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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 24, 2017

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Risk Mgt	n/a
HR	n/a
Other	n/a

DATE: January 12, 2017

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Al Rogers, Director of Management Services
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THROUGH: John Slaughter, County Manager

SUBJECT: Review and approve the 2017 Washoe County Legislative Principles including an update and discussion regarding the 79th (2017) Session of the Nevada State Legislature with possible direction to staff.

SUMMARY

The Board is asked to review and possibly approve the 2017 Washoe County Legislative Principles. The legislative principles are used by staff, lobbyists and elected officials to guide their actions while representing Washoe County during the 2017 Legislative Session.

PREVIOUS ACTION

- **January 10, 2017** – No action was taken on an update on Washoe County Government Affairs and Legislative Services.
- **January 10, 2017** – The Board of County Commissioners voted 4-1 to continue with no change to Washoe County’s bill draft requests to the Nevada Legislature including not amending or withdrawing BDR 22-433 (Assembly Bill 39) concerning the composition of the Regional Planning Governing Board

BACKGROUND

The Legislative Principles provide guidance to staff, lobbyists and elected officials during the Legislative Interim Session including legislative events. The Board is asked to review and approve the 2015 Washoe County Legislative Principles.

DISCUSSION

The 79th Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature is scheduled to begin on February 6, 2017 and last for 120 days. Prior to the start of each session, the Board of County Commission approves the Legislative Principles that are used by staff, lobbyists and elected officials to guide their actions while representing Washoe County during the legislative session.

Washoe County Legislative Principles are defined as:

Respect for Governmental Roles

- **Partners Providing Service to Our Shared Constituents**
All Governments in Nevada (State, County, Cities, School Districts, and Special Districts) are partners in providing consistent and reliable services to our shared constituents, and therefore all levels of government must be viable in order for our citizens to enjoy an outstanding quality of life. A great State requires strong, effective, mutually-respectful government at all levels.
- **Focus on Outcomes**
Services to citizens should be provided efficiently; should be effective; and must demonstrate measurable results. All governments (State, County, Cities, School Districts, and Special Districts) should be held accountable for measurable outcomes and cost-effective performance, while at the same time be given the flexibility to let elected leaders decide how best to achieve those outcomes.
- **Local Determination**
Statewide policy decisions should be made by State leaders; local policy decisions should be made by local leaders. Local governments must have the right to control their resources, and voters should have the ability to decide whether those resources are sufficient or not. Local governments should have discretion on delivering State programs and services when funding is reduced or diverted by the State.
- **Local Decision-Making and Flexibility**
Washoe County urges the preservation of local prerogatives over matters traditionally and best governed at the local level. The legislature should encourage local officials and citizens to solve local problems. Legislation should foster local flexibility and assist local government leaders and the citizens they represent in addressing problems in ways that best serve their community.
- **Unfunded Mandates**
Washoe County believes the Nevada State Legislature should not impose mandated functions, activities, or regulations on local governments without providing financial resources or means to meet the costs of carrying out those mandates.

Recover Our Economic Strength

- **Support Economic Recovery and Development**
Promote regional collaboration on economic development and support a coordinated regional response to the economic challenges and opportunities facing Northern Nevada.
- **Long Term, Sustainable Solutions**
The economy and tax revenue base on which all governments in Nevada rely are undergoing a fundamental restructure. Simply shifting the service burden or revenues from one government service provider to another will not responsibly and sustainably meet the needs of the citizens of Nevada and Washoe County. All governments need to be working together toward long-term solutions for service provision and equitable, stable funding for those services, and not at one another's expense.
- **Fiscal Responsibility**
Washoe County supports local government fiscal responsibility and long-term financial planning; including retaining and expanding tools at the local level to better manage budget and cash flow and responsibly structure revenue sources.

Regional Solutions to Service Provision

- **Intergovernmental Collaboration**
Washoe County supports collaborative efforts of service providers within the region and the state to provide the best service possible at the lowest possible cost to the constituents of Washoe County.
- **Legislative Relations**
Washoe County recognizes that local governments in the region have numerous areas of mutual interest, and that a cooperative and integrated approach to legislative relations best serves the interests of the residents of Washoe County.

Communication

- **Representation**
Washoe County is committed to working with the 2015 Legislature, community stakeholders and business partners to provide effective representation of Washoe County's legislative goals. The Washoe County Legislative Team is readily available during the 2015 Legislative Session to assist legislative committees, individuals legislators and legislative staff to provide timely and accurate response to requests for information that will assist in the deliberation and formulation of legislation.

