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Jay Maharjan Announces Campaign for Nevada State Treasurer

*Educator, Entrepreneur and Former Obama Administration Economic Initiative Leader
Launches Campaign Focused on Financial Stewardship*

LAS VEGAS — Dr. Jay Maharjan, an educator, entrepreneur and former Nevada leader of President Barack Obama’s Startup America Partnership, today announced his candidacy for Nevada Treasurer, pledging steady financial leadership that protects working families and safeguards Nevada’s future.

Maharjan came to the United States as an immigrant and built his life through education, hard work and public service. He said his campaign will focus on disciplined financial management, responsible investment of taxpayer dollars and expanding economic opportunity for Nevada families, with an emphasis on long-term financial stability for the state.

“I’m running for Treasurer because financial stewardship isn’t about politics — it’s about responsibility,” said Maharjan. “Nevada families work hard for every dollar. As Treasurer, I will protect those dollars with disciplined management, long-term planning and a commitment to putting working people first. Our state’s financial future should be built on stability, accountability and opportunity for every family.”

Maharjan has worked at the intersection of entrepreneurship, public policy, and economic development. Following the 2008 financial crisis, he served as Nevada's statewide leader for President Obama's Startup America Partnership, helping strengthen Nevada's entrepreneurship ecosystem during the post-recession recovery. Maharjan later served as Southwest Region Lead for UP Global, a U.S. State Department-partnered initiative supporting entrepreneurs around the world.

After years in business and policy leadership, Maharjan made the decision to return to public education. He is currently a public high school teacher serving working-class families in East Las Vegas, working closely with students and parents navigating rising costs and economic uncertainty. He says that experience reinforces his belief that responsible fiscal governance directly impacts classrooms, communities and future generations.

"The Treasurer's office isn't about grandstanding," Maharjan added. "It's about protecting our Permanent School Fund, managing state investments responsibly, supporting small businesses, and making sure public dollars work for the people who earned them."

Maharjan earned his engineering degree from Pittsburg State University and completed multiple graduate degrees at the University of Southern California. His doctoral research focused on how states manage public investments and protect taxpayer dollars during economic downturns, including the use of rainy-day funds and long-term fiscal safeguards.

He lives in Clark County and remains committed to building an economy that works for working families, small businesses, and future generations.

Endorsement Quotes

"Dr. Maharjan is uniquely prepared to serve as Nevada State Treasurer," said **Jason Blazakis, former Director of the Counterterrorism Finance and Designations Office at the U.S. Department of State**. "His expertise in public asset management, executive leadership in the private sector, and work leading a White House economic initiative reflect the seriousness and institutional stewardship required to protect public funds."

"What impresses me most about Dr. Maharjan is his disciplined thinking and long-term view of economic impact," said **Alan Goya, Nevada entrepreneur and rural broadband advocate**. "Jay invested real time helping entrepreneurs and brought steady leadership to Nevada's engagement in the White House Startup America initiative, uniting leaders across

the state. He understands innovation, capital and accountability — and Nevada would benefit from that kind of careful financial leadership as State Treasurer.”

“Dr. Maharjan understands the connection between strong public institutions and opportunity for Nevada families,” said **Valerie Migliore, former Nevada DNC delegate and educator**. “His experience in economic policy and public education makes him well prepared to serve as State Treasurer.”

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