

A GUIDE TO THE
NGL MEMBERSHIP
PROGRAM



NEVADA CONSERVATION LEAGUE

ABOUT US

As the **political voice of Nevada's conservation community**, NCL works to protect our climate, air, water, land, and health by translating conservation values into political and policy priorities that we actively promote **so all Nevada's communities can thrive**.

We recognize that certain communities are disproportionately impacted by environmental degradation and climate disruption and at all levels of our work, we seek more environmentally just outcomes. We strive to do all of our work in a way that **recognizes and builds a deeper understanding of issues of racial and social justice** and in a way that builds a more inclusive organization.

BECOME AN NCL SUSTAINING MEMBER

As the conservation community's political voice, **we rely on supporters like you** to ensure that conservation issues remain a top priority at the federal, state, and local level.

Monthly contributors help power our advocacy and help us work to ensure that all Nevadans have clean water, clean air, and can access their parks and public lands.

Contributions to our organization allow us to **engage in direct advocacy with lawmakers and engage in political campaign** activity to help elect pro-conservation champions to public office.



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LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

The organization was officially established in 2001 and intended to be a political voice for the environmental community to **hold elected officials accountable for their environmental records and to promote the election of pro-environment candidates.**

The first notable project of NCL was the organization's 2003 Conservation Scorecard, which provides information about critical environmental legislation considered and votes taken during Nevada state legislative sessions. **The Conservation Scorecard** would continue to be a project of the organization to this day.

NCL continues its advocacy work through various legislative efforts on a local, state, and national level.

NOTABLE WINS

- ✓ Recommitting Nevada to the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact (2012-2013)
- ✓ Establishing Gold Butte National Monument (2016)
- ✓ Restoring net metering (2017)
- ✓ Passing ballot initiative to increase renewable portfolio standard (2018)

STATE LEVEL VICTORIES

- ✓ Significant investments in energy efficiency programs within SB448
- ✓ Passage of AJR3 which supported President Biden's 30by30 initiative - making Nevada the first state to do so
- ✓ Passage of AB349 which aimed to reduce smog pollution by closing the 'classic car loophole'
- ✓ Signing of an executive order by Gov. Sisolak promoting Nevada's Wildlife Habitat and Migration Corridors



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ELECTORAL EFFORTS

During the past two election cycles, NCL is credited with helping **flip control of the governor's mansion** by electing the first Democratic governor in nearly two decades while also defending and electing conservation champions.

Under the historic leadership of both the first female Senate Majority Leader, Nicole Cannizzaro and under the first African American Assembly Speaker, Jason Frierson, **Nevada has made strides on several environmental issues at the forefront of the conservation movement.** From becoming the first state in the nation to pass a state-level resolution in support of the 30x30 global initiative (AJR3) towards making historic investments to improve our state's clean energy infrastructure (SB448). **NCL has strong relationships with legislators in both chambers** as a result of the collaborative efforts on several pieces of bold legislation.

This election cycle we plan to make major investments in key legislative races. Our efforts have already proven to be important like **in the case of the Assembly District 29 Democratic primary.** Conservation Champion, Assembly Lesley Cohen faced a primary challenger whose campaign was kickstarted by the fossil fuel industry. **NCL successfully led the charge** to push back and defeat this coalition of anti-environmental interest groups and their candidate.

On a local level, for the first time ever, we will also actively work to defend conservation champions on the Clark County Commission. With our legislature meeting every other year for a few months, the Clark County Commission is seen as the most powerful local governmental body, rivaling the legislature – it encompasses 3 out of 4 of the largest cities in the state and houses 2.2 million people. While it will remain a democratic majority, the key to passing environmental policies that will support state-wide efforts lays in **re-electing our conservation champions.**



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