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John Slaughter
County Manager
Washoe County
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Reno, NV 89520

RE: Washoe County School District Oversight Panel for School Facilities

Dear Mr. Slaughter,

Although Washoe County School District has exhausted the ability to generate capital funding as the bond rollover authority ended in 2012 there is still a need to continue the Oversight Panel for School Facilities. NRS 393.092 requires the establishment of an Oversight Panel for School Facilities (OPSF) in counties whose population exceeds 100,000. The main purpose of the OPSF is to approve or disapprove a request by the Board of Trustees of the school district for the issuance of general obligation bonds pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 350.020. In addition, on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> of each even numbered year, the OPSF provides a letter to the Legislative Counsel Bureau with written recommendations for financing new construction, design, maintenance and repair of school facilities.

The Oversight Panel consists of eleven members with six members being elected representatives of local government (two each from the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and Washoe County). Five members are appointed by the Board of Trustees; one member with experience in structural or civil engineering; one member with experience in matters relating to the construction of public works projects; one member with experience in the financing or estimation of the cost of construction projects; one member who is a representative of the gaming industry; and one member who is a representative of the general public who has an interest in education.

Currently both seats for Washoe County are open and we are requesting two new members be appointed to represent Washoe County on the OPSF. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pete Etchart

**Chief Operations Officer** 

Washoe County School District

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