



LUTHERAN ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY IN NEVADA

LEAN 2026 Voter Guide

Faithful discernment for Nevada's statewide ballot measures

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On November 3, Nevadans will choose candidates for public office and vote on statewide ballot measures. These measures can change state law or amend the Nevada Constitution. Their ballot language may be brief, but their effects can be significant and long-lasting for individuals, families, schools, communities, and public life.

LEAN's 2026 Voter Guide is intended to help voters understand the measures appearing on the ballot and consider reliable information as they prepare to vote. The guide also connects readers with relevant ELCA social teaching and civic-engagement resources.

The ELCA Is a Public Church

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America encourages faithful, nonpartisan participation in civic life. ELCA members are invited to learn about candidates and ballot measures, listen carefully to neighbors, and use the church's social teaching as a resource for moral discernment.

The ELCA's social statement *Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All* describes civic participation as one way Christians may take responsibility for the well-being of their communities. It draws on Luther's understanding of “daily bread,” which includes not only food and shelter but also “upright and faithful rulers” and “good government.”

Read the ELCA social statement at [ELCA.org](https://www.elca.org).

Direct Democracy in Nevada

Nevada voters do more than elect representatives — they may also vote directly on proposed laws and constitutional amendments.

A constitutional amendment proposed through the initiative process must be approved by voters in **two successive general elections** before it becomes part of the Nevada Constitution. Both Question 6 and Question 7 received initial approval in 2024 and return to the ballot in 2026 for a second and final vote.

See Nevada's Constitution for the full initiative process and proposed amendment text.

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How to Approach This Ballot

Vote Ballot Measures First

It is important to research every part of the ballot, including the questions that appear after candidate races. Ballot measures can shape Nevada's laws, constitutional protections, elections, and public institutions — and they are easy to overlook or skip when time is short at the polls.

Nevada will once again have the opportunity to vote on two ballot initiatives. In Nevada, initiatives must pass in two successive elections before becoming part of the State Constitution. In 2024, Ballot Question 6 and Question 7 both passed. These two measures return to this November's ballot for their required second vote — if they pass again, they will be added to the Nevada Constitution.

Use this guide alongside your county sample ballot, the Secretary of State's official voter resources, and the full text of each measure. Share it with family, friends, and neighbors who may find it helpful.

Vote Faithfully

LEAN takes positions only on those measures that relate to its policy priorities, as set forth in Matthew 25 — to love and seek justice for “the least of these” — and ELCA social teaching via its Social Statements and Messages. Positions were adopted by the LEAN Policy Committee on September 25, 2024.

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UNDERSTANDING LEAN'S POSITIONS

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| <p> Strong Support — ELCA social teaching addresses this issue directly.</p> | <p> Strong Oppose — ELCA social teaching addresses this issue directly.</p> |
| <p> Support — ELCA social teaching addresses this issue generally.</p> | <p> Oppose — ELCA social teaching addresses this issue generally.</p> |
| <p> Neutral — The amendment relates to two or more social teaching documents in a contrary or contradictory way.</p> | <p> No Position — ELCA lacks social teaching upon which to decide.</p> |

The Two Amendments, Explained

QUESTION 6

Right to Abortion Initiative

LEAN POSITION: NEUTRAL

Should the Nevada Constitution be amended to create an individual's fundamental right to an abortion, without interference by state or local governments, whenever the abortion is performed by a qualified healthcare professional until fetal viability or when necessary to protect the health or life of the pregnant individual at any point during the pregnancy?

A "YES" VOTE

Would create a new section of the Nevada Constitution establishing a person's constitutional right to abortion, so a person can make decisions about abortion and reproductive healthcare without interference from state or local governments.

A "NO" VOTE

Would keep the Nevada Constitution in its current form and would not impact the availability of abortion as a statutory right under Nevada law.

WHY NEUTRAL

The ELCA's social statement on abortion recognizes the moral complexity of abortion decisions. It calls for serious discernment, supports the well-being and agency of pregnant people, and acknowledges that Christians may reach different conclusions in particular circumstances. LEAN recognizes that faithful Lutherans may discern this constitutional amendment differently while sharing commitments to the health, dignity, safety, and flourishing of pregnant people, children, and families.

Guiding document: ELCA Social Statement on Abortion.

QUESTION 7

Voter Identification Initiative

LEAN POSITION: OPPOSE

Should the Nevada Constitution be amended to require voters to present photo identification when voting in person and to provide certain identifying information when voting by mail ballot?

A "YES" VOTE

Would require voters to show acceptable photo identification when voting in person, and would require mail-ballot voters to provide identifying information such as the last four digits of a Nevada driver's license number, Social Security number, or county-issued voter-registration number.

A "NO" VOTE

Would leave the Nevada Constitution unchanged and preserve Nevada's current voter-verification procedures.

WHY OPPOSE

LEAN opposes Question 7 because voting is a fundamental right and public policy should expand, not unnecessarily burden, every eligible voter's ability to participate. Requirements that make voting more difficult can have disproportionate effects on older adults, people with disabilities, low-income voters, voters experiencing homelessness, rural voters, Tribal community members, and voters whose identification does not reflect their current name or address. Nevada already uses voter-registration records, signature verification, and other election-security practices to protect the integrity of elections. Faithful civic engagement calls us to safeguard elections while ensuring every eligible voter can cast a ballot with dignity and without unnecessary barriers.

Guiding ELCA Social Message: "Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy."

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