’s in almost all ways, adding that Congress needs more members who ‘put America first.’ He praised the GOP tax code overhaul and said he would like to see something similar to deal specifically with the needs of small business.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 3/14/20]

2019: Marchant on Trump: “I Agree with What He’s Doing.” “Marchant said he’s a ‘free-trade guy,’ but sees the wisdom in President Donald Trump’s current trade wars. ‘The problem in the past is we’ve let other countries take advantage of us,’ he said. ‘We’ve now got to get back to a level playing field. The only way to do that apparently and according to President Trump is to do it through tariffs. I agree with what he’s doing.’ [Las Vegas Review Journal, 9/11/19]

QAnon Ties

Las Vegas Sun: “While Marchant once denied involvement with the group, he now admits to working closely with a prominent QAnon figure to recruit candidates for top election positions who will promise to overturn election results they don’t like.” “While Marchant once denied involvement with the group, he now admits to working closely with a prominent QAnon figure to recruit candidates for top election positions who will promise to overturn election results they don’t like. Last fall in Las Vegas, Marchant was included as a featured speaker at a four-day QAnon conspiracy theory event. At the time, he went on record with the Sun claiming he wasn’t a follower of the far-right political group whose extreme members’ beliefs include former President Donald Trump is a messiah sent by God who will someday publicly execute his opponents and that Democrats run a national cabal of pedophiles who also cannibalize children. Now as multiple reports have surfaced regarding Marchant’s involvement with QAnon, the candidate has made conflicting statements about the timeline of his involvement with a central QAnon figure. This much is certain: Now that he is the candidate for the

GOP and the primary is behind him, Marchant no longer denies coordinating with Juan O Savin, a leading figure in QAnon.” [Las Vegas Sun, 10/27/22]

Marchant said QAnon leader Wayne Willott pushed him to run for Secretary of State in 2022.

“Marchant said his motivation to later run for secretary of state came from QAnon leader Wayne Willott, who suggested he go out for the job in 2022.” [The Nevada Independent, 5/2/23]

2021: Marchant was scheduled to attend QAnon event. “QAnon is coming to Las Vegas, with one of the country’s largest gaming companies playing host to the far-right conspiracy group. The Patriot Voice, a group closely linked with the QAnon movement, is holding the Patriot Double Down event in Las Vegas from Oct. 22-25 at Caesars Forum convention space near the Strip, according to the group’s website. QAnon, which has been recognized by the FBI as a potential domestic terror threat, started in the fringes of the internet in 2017 but has crept into mainstream right-wing politics and grown to count tens of millions of American adults as followers. The group believes a secret group of Satan-worshipping, cannibalistic pedophiles control the ‘deep state’ government. If there were any doubts about QAnon’s link to the Patriot Double Down event, they were erased with the release of a promotional video last week.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/22/21]

- **Marchant a Scheduled Speaker.** “Among the scheduled speakers at the Las Vegas event is Jim Marchant, the one-term Republican Nevada assemblyman who lost a congressional race in 2020, unsuccessfully sued to overturn the election based on unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud, and is now running for secretary of state.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/22/21]
- **Marchant Said He Had Heard of QAnon But Didn’t Know “What It Is.”** “Marchant said in an email on July 29 that he did not know it was a QAnon event and that he ‘met the people that are putting it on briefly one time and I can’t even remember their names.’ Marchant added that he had heard of QAnon, ‘but I don’t know what it is.’” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/22/21]
- **Marchant: “My Goal Is to Get in Front of as Many Nevadans as I Can as a Candidate...”** “‘I am not really worried about speaking at this event. My goal is to get in front of as many Nevadans as I can as a candidate for Secretary of State. And I think there will be a lot of people at this event based on the history of events like this,’ Marchant said. ‘There was one in Las Vegas in April that was put on by We the People AZ Alliance and there were over 1000 people there. It was good for me.’” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/22/21]
- **After Caesars Dropped Event, Marchant Said He Wouldn’t Attend.** “One of the biggest resort companies in the U.S. has dropped a controversial QAnon-linked convention that was slated to come to Las Vegas in October. The Patriot Voice, a group closely linked with the QAnon movement, was scheduled to hold the For God & Country Patriot Double Down event from Oct. 22-25 at the Caesars Forum convention space near the Strip, with tickets selling for \$650 to \$3,000... While it’s unclear where, or even if, the event will be held in Las Vegas after being dropped by Caesars, at least one of its speakers has also pulled out. Former state Assemblyman and announced Republican candidate for secretary of state Jim Marchant confirmed Tuesday that he no longer plans to speak at the event. Marchant was no longer listed as one of the event’s ‘honorary guests’ as of Tuesday. ‘I just felt that it’s in my best interest not to,’ Marchant said, adding that the decision was made after discussions with his consultants, who advised him against speaking.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 9/1/21]

October 2021: Marchant spoke at the event featuring QAnon sympathizers and extreme right figures. “The Narratives Being Spun Ranged from...False to Criminal.” “At a four-day convention in Las Vegas attended by far-right conspiracy theorists, speakers passionately spoke about premises such as COVID-19 being introduced by Democrats to ensure that Donald Trump lost reelection. And they indicated that the truth will soon be coming out, and that information will lead to the arrest of Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and Joe Biden. The group of QAnon sympathizers and extreme-right figureheads also promoted false claims about voting security in saying the 2020 election was rigged, and spoke against COVID vaccine mandates. It’s unknown how many people attended at the Ahern Hotel near the Strip, although one media report pegged the number at a few hundred. The Las Vegas Sun applied for credentials to cover the Patriot Double Down, but heard nothing. We instead purchased a live-streaming option Monday for \$17.76 to watch the event. The narratives being spun ranged from being false to criminal.” [Las Vegas Sun, 10/27/21]

- **In speech, Marchant called for election integrity.** “Arizona state representatives Wendy Rogers, Mark Finchem and Sonny Borrelli, as well as Nevada Secretary of State candidate Jim Marchant, spoke at the convention, calling for election integrity.” [Las Vegas Sun, 10/27/21]
- **Daily Beast: Event was “coming-out party” for shady QAnon booster Juan Savin.** “The QAnon convention served as the coming-out party for Savin, an enigmatic QAnon booster who has operated for years on the fringes of the movement, keeping his face a secret and masking his identity behind the Savin alias. Despite his hazy background, Savin is emerging as a new power on the conspiracy-theory right. He has cultivated ties as a sort of QAnon guru to right-wing celebrities like Caviezel and Roseanne Barr, while recruiting a growing slate of candidates running to control elections in battleground states in 2024.” [Daily Beast, 10/27/21]
- **Savin’s supporters believed he was JFK Jr. in disguise.** “Much of Savin’s power on the right derives from a classic QAnon source: Savin’s supporters believe he’s John F. Kennedy Jr. in disguise. During the convention, the Patriot Double Down’s master of ceremonies posted a facial comparison of JFK Jr. and Savin on Facebook, writing ‘Could it be so?’ (In a sign of how widespread the idea that JFK Jr. is alive is among QAnon believers, Savin wasn’t even the only suspected JFK Jr. double on the speaker’s list).” [Daily Beast, 10/27/21]
- **Savin Said DC was laid out for Masonic devil worship and world was run by cabal descended from Cain.** “Savin’s beliefs are bizarre even by QAnon standards. In his book, Savin writes that Washington, D.C. is laid out for Masonic devil worship, with the Washington Monument meant to resemble the ‘missing penis’ of an Egyptian god and the State Department’s Foggy Bottom location chosen for its ‘spells, rituals, and wizardry.’ He claims that Dr. Anthony Fauci is making Satanic hand symbols during press conferences, and that the world is run by a cabal descended from the Biblical character Cain. Most importantly to his fans, he insists that the apocalyptic ‘Storm’ promised by QAnon is still coming, even in the face of all evidence to the contrary.” [Daily Beast, 10/27/21]
- **Savin recruited Marchant to run for SOS** “Savin’s influence on the right goes beyond celebrities. He played a key role recruiting secretary of state candidates across the country for 2022, according to Nevada secretary of state hopeful and former state representative Jim Marchant. In a speech at the convention, Marchant claimed he had rented a suite at a luxury Las Vegas hotel to plot out how to contest his defeat in a 2020 congressional race, only to discover Savin at his door. ‘Guess who showed up in my suite?’ Marchant said, to cheers from the

audience. ‘Blow you away. You saw him Saturday, and you saw him today. Juan O. Savin!’” [Daily Beast, 10/27/21]

