

# Sandoval being considered for Supreme Court

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The White House is considering picking Gov. Brian Sandoval to fill the current vacancy on the Supreme Court, scrambling political calculations in what is expected to be a contentious confirmation battle in which Senate Republicans have pledged to play the role of roadblock.

President Obama is weighing the selection of Sandoval, a centrist former federal judge who has served as governor of Nevada since 2011, according to two people familiar with the process. Though the review process is in its initial phases and it is unclear whether the governor could ultimately emerge as the president's pick, even the prospect of his nomination poses a difficult dilemma for Senate Republicans who have promised not to consider any nomination before November's elections.

After the *Washington Post* published news of Sandoval's consideration Wednesday, GOP leaders insisted that Obama nominating a Republican would make no difference.

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