

Top Nevada Republicans skipping convention

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Several of Nevada's top Republican elected officials are skipping the Republican National Convention this year, including the entire GOP congressional delegation and Gov. Brian Sandoval.

Many Republicans nationwide have declined to attend the July 18-21 convention in Cleveland, some of whom outright cite presumptive presidential nominee Donald Trump as the reason. Several in Nevada are also avoiding the affair, which usually draws lawmakers from all walks.

Sandoval, often considered an up-and-coming star in the party, held a prime time speaking slot in 2012. The governor initially endorsed Trump – although not by name, referring to him only as “the presumptive nominee” – after he was the last candidate standing. Trump said in June a Hispanic judge overseeing a lawsuit against the real estate magnate had a conflict of interest because he was “trying to build a wall.” Shortly after, Sandoval said his vote for Trump wasn't for sure.

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