- **Daily Beast: “In his speech, Marchant made clear the goal of Savin’s push for new candidates: controlling elections in 2024.”** “According to Marchant, Savin recruited him and several other secretary of state candidates, including Hamm, to run in 2022. While Hamm is unlikely to win in heavily Democratic California, one of Savin’s picks, Arizona state Rep. Mark Finchem (R), has been endorsed by Donald Trump and is shaping up to be a strong primary contender. Marchant claimed that Savin’s coalition held a meeting with MAGA luminaries like MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell, former Overstock.com CEO Patrick Byrne, and The Gateway Pundit blogger Jim Hoft to plot out the secretary of state bids. In his speech, Marchant made clear the goal of Savin’s push for new candidates: controlling elections in 2024.” [Daily Beast, 10/27/21]
- **Marchant: “I can’t stress enough how important the Secretary of State Offices are... We control the election system.”** “‘I can’t stress enough how important the secretary of state offices are,’ Marchant said. ‘I think they are the most important election in our country in 2022. And why is that? We control the election system.’” [Daily Beast, 10/27/21]

SOS CAMPAIGN

June 2026: Marchant won the GOP primary and faced rematch with Aguilar. “Former state lawmaker Jim Marchant won the Republican nomination for Nevada secretary of state on Monday, bringing one of the state's most outspoken promoters of election conspiracy theories within reach of the office that oversees voting in a perennial presidential battleground. His win after Nevada's June 9 primary sets up a rematch in November with Democratic Secretary of State Cisco Aguilar, who prevailed in their race four years ago.” [Associated Press, 6/15/26]

- **June 2026: Asked if he trusted the GOP primary election results indicating his win, Marchant said, “well, not really.”** “In what became perhaps the most unlikely result of last week's primaries, Marchant — who has said wants to unregister, then re-register all voters in Nevada, verify people's identities through their heartbeats and has not trusted election results in decades, including the times when he won — emerged victorious by more than 3,000 votes. Asked whether he trusts the primary election results, Marchant told The Indy, ‘well, not really.’ It sets up a general election rematch with Secretary of State Cisco Aguilar (D), who beat Marchant in the 2022 general election by more than 20,000 votes. That year, Marchant also fended off an establishment-backed, better-funded candidate (Jesse Haw) in the primary.” [The Nevada Independent, 6/18/26]
- **The Nevada Independent: “Insiders added that his views surrounding Nevada's election system — which are conspiratorial — was palatable to the Republican primary voter.”** [The Nevada Independent, [6/18/26](#)]

The Nevada Independent: “Although Marchant only won seven of the state's 17 counties, including four rural counties with less than 1,000 votes cast, his Clark County performance put him over the edge... Of the seven counties he won, five of them were in places where he has run before.” “Although Marchant only won seven of the state's 17 counties, including four rural counties with less than 1,000 votes cast, his Clark County performance put him over the edge. He received 8,300

more votes than any opponent in Nevada's most populous county, more than enough to outpace Lombardo's pick, Reno businesswoman Shirley Folkins-Roberts, who finished second. Because Marchant has already run for office many times — appearing on a ballot in every election cycle for the past decade — he didn't need yard signs or TV ads to get his name out there, insiders said. The fact that his two top opponents were based in Northern Nevada also helped. [...] Of the seven counties he won, five of them were in places where he has run before. This includes Clark County, where he won an Assembly race in 2016, and four counties included in Congressional District 4, where Marchant received 150,000 votes in the seat's general election in 2020.” [The Nevada Independent, [6/18/26](#)]

The Nevada Independent: Marchant said he was not expecting to get support from establishment Republicans, and he predicted he would have obstacles raising money. “Marchant has his work cut out for him in the general election. He already lost to Aguilar four years ago, and this year, the Democrat has the advantage of being an incumbent and more than \$750,000 in his bank account as of the end of March. ‘It's always a David and Goliath type of thing,’ Marchant said. ‘The odds are with him.’ He's also not expecting to get much support from establishment Republicans, and he presumes he will have obstacles raising money. ‘I'm known to the political side that I can't be bought,’ he said. ‘That's the problem for me raising money.’ Lombardo's campaign did not respond to a question about endorsing Marchant.” [The Nevada Independent, [6/18/26](#)]

Marchant believed his win over Lombardo-endorsed candidate Shirley Folkins Roberts showed that there was a gap between what GOP primary voters wanted vs what establishment Republicans preferred. “Marchant added that his defeat of Lombardo's preferred candidate shows there is a gap between what Republican primary voters want versus what establishment Republicans prefer. ‘I talk to the people, not the establishment’” he said. ‘There's a lot of things that can be done by our leaders on both sides of the aisle, and it doesn't appear that they care about the people, to me.’” [The Nevada Independent, [6/18/26](#)]

The Nevada Independent: “Marchant had no campaign ads or yard signs, and he said his total fundraising up through Election Day was a few thousand dollars. There weren't many expenses for his campaign, either — he spent about \$1,000 of his own money, which he said mostly went toward gas.” “Marchant had no campaign ads or yard signs, and he said his total fundraising up through Election Day was a few thousand dollars. There weren't many expenses for his campaign, either — he spent about \$1,000 of his own money, which he said mostly went toward gas. He also got some campaign help from Republican political operative Rory McShane, who will take a more active role in Marchant's general election campaign. [...] Armed with few resources, Marchant mostly focused on conversations with people and speaking at candidate events. He ‘did a little bit’ of campaigning in Washoe County and the rurals, making stops in Carson City and Douglas and Lyon counties, but he mostly focused on Clark County.” [The Nevada Independent, [6/18/26](#)]

Marchant: “I’m running for Secretary of State to restore trust in our elections and make Nevada the best place in America to start and grow a business.” On his campaign website, Marchant stated: “I’m running for Secretary of State to restore trust in our elections and make Nevada the best place in America to start and grow a business. While the office has many important responsibilities, my administration will focus on two priorities: 1. Election Integrity 2. Business & Commercial Registration Reform”. [JimMarchant.com, accessed [6/22/26](#)]

Marchant: “As Secretary of State, I will pursue a complete modernization and reform of Nevada’s election system with a focus on integrity, transparency, and public confidence.” On his campaign

website, Marchant stated: “Nevadans deserve elections that are secure, transparent, and trusted by everyone — regardless of political party. As Secretary of State, I will pursue a complete modernization and reform of Nevada’s election system with a focus on integrity, transparency, and public confidence.” [JimMarchant.com, accessed [6/22/26](#)]