Legislative Communication Policy

- **Legislative Updates**
When the Nevada Legislature is convened, Washoe County staff (including, as appropriate, the County's contract lobbyists) shall communicate at each regular Commission meeting, pursuant to a standing agenda item, to provide information and obtain direction on various legislative issues. It is understood that staff will communicate the majority position and/or direction of the Commission when talking with legislators and when making presentations at the Legislature.
- **Board Direction**
Direction will be sought from the Commission regarding the objectives and intent of proposed legislation as opposed to specific bill language. This is necessary because of the fluidity of the legislative process. It also allows meaningful input by County lobbyists in drafting proposed bill language.
- **Adopting Board Legislative Position**
When a legislative issue comes before the Commission for direction or action, the majority vote will be the official position of the Commission. The Commissioners and staff agree not to communicate minority positions or opinions to legislators or the Legislature. Lobby staff (including the County's contract lobbyists) may indicate, when asked, the identity of Commission dissenter(s). Lobby staff (including contract lobbyists) shall not present any opinion or position of a single Commissioner on any issue if there is any question as to whether the Commission as a whole shares the opinion or position.
- **Lobbyist Authority**
Lobby staff (including the County's contract lobbyist) shall have authority to make decisions on matters known to be in the best interest of the policy making/management position of the County. Direction on issues shall be sought from and/or approved by the County Manager or, in her discretion, an Assistant County Manager, or department head or division manager. If there is a question regarding the impact of an issue, the County Manager shall, if there is time to do so, direct that the issue be brought to the next Commission meeting for direction from the Commission. However, when the above procedure is unavailable due to the need for immediate decision-making, it is understood that lobby staff (including the County's contract lobbyists) shall confer and collectively decide the appropriate position on behalf of the County.
- **Commission Participation**
Commissioners may be called upon to appear before Legislative committees and/or meet with individual legislators, as necessary, when major issues are developing. Commissioners are requested to notify the County Manager (or Assistant County Manager in her absence) of all contacts with legislators on behalf of County issues, in order to provide a cohesive and well-organized lobbying effort. It is important that Commissioners not be seen on a regular basis at the legislature so as to preserve the impact of their presence to issues of major

importance to the County. More frequent involvement will dilute the impact/importance of Commissioner's presence.

- **Appointed Boards: Authorization to Represent Washoe County**
Members of a board, commission or task force appointed by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners may appear before the Nevada State Legislature, Committees of the Legislature, and/or meet with individual Legislators, as representing the interests of Washoe County only if specifically authorized to do so by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners or the Washoe County Manager.
- **Special Meetings**
When the Nevada Legislature is in session, the Board of County Commissioners may hold special meetings scheduled on the off weeks between regular meetings to allow for legislative updates and to provide direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners review and approve the 2017 Washoe County Legislative Principles.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Following the Board's discussion on this agenda item, a possible motion would be "Move to approve the 2017 Washoe County Legislative Principles,"

The attached document was submitted to the **Washoe
County Board of Commissioners** during the meeting

held on 1-24-17

by al Rogers

for Agenda Item No. 9

and included here pursuant to NRS 241.020(7) as
amended by AB65 of the 2013 Legislative Session.

2017 WASHOE DELEGATION
STATE SENATE

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Senate District 13 (Washoe Part) 	Democrat Julia.Ratti@sen.state.nv.us Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Government Affairs</i> • <i>Health & Human Services – Vice Chair</i> • <i>Natural Resources</i> • <i>Revenue & Economic Development – Chair</i> • <i>Parliamentary Rules & Procedures – Vice Chair</i> 	<p align="center">Julia Ratti P.O. Box 4228 Sparks, NV 89434-8031</p>	<p align="center">Represents All Washoe County Districts 1, 2, 3, 4,5</p>
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1-24-17 BCC #9
al Rogers

2017 WASHOE DELEGATION
STATE ASSEMBLY

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<p>Assembly District 40 Carson City, Washoe (Part)</p> 	<p><i>Republican</i> Al.Kramer@asm.state.nv.us</p> <p><i>Committees:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Commerce & Labor</i> • <i>Government Affairs</i> • <i>Taxation</i> 	<p>Al Kramer 401 South Carson Street. Carson City, NV 89701-4747</p>	<p>Represents Washoe County Districts 2, 3, 4,5</p>

