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Amy Vilela announces campaign for NV-01

Progressive Democrat Amy Vilela Launches 2022 Primary Challenge for Nevada's First Congressional District, Says "Nevada Deserves More"

LAS VEGAS—Progressive Democrat, business woman, and national activist, Amy Vilela on Tuesday morning filed for and announced her 2022 primary campaign for Nevada's Las Vegas-based First Congressional District with the message that Nevadans deserve more from their elected representatives.

"From Covid to climate change, politics-as-usual simply isn't working for regular people. Here in Las Vegas, we are facing record unemployment, we suffer perpetual underfunding for education and other critical services, our housing prices are sky-rocketing as we face an unprecedented evictions crisis," **Vilela said**. "Our progressive movement has been organizing tirelessly from the grassroots up to address these problems and to build a more just and sustainable future. Meanwhile, our elected officials are nowhere to be seen. As an accountant, I'm ready to open the books and audit their tenure to ensure that everyone of them is working for the people."

"I've been on the ground non-stop these past few years, both here in Nevada, and across the country. I've seen firsthand the pain and suffering working people and, especially, communities of color have endured," **Vilela continued**. "It's time to elect leadership that will fight like lives depend on it—because they do. I'm running for congress to represent Nevada's First District because we deserve more. Because Nevada deserves more."

Amy Vilela grew up in poverty, relying on programs like WIC and SNAP in order to make ends meet as a single-mother. She took classes at night while working multiple jobs to become the first in her family to earn a degree. She became a national advocate for Medicare for All after her daughter Shalynne died at the hands of our nation's profit-driven healthcare system. After working her way up to become a CFO, Amy has since retooled her professional experience to provide vital campaign services to other progressive candidates. In 2020, serving as a State Co-chair, Amy led the charge for Bernie Sanders' landslide victory in the Nevada caucuses.

Amy and her family first moved to Nevada when her husband, Major David Vilela, was transferred to Creech Air Force Base. If elected, she would be the first ever active duty military spouse to serve in Congress.

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