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### **TransparentNevada releases results of candidate survey on government-transparency issues**

LAS VEGAS — TransparentNevada, a web operation dedicated to making information on government financing easily accessible to the general public, today released the results of a transparency questionnaire sent to all of Nevada's 2010 legislative and constitutional-office candidates.

More than 55 candidates completed the questionnaire, which was designed to measure their commitment to promoting open government in the Silver State. The questionnaire contained six questions, including: "Do you support putting Nevada's checkbook online in a searchable format, as states such as Missouri and Texas have done?" and "Do you support applying Nevada's open-meeting law to the Legislature?"

"Citizens have a fundamental right to know how government is spending public money, and therefore it is imperative that candidates be forthright with voters about how committed they are to government transparency," said Andy Matthews, vice president for operations and communications at the Nevada Policy Research Institute, which operates TransparentNevada as a public service. "This information will help voters determine which candidates are truly committed to upholding the people's right to know."

The bi-partisan list of candidates who responded to the survey includes Lt. Gov. Brian Krolicki and both major-party candidates for state treasurer, Democrat Kate Marshall and Republican Steve Martin. Dozens of legislative candidates responded as well. The candidates' responses are available online at <http://transparentnevada.com/2010-transparency-survey/>.

"We at NPRI urge citizens to review this list and to learn about the candidates' beliefs regarding transparency and openness in government," said Matthews. "We will add responses to the TransparentNevada website as more come in, and so we also urge citizens to bring these questions up to candidates who did not respond. Voters have a need and a right to know where candidates stand on specific transparency issues."

Matthews said that in general, those candidates who responded indicated support for making Silver State government more transparent.

"Voters should be encouraged to know that every candidate who returned a survey indicated support for at least two proposals that would lead to greater transparency in Nevada state government," said Matthews.

The following is a complete list of survey questions and candidate responses:

**Questions:**

1. Do you support putting an itemized accounting of all state spending (a.k.a. Nevada's checkbook) online in a searchable format, as states such as Missouri and Texas have done?
2. Do you support placing local-government negotiations with public-employee unions under Nevada's open-meeting law?
3. Do you support applying Nevada's open-meeting law to the Legislature?
4. Do you support giving the public 72 hours to read all bills before they go to a floor vote?
5. Do you support requiring campaign finance data to be publicly available in a common, electronically searchable format (e.g., Excel, CSV, tab-delimited, etc.)?
6. Will you sponsor legislation in support of any of the above items? (This question applies to legislative candidates only.) If yes, please use the "comment" section to describe the kind of legislation you will sponsor.

Name	Party	Office	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
David Scott Curtis	Green	Governor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Eugene "Gino" Disimone	Independent	Governor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Aaron Y. Honig	Independent	Governor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Arthur Forest Lampitt, Jr.	Libertarian	Governor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Brian K. Krolicki	Republican	Lieutenant Governor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Joel F. Hansen	Independent American	Attorney General	Yes	Yes	Maybe	Yes	Yes	N/A
Travis Barrick	Republican	Attorney General	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	N/A
John Wagner	Independent American	Secretary Of State	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A

Rob Lauer	Republican	Secretary Of State	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A
Kim R. Wallin	Democrat	State Controller	Yes	No	Yes	Lean No	Yes	N/A
Warren Markowitz	Independent American	State Controller	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Barry Herr	Republican	State Controller	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Kate Marshall	Democrat	State Treasurer	Yes	Yes	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Yes	N/A
Steven E. Martin	Republican	State Treasurer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Anthony "Tony" Wright	Republican	Senate - Clark District 07 (b)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Lean Yes	Yes
Tom Jones	Independent American	Senate - Clark District 09	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Henry Tyler	Republican	Senate - Clark District 10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Don Gustavson	Republican	Senate - Washoe District 02	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mark Trudeau	Republican	AD 01	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
David Lerner	Democrat	AD 02	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
John Hambrick	Republican	AD 02	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eric Morelli	Republican	AD 03	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tim Williams	Republican	AD 05	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carole R. Long	Republican	AD 06	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maybe	Yes
Stacey Gonzales	Independent American	AD 08	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lois Basichis	Republican	AD 09	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tyler Andrews	Republican	AD 10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tod Oppenborn	Republican	AD 12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Leonard Foster	Independent American	AD 13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stan Vaughan	Independent American	AD 15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bob Irwin	Republican	AD 16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Answer	Yes
James S. Rhodes	Independent American	AD 19	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Crescent Hardy	Republican	AD 20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Lean Yes
Les McKay	Independent American	AD 21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mark Sherwood	Republican	AD 21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kevinn Donovan	Democrat	AD 22	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Salli Durbin	Independent American	AD 22	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nathan Santucci	Libertarian	AD 22	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Melissa Woodbury	Republican	AD 23	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Monte Johnson	Republican	AD 24	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pat Hickey	Republican	AD 25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Angie Taylor	Democrat	AD 26	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Lean Yes
Gabe Jurado	Republican	AD 27	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
James L. Cressman	Republican	AD 28	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Randi Thompson	Republican	AD 31	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jodi Stephens	Republican	AD 32	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ira Hansen	Republican	AD 32	Yes	Yes	No	Lean Yes	Yes	Yes	Maybe
Michael McFarlane	Democrat	AD 33	Lean Yes	Yes	Yes	Lean No	Lean Yes	Lean Yes	Maybe
Janine Hansen	Independent American	AD 33	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Richard Deeds	Republican	AD 34	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
John O'Connor	Democrat	AD 35	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maybe
David Vanderbeek	Independent American	AD 36	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Philip Joseph Lupo	Republican	AD 37	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dennis Gomez	Independent American	AD 38	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tom Grady	Republican	AD 38	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Lean Yes
David K Schumann	Independent American	AD 39	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pete Livermore	Republican	AD 40	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Jan Porter	Republican	AD 41	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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