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Sisolak Endorsed

### **Clark County Commission**

In District A, university Regent Steve Sisolak, a Democrat, is taking on Republican businessman Brian Scroggins for the seat suddenly vacated by the venerable Bruce Woodbury, thanks to term limits. Woodbury, for his part, has endorsed Scroggins.

Sisolak evidences a firm grasp of county issues, and has an impressive record on the Board of Regents, well known as the voice of reason on a board that all too often has been unreasonable.

Sisolak understands the issue of public employee salaries and benefits, but he's not antagonistic toward government employees. And he's a solid vote against the county taking over the failing Las Vegas Monorail, a move we'd certainly oppose as well.

Scroggins previously served on the state contractor's board, where an ethical foible made headlines: While mulling his ultimately unsuccessful bid for secretary of state in 2006, he began soliciting contractors -- the very people he was responsible for regulating -- for campaign donations. He then asked the state Ethics Commission for a ruling as to whether such solicitations were appropriate, and, despite being discouraged by commissioners, finally received a legal blessing, with the appropriate disclosures and abstentions.

But the notion that he was subordinating his public duty -- and creating brand-new conflicts of interest where none has existed before -- to his private desire for political advancement never seems to have crossed his mind. "I believed what I was doing was proper," he says by way of defense.

That alone gives us great pause, given the reputation and history of the county commission. We endorse **Steve Sisolak**.

You can read the entire article here:

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