Marchant believed his primary win showed that voters trusted him. “They know I’m genuine and that I really care about them and want to improve their life.” “He also thinks that people trust him. ‘They know I’m genuine and that I really care about them and want to improve their life,’ he said. ‘I’m a candidate for the people, more than the establishment, the people that run the government ... [voters] know that I’m for them.’” [The Nevada Independent, [6/18/26](#)]

Marchant did not raise any money in the first three months of 2026 and said he planned to self-fund his campaign. “Neither Marchant nor Keenan raised any money in the first three months of 2026. Marchant said he was planning to self-fund his campaign but does not know to what degree. ‘I don’t know,’ he said. ‘Just whatever it takes.’” [The Nevada Independent, 5/6/26]

Las Vegas Review Journal’s Victor Joecks: In April 2026, Marchant reported no campaign donations nor cash on hand. “Marchant seems to be ahead because of his residual name ID.” Las Vegas Review Journal’s Victor Joecks wrote, “On his April campaign finance report, Marchant reported no campaign donations and no cash on hand. Presumably, he raised some money, but Marchant seems to be ahead because of his residual name ID. He was the Republican SOS nominee in 2022 and lost in the general.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 6/12/26]

Marchant criticized Gov. Lombardo for endorsing an “unknown” rival Shirley Folkins-Roberts. “Jim Marchant, an election denier who is among the four Republicans running in the primary, criticized Lombardo for backing a candidate that has been mostly unknown. ‘Nobody even knows who she is,’ Marchant said. ‘That’s pretty interesting that Lombardo would put her up. I know what I think but I’m not going to say it. Lombardo and I aren’t exactly on the same wave length.’ The race for Secretary of State comes as Trump, who has been unrelenting in pushing false claims about election fraud, has backed several federal initiatives that could override Nevada election procedures if implemented.” [Nevada Current, 4/21/26]

2022 Campaign

November 2022: Marchant was defeated by Aguilar by two percentage points, 48.9% to 46.8% - or roughly 20,000 votes. “Democrat Cisco Aguilar has defeated Republican election denier Jim Marchant for Nevada secretary of state, dealing the latest blow to former President Donald Trump’s ‘Big Lie’ campaign. The Associated Press called the race after Nevada’s population center Clark County, home to 1.3 million active registered voters, released its final batch of results from 23,300 mail-in ballots. With about 97% of the vote reported Saturday night, Aguilar won by two percentage points, 48.9% to 46.8% - or roughly 20,000 votes. The race between Marchant and Aguilar put the future of Nevada’s elections on the ballot at a time when the hard-right wing of the GOP has sowed deep distrust in the electoral process.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 11/14/22]

- **Pahrump Valley Times “While Republican Jim Marchant was the favorite in Nye County, his election-denying tactics and claims of fraud in the 2020 race for president, did not win over most of the state’s voters.”** [Pahrump Valley Times, [11/16/22](#)]

- **Marchant implied there was cheating involved in his 2022 loss.** There is no evidence that widespread election fraud occurred in the 2022 race for Nevada secretary of state. At a forum for GOP Senate candidates Thursday, former secretary of state candidate Jim Marchant implied that there was cheating involved in his electoral defeat, citing a 20,000-vote lead he held at one point during ballot counting. While Marchant led by around 20,000 votes the day after the election, there were significant votes outstanding in Nevada's most populous counties, which lean Democratic. Vote counting in Nevada took days because mail-in ballots that were postmarked by Election Day could be received through the fourth day after Election Day. Cisco Aguilar, the Democratic nominee, won the race by more than 20,000 votes after more votes came in from Clark and Washoe counties.” [The Nevada Independent, 2/20/24]

Marchant touted winning 40% of the vote “[d]espite over \$2.5 million in attack ads” against him. “On June 14th, 2022, Jim won the Republican Primary race for Secretary of State for Nevada. Despite over \$2.5 million in attack ads against him, Jim overcame six other opponents winning almost 40% of the vote and winning by more than 38,000 votes.” [JimMarchant.com, accessed [6/22/26](#)]

Marchant’s fundraising badly lagged Aguilar’s in final pre-election quarter. “The past-due campaign finance report of Nevada secretary of state candidate Jim Marchant shows his fundraising in the final quarter before the high-stakes election paled in comparison with most major party candidates for top office. According to the report, which Marchant filed two days past the Oct. 17 deadline imposed by state law, the Republican candidate brought in about \$89,000 in campaign donations between July and September - the last fundraising haul before Nevada voters choose their next chief elections officer. With the exception of the controller's race, all major party candidates at the top of the ballot raised at least six figures last quarter, including Marchant's Democratic challenger Cisco Aguilar, a Las Vegas-based lawyer. Aguilar, who has promised to expand voting rights in Nevada if elected, collected \$1.15 million, according to his report, growing his campaign coffers to more than \$2.2 million.” [Reno Gazette Journal, [10/21/22](#)]

October 2022: Marchant missed campaign finance filing deadline. “Jim Marchant, the Republican candidate for secretary of state, had not filed his campaign finance report which was due 5 p.m. Monday as of 5 p.m. Tuesday. If elected to that job, Marchant would be in charge of overseeing the timely filing of campaign reports.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 10/19/22]

- **Nevada Appeal: Marchant was the only statewide candidate to miss the deadline.** “A central duty of the secretary of state's office is administering elections... and enforcing reporting deadlines for contribution and expenditure reports.” “Republican Secretary of State candidate Jim Marchant is the only statewide candidate in Nevada who has yet to file his campaign finance report, having missed Monday's deadline. A central duty of the secretary of state's office is administering elections, handling campaign finance reports and enforcing reporting deadlines for contribution and expenditure reports. The secretary of state also registers corporations and limited liability companies and represents the third highest ranking state official behind the governor and lieutenant governor. Marchant's campaign did not immediately respond to an email request for comment Tuesday. The secretary of state's office declined to comment.” [Nevada Appeal, 10/20/22]

Trump endorsed Marchant for Secretary of State. “Former President Donald Trump has endorsed Jim Marchant for Nevada Secretary of State. The former assemblyman had this to say of his endorsement: ‘President Trump has fought tirelessly for America’s prosperity with the business

expertise that built his entrepreneurial empire, and his leadership attained incredible achievements for our nation despite being attacked non-stop by the D.C. swamp. The same D.C. swamp knows that I will also fight tenaciously to protect Nevadans from corruption, and they have been engaged in an all-out assault to stop me. I am deeply honored to receive this endorsement from President Trump. President Trump understands that my background as an internet pioneer, successful businessman, advocate for Constitutional rights, and proven servant leader as a former Nevada Assemblyman uniquely qualify me as the best option for the next Secretary of State...” [KOLO, [10/13/22](#)]

2022: President Obama warned that Marchant was not, “someone you want in charge of your elections.” “Obama also stressed the importance of down-ballot candidates, especially the secretary of state race. Democrat Cisco Aguilar faces Republican Jim Marchant, an election denier who has spread false claims around the 2020 election and called for ending early voting and universal mail-in ballots. ‘He’s trying to one-up all the Republicans spreading lies about the 2020 election by saying all elections in Nevada from the last 15 years have been fake,’ Obama said. ‘He’s going around rural Nevada spreading lies about how you can’t trust electronic voter machines. But apparently you can trust an election denier to oversee volunteers hand counting ballots.’ [...] Obama said an election denier like Marchant is not ‘someone you want in charge of your elections.’” [Nevada Current, 11/2/22]

