

Anchored Perspectives
On Behalf of NAACP Chapter 1111

Dear Chair Members of the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

On behalf of the NAACP Chapter 1111, we would like to express our full support for Assembly Bill 306 (AB306), which strengthens voter accessibility and ensures that all Nevadans have a secure, convenient, and equitable way to exercise their fundamental right to vote.

As a leading civil rights organization, the NAACP has a deep-rooted commitment to voter protection, civic engagement, and dismantling systemic barriers that disproportionately affect Black and marginalized communities. Historically, restrictive voting policies have suppressed voter participation, particularly among communities of color. By increasing the number of mail ballot drop box locations during a critical period of the election cycle, AB306 directly aligns with the NAACP's mission to advance equitable voting access and protect democracy for all Americans.

We Support AB306:

1. Expanding Access Eliminates Barriers:
Many voters face challenges due to work schedules, caregiving responsibilities, disabilities, or lack of transportation. Extending drop box availability ensures all eligible voters have the opportunity to cast their ballot without unnecessary restrictions.
2. Protecting the Integrity of Mail Voting:
Mail voting has been a secure and reliable voting method for decades. By formalizing additional drop box locations and maintaining strict chain-of-custody measures, AB306 enhances election security while promoting voter confidence.
3. Addressing Historic Disenfranchisement:
Communities of color have historically faced voter suppression tactics such as polling place closures and restrictive voting laws. Expanding mail ballot drop box locations is a proactive step toward ensuring every Nevadan, regardless of zip code, can participate fully in the electoral process.

As someone deeply involved in civic engagement and advocacy, I believe that every voter should have more—not fewer—options to participate in democracy. Limiting access to voting disproportionately affects working-class families, single parents, seniors, and individuals in rural communities who may not have the flexibility to vote during limited time frames. The right to vote is the foundation of our democracy, and any measure that strengthens access strengthens the voice of the people.

AB306 is a necessary and commonsense reform that ensures Nevada remains a leader in voting accessibility. I urge this committee to stand on the right side of history by supporting this bill and prioritizing voter equity and participation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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