



**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?

Antisemitism, along with every other forms of discrimination and prejudice, have no place in our society and lives. These situations must be called out and stopped immediately and eliminated from our collective behavior.

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?

I choose to remind **all** that we are Americans, and our government often does not reflect all our individual opinions. Just as the Catholic Religion has a Vatican that must make decisions relevant to persons outside the United States consistent with religious values, the Jewish Religion must recognize that not all Geopolitical decisions made by Isreal considers those outside the Middle East. This conversation is complex and complicated and deserves both situational relevance and reverence. I spent most of my time in the Air Force recognizing the politics and beliefs of individual Sovereign Nations while negotiating and trying to eliminate confrontation.

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?

These situations will need to be carefully and thoughtfully dealt with on a case-by-case basis. However, there is no place for these types of behaviors. They do not match the Nebraska way of life.

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.

Yes. One of the pillars of the SOS responsibilities is education. This education must include all our history. Those who do not know history are doomed to repeat the bad and not understand the good. Both are lessons learned.

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?

Law enforcement needs to apply the law equally and fairly without exception. It is every elected official's responsibility to monitor and take action when this is not happening.

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?

It is not only the responsibility of the candidate or the elected official to not use such language but it is imperative that those on staff must not perpetuate this behavior. If anyone who works with or for me manifests such behavior they will be dismissed and replaced.

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?

My record speaks for itself. When I ran for the Legislature and Governor I reached out to ALL.