Marchant campaign ad falsely claimed Pelosi, Schumer, and Schiff were illegitimately elected. “In a campaign ad Marchant posted to multiple social media platforms, he went beyond his normal blatant lies about Joe Biden being an illegitimate president a claim that has been rejected by dozens of independent audits, investigators and judges including some appointed by Trump. Instead, the ad falsely claims that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., were all also illegitimately elected all part of a vast conspiracy to give Democrats power. His claims are preposterous and lack any evidence whatsoever.” [Las Vegas Sun, 10/27/22]

October 2022: Aguilar warned if Marchant won, he would diminish voters’ access to the ballot box, along with their ability to make their voices heard. “Democrat Cisco Aguilar is running against Republican Jim Marchant, an ardent election denier whose campaign is based on conspiracy theories that the 2020 election was stolen by a global ‘cabal’ that controls election workers, elected officials, judges of both parties, and the manufacturers of electronic voting machines. In addition to calling out Marchant’s baseless allegations, Aguilar also hopes connect the importance of free and fair elections to the economy, education and other ‘kitchen table issues.’ While people should be able to vote out officials who don’t reflect their positions or carry out their vision, Aguilar warned if Marchant wins it would diminish people’s access to the ballot box, along with their ability to make their voices heard.” [Nevada Current, 10/11/22]

Aguilar’s first TV ad used Marchant’s own words to cast him as “too dangerous” to be secretary of state. “Less than one month before Election Day, Democratic secretary of state candidate Cisco Aguilar is launching his first television ad of the cycle through a \$1 million ad campaign describing his Republican opponent Jim Marchant as ‘too dangerous’ for the role. The ad uses Marchant’s own words describing his behind the scenes work ‘to try to fix 2020’ and his desire to ‘get rid of the early voting,’ and ends with Aguilar saying, ‘I will defend your right to vote.’ Across the country, races for secretary of state are gaining steam, in terms of both attention and spending, amid a partisan battle over control of the country’s elections.” [The Nevada Independent, 10/11/22]

Aguilar called Marchant “the most dangerous candidate in America.” “Aguilar, the Democratic nominee for Nevada Secretary of State, riled up the crowd and called his Republican opponent, Jim

Marchant, ‘the most dangerous candidate in America’ for echoing former President Donald Trump's false claim that the 2020 presidential election was rigged. Those claims have been repeatedly disproven, and continuing to perpetuate them casts Marchant's fitness for office into doubt, Aguilar said. ‘He is an extremist, a failed business owner ... and a Trump-loving election denier,’ Aguilar said. ‘You deserve a secretary of state who will be honest with you, and will respect the decisions you made at the ballot box.’” [Las Vegas Sun, 11/1/22]

September 2022: Democratic Association of Secretaries of State spent nearly \$6 million opposing Marchant. “Democratic Association of Secretaries of State-backed group, which launched a wave of advertisements in battleground states, is investing nearly \$6 million in Nevada to prevent Republican secretary of state candidate Jim Marchant, an election denier who has pushed conspiracy theories claiming voter fraud, from becoming the top election official. The first Nevada ad, from a political action committee called the Safe Accessible Fair Elections (SAFE), began airing Tuesday and warns Marchant wants to end early voting and oust Nevada's vote-by-mail process.” [Nevada Current, 9/29/22]

June 2022: Marchant won the GOP primary for secretary of state with nearly 38 percent of the vote. “Jim Marchant, a former Nevada state lawmaker who has made Donald Trump's baseless claims about fraud in the 2020 election a cornerstone of his own campaign, is the Republican nominee to oversee voting in the swing state, according to a race call by The Associated Press. [...] On Tuesday, Marchant defeated several other GOP candidates in the primary for secretary of state, including businessman and former state lawmaker Jesse Haw. As of 8 a.m. ET Wednesday, Marchant had 38% of the vote, well ahead of Haw's 20%.” [NPR, 6/15/22]

- **Marchant Doubted His Own Primary Win, Citing Unspecified “Anomalies.”** “You might be tempted to give Jim Marchant credit for consistency. The former assemblyman and Republican nominee for secretary of state has been a proponent of the notion that elections in Nevada are fraudulent. He believes it so much, in fact, that he doubted his own victory in this month’s primary. ‘I’m not really confident in the result,’ Marchant told the Review-Journal’s Nick Robertson. ‘There’s a lot of doubts in electronic voting systems. Fraud is a harsh word, but there could have been anomalies malicious or accidental based on what I’ve heard.’” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 6/26/22]

April 2021: Marchant Announced Run for SOS. “Former Nevada Assemblyman and 2020 Republican congressional challenger Jim Marchant will run for Secretary of State in 2022, he told the Review-Journal in an interview Friday. Marchant, who was defeated by Rep. Steven Horsford in the 4th District by a little less than 5 percentage points in November, was among the Republican candidates to allege voter fraud in unsuccessful legal challenges after the election. He said Friday he is entering the race for Nevada’s top election official with a tight focus on election integrity and transparency.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 4/24/21]

Marchant: “Election Integrity Is the No. 1 Topic...” ““(Election integrity) is the No. 1 topic everywhere I have gone to speak,” Marchant said. ‘And you know what the No. 1 question is? What if the election is the same in ’22 as it was in 2020? How are we going to guarantee that we’re going to have a fair election? And that’s the \$100,000 question.’ Marchant admitted defeat in his congressional race, but he said there were ‘some shenanigans’ that got him there.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 4/24/21]

Marchant Campaigned on Six-Part “Contract with Nevada.” “To do this, Marchant is campaigning on a six-part ‘Contract with Nevada,’ similar to congressional Republicans’ ‘Contract with America’ legislative agenda in 1994. The contract stipulates: A statewide voter ID requirement, the mandatory use of paper ballots, no mail-in voting except for approved absentee voters such as military members, restricting voting to Election Day, no limits on where and when poll watchers may observe ballot handling in election offices and aggressive voter roll cleanup. When asked how he would accomplish most of these changes if elected, given the fact that election laws are made by the Legislature and must be enforced by the secretary of state, the former legislator said he would seek to convince the state representatives of the need to prevent fraud. He would also use the office’s bill draft requests to attempt to change the voting laws. Marchant said he also opposes automatic voter registration.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 4/24/21]

Wonkette: “‘Big Lie’ Believers Want to Take over All Our Elections.” [Wonkette, 5/24/21]

Breaking News: Marchant “Part of a Wider Group of Republican Secretary-of-State Contenders in...Swing States Who Have Embraced...Trump’s False Claims that He Lost a ‘Rigged Election.’” [Breaking News, 9/22/21]

Marchant: “We’re Trying to Get America First Secretaries of State Elected throughout the Country...We’re Concentrating in the Swing States.” “‘We’re trying to get America First secretaries of state elected throughout the country...we’re concentrating in the swing states,’ said Jim Marchant, a Republican candidate for Nevada secretary of state.” [USA Today, 10/12/21]

- **Marchant Said Idea for Coordination Came from Trump’s Circle** “Marchant told USA TODAY the idea for coordination came from Trump's circle. ‘When (the Trump people) asked me to run for secretary of state, they asked me to put together this coalition,’ he said. ‘It’s something that would help us fundraise...and then adopt certain policies that we all want to see in secretary of state offices.’” [USA Today, 10/12/21]
- **Group Supported Voter ID Laws and “Aggressive” Poll Watchers.** “The group supports voter ID laws and ‘aggressive’ poll watchers, he said, who can more closely monitor election counts at the local level.” [USA Today, 10/12/21]

Las Vegas Sun: “Marchant Was a Leading GOP Figure Promoting the Big Lie in 2020 and...Is Using It as the Tent Pole in His Campaign.” “Marchant was a leading GOP figure promoting the Big Lie in 2020 and now is using it as the tent pole in his campaign. The thought of such a person becoming Nevada's top elections leader is deeply troubling.” [Las Vegas Sun, 10/26/21]

