Letter: Time to re-elect Pierini as sheriff

To the community,

The race for Douglas County sheriff is a clear choice. I have been a Douglas County resident since 1998 and Sheriff Ron Pierini has done a great job for all 16 years. Prior to living in Douglas County, I lived in large cities with high crime rates. It is so refreshing to live in an area that has one of the lowest crime rates in Nevada. You simply cannot put a value on what it means to feel safe in your home and neighborhood.

If the Douglas County Sheriff's Department is not broken, there is no need to fix it. Dave Brady's campaign states that he has the education, training, and law enforcement experience to do a better job than Ron Pierini. There is something wrong with their math. How does eight years in the Redondo Police Department, two years with the Nevada Gaming Control Board and 15 years as a Douglas County reserve surpass Sheriff Pierini's 41 continuous years of law enforcement experience? Nevada Gov. Sandoval appointed Sheriff Pierini as the chairman of the Peace Officers Standards and Trainings Commission (POST). Mr. Brady is not even POST certified and would need to complete 16 weeks of training in order to serve as sheriff. The law enforcement experience of the candidates is not even close.

Mr. Brady continually states that the sheriff's department has the same six patrol cars as 1986 when the truth is there are nine patrol cars each on day and swing shifts and eight deputies patrolling graveyard shift. Since only 20 percent of the deputies' time is used to respond to calls, additional patrol cars are simply not needed. Earlier this year, my girlfriend called the sheriff's department and the deputy arrived in less than 15 minutes. The Douglas County Sheriff's

Department has always provided excellent service and quick response times under the leadership of Ron Pierini.

Sheriff Pierini’s steady management style earned him the endorsement from the Douglas County Sheriff’s Protection Association that represents all DCSO Deputies, Investigators and Sergeants. His friendly nature inspires over 200 volunteers to assist the department every year.

Ron Pierini is also a great citizen and leader for our community. He has volunteered for many worthy causes in Douglas County. He is a long time member of the Tahoe Douglas Rotary Club. Ron also served on the original Board of Directors for Austin’s House and helped bring the project to completion.

I will be casting my vote on Nov. 4 for Sheriff Ron Pierini to provide his excellent leadership for another four years.

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