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Dear Fellow Republican,

Can Sharron Angle beat Harry Reid in November?

That's the question every Republican voter needs to ask themselves before casting their ballot on Tuesday. Because nominating a candidate who can't win in November means...six more years of Harry Reid running the United States Senate.

And Nevada, not to mention the nation, just can't afford that.

So, can Sharron beat Harry? To answer that question, let's put our emotions and passions aside and do what Sharron urges us to do; let's look at her record.

In 1998, Sharron won her first election for the Nevada state Assembly in a three-way GOP primary. In it, 2,178 Republicans voted for her while 2,400 Republicans voted against her.

In other words, more Republicans voted against her than voted for her in a Republican primary in a small Republican assembly district.

In 2000, Sharron won re-election handily in a small district with a solid Republican voter registration advantage.

In 2002, redistricting threw incumbent conservative Republican Assemblywoman Sharron Angle into the same district as incumbent moderate Republican Greg Brower. Sharron did win that GOP primary race...by all of 142 votes...and went on to win the general election in a newly-drawn district with 6,651 more registered Republicans than Democrats.

Not exactly a surprising victory.

In 2004 Sharron did not have a GOP primary opponent...and went on to win the general election in a district which, by then, had swelled to 7,720 more registered Republicans than Democrats.

Again, not exactly a tough race.

Then came 2006.

That year, Sharron ran in a five-way Republican Party primary for Nevada's Second Congressional District – a race in which the Club for Growth poured in around a **MILLION DOLLARS** on her behalf in independent expenditures.

She lost anyway! Here are the totals:

<i>Republican votes for Sharron Angle:</i>	24,349
<i>Republican votes against Sharron Angle:</i>	44,643

In other words, almost twice as many Republicans in this Republican district in this Republican primary voted against Sharron as voted for her.

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Fast-forward to 2008.

In yet another Republican primary race, conservative Republican Sharron Angle was unable to defeat a well-known moderate Republican state senator.

The fact is Sharron and her conservative record couldn't attract a majority of Republicans in a Republican majority district – a district in which she and her opponent, and both of their records, were extremely well known.

So the record is clear.

Sharron Angle has only **ONCE** been able to attract a majority of Republican votes in a Republican primary....and even then, only 142 more out of almost 6,000 votes cast.

And she has never won a general election in a district that didn't have a solid Republican voter registration majority or was larger than a small state legislative district.

So, yes, in a 12-man Republican primary race for U.S. Senate – in which Harry Reid & Associates are spending millions to nominate her – it's possible that Sharron could eke out a win on Tuesday.

But any objective review of her electoral record cannot possibly come to the conclusion that Sharron Angle will be able to defeat the Senate Majority Leader in a statewide race in a state with about 60,000 more registered Democrats than Republicans.

But don't take my word for it. Here's just a sample of the overwhelming number of pundits and political observers who have come to the same conclusion:

- “(Sharron Angle) wants to be a Nevada senator, but she may instead help to re-elect Harry Reid.”
– *blogger Taylor Marsh*
- **“In Nevada, Tea Party Republican Sharron Angle...(is) probably the only candidate incumbent Sen. Harry Reid might be able to beat.”** – **Gabriel Winant**, The War Room, Salon.com
- “A win by Angle could bolster the prospects of Reid.” – *Boston Globe*
- **“If Harry Reid had to pick his opponent he would pick Sharron Angle.”** - *Mason-Dixon pollster Brad Coker*
- “Whom does Harry Reid want to win? In another instance of strange bedfellows, the answer is the same person the Tea Party people are backing -- former Nevada assemblywoman Sharron Angle. When Tea Partiers and Democrats are on the same team, Republicans might need to worry.” – *Columnist Kathleen Parker*
- **“(Sen. Harry) Reid could be getting the match-up he wants. (Sharron Angle) is his dream.”**
– *David Damore, a UNLV political-science professor*
- “Reid campaign spokesman Jon Summers said the majority leader is prepared to run against any possible opponent, but the campaign clearly relishes the thought of taking on Angle.” – *Politico*
- **“(Sharron Angle) is evidently the Republican whom Reid would like most to run against.”**
– *Associated Press*