Polling

New York Times/Siena College Nevada Poll showed Aguilar leading over Marchant. “The New York Times/Siena College Nevada Poll also shows a close contest for secretary of state, as the Democrat Aguilar holds a 44%-41% edge over Marchant. However, 26% of independent voters polled remain undecided, Levy said.” [Las Vegas Sun, 11/2/22]

Sept 2022 Nevada Independent/OH Predictive Insights poll: Despite funding advantage, Aguilar trailed Marchant by 8 points. “Aguilar has a significant financial advantage on his own. Entering the general election season, Aguilar reported having nearly \$860,000 in his campaign account, significantly

more than Marchant's reported \$15,000 at the end of June. Facing a well-funded Republican primary challenger, Marchant spent a majority of his campaign funds ahead of the primary election. Both candidates will have to report their last three months of campaign fundraising and spending activity by Oct. 15. Despite the spending in Aguilar's favor, he trails Marchant in the down-ballot secretary of state's race, recent polls show. A Nevada Independent/OH Predictive Insights September poll found Marchant leading Aguilar by 8 points (39 percent to 31 percent), with roughly one-fifth of respondents still undecided. A CNN poll released last week found Aguilar down by 3 points (46 percent to 43 percent)." [The Nevada Independent, 10/11/22]

August 2022 Reno Gazette Journal/Suffolk University poll: Marchant held a roughly four-point lead over Aguilar. "Republican Jim Marchant, a prominent election denier who has sought to become the face of Nevada's 'Stop the Steal' movement, is leading his Democratic opponent in the race to become the state's next chief elections officer, according to a new Reno Gazette Journal/Suffolk University poll released Monday. The same early August poll of 500 likely midterm voters found that nearly half of respondents had ranked the state's election system high on a scale of trustworthiness, with 31 percent saying the voting systems currently in place are 'extremely trustworthy.' Yet Marchant - a former state lawmaker who has said on the campaign trail that Nevada hasn't had a fair and legitimate election since 2006 - held a roughly four-point lead (31.4% to 26.6%) over Democrat Cisco Aguilar in a hypothetical match-up. The poll's margin of error is 4.4 percentage points." [Reno Gazette Journal, 8/25/22]

VOTING AND ELECTIONS

Marchant Disagreed With Trump's Election Executive Order on States'-Rights Grounds.

"Although an ardent Trump supporter and, like Trump, an inveterate election denier, Marchant said he doesn't agree with Trump's executive order seeking to change Nevada's election system. 'I understand what he is trying to do,' Marchant said. But, he added, 'I am a state's rights guy. I don't think the federal government should have a say of what we do here. It should be up to the states. We do have a problem with our election system. We have to clean that up. I don't want to have a federal law or Constitutional amendment or government change the Constitution to fix this.' Though he disagreed with the order, he said he wouldn't have sued." [Nevada Current, 4/21/26]

Marchant took credit for building an "election integrity movement throughout the country." In his candidacy announcement last year, Marchant made no mention of election fraud, but in a Senate candidate forum in February he took credit for creating 'an election integrity movement throughout the country.'" [The Nevada Independent, 5/6/24]

2018: Said Returning Sample Ballots "All the Way Back to the Registrar" Would Increase Election Integrity. "One idea he has to increase election integrity is to return sample ballots 'all the way back to the registrar,' instead of remaining unsecured at the post office. He also wants people to have 'easier access to the paper record' of a voting machine." [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/30/18]

Election Denial

Marchant said he hasn't trusted Nevada election results in twenty years and that he wouldn't even trust the election results if he wins this year. "Meanwhile, Marchant said he has not trusted any Nevada election results for the past 20 years and that he wouldn't even trust the election results if he

wins this year. Keenan has also pushed unsubstantiated claims of widespread voter fraud, including that about 4,000 non-citizens illegally voted in the 2020 election.” [The Nevada Independent, 5/6/26]

WFN: “Marchant’s candidacy is an example of a national trend involving supporters of the ‘big lie’ who are running for offices like secretary of state in order to influence how elections are conducted.” “Meanwhile, the GOP primary for secretary of state is drawing attention to Jim Marchant, the leading GOP candidate in the race who has falsely claimed that Trump won the 2020 election. Marchant’s candidacy is an example of a national trend involving supporters of the ‘big lie’ who are running for offices like secretary of state in order to influence how elections are conducted.” [WFN, 6/13/22]

Reno Gazette-Journal: Marchant has sought to become the face of the discredited ‘Stop the Steal’ movement in Nevada.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 6/14/22]

Las Vegas Sun Editorial: “Marchant contributed to the Jan. 6 insurrection by spreading lies about voter fraud and volunteering to be part of an alternate slate of pro-Trump electors...” “Among those who continue to spread these false claims is Nevada’s own Jim Marchant, who just last week announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate. Marchant contributed to the Jan. 6 insurrection by spreading lies about voter fraud and volunteering to be part of an alternate slate of pro-Trump electors who sought to impose their will on Nevada voters by overturning the results of the 2020 election. His Senate candidacy is disgraceful.” [Las Vegas Sun, 5/8/23]

2020

Marchant: “God bless all of the wrongly accused J6 Prisoners.” “In addition to Marchant’s coziness with the QAnon movement, he has also minimized the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol where Trump backers attempted to stop Congress from certifying the electoral vote in favor of Biden. Trump was impeached for a second time for the ‘incitement of insurrection’ over the deadly mob siege. In a tweet Saturday, Marchant referred to those who are now serving time for crimes committed that day at the Capitol as ‘supposed J6’ criminals. In a tweet from earlier that day, Marchant wrote ‘God bless all of the wrongly accused J6 Prisoners.’” [Las Vegas Sun, 10/27/22]

Marchant Said 2020 Election Was “Stolen” from Him and Trump. “Marchant, a former state assemblyman who was unseated in 2018, said on Thursday that he still believed the 2020 election was “stolen” from both him and Trump. A lawsuit he filed to challenge his 33,000-vote loss to Rep. Steve Horsford, D-Las Vegas, was dismissed after a Clark County judge ruled she lacked jurisdiction throughout the seven-county congressional district.” [AP, 3/4/21]

- **Marchant: “We Have to Change the Laws...I’ve Been Fighting to Change Voter Fraud for Almost Ten Years...We’re All Awake Now.”** ““We have to change the laws here. I’ve been fighting to change voter fraud for almost 10 years,” he said. “We’re all awake now.”” [AP, 3/4/21]

Nevada Current: Marchant “garnered national attention for his full-throated commitment to Trump and false narratives surrounding election integrity.” “Jim Marchant, one of the first to throw his hat into the race, has garnered national attention for his full-throated commitment to Trump and false narratives surrounding election integrity. The former Nevada assemblyman and failed congressional candidate was among a handful of Republicans who cried fraud after the 2020 election. Marchant sued Cegavske in her role as secretary of state, as well as Clark County Registrar of Voters Joe Gloria, in an

attempt to overturn his 5-point loss to Democratic U.S. Rep. Steven Horsford. The case was thrown out.” [Nevada Current, [4/13/22](#)]

