

WHY YOU SHOULD **VOTE NO** ON ALL THREE BALLOT INITIATIVES

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QUESTION 1

Question One seeks to amend the state constitution by adding a specific guarantee that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged on account of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, ancestry or national origin. This is feel-good initiative – seeking protections already guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution’s Fourteenth Amendment. It’s unwise to ingrain relatively new – and regularly changing – social phenomena such as ‘gender identity or expression’ in the document that guides how Nevada is run.



QUESTION 2

Question Two would boost Nevada’s minimum wage to \$12 an hour an hour. The legislature has already passed minimum wage increases that will bring the rate to \$12 by 2024 for employees who do not receive benefits, while those who do can be paid \$11 an hour. This initiative would make the minimum \$12 an hour across the board, benefits or no benefits. Besides the fact that minimum wage laws often hurt those they’re supposed to help by displacing lower-wage earners, including young adults and those new to the workforce, upping the minimum across the board eliminates employees’ option to earn a little less in exchange for benefits or flexible hours. Should Nevada be formalizing a specific rate of pay, given inflation and likely attempts to raise it further in the future?

QUESTION 3

Question Three would allow all Nevada voters the right to participate in open primary elections and change the general election so that voters would rank candidates running for the Nevada legislature, statewide office and the U.S. House and Senate from one through five by preference. Ranked-choice voting would open elections to confusion, mistakes and a lack of accountability. Voters choosing a single individual they believe will do the best job is a much simpler and straightforward process. It’s worked relatively well in Nevada for the past 150-plus years, and there’s no need to change.

