

Kelly Benavidez

As a distinguished community leader and advocate, Kelly Benavidez is recognized for her outstanding service as a former Chair of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Board of Trustees. Over the years, Kelly has dedicated herself to the betterment of the community through her unwavering commitment to public service.

Kelly's leadership and passion for literacy, education, and community engagement has positively influenced the Library District throughout her distinguished tenure, contributing significantly to the District's growth and success.

Her journey in community service began with her volunteer work for political campaigns, setting the stage for an impactful career. She later became a dedicated liaison for the City of Las Vegas and the Clark County Board of Commissioners. She served as a Commissioner Liaison to Clark County Commissioner Lawrence Weekly for 21 years, fostering collaborations on diverse projects with key agencies, such as the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, the cities of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, and various state and federal entities. She is currently working in the role of Clark County Senior Management Analyst in the office of County Manager Kevin Schiller.

Beyond her role with the Library District and County Commission, Kelly's community involvement spans various organizations. In addition to being Chair of UNLV's Public Safety Advisory Board, she has held board positions on the Reynaldo L. Martinez Institute for Leadership and Research, the Women's Research Institute of Nevada (WRIN) at UNLV, the Fernando Vargas Fighting Foundation, the Latin Chamber of Commerce, Hispanics in Politics, and the Latina Network.