

## State Public Charter School Authority Application

Lisa Levine (Resume Provided)

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**Reason to Serve:** Education is the great equalizer and access to it is key for all people to have the opportunity to aspire for the American Dream. This is why I am such an advocate for education and passionate about strengthening it. I am a big believer that Nevada's road to recovery runs through education and I want to be a part of strengthening Nevada's education system. This board can be part of the solution and I'd like to have a role in that.

**Qualifications:** I am a strong believer that Nevada's recovery runs through education, especially when it comes to diversifying the workforce through economic development. I was appointed to the Board of Regents by the Governor to help mitigate budget cuts in the midst of the pandemic and served on the Board until January of 2021. I continue to be an education advocate and consensus builder by serving on the UNLV Alumni Association's Board of Directors and Chairing their Advocacy Committee, Million Women Mentors of Nevada, Public Education Foundation, and Women's Research Institute of Nevada. Growing up in Las Vegas, I earned my public education through the Clark County School District and obtained a bachelor's degree in political science and master's degree in public administration from UNLV, where I am currently completing a Ph.D. in public affairs. I bring more than fifteen years of experience in public affairs with a unique background in business, government, and politics. Prior to starting my small business, I served as director of government relations for IGT and oversaw business development and external affairs on the west coast. Before joining IGT, I spent more than a decade working in Nevada politics and government, including serving as the longtime political director and senior advisor to the member of congress who represents Nevada's First District. During my time working in government, I led several education policy initiatives, as well. Thank you for your consideration. Lisa

**Summary of Experience, Education, Achievements:** Resume attached. Thank you.

**Highest Level of Education Completed:** Master's Degree

**Job Title:** Principal Sagebrush Strategies

**Professional Licenses:** not applicable

**Served on other Board, Commission, Council, etc.:** Yes

**Service Experience Boards, Commissions, etc.:** Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents, May 2020-Jan 2021; Nevada Legislative Statutory Committee on Industrial Programs, Jan 2019-Jan 2021; Clark County Animal Advisory Committee, Jan 2015-Jan 2017

**Registered to Vote:** Yes

**Registered Lobbyist:** No

**Gender Identity:** Female

**Hispanic/Latino:** No

**Ethnic Identity:** Caucasian/White

**Tribal Heritage:** n/a

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**Languages:** English

**Veteran:** No

**Disability:** No

**County of Residence:** Clark County

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## Professional Experience

Sagebrush Strategies (June 2021 – Present)

Principal – During the pandemic I seized on an opportunity to start a small business and launched a public affairs firm in Nevada.

International Game Technology (IGT) (June 2018 – June 2021)

Director of Government and Community Relations – I led government affairs, community relations, and business development for the company on the west coast. I managed a team of consultants to expand company initiatives in the gaming space.

Congressional Office of Dina Titus (Jan 2013 – May 2018)

Special Assistant – Served as senior advisor to member of congress; specialized in outreach and policies on gaming, technology, workforce development, economic development, education, and STEAM; managed initiatives such as Grant Writing Workshops, the Congressional Art Competition, and the House App Challenge.

Dina Titus for Congress Campaign (May 2008 – May 2018)

Political Director – Manage campaign efforts: liaison with candidates, stakeholders, community leaders, and coalitions; strategic communication & engagement; event planning and outreach; manage social mediums and serve as press contact; secure endorsements; craft marketing material; build & maintain alliances to advance priorities.

Hillary Clinton for President, Nevada Caucus (Aug 2007 – Jan 2008)

Community Organizer – Assisted with voter and volunteer outreach and mobilization efforts.

## Public Service

Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents (2020 – 2021)

Representing District 5

Nevada Legislative Statutory Committee on Industrial Programs (2020 – 2021)

Representing Manufacturing

Clark County, Nevada's Animal Advisory Board (2015 – 2017)

Representing General Public

## Education

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)

College of Urban Affairs, School of Public Policy and Leadership (2019 – Present)

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs

Focus: Education, Arts Education, Public Art Policy, and Cultural Policy

College of Urban Affairs, School of Public Policy and Leadership (2015 – 2017)

Master of Public Administration, 4.0 G.P.A.

Focus: Public Policy Process, Government, and Program Evaluation

College of Liberal Arts (2007 – 2014)

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Dean's List

Focus: American Government, Public Policy, and Ethics

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### Publications

- Levine, Lisa and Dzedziak, Caryll, “Support women and girls in Nevada’s recovery” (2022). *The Nevada Independent*, <https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/support-women-and-girls-in-nevadas-recovery>
- Levine, Lisa, “See it, believe it, become it” (2021). *The Las Vegas Sun*, <https://m.lasvegassun.com/news/2021/mar/17/see-it-believe-it-become-it/>
- Levine, Lisa, “When Higher Education Succeeds, Nevada Succeeds” (2020). *The Nevada Independent*, <https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/when-higher-education-succeeds-nevada-succeeds>
- Garrity, Cherie; Levine, Lisa; Phillips, Angela; and Tenorio, Izack, "Program Evaluation for the Nevada School of the Arts" (2017). *UNLV Theses, Dissertations, Professional Papers, and Capstones*. 3111, <http://dx.doi.org/10.34917/11201564>

### Grants and Awards

- Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Chapter 100 (2022)
- Women of Distinction Awards, National Association of Women Business Owners (2021)
- Community Service Award, Battle Born Progress (2021)
- Women’s Equality Day Award, Women’s Democratic Club of Clark County (2021)
- Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics, Iowa State University (2019)
- UNLV Graduate Studies Grant (2015 – 2017)
- UNLV Communications Department and McGraw Hill Speech Competition (2008)
- MGM Mirage Academic Excellence Scholarship (2007 – 2008)

### Community Engagement

- UNLV Alumni Association’s Board of Directors, Advocacy Chair (2021-Present)
- The Public Education Foundation, Board Member (2018 – Present)
- Women’s Research Institute of Nevada, Community Advisory Board Member (2012 – Present)
- Million Women Mentors, Nevada Steering Committee and Founding Member (2018 – 2021)
- Nevada Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Board Member (2019 – 2020)

### Trade & Industry Associations

- 2020 Women on Boards Las Vegas, Member (2019 – Present)
- IGT Women Inclusion Network, Executive Committee Member (2019 – 2021)
- IGT Executive Las Vegas Leadership Council, Chair (2018 – 2021)
- Las Vegas Chamber, Government Affairs Committee Member (2018 – 2021)
- AGEM, Governmental Affairs Committee Member (2018 – 2021)

### Leadership Training

- Anti-Defamation League’s Glass Leadership Institute (2012)
- National Education for Women’s Leadership Program (2011)
- Alpha Delta Pi and Fraternal Government Relations Coalition’s Hill Lobbying Training (2009)