

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Biography

A Lifetime of Commitment to Nevada

Congresswoman Shelley Berkley has called Las Vegas home for more than four decades and was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1998. Shelley represents the families of Nevada's First Congressional District, which includes Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and unincorporated areas in Clark County -- all part of the fastest growing region in the nation. Now in her third term, she serves as a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Among her top priorities are increasing funding for education and transportation needs in Southern Nevada, meeting the needs of the region's rapidly expanding veterans population and fighting the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump.

Shelley completed junior high and high school in Las Vegas, then went on to become the first member of her family to attend college when she enrolled in UNLV, where she was elected Student Body President, before graduating with honors and a B.A. in Political Science in 1972. After earning her law degree at the University of San Diego School of Law in 1976, Shelley returned to Las Vegas to begin her career. She is a former member of the Nevada State Legislature and was a longtime Regent for the State's University System.

Shelley and husband Dr. Larry Lehrner now reside in Northwest Las Vegas. Shelley's son Max studies at the University of Arizona, while son Sam attends Bonanza High School in Las Vegas. Dr. Lehrner's son David attends classes at Indiana University, while daughter Stephanie is enrolled in the medical school at Western University of Health Science in Pomona, CA.