And now transitioning into our Legislative Communication Policy

- **Legislative Updates-** When the Nevada Legislature is convened, Washoe County Staff shall communicate and provide updates at each regular Commission meeting to ensure the Board is aware of what is going on
- **Board Direction-** Direction will be sought from the Commission regarding the objectives and intent of proposed legislation rather than working on specific bill language. This is necessary due to the fluidity of the legislative process
- **Adopting Board Legislative Position-** When legislative issues come before the Commission for direction or action, the majority vote will be the official position. Staff shall not present an opinion or position of a single Commissioner on any issue. The Board and staff agree not to communicate the minority positions or opinions to Legislators.
- **Lobbyist Authority-** Lobby staff shall have the authority to make decisions on matters known to be in the best interest of the policy. It is understood that lobby staff shall confer and collectively decide the appropriation position on behalf of the County.
- **Commission Participation-** Commissioners are asked to notify the County Manager and lobby staff of all contact with Legislators on behalf of County issues. This includes any kind of constituents requests that come from Legislators. This is to ensure we provide a cohesive and well organized lobbying effort
- **Appointed Boards:** Authorization to Represent Washoe County must be approved by the Washoe County Commission or the Washoe County Managers office. This includes members of boards, commission or task force appointed by the Board.
- **Special Meetings-** Just a place holder if the Board needs to schedule a special meeting in between our regular meeting to discuss legislative matters and provide direction to staff



Legislative Action Plan 2017 Legislative Session

Legislative Goals/Platform Issues:

Goal: Develop legislative principles, goals and platform issues (to be adopted by the Washoe County Commission) to provide staff, lobbyists and elected officials guidelines for actions while representing Washoe County prior to and during the 2017 Nevada Legislative Session.

- BCC adoption of Legislative Program document by January 24, 2017.

Washoe County Bill Draft Requests

Washoe County has one BDR for 2017. (Changes to Regional Planning Governance Structure)

- Communicate message to legislators before/by February 6, 2017

Bill Draft Requests/Tracking

Goal: Track bill draft requests prior and during the legislative session, identify those that have possible impact to Washoe County, and develop possible position statements.

- Identify possible BDR's and introduced bills of impact prior to and during session
- Develop position statements, including BCC direction when necessary
- Respond to 100% of Fiscal Note requests

Legislative Communication

Goal: Effectively communicate Washoe County's legislative goals and issues to legislators, lobbyists, interest groups, and Washoe County employees.

- Legislative Program Document
- Regular BCC Agenda Item
- Employee Communication Newsletter (e-mail)
- Legislator Communication Program
 - Legislative E-Update
 - Twitter communication
 - Legislative Issue/Position Papers
 - Washoe County Overview
 - Legislator meetings prior to session
 - Legislator meetings during session
- Weekly County Lobbyist/Strategy meeting during session
- Washoe County Government Affairs Group
- Weekly government lobbyist meeting during session

Legislative Representation

Goal: Provide effective representation of Washoe County's legislative goals and issues to legislators and lobbyists during the 2017 Nevada Legislative Session.

- Coordinate staff lobbyists during the 2017 Session
- Provide generalist and issue specialist contract lobbyists during the 2017 Session
- Monitor Legislative Committees during session that have ongoing impact
- Coordinate issue expert appearance at legislative committee hearings

Content	Topic/Description	Description	BDR	Sponsor/Requester	Subscriptions/Log
20-103		Revises provisions governing public administrators;		Assemblywoman Titus	
S-585		Revises provisions governing local governments;		Assemblywoman Kasner	
696		Revises the boundary line between Carson, City and Washoe County;		Committee on Government Affairs	
AB5		Provides for the creation of certain local improvement districts. (BDR 22-233);	22-233	Committee on Government Affairs	
AB16		Revises provisions relating to agricultural extension programs. (BDR 49-440);	49-440	Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining	
AB48		Makes various changes relating to local government. (BDR 21-435);	21-435	Committee on Government Affairs	
AB65		Revises provisions relating to medical care for indigent persons. (BDR 38-438);	38-438	Committee on Health and Human Services	
AB80		Revises provisions governing redevelopment in certain cities. (BDR 22-416);	22-416	Committee on Government Affairs	
585		Revises provisions relating to the issuance of certain private activity bonds. (BDR 30-420);	30-420	Committee on Government Affairs	
AB37	COURTS	Revises provisions relating to justice courts and municipal courts. (BDR 1-397);	1-397	Committee on Judiciary	
AB38	COURTS	Authorizes justice courts to bail. (BDR 14-399);	14-399	Committee on Judiciary	
AB56	COURTS	Revises provisions relating to presentence and general investigations and reports. (BDR 14-439);	14-439	Committee on Judiciary	
588	COURTS	Revises provisions relating to justices of the peace. (BDR 4-394);	4-394	Committee on Judiciary	
5942	COURTS	Revises provisions relating to relations between local governments and public employees;			
23-428	LABOR RELATIONS/RETIREMENT	Revises provisions relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System;			
23-429	LABOR RELATIONS/RETIREMENT	Revises provisions governing the Public Employees' Retirement System;			
506	LABOR RELATIONS/RETIREMENT	Revises provisions governing public employees' retirement. (BDR 23-429);	23-429	Committee on Government Affairs	
5948	LABOR RELATIONS/RETIREMENT	Revises provisions relating to relations between local governments and their employees. (BDR 23-428);	23-428	Committee on Government Affairs	
S-432	TAXES	Creates a committee to review the current tax structure in Nevada;		State Treasurer	
514	TAXES	Revises provisions relating to revenue;		Senator Ratti	
32-640	TAXES	Revises provisions relating to taxation;		Senator Ratti	
705	TAXES	Revises provisions relating to taxing districts;		Senator Kieckhefer	
AB8	TAXES	Revises provisions governing the collection of delinquent municipal utility charges. (BDR 21-323);	21-323	Committee on Government Affairs	
AB30	TAXES	Establishes a committee to review the current tax structure in this State. (BDR 5-432);	5-432	Committee on Taxation	
AB43	TAXES	Revises provisions governing the partial abatement of taxes levied on residential and other property. (BDR 32-441);	32-441	Committee on Taxation	
5878	TAXES	Revises provisions relating to local government financial administration. (BDR 31-403);	31-403	Committee on Government Affairs	



