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# Service Request Details

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Run by: Megan Berner

## Case Information:

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Channel:	Web	Awaiting Info Date:	
Business/Account:		Code Enforcement Case Number:	
Constituent:	Ann Keniston	Opened:	2024-10-11 10:01:50
Service:	Public Art Issues - Arts, Culture and Events	Priority:	2 - Normal
Service Category:	Arts, Culture and Events	Assignment group:	Arts and Culture
Service Subcategory:		Assigned to:	
		Parent:	

Short Description:
Service Request - Public Art Issues
Description:
I know this isn't the right place to register my concern but can't find an appropriate link. I want to register my dismay at the change in the pool fee for seniors. In the past a single lap swim entry was \$2.50 and now it has gone up to \$8, which is more than an exercise class. I know you have a sliding scale for memberships but I am an occasional swimmer. I would be grateful if you could consider reinstating the ten-pass. I would like to swim regularly at Moana but the costs are currently too high/unreasonable.

## Request Location:

Address number:	8893	Street address:	8893 N McCarran Blvd
City:	Reno	State/Province:	NV

<b>Zip:</b>	89503		
<b>Second Cross Street:</b>			
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<b>Ward Number:</b>	5		

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<b>Last Name</b>	Keniston
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## FW: Feedback for City of Reno

**From** Jennifer Pawliszyn <PawliszynJ@reno.gov>  
**Date** Mon 10/14/2024 7:59 AM  
**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Good morning,

We received this feedback on the website and thought it would be best suited for public comment. Please see below.

Thank you!



**Jennifer Pawliszyn, M.A. – PHIL E.L.P.**  
 (She/Her/Hers)

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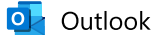
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**Subject:** Feedback for City of Reno

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<https://www.reno.gov/government/city-council/mayor-hillary-schieve>

Hi Mayor Schieve Why not consider asking the Conference of Mayors to establish a Sports Project for their cities to create new sports that can be played uninterrupted during pandemics like Covid-19 and heat waves? Basketball was created within 14 days by one person for bored students before the invention of computers. A Sports Project could: 1. UNITE people. 2. Give new HOPE and encouragement. 3. Help solve a global challenge. 4. Better prepare society for the next pandemic. 5. Provide lessons to share to help solve personal, local, national, and global challenges. 6. Provide lessons in almost all school subjects such as STEM, business, teamwork, problem solving, peace building, marketing, 3D printing, politics, computers, A.I. music, theater, history etc. 7. Provide enough material to write a school course, book, song, play, and produce a movie Covid-19 caused the cancellation, suspension, and postponement of programs, events, and activities around the world, including school, community, and professional sports, affecting billions of people and almost all industries. . (Research: 1. The United Nations Sports & Peace. 2. The Freedom Writers. 3. When Is The Next Pandemic? Have a blessed day.



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**From** Donoma Unity <DonomaUnity@reno.gov>

**Date** Mon 10/14/2024 9:05 AM

**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

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**Hi. This is Christopher Robert Schneider while at safe Camp my personal possessions that my late grandmother gave me were broken destroyed thrown away given away lost. I was 86 off a safe camp for flan accusations against my myself. After that I went and put in the police report to, no, avail of that. Police report, go through, for some reason, I called talked to detective unit and the Pinot Police Department. Nothing has gone through with that either. I went and I spoke to all the way up to Jackie Jackie. The, the runner of safe Camp regarding my possessions that were admittedly broke thrown away or given away. Nothing has happened. It's been a year since. I don't know what to do other than seek revenge. Somehow, someway, because what happened to me was against the law. If that happened to you, I would go to prison. There's nothing different from that happening to me, regarding my situation, nothing makes it write \$4,000. Worth of my stuff has been broken destroyed given away or lost or absolutely ridiculous. Absolutely not fair to people like me I am 1 of those people. I do have good style I do have good taste. How dare they do this to me and to Sweet me under the rug promises and promising me, promising me things that never came through and then threatening me and he's saying, I won't get my Social Security if I pursued it. That's exactly what Jackie said. You could ask Miss Jamie Peak. It was on a 3-way phone call with City Hall. She said it right out of her mouth. I am sick of this s\*\*\*. I want something done. I want something done and I want something done correctly. Thank you.**

(Transcription with high confidence)

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**From:** dana munkelt <nvdana.m@att.net>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 4:46 PM

**To:** Jesse Jo Rego <RegoJ@reno.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Questions About Waste Management Contract

Mr Rego,

My concern with WM is their poor customer service.

