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## **Black Attack: Mesquite Councilwoman Files GOP Primary Challenge to Assemblyman Chris Edwards**

(Mesquite, NV) – Mesquite City Councilwoman Annie Black today filed to run for the Nevada Assembly District 19 seat against incumbent Chris Edwards, arguing he’s been a legislative wallflower who was largely responsible for the largest tax hike in state history.

“We need to elect Republicans who will rock the boat, fight back and take their case directly to the voters, the way Donald Trump does, not go-along-to-get-along and lead from behind like Barack Obama.”

Black noted that Edwards was instrumental in passing the largest tax hike in Nevada history in 2015, which led to massive GOP election losses in 2016 and 2018.

“The most critical vote on that \$1.4 billion tax increase was cast before the session even started,” Black explained. “There were twelve moderate Republicans in the Assembly who supported Gov. Sandoval’s proposal and twelve conservatives who opposed it.

“Chris was the swing vote in determining caucus leadership, and he swung with the tax hikers,” Black continued. “Ultimately, that gave us the new Commerce Tax, made the temporary ‘sunset’ taxes permanent, and handed control of the government back over to the Democrats.

“We all have Chris Edwards to thank for that.”

Black went on to point out that Edwards voted for 26 out of 32 tax hikes that session and actually found a way, John Kerry-like, to vote *for* the Commerce Tax before voting against it.

“Chris always wants to have it both ways,” Black continued. “He talks a good game on the campaign trail but then votes like a squish in Carson City. We need to elect more Republicans with stronger backbones and firmer principles.

“The 2019 legislative session, under Democrat control, was brutal on Nevada’s taxpayers and small businesses,” Black concluded. “And too many Republicans, like Assemblyman Edwards, just sat there and watched it happen. District 19 voters need and deserve better representation. I’ll give them that option.”

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