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BDR	REQUESTER	DATE
45-26	Assemblyman Hansen Revises provisions relating to taxidermists and wildlife.	11/06/2015
32-56	Senator Spearman Authorizes certain credits against the taxes imposed on financial institutions and other businesses for certain costs incurred by employers relating to the provision of day care to the children of their employees.	5/05/2016
32-68	Assemblywoman Carlton Revises provisions relating to transferable tax credits to attract film and other productions to Nevada.	5/16/2016
70	Assemblyman Moore Merges the Nevada Transportation Authority with the Taxicab Authority to create the Nevada Transportation Regulatory Commission.	5/17/2016
C-97	Assemblyman Ellison AJR: Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to limit certain changes to the commerce tax unless the voters	6/21/2016

approve.

32-99	Senator Manendo Revises provisions relating to excess proceeds from the sale of real property by a county treasurer for delinquent taxes.	6/24/2016
32-117	Assemblyman Armstrong Revises provisions governing the excise tax on certain financial institutions.	7/13/2016
32-222 SB64	Department of Motor Vehicles Revises provisions relating to the distribution of the proceeds of taxes on fuel for jet or turbine-powered aircraft.	7/21/2016
32-248 AB82	Department of Taxation Revises provisions governing the responsibility for reporting and paying mineral royalties to the Department of Taxation.	7/21/2016
32-249 AB47	Department of Taxation Authorizes Department of Taxation to contract for the collection of accounts receivable.	7/21/2016
32-272	Senator Kieckhefer Exempts certain property from taxation.	8/01/2016
32-317	Assemblyman Hansen Repeals the Commerce Tax.	8/12/2016
20-324 SB63	Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities Revises provisions governing the distribution of the proceeds of fuel taxes.	8/18/2016
325	Senator Hardy Revises provisions relating to taxation.	8/01/2016
32-341 SB54	Lyon County Authorizes smaller counties to approve additional uses of the proceeds of a tax for infrastructure.	8/22/2016

32-422 Withdrawn	Fernley, City of Revises provisions relating to taxation.		9/01/2016
S-432 AB30	State Treasurer Creates a committee to review the current tax structure in Nevada.		9/01/2016
32-441 AB43	Nevada Association of Counties Revises provisions governing the partial abatement of taxes levied on residential and other property.		9/01/2016
443	Senator Segerblom Increases the Clark County room tax by 2% and provides that the proceeds must be used to fund school construction bonds.		9/09/2016
447	Senator Segerblom Increases the Clark County room tax by 4% for purposes of building a public stadium in Clark County that can seat 65,000 people.		9/16/2016
536	Assemblywoman Swank Provides for transferable tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic buildings.		12/02/2016
631	Senator Cancela Joint Requester: Senator Woodhouse Eliminates the sales tax on certain products.		12/08/2016
635	Senator Settlemeyer Revises provisions relating to taxation.		12/09/2016
32-640	Senator Kieckhefer Revises provisions relating to taxation.		12/09/2016
647	Assemblywoman Titus Revises provisions governing distribution of proceeds of certain taxes to local governments.	By Request	12/09/2016
705	Assemblyman Kramer		12/10/2016

Revises provisions relating to taxing districts.

