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### **For First Time Retail Association of Nevada Announces Endorsed Candidates**

(Carson City)--Last month RAN announced its intention to endorse candidates for the State Legislature, writing that as a business community we must do better at highlighting and recognizing candidates and incumbents who not only share our views and goals but who can effectively articulate and fight for those views in the halls of power. Our list of endorsed candidates is below.

Individual legislators' matrix scores from the previous session, which provide an objective evaluation of the legislator's votes and accessibility, played a large role in shaping who received an endorsement from the Association but it was not the sole consideration; RAN also took into account the rhetoric coming from campaigns as well as a legislator's support of business during the interim when the cameras aren't rolling.

For new candidates, endorsements are dependent upon communication we've received from them. Whether it was interviews, phone calls, or invitations to participate in their campaigns, we've come to understand the motivations and goals that those candidates who we've chosen to endorse possess. We're confident that if these individuals are elected, the business community would be better represented during the 2013 Legislative Session.

Steve Kirk (R), Senate District 5  
Mari St. Martin (R), Senate District 9  
Greg Brower (R), Senate District 15  
Pete Goicoechea (R), Senate District 19  
John Hambrick (R), Assembly District 2  
Michele Fiore (R), Assembly District 4  
Kelly Hurst (R), Assembly District 9  
Crescent Hardy (R), Assembly District 19  
Becky Harris (R), Assembly District 21  
Mellissa Woodbury (R), Assembly District 23  
Randy Kirner (R), Assembly District 26  
David Espinosa (R), Assembly District 31  
John Ellison (R), Assembly District 33  
James Oscarson (R), Assembly District 36  
Pete Livermore (R), Assembly District 40

Mark Hutchison (R), Senate District 6  
Debbie Smith (D), Senate District 13  
Scott Hammond (R), Senate District 18  
Marilyn Kirkpatrick (D), Assembly District 1  
Peggy Pierce (D), Assembly District 3  
Bill Harrington (R), Assembly District 5  
Paul Anderson (R), Assembly District 13  
Ellen Spiegel (D), Assembly District 20  
Lynn Stewart (R), Assembly District 22  
Pat Hickey (R), Assembly District 25  
Ken Lightfoot (R), Assembly District 30  
Ira Hansen (R), Assembly District 32  
Thomas Blanchard (R), Assembly District 35  
Jim Wheeler (R), Assembly District 39  
Phil Regeski (R), Assembly District 41

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