



**JCRC Omaha 2026 Jewish Voter Guide on State and Local Races
Candidate Positions on Issues of Importance to Nebraska's Jewish Community and Our
Neighbors**

Secretary of State

1. Antisemitism and leadership

Antisemitism can come from across the political and ideological spectrum. What responsibility do elected officials have to recognize and speak out against antisemitism, including when it comes from members of their own party, political allies, or supporters?

Civic service requires an unwavering commitment to protecting all members of our community, regardless of party or ideology. As elected officials, our primary loyalty is to the people we serve, not to a political party. That means standing firmly against antisemitism and every form of discrimination, especially when it surfaces among political allies or supporters. A Secretary of State must model fairness, integrity, and equal protection under the law, ensuring that every Nebraskan feels safe, valued, and respected in our state.

2. Israel and the Jewish community

Israel is an important part of the organized religious, cultural, and communal identity of most Jewish Nebraskans even while holding a wide range of views about Israeli government policies. How do you approach conversations about Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in a way that respects both legitimate political disagreement and the concerns of Jewish constituents about antisemitism?

My role as a public servant in Nebraska is to listen, ensure public safety, and maintain a welcoming civic square for all constituents. I recognize that connection to Israel is central to the identity of many Jewish Nebraskans, even as individuals hold a wide variety of policy viewpoints. In public life, we must always distinguish between healthy political debate and antisemitism. Targeting Jewish constituents, using harmful tropes, or questioning their right to feel safe in their own communities crosses a clear line into bigotry. As Secretary of State, my focus remains on serving Nebraskans, protecting our faith institutions from hostility, and ensuring every citizen is treated with dignity.

3. Boycotting, Divesting and Sanctions against Israel

How do you plan to enforce state laws or executive orders that require the Secretary of State's office to vet or flag registered businesses or non-profits that participate in boycotts against Israel?

The Secretary of State is an executive office bound by oath to administer state law neutrally, transparently, and without personal or political bias. If state statute or executive policy mandates

vetting procedures for business registrations, my office will execute those requirements strictly according to the law as written. Beyond specific mandates, my broader commitment to Nebraskans is to ensure that our business licensing and filing processes operate with efficiency, predictability, and total administrative neutrality.

4. IHRA Definition of Antisemitism

Do you support the state's official adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism, and how would you apply that definition to the administrative duties of your office?

I support using established, recognized frameworks like the IHRA definition to help public institutions identify and combat antisemitism in civic life. In terms of administrative execution, any guidelines adopted by the state will be applied strictly within the boundaries of state law and administrative procedure. The Secretary of State's office must lead by example—maintaining neutral, fair, and professional standards so that no Nebraskan experiences discrimination when interacting with state government.

5. Community security

Jewish institutions and other houses of worship have faced increased security concerns in recent years. What role do you believe elected officials should play in helping communities feel safe while preserving an open and welcoming civic environment?

Ensuring that houses of worship, community centers, and neighborhood non-profits can operate safely is a fundamental responsibility of local civic service. Elected officials should act as active partners and help local organizations access security resources, such as federal and state non-profit safety grants, while fostering a public atmosphere of mutual respect. Safety and open civic life go hand-in-hand. By focusing on non-partisan governance and community protection, we can ensure every Nebraskan can gather, worship, and participate in public life without fear.

6. Community harmony in a polarized environment

Political rhetoric can contribute either to division or to mutual respect. What responsibility do elected officials have to avoid language that stereotypes or scapegoats religious, racial, ethnic, immigrant, or other communities, particularly during campaigns?

Public service should unite communities around shared goals, not divide them for political gain. Candidates and elected leaders set the standard for civic discourse. Scapegoating or stereotyping religious, racial, ethnic, or immigrant groups undermines trust in public institutions and harms the social fabric of Nebraska. Nebraskans value decency, practical problem-solving, and respect for our neighbors. As a candidate and as Secretary of State, I hold myself to a standard of leadership that puts Nebraska values and constructive dialogue ahead of rhetoric.

7. Relationships across differences

How would you build relationships with Jewish and other faith and minority communities including communities whose members may disagree with you politically—and ensure they have meaningful access to you if you are elected?

Public administration requires serving every single Nebraskan across all 93 counties, regardless of how they vote. My door will always be open to faith leaders, small business owners, and community advocates across the political spectrum. As a small business owner, I know that good leadership starts with listening to people with different experiences and viewpoints. Maintaining ongoing, open access to the Secretary of State's office is essential to ensuring our state services, election administration, and business filings serve Nebraskans fairly and effectively.