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| 709 | Assembly Committee on Taxation
Provides tax credits for employers that provide paid family medical leave. | 12/10/2016 |
| 710 | Assembly Committee on Taxation
Revises provisions relating to taxes. | 12/10/2016 |
| 731 | Assembly Committee on Government Affairs
Revises provisions governing certain room taxes. | 12/10/2016 |
| 758 | Senator Roberson
Consolidates the Taxicab Authority and the Nevada Transportation Authority. | 12/10/2016 |

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 48—COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF CLARK COUNTY)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to local government.
(BDR 21-435)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to cities; prohibiting certain municipal utilities from denying or restricting service to certain property; providing that certain municipal ordinances or regulations are null and void; prohibiting cities in certain counties from annexing real property under certain circumstances; authorizing and setting forth the procedures for certain boards of county commissioners to detach real property from a city under certain circumstances; requiring cities in certain counties to notify the board of county commissioners of certain proposed changes to zoning districts and designations; delaying, under certain circumstances, the effective date of changes in zoning districts and designations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, the provision of services by a public or municipal utility to
2 real property located outside of the city but within the service area of the utility
3 may not be conditioned upon the property owner agreeing to the annexation of the
4 property to the city served by the utility. (NRS 266.293, 268.4107) **Sections 1 and**
5 **5** of this bill define such a "service area" to include all real property located within
6 the boundaries of the city and located outside the boundaries of the city for which a
7 connection to the utility can be made at a point located within 1,500 feet of any part
8 of the existing system of the utility. **Sections 1 and 5** also: (1) prohibit the denial or
9 restriction of service by the utility to real property because the real property is



10 located outside the boundaries of the city; and (2) prohibit a city and utility from
11 charging an owner of real property located within the service area of the utility but
12 outside the boundaries of the city a different rate or fee than the rates or fees
13 charged to owners of real property located within the service area of the utility and
14 the boundaries of the city.

15 Existing law provides for the annexation of unincorporated territory by a city
16 located in a county whose population is 700,000 or more (currently Clark County).
17 (NRS 268.570-268.608) **Section 3** of this bill provides that such a city is prohibited
18 from annexing real property if: (1) the provision of services to the property by a
19 public or municipal utility has been unlawfully conditioned upon the property
20 owner agreeing to the annexation or denied or restricted because the property is
21 located outside the boundaries of the city; (2) the annexation violates the terms of
22 any written agreement between the county and city; (3) the annexation includes
23 public land about which the county has a lease with the Bureau of Land
24 Management for a recreational or public purpose; or (4) the city intends to use
25 certain annexation procedures but the property does not meet the requirements for
26 the city to use such procedures. **Section 3** also authorizes the board of county
27 commissioners to detach the property from the city if the annexation occurred in
28 violation of these restrictions. **Section 4** of this bill sets forth the procedures for the
29 board to detach such property.

30 Under existing law, the governing body of a city must provide notice to certain
31 property owners before it decides whether to approve a proposed amendment to the
32 boundary of a zoning district or a zoning designation. **Section 8** of this bill requires
33 a city in a county whose population is 700,000 or more (currently Clark County) to
34 also provide notice to the board of county commissioners if: (1) the proposed
35 amendment involves a change that would increase the density or intensity with
36 which a parcel of land may be used; (2) the parcel of land was annexed by the city
37 less than 2 years before the date of the application for the amendment; and (3) on
38 the date of annexation, the density or intensity with which the parcel could have
39 been used pursuant to the county's zoning district or designation was less than the
40 density or intensity requested in the application. **Section 8** also provides that if the
41 city approves an increase in the density or intensity with which the parcel may be
42 used, the increase may not take effect until 2 years after the date that the parcel was
43 annexed unless the board of county commissioners agrees to an earlier effective
44 date.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 266.293 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 266.293 *1.* If real property is located within the service area
3 of a public utility acquired or established by a city council pursuant
4 to NRS 266.290, the provision of services by the public utility to the
5 property ~~may~~ :

6 *(a) May not be denied or restricted because the real property is*
7 *located outside the boundaries of the city; and*

8 *(b) May* not be conditioned upon the property owner agreeing to
9 annexation of the real property to the city.

10 *2. A city and a public utility acquired or established by a city*
11 *council pursuant to NRS 266.290 shall not charge an owner of*
12 *real property located within the service area of the utility but*



1 *the clerk, with a certified copy of the ordinance or action as*
2 *passed, approved and published. Upon such filing the change in*
3 *boundaries shall be deemed complete and the area detached.*

4 **Sec. 5.** NRS 268.4107 is hereby amended to read as follows:
5 268.4107 1. If real property is located within the service area
6 of a municipal utility, the provision of services by the municipal
7 utility to the property ~~may~~ :

8 *(a) May not be denied or restricted because of the real property*
9 *being located outside the boundaries of the city; and*

10 *(b) May not be conditioned upon the property owner agreeing to*
11 *annexation of the real property to the city.*

