

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

STEVEN SAMUEL BRAUNSTEIN,  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
CLARK; THE HONORABLE KATHY A.  
HARDCASTLE; AND THE  
HONORABLE MICHAEL VILLANI,  
DISTRICT JUDGE,  
Respondents,  
and  
CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO,  
Real Party in Interest.

No. 66853

**FILED**

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*ORDER DENYING PETITION*

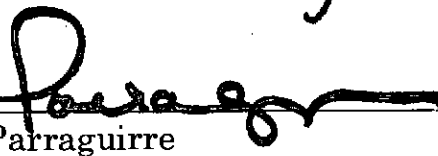
This is a proper person petition for a writ of mandamus, or alternatively, a writ of prohibition. Petitioner challenges the validity of his judgment of conviction. We have reviewed the documents submitted in this matter, and without deciding upon the merits of any claims raised therein, we decline to exercise original jurisdiction in this matter. See NRS 34.160; NRS 34.170; NRS 34.320; NRS 34.330. A challenge to the validity of the judgment of conviction must be raised in a post-conviction

petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed in the district court in the first instance.<sup>1</sup> NRS 34.724(2)(b); NRS 34.738(1). Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

  
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Gibbons C.J.

  
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Pickering J.

  
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Parraguirre J.

cc: Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial District Court  
Hon. Kathy A. Hardcastle, Senior Judge  
Hon. Michael Villani, District Judge  
Steven Samuel Braunstein  
Attorney General/Carson City  
Eighth District Court Clerk

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<sup>1</sup>We express no opinion as to whether petitioner could meet the procedural requirements of NRS chapter 34.