The long story is: I established new service online Oct. 1 and received an email next day I was "all set", with a support code number. On the 14th, my bin was damaged and my attempt to reach someone to ask for replacement included 48 minutes on hold after 2 transfers, 3 dropped online "chats". The next day I reached someone at a 775- number, transferred again, found someone who couldn't help as their phone system has been a problem for some time, but explained WM has phone problems, then drove to a local office and found a nice clerk who also said their systems do not work well, but was able to make a repair notice.

I see WM has lots of negative remarks on Yelp, with a score of 1.3.

A contract with them needs to address this. Perhaps penalties for low Yelp scores or total number of complaints. Proof of resolving their phone and process problem would be good.

Good luck with the contract.

Dana Munkelt

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**Re: Lear Theater Discussion (Could this be forwarded to Mayor and City Council, thank you!)**

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**From** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>  
**Date** Thu 10/10/2024 2:57 PM  
**To** palmereno@hotmail.com <palmereno@hotmail.com>  
**Cc** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Hi David,

Thank you for your comments. They will be sent to the Reno City Council for review and will be part of the official record.

\*Please note, for consistency in record keeping please email all future comments to [Publiccomment@reno.gov](mailto:Publiccomment@reno.gov).

Take care,

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City Clerk (775) 334-2030  
1 East First Street, 2nd Floor Reno, NV 89501  
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**From:** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2024 1:24 PM  
**To:** Ashley Turney <TurneyA@reno.gov>; Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>  
**Cc:** Jackie Bryant <BryantJ@reno.gov>; JW Hodge <HodgeJW@reno.gov>; Norma Santoyo <SantoyoN@reno.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Lear Theater Discussion (Could this be forwarded to Mayor and City Council, thank you!)

Received, thanks!

Take care,



**Mikki Huntsman**  
([She/Her/Hers](#))

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**To:** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>  
**Cc:** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>; Jackie Bryant <BryantJ@reno.gov>; JW Hodge <HodgeJW@reno.gov>; Norma Santoyo <SantoyoN@reno.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: Lear Theater Discussion (Could this be forwarded to Mayor and City Council, thank you!)

Hi Mikki,

I received the below public comment intended for Mayor and Council. Can you please include this in the record for the next meeting?

Thank you,

Ashley

**Ashley D. Turney**[\(She/Her/Hers\)](#)*Assistant City Manager*

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**From:** david palmer <palmereno@hotmail.com>**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2024 7:31 AM**To:** Ashley Turney <TurneyA@reno.gov>**Subject:** Lear Theater Discussion (Could this be forwarded to Mayor and City Council, thank you!)

Mayor and Council:

Watched today's (10/9/2024) City Council meeting front to back while working in my office, and have to comment on the Lear Theater discussion. I am afraid I may smell massive 'money pit' there and perhaps lack of interest in it by anyone for reuse as whatever, mainly due to extensive, unknown funding needed to adapt/reuse it, as well as strict oversight and rules on how it can even be readapted, reused etc., even if we DO spend a ton of money on it now to somewhat maintain it in current condition and many many times more in the future to bring it back to life, which is bound to happen (and if we do not it will certainly so south quick, once the homeless discover it as their new BnB, it is in a convenient neighborhood for them).

While we may be able to do a better job on getting word out on RFP's generally, the old First Church of Christ Scientist Church I suspect, is likely known to most who might be candidates and are just not interested, or they would have come to you by now, it does have an extensive history of attempts to reuse it and it has been sitting empty for well over a decade I read. The Lear is pretty visible and most in Reno have some knowledge of it. When I heard about no water, plumbing, electricity etc. in building for how many years (I thought I heard over 20), I shuttered. That should have been a red flag warning and noticed the Asst. City Manager (I believe is her title) Turney, mentioned that to you all several times in discussion. Read between the lines on that would be my advice.

I am worried it could go the route of the Record Street Homeless Shelter which I still feel suffered severe negligence by the city's lack of oversight and cost us dearly as a result. Have heard nary a single insurance claim was ever filed on it by the city, and that (if true) reflects quite poorly on previous City Manager.