12 2. *A city or a municipal utility shall not charge an owner of*
13 *real property located within the service area of the utility but*
14 *outside the boundaries of the city a different rate or fee than the*
15 *rates or fees charged to owners of real property located within the*
16 *service area of the utility and the boundaries of the city.*

17 3. *Any ordinance or regulation which is inconsistent with this*
18 *section or which is designed to restrict or prohibit the provision of*
19 *services by a municipal utility to property that is within the service*
20 *area of the utility is null and void.*

21 4. *As used in this section, "service area of a municipal*
22 *utility" includes:*

23 *(a) All real property located within the boundaries of the city;*
24 *and*

25 *(b) All real property located outside the boundaries of the city*
26 *for which a connection to the municipal utility can be made at a*
27 *point located within 1,500 feet of any part of the existing system of*
28 *the utility.*

29 **Sec. 6.** NRS 268.570 is hereby amended to read as follows:
30 268.570 The provisions of NRS 268.570 to 268.608, inclusive,
31 *and sections 3 and 4 of this act* apply only to cities located in a
32 county whose population is 700,000 or more.

33 **Sec. 7.** NRS 268.574 is hereby amended to read as follows:
34 268.574 As used in NRS 268.570 to 268.608, inclusive ~~+~~ ,
35 *and sections 3 and 4 of this act:*

36 1. "Contiguous" means either abutting directly on the boundary
37 of the annexing municipality or separated from the boundary thereof
38 by a street, alley, public right-of-way, creek, river or the right-of-
39 way of a railroad or other public service corporation, or by lands
40 owned by the annexing municipality, by some other political
41 subdivision of the State or by the State of Nevada.

42 2. "Lot or parcel" means any tract of land of sufficient size to
43 constitute a legal building lot as determined by the zoning ordinance
44 of the county in which the territory proposed to be annexed is
45 situated. If such county has not enacted a zoning ordinance, the



1 question of what constitutes a building lot shall be determined by
2 reference to the zoning ordinance of the annexing municipality.

3 3. "Majority of the property owners" in a territory means the
4 record owners of real property:

5 (a) Whose combined value is greater than 50 percent of the total
6 value of real property in the territory, as determined by assessment
7 for taxation; and

8 (b) Whose combined area is greater than 50 percent of the total
9 area of the territory, excluding lands held by public bodies.

10 4. A lot or parcel of land is "used for residential purposes" if it
11 is 5 acres or less in area and contains a habitable dwelling unit of a
12 permanent nature.

13 **Sec. 8.** Chapter 278 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
14 thereto a new section to read as follows:

15 *1. In addition to the applicable requirements set forth in NRS*
16 *278.260, if:*

17 *(a) A proposed amendment involves a change in the boundary*
18 *of a zoning district or a zoning designation that would increase the*
19 *density or intensity with which a parcel of land may be used;*

20 *(b) The parcel of land was annexed by a city located in a*
21 *county whose population is 700,000 or more less than 2 years*
22 *before the date of the application for the proposed amendment;*
23 *and*

24 *(c) On the date that the parcel of land was annexed by the city,*
25 *the density or intensity with which the parcel could have been used*
26 *pursuant to the county's zoning district or zoning designation was*
27 *less than the density or intensity requested in the application,*
28 *↳ the governing body of the city must cause a notice of the*
29 *hearing required pursuant to NRS 278.260 to be sent at least 10*
30 *days before the hearing to the board of county commissioners.*

31 *2. The notice required pursuant to subsection 1 must:*

32 *(a) Set forth the time, place and purpose of the hearing and a*
33 *physical description of or a map detailing the proposed change.*

34 *(b) Indicate the existing zoning designation and the proposed*
35 *zoning designation of the property in question.*

36 *(c) Contain a brief summary of the intent of the proposed*
37 *change.*

38 *3. Not later than 10 days after making its decision on the*
39 *application, the governing body of the city must transmit a copy of*
40 *the decision to the board of county commissioners.*

41 *4. If the governing body of the city approves an increase in*
42 *the density or intensity with which the parcel of land may be used,*
43 *such increase may not take effect until 2 years after the date that*
44 *the parcel of land was annexed by the city unless the board of*
45 *county commissioners agrees to an earlier effective date.*



1 **Sec. 9.** NRS 278.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 278.010 As used in NRS 278.010 to 278.630, inclusive, *and*
3 *section 8 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the
4 words and terms defined in NRS 278.0103 to 278.0195, inclusive,
5 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
6 **Sec. 10.** This act becomes effective upon passage and
7 approval.