Las Vegas Review Journal: Marchant stood alongside six Nevada Republicans in December 2020 who signed fake electoral certificates claiming Trump won Nevada. “Marchant has been a prominent election denier since 2020 when he lost his bid for Nevada’s 4th Congressional District against Democratic Rep. Steven Horsford, claiming that like President Donald Trump, he was also a ‘victim of election fraud.’ He stood alongside six Nevada Republicans in December 2020 who signed fake electoral certificates claiming Trump won Nevada, although he lost to Biden by about 30,000 votes. In 2021 Marchant organized the America First Secretary of State Coalition with a goal to elect ‘America First’ secretaries of state to ‘achieve voter integrity and counter and reverse electoral fraud.’” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 4/23/25]

2022: Marchant said he would not have certified Biden’s 2020 win and would consider sending “alternate electors” to Congress in 2024. “Marchant has proudly owned the fact that he is a part of a coalition of Trump loyalists who are running for secretary of state. He’s said he would not have certified Biden’s win in 2020 and would consider sending “alternate electors” to Congress in 2024.” [Nevada Current, [4/13/22](#)]

Marchant Supported Audit of 2020 Election Results. Marchant: “There are enough anomalies that I’m suspect of our election system nationwide.” [CNN, 8/11/21]

- **Marchant: “If There’s Enough Doubt...for Me Anyway, to Doubt the Election, I Don’t Know Why the Other Side Will Not Let Us Do an Audit...”** “If Joe Biden won, so be it, God bless him. If there's enough doubt right now, for me anyway, to doubt the election, I don't know why the other side will not let us do an audit. I mean, if they're certain about their win, why are they blocking us so vehemently?” [USA Today, 10/12/21]

After his 2020 election loss, Marchant blamed fraud and filed a lawsuit challenging the outcome. “A former state assemblyman, Mr. Marchant unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 2020. But rather than concede a race he lost by more than 16,000 votes, or about 5 percentage points, he blamed fraud for his loss, filing a lawsuit that echoed many debunked claims about the 2020 election that Republicans put forward elsewhere. The lawsuit, and an effort to hold a new election in Clark County, which includes Las Vegas, eventually failed, but Mr. Marchant continued to be a vocal challenger of the 2020 results.” [New York Times, 6/15/22]

- **Marchant sought to force the county commission to order new election for all races in Clark County, or alternatively to order special elections specifically in race he lost.** “Two nearly identical lawsuits were also filed Monday by Republican Congressional candidate Jim Marchant and State Senate candidate April Becker, both of whom are represented by attorney Craig Mueller. The lawsuits claim that the use of an Agilis signature verification machine violated the state law, an argument that Republicans have tried and failed to make in other recent lawsuits...The lawsuits are asking judges to force the county commission to order a new election for all races in Clark County, or alternatively to order special elections specifically in the races that Marchant and Becker lost.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 11/18/20]
- **Longshot Lawsuit Tossed by Judge.** “Failed GOP congressional candidate Jim Marchant lost in court on Friday in his longshot bid at a Clark County re-do election. Endorsed by fellow

disappointed candidate Donald Trump, failed Republican contender Jim Marchant lost his congressional election convincingly this cycle to his Democratic rival Steven Horsford by more than five points and 16,000 votes for Nevada's District 4. Marchant lost again on Friday—this time in court. His legal team left a Clark County judge befuddled as to why they alleged massive shenanigans in Nevada's voting systems but sought a re-vote only in the Democratic stronghold of a typically red state." [Newstex Blogs, 11/20/20]

- **Las Vegas Review Journal: "Like Trump...Marchant Saw Very Close Election Night Margins Widen as More and More Votes Were Counted in Clark County in the Days that Followed."** "Like Trump, Rodimer and Marchant saw very close election night margins widen as more and more votes were counted in Clark County in the days that followed." [Las Vegas Review Journal, 11/20/20]

2022

Marchant implied there was cheating involved in his 2022 loss. "At a forum for GOP Senate candidates Thursday, former secretary of state candidate Jim Marchant implied that there was cheating involved in his electoral defeat, citing a 20,000-vote lead he held at one point during ballot counting. While Marchant led by around 20,000 votes the day after the election, there were significant votes outstanding in Nevada's most populous counties, which lean Democratic. Vote counting in Nevada took days because mail-in ballots that were postmarked by Election Day could be received through the fourth day after Election Day. Cisco Aguilar, the Democratic nominee, won the race by more than 20,000 votes after more votes came in from Clark and Washoe counties." [The Nevada Independent, 2/20/24]

2022: Marchant said if elected to be secretary, he and other members of the America First Secretaries of State Coalition, would install Trump as president in 2024. "The head of a US coalition of election deniers standing for secretary of state positions in key battleground states has made the most explicit threat yet that they will use their powers, should they win in November, to subvert democracy and force a return of Donald Trump to the White House. [...] Marchant said he had investigated what he described as the 'rigged election' and had discovered 'horrifying' irregularities. He provided no details – an official review of the 2020 count in Nevada, which Joe Biden won by 34,000 votes, found no evidence of mass fraud. Addressing the crowd of Trump supporters, Marchant then went on to pledge that he and his band of election deniers would secure a Trump victory in two years' time. 'When I'm secretary of state of Nevada, we are going to fix it, and when my coalition of secretary of state candidates around the country get elected we're going to fix the whole country, and President Trump is going to be president again in 2024,' he said." [The Guardian, [10/10/22](#)]

October 2022: Marchant repeated stolen election claims at a Trump rally. "We have something in common. President Trump and I both lost an election in 2020 because of a rigged election." "During a visit to rural Nevada on Saturday, former President Donald Trump painted a picture of Las Vegas and other American cities as 'drenched in the blood of innocent victims,' and boasted that 'the largest crowd I've ever seen' was January 6. [...] Trump also called Republican candidate for Secretary of State, Jim Marchant, on stage during his speech. Marchant, an avid election denier, repeated false claims that the 2020 election was fixed. 'We have something in common. President Trump and I both lost an election in 2020 because of a rigged election,' Marchant said." [Nevada Current, 10/9/22]

2022: Marchant doubted his own primary win, citing unspecified "anomalies." "You might be tempted to give Jim Marchant credit for consistency. The former assemblyman and Republican nominee

for secretary of state has been a proponent of the notion that elections in Nevada are fraudulent. He believes it so much, in fact, that he doubted his own victory in this month's primary. 'I'm not really confident in the result,' Marchant told the Review-Journal's Nick Robertson. 'There's a lot of doubts in electronic voting systems. Fraud is a harsh word, but there could have been anomalies malicious or accidental based on what I've heard.'" [Las Vegas Review Journal, 6/26/22]

- **Las Vegas Review Journal Editorial Board: Marchant "so deep into election conspiracy theories that he questioned his own primary victory."** "The secretary of state race pits Republican Jim Marchant against Democrat Cisco Aguilar. Mr. Marchant, a former legislator, is so deep into election conspiracy theories that he questioned his own primary victory. Mr. Aguilar is an attorney who's supportive of current GOP incumbent Barbara Cegavaske. We urge a vote for Cisco Aguilar." [Las Vegas Review Journal, [10/17/22](#)]

2022: Marchant said he wouldn't have certified Biden's Nevada win if he were secretary of state. "In the past two years, former state Assemblymember Jim Marchant lost a congressional race by 5 points - then sued unsuccessfully to overturn the defeat. He said he wouldn't have certified President Joe Biden's 2-point victory in Nevada had he been secretary of state. And he has pushed to do away with ballot-counting machines and instead count votes only by hand, which officials say would make tallying election results slower, more expensive and less accurate." [POLITICO, 6/13/22]