I came to Reno about the time of the Mapes 'implosion'. I knew of the Mapes and the old Virginia Street bridge etc. (and I moved here from No. Minnesota, not California) and couldn't believe we demolished it, first high-rise casino/hotel in Nevada, indeed first 'skyscraper' in the Western US and tallest building in Nevada for a time and so incredible architecture-wise and history-wise (as was the bridge and our beloved courthouse), but didn't know much of the specifics of readapting/reusing the hotel, and heard there were foundation problems with it, still do not know on that really. But all we ever got out of that highly valuable space (one might have thought), was a paved multi-use area, even 25 years on. Developers are very picky for obvious reasons, about what they choose to become involved in, or they do not stay developers for long. It is all about money and what people want and more importantly what they support financially. The Lear may be a red-herring and as much as we spend on it now, and promote RFP's etc. in the future, may just not attract much interest, sadly. I believe an effort was made to save the Mapes as well, to no avail. Wish the original church it was built for, would have continued to use it even if they somewhat outgrew it. Certainly, a gem and something for Reno to be very proud of. Whoever uses it again, if anyone ever does, is going to have to be willing to make some major concessions to see it 'saved'.

On a completely different topic. Was so completely disappointed with last city Manager Thornley, he even looked so bored and disinterested/disengaged in City Council Meetings and am so impressed with your in-house City Management staff now. especially Ms. Turney who I have seen speaking in past few meetings. I would look at promoting some staff in-house, into this position permanently, and save us all a few bucks in the process. At least they would know what the hell they are getting into! Telling compliment, I had emailed Ms. Turney last night asking for her email so I could forward this email to her to get to you. Received a response at 6:12 am next morning. I have emailed certain City Council members before, asking for same, and never even received the curtesy of a response from one.

Sincerely,

David Palmer  
Reno



**Fwd: Fw: Sign code, the Lear Theater, downtown redevelopment priorities & more**

**From** Dorothy McCorkindale <dormccor@gmail.com>  
**Date** Thu 10/17/2024 9:41 AM  
**To** City Clerk <CityClerk@reno.gov>  
**Cc** Sandwich Spot Reno <sandwichspotreno@gmail.com>

Wow sign code might change for downtown but environmental groups opposing it. We have been trying to get a sign installed for our 6775 Sierra Center Town Center for some time but were turned down as there are already two signs for Target and Greater Nevada Credit unit on this really huge shopping center so we were refused. We wanted to add another sign simply beside the Target sign as there is room there and it would not be undignified as Virginia is a busy commercial street. Business survival is really tied to sign visibility and strangely enough our 8500 sq ft shopping center with 6 tenants has no sign at all!! Have you ever heard of a shopping center anywhere with no sign??? Here is an article about the city review and reworking of sign code. Most important indeed but it should be expanded to Virginia Street at Sierra Center Parkway.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Fw: Sign code, the Lear Theater, downtown redevelopment priorities & more  
**To:**

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**Date:** Mon, Oct 14, 2024 at 5:01 PM  
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**To:** Big Questions <[olli.big.questions@gmail.com](mailto:olli.big.questions@gmail.com)>

Forwarding this because of our new book; if you'd prefer I stop, let me know.

Jerry Wager  
 Reno, NV

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**Subject:** Sign code, the Lear Theater, downtown redevelopment priorities & more

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## Sign code, the Lear Theater, downtown redevelopment priorities & more

Potential sign code changes to be discussed at Planning Commission,  
 plus previews and updates for the week of October 14, 2024

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It was such a pleasure to meet so many of you at the Nevada Humanities Literary Crawl this past Saturday. Thanks so much for saying hi, and I hope you all found the day as enjoyable and inspiring as I did!

Today's highlighted issue is the City's sign code, particularly as it impacts downtown, but first, you can find the schedule of all public City meetings for the week of October 14-18 along with agendas and supporting materials [here](#). They include the following:

- Monday 10/14: Public Art Committee of the Arts and Culture Commission (11am); ~~Ward 1 NAB (5:30pm)~~ ← CANCELLED
- Tuesday 10/15: Ward 2 NAB (5:30pm), Recreation and Parks Commission (6pm)
- Wednesday 10/16: Urban Forestry Commission (5:30pm); Reno Planning Commission (6pm, online agenda [here](#))
- Thursday 10/17: Ward 4 NAB (6pm)

The NABs that meet this week will all hear updates on the City's "[Zoning Code Clean-Up](#)", among other items. Keep in mind that you can view and participate in all of these meetings virtually by registering via a link on their agendas.