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50-153	Senator Goicoechea Revises provisions relating to animals impounded by counties.	7/21/2016
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24-426 AB45	Secretary of State Revises various provisions relating to elections.	9/01/2016
450	Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections Revises provisions relating to elections.	5/05/2016
24-452	Senator Farley Revises provisions relating to elections.	9/19/2016
24-491	Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections Makes various changes relating to elections.	5/05/2016
24-521	Senator Settelmeyer Revises provisions governing elections.	11/28/2016
24-522	Senator Settelmeyer Makes certain changes relating to elections.	11/28/2016
24-547	Senator Settelmeyer Revises provisions relating to election accessibility.	11/28/2016
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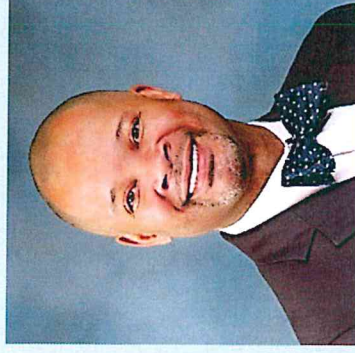
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Nevada State Senate

State Senate (11 D's/9 R's/1 NP)

- 15 represent Clark County
- 4 represent Washoe County
- 2 outside Clark County



Senate
Majority Leader
Aaron D. Ford
(D)



Senate
Minority Leader
Michael Roberson
(R)



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Nevada State Assembly

State Assembly (27 D's/15 R's)

- 30 represent Clark County
- 8 represent Washoe County
- 4 represent outside districts



Speaker of the
Assembly
Designee
Jason Frierson
(D)



Assembly
Minority Leader
Paul Anderson
(R)



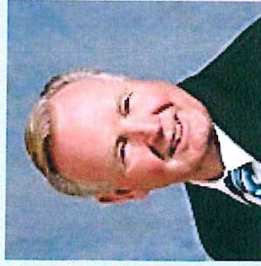
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Washoe County Delegation- Senate Members



Julie Ratti
(D)



Don
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(R)



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Washoe County Delegation- Assembly Members



Amber
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(D)



Jill
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Lisa
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(R)



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Washoe County Internal Efforts

- Meetings with County Managers
- Meetings with Department Directors
- Discussions About Internal Bill Tracking Efforts
- Develop Legislative Principles, Goals and Platform Issues
- Respond to 100 percent of Fiscal Notes
- Track Bill Draft Requests and Legislative Bills for impact
- Citizen Communication



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2017 Legislative Principles

- **Respect for Governmental Roles:**

Mutually respectful government at all levels; holding all governments accountable for outcomes; and support for local decision making and local determination.

- **Recover Our Economic Strength:**

Promoting regional collaboration on economic development, and support for coordinated regional response to the economic challenges and opportunities facing our region and state.

- **Regional Solutions to Service Provision:**

Supporting collaborative efforts of all services providers within our region and the state to provide the best service possible at the lowest possible cost to the constituents of Washoe County and Nevada.

- **Commitment:**

Washoe County is committed to working with the 2017 Legislature, community stakeholders and business partners to provide effective representation of Washoe County's legislative goals.



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2017 Legislative Principles Respect for Governmental Roles

- Partners Providing Service to Our Shared Constituents

All Governments in Nevada (State, County, Cities, School Districts, and Special Districts) are partners in providing consistent and reliable services to our shared constituents, and therefore all levels of government must be viable in order for our citizens to enjoy an outstanding quality of life. A great State requires strong, effective, mutually-respectful government at all levels.

- Focus on Outcomes

Services to citizens should be provided efficiently; should be effective; and must demonstrate measurable results. All governments (State, County, Cities, School Districts, and Special Districts) should be held accountable for measurable outcomes and cost-effective performance, while at the same time be given the flexibility to let elected leaders decide how best to achieve those outcomes.

- Local Determination

Statewide policy decisions should be made by State leaders; local policy decisions should be made by local leaders. Local governments must have the right to control their resources, and voters should have the ability to decide whether those resources are sufficient or not. Local governments should have discretion on delivering State programs and services when funding is reduced or diverted by the State.



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Respect for Governmental Roles (Continued)

- Local Decision-Making and Flexibility

Washoe County urges the preservation of local prerogatives over matters traditionally and best governed at the local level. The legislature should encourage local officials and citizens to solve local problems. Legislation should foster local flexibility and assist local government leaders and the citizens they represent in addressing problems in ways that best serve their community.

- Unfunded Mandates

Washoe County believes the Nevada State Legislature should not impose mandated functions, activities, or regulations on local governments without providing financial resources or means to meet the costs of carrying out those mandates.



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2017 Legislative Principles Recover Our Economic Strength

- **Support Economic Recovery and Development**

Promote regional collaboration on economic development and support a coordinated regional response to the economic challenges and opportunities facing Northern Nevada.