2022: Marchant claimed a Soros-funded "cabal" had installed Nevada's leaders since 2006. "Appearing on a podcast in January, Jim Marchant claimed that because of a conspiracy financed by billionaire George Soros, 'we haven't in Nevada elected anybody since 2006. They have been installed by the deep state cabal.' Marchant's failed 2020 campaign for Nevada's 4th Congressional District ended with him filing a lawsuit alleging election irregularities that asked the judge to order a new election. The judge dismissed his claims, saying she lacked jurisdiction. Ever since, Marchant has claimed he was the victim of election fraud and has vowed to 'overhaul' the election system in the state." [Tucson Sentinel, 6/13/22]

2022: Marchant campaign ad falsely claimed Pelosi, Schumer, and Schiff were illegitimately elected. "In a campaign ad Marchant posted to multiple social media platforms, he went beyond his normal blatant lies about Joe Biden being an illegitimate president a claim that has been rejected by dozens of independent audits, investigators and judges including some appointed by Trump. Instead, the ad falsely claims that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., were all also illegitimately elected all part of a vast conspiracy to give Democrats power. His claims are preposterous and lack any evidence whatsoever." [Las Vegas Sun, 10/27/22]

2022: Marchant told a crowd: "Your vote hasn't counted for decades... You haven't elected anybody." "On the Republican side, most candidates at a forum held last week in Reno embraced the 'big lie' that the 2020 election was rife with fraud and pledged to enact policies such as voter ID and paper ballot-only elections. Jim Marchant, a former assemblyman and congressional candidate, went a step further. 'Your vote hasn't counted for decades,' Marchant said. 'You haven't elected anybody. The people that are in office have been selected. You haven't had a choice.'" [The Nevada Independent, [2/11/22](#)]

2022: Marchant was endorsed by prominent election deniers including MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell and Nevada far-right donor Robert Beadles. "Marchant had entered the race early last year and quickly earned the backing of prominent election-deniers both in Nevada and nationwide, including

MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell and Nevada-based far-right donor Robert Beadles.” [Carson Now, 11/12/22]

2026

June 2026: Asked if he trusted the GOP primary election results indicating his win, Marchant said, “well, not really.” “In what became perhaps the most unlikely result of last week's primaries, Marchant — who has said wants to unregister, then re-register all voters in Nevada, verify people's identities through their heartbeats and has not trusted election results in decades, including the times when he won — emerged victorious by more than 3,000 votes. Asked whether he trusts the primary election results, Marchant told The Indy, ‘well, not really.’ It sets up a general election rematch with Secretary of State Cisco Aguilar (D), who beat Marchant in the 2022 general election by more than 20,000 votes. That year, Marchant also fended off an establishment-backed, better-funded candidate (Jesse Haw) in the primary.” [The Nevada Independent, 6/18/26]

Voter Registration

2026: Marchant wanted to unregister, then reregister all voters in Nevada, including using biometrics like fingerprints or pupil scans, to verify voters’ identities. “Marchant's main priority would be to unregister, then reregister all voters in Nevada, including using biometrics to verify people's identities. ‘Fingerprint or scan your pupils, or there's new technology that actually ... can detect your heartbeat, and everybody's heartbeat is unique, so there's a way to identify somebody,’ he said.” [The Nevada Independent, 5/6/26]

Marchant called for overhauling voter roll and the registration process. “I would require everyone to re-register to vote and be able to prove citizenship and prove that you live in the district you are registering in.” In a Q&A, Marchant said, “Require voter ID. Overhaul the voter rolls and registration process. I would require everyone to re-register to vote and be able to prove citizenship and prove that you live in the district you are registering in. Institute single-day voting, and make it a holiday.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 5/4/26]

2022: Marchant wanted to wipe out the current voter registration rolls and force every Nevadan to re-register to vote “For example, Marchant wants to wipe out the current voter registration rolls and force every Nevadan to re-register to vote. He wants to eliminate mail-in voting, requiring everyone, even those with medical issues, to vote in person. He wants to eliminate early voting, so everyone in Nevada would have to vote on Election Day, creating unimaginable chaos and confusion. (Washington Post, June 15)” [Nevada Appeal, 9/21/22]

2018: Marchant Called Automatic DMV Voter Registration “An Absolute Disaster for Nevada.” “Nevada should increase funding for Career and Technical Education, but shouldn’t automatically register voters at the DMV. Assembly Republicans will also oppose tax increases next legislative session. That’s according to Assemblyman Jim Marchant...Marchant called Question 5 ‘an absolute disaster for Nevada.’ That’s the ballot initiative that would automatically register people to vote when they go to the DMV to get a driver’s license.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/30/18]

- **“There’s Just a Lot of Areas for Fraud...”** ““There’s just a lot of areas for fraud there in my opinion,’ he said. ‘If the person doesn’t even know they’re registered, who picks what party they’re in?’” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/30/18]

Proof of Citizenship

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2018: Marchant: “We Don’t Check to See If People Are US Citizens When We Register Them to Vote, which Is a Shame...” “There are already reasons to be concerned about election integrity in Nevada, according to Marchant. ‘We don’t check to see if people are U.S. citizens when we register them to vote, which is a shame,’ he said.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/30/18]

- **Marchant: “I’ve Had People in Registrar Positions Tell Me That They Know There Are People Who Registered Illegal. It’s Because They Get in a Situation Where They May Not Understand English at the Time and They’re Just Doing Stuff.”** “I’ve had people in registrar positions tell me that they know that there are people who are registered illegal. It’s because they get in a situation where they may not understand English at the time, and they’re just doing stuff. They’re nervous, and they just accidentally register.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/30/18]

March 2017: As a legislator, Marchant sponsored A.B. 389, a bill that would have tightened proof of citizenship requirements to register to vote and make it easier to conduct investigations in elections. In March 2017, Marchant introduced A.B. 389. The text of the bill stated, “Existing law provides that to qualify to register to vote and, subsequently, vote in an election in this State, a person must meet certain qualifications, including, that the person must be a citizen of the United States. (Nev. Const. Art. 2, § 1; NRS 167 293.485) Section 14 of this bill specifies that nothing in the election laws of this State shall be construed to authorize a person who is not a citizen of the United States to register to vote or vote in an election in this State. Section 8 of this bill provides that every person who as part of a voter registration drive collects or submits to the county clerk completed applications to register to vote must be a citizen of the United States. Section 9 of this bill provides that every person who will have access to rosters, ballots, mechanical recording devices, ballot boxes or containers in which ballots are deposited or transported must submit to the county or city clerk, as applicable, fingerprints and written authorization for the clerk to obtain the person’s criminal history report. If the criminal history report indicates that the person has been convicted of a crime involving theft or fraud, the county or city clerk shall not allow the person to have access to such elections materials. Section 10 of this bill provides that a county clerk, city clerk, law enforcement agency, district attorney or city attorney may conduct an investigation upon determining that there is reasonable suspicion that any part of the voting system has been illegally altered or tampered or interfered with.” [A.B. 389, Nevada Legislature, accessed [6/1/22](#)]

Voting Machines

2026: Marchant renewed push to eliminate voting machines, claimed machines have “hidden chips.” “He also wants to eliminate all voting machines, transition to paper ballots only and hand count all ballots. Marchant worked with Nye County officials in 2022 on a plan to hand count all ballots, but it was blocked in court. ‘Some of these [voting] machines have hidden chips on them,’ he said. ‘I’ve

discovered that.’ Voting machines are not connected to the internet, and there is no proof of irregularities.” [The Nevada Independent, 5/6/26]

