

# Distinguished Nevadan Nomination Form

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**Deadline: December 31**

**Please send all nominations to:**

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**Board of Regents**  
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**1. Salutation:**        ☒ Mr.   ☐ Mrs.   ☐ Miss   ☐ Ms.   ☐ Dr.

**2. Nominee's Name** *(please ensure correct spelling):*

Hon. James H. Bilbray

**3. Nominee's Mailing Address:**

**4. Nominee's Phone Number: Work:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Employment History** *(attach additional material if necessary):*

Lawyer, private practice; deputy district attorney, Clark  
County, Nev., 1965-1967.

Chief legal counsel- Clark County juvenile court 1967 to 1968

Alternate municipal judge in Las Vegas from 1978 to 1980.

Nevada State Senator from 1981 to 1987.

U.S. House of Representatives 1986 to 1996.

Alternate judge, city of Las Vegas, Nev., 1978-1980.

Member of the Nevada state senate, 1981-1987.

U.S. Congresses January 3, 1987-January 3, 1995.

As of counsel with the law firm of Kummer, Kaempfer, Bonner  
and Renshaw 1996 - present.

**6. Educational Background** *(attach additional material if necessary):*

Graduated from Las Vegas High School. Attended the University  
of Nevada, Las Vegas, from 1959 to 1960. Received a B.A. in  
government and public administration from American University  
in Washington, D.C., in 1962 and a J.D. from the Washington  
College of Law in 1964. Received an honorary doctorate of  
laws from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2001 for  
his work in state and federal government.

**7. Reasons for Nomination:** *(Please include outstanding accomplishments, achievements, and contributions to Nevada and its people. Please be specific and provide considerable detail. You may attach additional pages if necessary.)* \_\_\_\_\_

A native Nevadan. Jim Bilbray served as President of the  
UNLV student body, and was the founder and first president  
of the UNLV Alumni Association. He was elected University  
of Nevada system Regent where he served from 1968 to 1972.  
He served in 1990 to 1992 as a member of the United States  
Air Force Board of Visitors, and from 1995 to 1999 as a  
member of the United States Military Academy Board of Visitors.  
Over his long professional career, Congressman Bilbray has  
represented the city of Las Vegas, Clark County, the Las Vegas  
Convention and Visitors Authority and the University of Nevada  
Las Vegas.

**8. Other NSHE Awards** *(please list other awards this individual has received):* \_\_\_\_\_

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**9. Nominated by Regent:** Board Nomination



**James Hubert Bilbray** (born May 19, 1938) is an American politician and lawyer from Nevada.

Born in Las Vegas, Nevada, Bilbray graduated from Las Vegas High School and attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, from 1959 to 1960. He received a B.A. in government and public administration from American University in Washington, D.C., in 1962 and a J.D. from the Washington College of Law in 1964. He served in the Nevada Army National Guard from 1955 to 1956 and in the Nevada Army Reserves from 1957 to 1963.

Bilbray practiced law and was deputy district attorney of Clark County, Nevada, from 1965 to 1967. He was then chief legal counsel in the Clark County juvenile court from 1967 to 1968 and was an alternate municipal judge in Las Vegas from 1978 to 1980. He became licensed to practice law before the Nevada Gaming Commission and the Nevada Gaming Control Board in 1970. A Democrat, he ran for the United States House of Representatives against conservative incumbent Walter Baring, a fellow Democrat who was disliked by his party's establishment. Bilbray was elected to the Nevada State Senate, where he served from 1981 to 1987 and became chairman of the Taxation Committee and was also a member of the Judiciary Committee. He successfully ran for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1986 for the seat being vacated by Harry Reid, who made a successful run for the U.S. Senate in the same election. He served as chairman of the Small Business Subcommittee on Taxation, Tourism and Procurement and was also a member of the Foreign Affairs, Armed Services and Intelligence committees.

After leaving Congress, Bilbray joined the law firm of Kummer, Kaempfer, Bonner and Renshaw as of counsel in 1996 where he has specialized in dealing with local, state and federal issues. In 2001, he received an honorary doctorate of laws from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for his work in state and federal government. He was appointed a commissioner on the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission and in 2006 was appointed a member of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service by President George W. Bush for a term ending in 2015. He currently resides in Las Vegas. James H. Bilbray Elementary School in Las Vegas is named in his honor.

Bilbray is the father of 2014 Congressional candidate Erin Bilbray and cousin to former [Republican](#) congressman [Brian Bilbray](#) of [California](#).

# BILBRAY, HON. JAMES H.



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OF COUNSEL

## PRACTICE:

The Honorable James H. Bilbray is an Of Counsel attorney with his primary area of practice focusing on government relations and administrative law. He joined Kaempfer Crowell in 1996. He served as a United States Congressman representing Nevada's first Congressional district for eight years.

## PRACTICE AREAS:

- [Legislative Affairs](#)

## COMMUNITY:

A native Nevadan, Congressman Bilbray helps clients navigate through local, state and federal issues and provides expert counsel on governmental affairs issues. Jim Bilbray served as President of the UNLV student body, and was the founder and first president of the UNLV Alumni Association. He was elected University of Nevada system Regent where he served from 1968 to 1972. He served in 1990 to 1992 as a member of the United States Air Force Board of Visitors, and from 1995 to 1999 as a member of the United States Military Academy Board of Visitors. Over his long professional career, Congressman Bilbray has represented the city of Las Vegas, Clark County, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority and the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

Congressman Bilbray currently serves as Vice Chairman on the U.S. Postal Board of Governors, which makes decisions concerning the operation of the U.S. Postal Service, including expenditures and setting postal policies. His nine-year term ends in December 2015.

The Congressman was also one of nine members appointed to the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC). The BRAC Commission was an independent entity that submitted its findings and recommendations to President George W. Bush regarding the list of bases and military installations which the Department of Defense had recommended closing and/or realigning.

Prior to being elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1987, Congressman Bilbray served as Nevada State Senator, where he chaired the powerful Taxation Committee and was a member of the Judiciary Committee.

During his four terms in the United States Congress, he was Chairman of the Small Business Subcommittee on Taxation, Tourism and Procurement, and was a member of the Foreign Affairs, Armed Services and Intelligence Committees.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Congressman Bilbray formerly served as director of the Lady Luck Gaming Corporation and on the advisory board of SRD Corporation, a corporation specializing in casino security. He has been licensed to practice before the Nevada Gaming Board and Commission since 1970. On December 8, 2001, he received an honorary doctorate of laws from the University of Nevada Las Vegas for his extensive contributions to the state and U.S. government.

## EDUCATION:

J.D. 1964, Washington College of Law  
B.A. 1962, American University, Washington, D.C.

## BAR ADMISSION:

Nevada 1965