- **Long Term, Sustainable Solutions**

The economy and tax revenue base on which all governments in Nevada rely are undergoing a fundamental restructure. Simply shifting the service burden or revenues from one government service provider to another will not responsibly and sustainably meet the needs of the citizens of Nevada and Washoe County. All governments need to be working together toward long-term solutions for service provision and equitable, stable funding for those services, and not at one another's expense.

- **Fiscal Responsibility**

Washoe County supports local government fiscal responsibility and long-term financial planning; including retaining and expanding tools at the local level to better manage budget and cash flow and responsibly structure revenue sources.





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2017 Legislative Principles Regional Solutions to Service Provisions

- Intergovernmental Collaboration

Washoe County supports collaborative efforts of service providers within the region and the state to provide the best service possible at the lowest possible cost to the constituents of Washoe County.

- Legislative Relations

Washoe County recognizes that local governments in the region have numerous areas of mutual interest, and that a cooperative and integrated approach to legislative relations best serves the interests of the residents of Washoe County.



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2017 Legislative Principles Commitment

- **Representation**

Washoe County is committed to working with the 2017 Legislature, community stakeholders and business partners to provide effective representation of Washoe County's legislative goals. The Washoe County Legislative Team is readily available during the 2017 Legislative Session to assist legislative committees, individuals legislators and legislative staff to provide timely and accurate response to requests for information that will assist in the deliberation and formulation of legislation.



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2017 Legislative Principles Legislative Communication Policy

- Legislative Updates
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- **816 BDR's**
- **168 Assembly/Senate Bills**
- **Fiscal Notes – 38 at present time**
- **Bills of Interest**
 - Annexation
 - AB 48 (Clark County)
 - Taxes (25+ BDR's & Bills)
 - AB30 (Committee on Taxation)
 - AB43 (NACO)
 - BDR 32-640 (Sen. Ratti)



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- **Bills of Interest (cont.)**
 - Labor Relations/Pension System
 - BDR 23-428 (State Controller)
 - Agriculture Extension
 - Mental Health
 - Courts
 - Seniors
 - Animals
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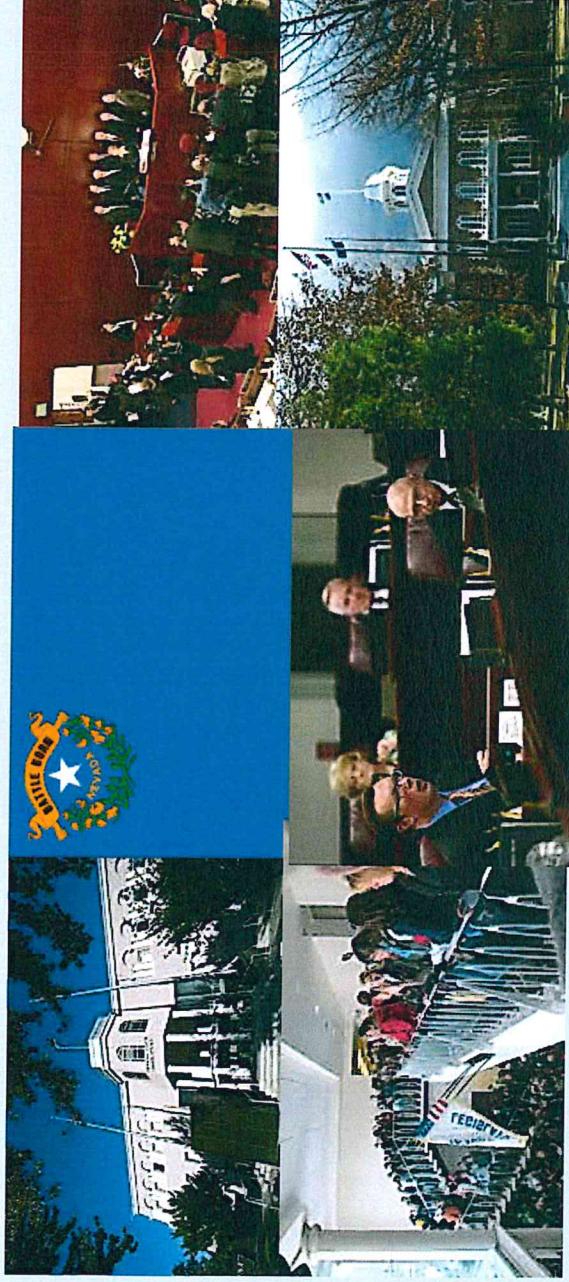
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- 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature- February 6, 2017
- Legislative Updates to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners
 - All Regularly Scheduled Meetings – 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays
 - Special Meetings - if necessary



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