Marchant called for eliminating voting machines and tabulators, and implementing a paper ballot system “with anti-counterfeit measures built in.” In a Q&A, Marchant was asked, “Do you believe Nevada's elections are secure and legitimate, and what - if anything - needs to change?” He replied: “No, Nevada's election system needs to be overhauled so it is secure, fair and transparent. Eliminate computing machines and tabulators from our election process. Implement paper ballots with anti-counterfeit measures built in. Allow poll watchers unfettered access to the vote-counting process, and video record the entire process.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 5/4/26]

2022: Marchant pledged to eliminate voting machines. “Marchant has said that if elected, he would get rid of electronic voting machines, vote by mail, and early voting, and would replace electronic vote tabulators with hand counting of paper ballots.” [Nevada Current, 9/12/22]

2022: Marchant made overhauling Dominion voting machines central to his campaign and claimed there was a global effort to manipulate voting machines “Marchant has centered his campaign on overhauling Dominion Voting Systems machines that are used in 16 out of 17 counties in the state. Marchant also issued a baseless charge in an interview with the Guardian that there is a global effort to manipulate voting machines so leaders can ‘maintain their power.’” [USA Today, 6/12/22]

2022: Marchant called for decertifying Dominion voting machines and pushed all-paper ballots. “In Nevada, Mr. Marchant has called to decertify Dominion voting machines, and urges the use of paper ballots in a state that first began allowing machines to count votes in 1951. ‘Your vote hasn’t counted for decades,’ Mr. Marchant said in a February debate, according to the Nevada Independent. ‘You haven’t elected anybody.’” [The New York Times, 6/5/22]

2022: Marchant worked to persuade counties to toss out voting machines and instead hand-count ballots. “Marchant also has been working to persuade local officials to toss out voting equipment and instead require that all ballots be filled out and counted by hand. Hand-counting all ballots is not only unreliable, labor-intensive and time-consuming, but also unnecessary, according to election experts. Testing before elections and audits afterward is intended to ensure that votes are recorded accurately and that any problems are identified before election results are certified.” [Las Vegas Sun, 9/22/22]

Nye County

June 2022: Marchant pushed Nye County to drop electronic voting for an all-paper system. “At the Nye County Commission meeting on March 15, secretary of state candidate Jim Marchant recommended that commissioners push for a move to an all-paper ballot system, which he claimed was more secure. ‘Electric systems have been shown repeatedly over a 25-year period to be completely insecure and not legitimately certifiable,’ Marchant said at the meeting, without providing evidence to his claims. ‘Which means that you cannot ensure that your constituents are able to vote using a fair and transparent election voting and tabulation system.’” [Pahrump Valley Times, 6/10/22]

- **Aguilar: Marchant’s Push for Nye County Hand-Counting Is “Irresponsible and Dangerous.”** “During a panel on voting rights hosted by Nevada Democratic Victory Tuesday, Democratic candidate for secretary of state Cisco Aguilar heavily admonished Marchant for his role in Nye County's decision to switch to hand-counting paper ballots. ‘What Jim Marchant is

doing in Nye County is irresponsible and dangerous,’ Cisco said. ‘He’s not a serious leader, but the threat he represents is very serious.’ Marchant, along with conservative businessman Russell Ramsland who has also pushed false claims the 2020 election was stolen, insisted Nye County Commissioners switch hand-counting paper ballots.” [Nevada Current, 8/4/22]

Early Voting

2022: Marchant pledged to eliminate early voting if elected secretary of state. “Marchant has said that if elected, he would get rid of electronic voting machines, vote by mail, and early voting, and would replace electronic vote tabulators with hand counting of paper ballots.” [Nevada Current, 9/12/22]

Marchant: “I would like to get rid of the early voting.” “While speaking on a podcast called ‘Pick Your Politics’ in July, Marchant said he believed in making Election Day a single day adding that ‘even though it is very convenient and I like it myself, the early voting, a lot of things happen in those two weeks.’ ‘I would like to get rid of the early voting,’ Marchant told ‘Pick Your Politics.’ ‘That’s going to take some changes in our law. This is not a quick fix process here. It’s going to take getting legislators in there. Once we have a fair and transparent election, I believe we’re going to have the legislators in office that will pass the right kind of laws and fix the bad laws there now.’” [Nevada Current, 9/29/22]

Nevada Current: Marchant voted early on multiple occasions and promoted early voting on social media. Marchant has voted early multiple times and has also promoted early voting on various social media platforms. During a Republican primary for a state Assembly seat that Marchant ended up winning in 2016, he went on social media and advised voters that ‘Early voting makes it easier for you to find a time to go vote, and makes ballot counting more efficient.’ More recently, Marchant took to social media during this year’s primary to say ‘Early voting starts TODAY! Make your choice for Secretary of State in 2022 Jim Marchant!’ Marchant also linked to the secretary of state’s website that listed early voting locations.” [Nevada Current, 9/29/22]

Mail Voting

Marchant Proposed Ending Mail-In Voting Except for Military, Elderly, and Infirm Voters. In a Q&A, Marchant called for eliminating “mail-in ballots except for citizens such as military who cannot be home to vote and who can prove their absence, as well as elderly or infirm citizens who aren’t able to travel to a polling place.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 5/4/26]

2022: Marchant pledged to get rid of vote-by-mail if elected secretary of state. “Marchant has said that if elected, he would get rid of electronic voting machines, vote by mail, and early voting, and would replace electronic vote tabulators with hand counting of paper ballots.” [Nevada Current, 9/12/22]

Before becoming a vote-by-mail opponent, Marchant voted in multiple elections with a mail-in ballot. “While touting false claims that mail-in ballots contribute to election fraud, Republican secretary of state hopeful Jim Marchant has voted on multiple occasions with a mail-in ballot while a registered voter in Florida. Marchant voted in Florida with mail-in ballots in 2006, 2008 and 2010, as first reported by CNN. [...] Before he lost his election in 2020, however, Marchant did not denounce the use of mail-in ballots. In May 2020, he tweeted, ‘Mail-in Ballots have mostly arrived. Be sure and follow the directions perfectly. We would not want your vote to be thrown out because of a mistake. Please Vote for Jim Marchant for Congressional District 4 in Nevada!’ [...] Following his election loss, he and many other Republicans began pushing unsubstantiated claims that the 2020 election was stolen, and mail-in

ballots were part of the problem. In December 2021, after a Las Vegas man was caught for voting twice using his dead wife's name, Marchant called for an end to mail-in voting, saying on Twitter that it is a 'broken system that can not be ignored!' In May 2022, Marchant tweeted 'NO Mail-in ballots! We need to protect our election integrity! VOTE Jim MARCHANT in 2022 to FIGHT voter fraud!'" [Las Vegas Review Journal, 9/24/22]

Voter ID

2026: Marchant called his GOP primary win, a "victory for voter ID." "In his statement, Marchant called his win a 'victory for voter ID.' He is a staunch supporter of implementing voter ID, a ballot question that passed by a wide margin in 2024 and will be before voters again in November. Aguilar has previously said voter ID is a solution to a problem that does not exist, but also said he respects the will of the voters and will work with the governor and local election officials 'to continue strengthening our elections.'" [Associated Press, 6/15/26]

2026: Marchant called for requiring voter ID. In a Q&A, Marchant said, "Require voter ID. Overhaul the voter rolls and registration process. I would require everyone to re-register to vote and be able to prove citizenship and prove that you live in the district you are registering in. Institute single-day voting, and make it a holiday." [Reno Gazette-Journal, 5/4/26]

2020: Las Vegas Sun: "He...Supports Mandated Voter Identification Laws..." "He also supports mandated voter identification laws and said he would not support any laws restricting gun access." [Las Vegas Sun, 5/17/20]