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Our Revolution endorses Amy Vilela for Congress

LAS VEGAS—Last night, Monday, April 25th, leading national progressive organization, Our Revolution, announced their 2022 endorsement of Amy Vilela for Congress in Nevada’s First District. The announcement was made live during a national organizing call to rally thousands of progressives nationwide ahead of the 2022 midterm elections featuring Rep. Ro Khanna and Our Revolution chairman and veteran labor leader, Larry Cohen.

“As the former co-chair for Sen. Bernie Sanders’ 2020 presidential campaign, Vilela understands the need to protect progressive values. She has advocated for expanding Medicare for All and for pushing lawmakers to do more to address the climate crisis,” **Our Revolution said.** “Like so many other parents, guardians, and caretakers, Vilela empathizes with the need for a single-payer healthcare system and echoes the sentiment that conflicts in health insurance should not result in life-or-death decisions.”

“I’m running for Congress to represent the people of Nevada’s First District because I believe we deserve more. Working families need a champion who understands the struggle and who will take that lived experience with them to Congress to fight for us. I have that experience, I’m ready to fight, and I will be that champion,” **Vilela said.** “I could not be more thrilled to once again have Our Revolution’s national support for our insurgent campaign this cycle—not just because they know, like I know, that it’s long past time to upend the complacency of the political status quo in order to finally put people over profit and deliver real results for the working class, but because they know the importance of organizing from the bottom on up and are poised to make a real impact in the outcome of this race. Together, I have no doubt we can and will win in June.”

Our Revolution first began organizing in Las Vegas four years ago following their national endorsement of Amy Vilela’s 2018 bid for Congress, and they have been actively growing and cultivating their membership locally ever since. As a result of that sustained organizing, the organization today boasts a base of nearly 20,000 supporters and voters within NV-01, who they will be aggressively mobilizing in support of Vilela’s candidacy in the final weeks ahead of Nevada’s June 14th primary elections.

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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. In addition to Congresswoman Cori Bush and Senator Nina Turner, Amy’s campaign has attracted national attention and has been endorsed by Brand New Congress, Sunrise Movement Las Vegas, the Center for Biological Diversity, and more.

Our Revolution is a national progressive political action committee formed by Senator Bernie Sanders following his 2016 bid for the presidency in order to continue the work of the “political revolution” by electing bold, progressive candidates for office who are willing to challenge the corporate-funded political establishment and who fight to put people over profit.



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