- “Polling suggests Reid is deeply damaged in the eyes of Nevada voters but the prospect of Angle...as the GOP nominee has stoked optimism in Reid world.” – *Felecia Sonmez of The Fix*
- **“(If Nevada Republicans) conclude that Angle’s no-holds-barred conservatism is what they want to represent them, they’re free to make that choice. But they shouldn’t be surprised to see 70-year-old Harry Reid doing cartwheels shortly thereafter.”** – *Jim Geraghty, National Review Online*
- “Angle has a polarizing style that alienates independents and could smooth Reid’s road to re-election.”
– *Washington Wire, Wall Street Journal*
- **“Angle has taken rigid ideological stands that may help her in the primary, but would likely alienate many independents and Democrats in November.”** – *Las Vegas Sun*
- “Reid may be toast against Lowden, but he might have a shot against the less-known and more extreme Angle.” – *Gabriel Winant, The War Room*
- **”Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has knocked down his leading Republican challenger, paving the way for a potential fall fight with a tea party favorite (Sharron Angle) who may be easier to beat.”** – *Politico*
- “Some wonder whether Angle’s outside-the-box views on several issues will put the GOP at a disadvantage in November.” – *blogger Kyle Trygstad, RealClearPolitics*
- **“A recent Mason-Dixon poll conducted for the Las Vegas Review-Journal backs up the theory that Reid might have his easiest race against Angle.”** – *Roll Call*
- “(The latest Mason-Dixon poll) does show that Reid may have a ghost of a chance, particularly against Angle, who seems like a treasure trove for opposition researchers.” – *Swing State Project*
- **“Angle’s folksy manner and deep-rooted conservative ideology....are the reasons the Tea Party folks love her. But they’re also the same reasons Harry Reid’s campaign is rooting for her to win the primary.”** – *War Room*
- “If Republicans nominate Sharron Angle as their Senate nominee next week, could majority leader Harry Reid, beleaguered, fatigued, unpopular, pull off an upset win? You betcha.” – *Mark Ambinder, The Atlantic*
- **“(Sharron) Angle...is the only one of the top GOP candidates who’s currently losing to Reid.”**
– *Robert Schlesinger, U.S. News & World Report columnist*
- “Polls suggest (Harry Reid) would fare better against Angle, who hails from the less populated northern part of the state and has been labeled by Reid as an extreme conservative.” – *Susan Ferrechio, Washington Examiner*
- **“Reid fares even better when compared to Sharron Angle...”** – *CNN*

- “It is looking increasingly plausible that Reid will get the Republican opponent of his choice in November. The new M-D poll of the Republican primary finds...Reid actually moves into the lead against Angle.” – *Daily Kos*
- “**I don’t see how Angle wins in November.**” – *University of Nevada, Reno political scientist Erik Herzik*
- “I sure hope (Sharron Angle wins the Republican primary, and predict Reid wins a landslide if she does. . . . Reid will clobber Angle if she is nominated.” – *liberal blogger Brent Budowsky of SmirkingChimp.com*
- “**Piling on against Lowden delivers a clear message: Harry Reid fears her.**” – *Columnist Kathleen Parker*

One final thought...

I got into this race because I wanted to see Harry Reid defeated and I believed – and still believe – I’d have the best chance against him in the fall. Harry and his DC front groups have spent millions of dollars in our GOP primary trying to take me out so he won’t have to face me in November. And frankly, he might just succeed. But this isn’t about me.

It’s about beating Harry.

I know I can do that. And I believe **Danny Tarkanian** can defeat him. And **Chad Christensen** can defeat him. And **John Chachas** can defeat him.

But **Sharron Angle**, for all her virtues as a movement conservative, can’t.

What Harry Reid and his “vaporizer” have done to me in this primary will be a hundred times worse against Sharron in the general. His people are like Pavlov’s dogs drooling over the prospect of drawing her as their general election opponent.

There’s just too much out there for them to use against her.

So if you can’t vote for me – though I certainly hope you will and I’m asking you for your vote – at least vote for someone who can beat Harry in November. Because after all, ***that’s what this election is all about.***

Sincerely yours,



Sue Lowden

The Conservative Who Can Win

P.S. In closing, let me give a “shout out” to fellow candidate Bill Parson. While I don’t believe Bill would fare any better than Sharron against Harry in the fall – for completely different reasons – I’ve come to respect and admire his passion for and defense of our Constitution and the principles this nation was founded upon. I hope he will stay engaged in politics for years to come. We could certainly use more people like Bill Parson in office.