

## Steven Horsford

Senator Steven Horsford, Majority Leader

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Representing Senate District 4 in Clark County, Senator Steven Horsford is a native of Las Vegas. He is Nevada's National Committeeman on the Democratic National Committee. Senator Horsford was first elected to the Nevada State Senate in 2004. He was selected as Democratic Leader of the State Senate by his peers in May of 2008. He is not only the youngest Leader in the State Senate in Nevada History, but also the first African American.

Senator Horsford was born in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1973. He graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a degree in Political Science and Communications. In the 2009 session he served as the Co-Chair for the Senate Committee on Finance, the Senate Committee on Government Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Health and Education.

Senator Horsford's professional experience and achievements are quite extensive. From 1996-2001 he was the Director of Government Affairs for R&R Partners. Currently, he is the Chief Executive Officer with the Culinary Training Academy and the President and Executive Director of Nevada Partners, Inc. He also graduated from the Leadership Las Vegas class of 2000.

Senator Horsford has a proven track record as a strong Democratic leader for Nevada. He is an active board member of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee and is a member of the Credentials Committee of the Democratic National Committee. Senator Horsford is also affiliated with the National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Democratic Leadership Council; The Council of State Governments-WEST; and the National Network of Sector Partners among many others.

Senator Horsford has received numerous awards for his efforts to unite different communities and fight for Nevada's future. In 2006, he was awarded the Elected Official of the Year from the National Association of Social Workers, Nevada Chapter. The Nevada AFL-CIO granted him the Friend of Working Families Award in 2004. Most recently, he received the Vernon Jordan Community Champion Award from the Las Vegas/Clark County Urban League in 2008.

Senator Steven Horsford is married to Dr. Sonya Horsford. They have three children: Benjamin, Bryson, and Ella.

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