

round. Caucus volunteers will explain what you can and can't do to convince others to put their support behind viable candidates.

But the job of caucus-goers isn't done when viable candidates are determined. Afterward, you'll want to hang around to pick delegates from among your neighbors to represent your precinct at the at the Washoe County convention on April 18. There are 57 precinct voting locations spread throughout Washoe County, and each will send delegates to the county convention, some of whom will move on to the state (May 30) and national (July 13-16) conventions, where Democrats will tally them to determine which candidate will face off against President Donald Trump in the general election.

You'll also have the opportunity to weigh in on alternate delegates—people who can show up to represent your precinct in case a regular delegate is unable to attend future conventions.

At this point, if you're interested in influencing the Democratic party's policy positions, you'll have a bit left to do. After delegates and alternates are determined, you'll have the chance to submit ideas to possibly become part of the 2020 Democratic party platform on a variety of issues. Proposals made by caucus-goers will be passed on to the county, state and national conventions.

You may be wondering what your options are if you're unable to caucus on Feb. 22. If so, you're in luck because early

caucus voting will be allowed this year between Feb. 15-18 at any of 14 locations in Reno and Sparks. You can check the state Democratic party's website to find the list of locations.

Should you choose early caucus voting, you'll be able to choose between three and five candidates and rank them in order of your preference. Your picks will be relayed to your precinct and, should the candidate(s) you name not reach the viability threshold, your subsequent choices will be automatically realigned until they fit within your precinct's overall votes.

As of press time, former Vice President Joe Biden was leading in polls of Democratic voters—at 25 percent, according to Washington Post polling, compared to 20 percent for Bernie Sanders, 16 percent for Elizabeth Warren, eight percent for Pete Buttigieg, seven percent for Tom Steyer, and less than five percent for the remaining four candidates (Amy Klobuchar, Andrew Yang, Mike Bloomberg and Tulsi Gabbard). There's a pretty decent chance Nevada caucus-goers will play an outsized role this year in determining who challenges Donald Trump for the presidency in November. Now that you know what to expect from your caucus experience, all you have to do is show up. □

Learn more about caucusing by visiting nvdems.com/2020-caucus.

For the birds



In the middle of Reno, Virginia Lake is a winter home to dozens of species of water fowl. The Audubon Society reports that over 100 species have been recorded there, with notable ones including "Hooded and Common Mergansers, Snow and Ross's Geese, and occasional Barrow's Goldeneye and Eurasian Wigeon."

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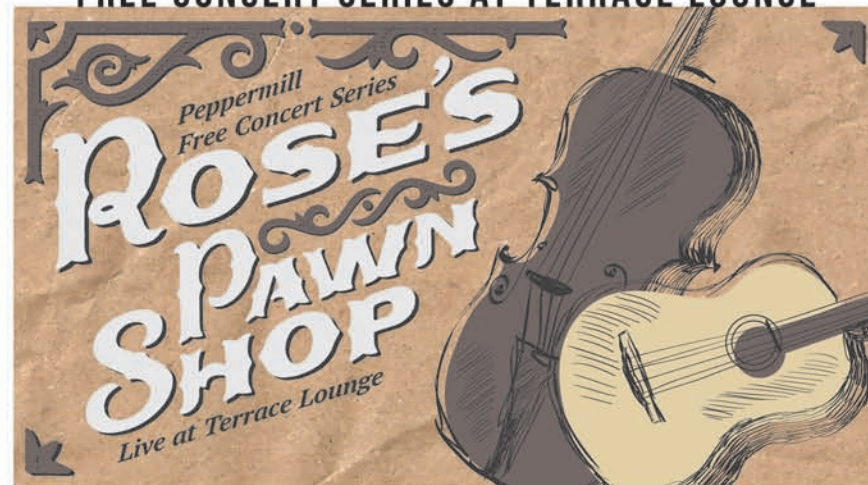
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