## Potential Changes to the City's Sign Code

One of the items on the Reno Planning Commission agenda (**Item 5.1**) is an initial review of proposed changes to the Title 18 Sign Code. As explained on the City's "[Zoning Code Clean-Up](#)" [webpage](#), this discussion follows a series of stakeholder and public outreach meetings that finished up at the end of last month, and the City is now asking the Planning Commission for input and feedback on the sign code prior to a similar review by City Council, likely in November. The final draft ordinance is scheduled for review in early 2025. You can view the Staff Report for this item [here](#).

The sign code is a specialized area, to be sure, but its provisions impact the quality of life for our entire community, from the experience of our daily commute to the appearance of our neighborhoods and districts to the view out our bedroom windows.

There's a lot in this update, much of it regarding edits for consistency and clarity. But it has drawn particular concern from the nonprofit organization Scenic Nevada and others for the signage allowances given by right in the center of downtown—what's formally zoned as the "Entertainment District." Here's a map of that area, bounded on the south side by Second Street and

extending from Ralston Street on the west to Record Street on the east, with an additional extension along the ballpark property. On the north is a jagged boundary jutting up to Seventh Street at its northernmost tip.

You can read the alert issued by Scenic Nevada [here](#). As they explain, the code as written in this proposed draft would “allow any business – from pawn shops to liquor stores – in the downtown district in addition to casinos to have 100-foot-tall signs with no limit on number, size or types of lighting.”

You'll see that there is a difference of opinion between the City of Reno and Scenic Nevada regarding precisely what is allowed today and how we got here. According to Scenic Nevada, an earlier draft of this code restricted that very liberal signage (up to 100 feet high with no public review) in the downtown area to gaming properties ONLY, while according to the City of Reno, the granting of such liberal signage to ALL properties in the downtown Entertainment District dates back to 2005. You can view the City's explanation from one of the stakeholder meetings [here](#).

To me what's most important here is not necessarily what was allowed or proposed in the past, but **the opportunity being afforded us today to re-examine a potentially outdated section of code that may have run its course.**

For starters, I think we need to take a good hard look at what this map (and current City zoning) categorizes as the “Entertainment District,” described in the City's [2017 Downtown Action Plan](#) as “traditionally the 24-hour gaming area that includes the major hotel casinos in the core, the Events Center and National Bowling Stadium” (p. 44). The definition of this and other downtown districts was intended to “help shape the future of Downtown over the next five to ten years” (p. 55) and became part of the Reimagine Reno Master Plan.

The section describing the Entertainment District had this to say about residential development in the area:

This description was developed almost eight years ago. In the interim, residential development has expanded throughout this area—not just on the western, southern, and northeastern edges, but smack dab in its center. Harrah's Reno closed in 2020, and if the financial restructuring of Reno City Center is successful, its towers will become primarily or entirely residential. The brand new Ballpark Apartments, comprising a full block between Lake and Evans Streets, is completely residential (although you might recall that when initially approved in 2007, the baseball stadium was supposed to spur an entire entertainment district to its west). Jacobs Entertainment is now

completing its apartment building on the corner of Arlington and West 2nd Street.

If you look back to 2005, when, according to the City, this liberal signage was first allowed for all gaming AND non-gaming properties in the Entertainment District area, the transformation of this section of town is even more stark.

As a result of this ongoing transformation, which the City is heavily encouraging, it's important for the City to recognize when certain aspects of its code may be coming into conflict with its other goals. How many blocks designated on that map of the Entertainment District now contain, or could in the future contain residential development? Does it make sense to allow non-gaming properties in this entire district to have unlimited signage up to the size of Jacobs' animated digital sign that can be viewed from miles away (which was obviously the goal), without any public review? What if that sign were right outside your apartment window?

A sign doesn't have to be nearly that large or bright to be visually intrusive, and a proliferation of signs can add enormously to a sense of visual clutter. The primary question here is not whether such signage should be allowed **at all** on non-gaming properties in the Entertainment District, but whether it should be allowed without any discretionary (i.e. public) review. But perhaps we should start to consider that first question, too, along with whether the designation of "Entertainment District" even makes sense for this area anymore.

The City is rightfully proposing to rectify an unintended consequence of a provision in code that has briefly allowed ALL properties found within a "gaming overlay" anywhere in the city (areas where gaming is allowed, a total of approximately 1,971 acres) to benefit from the same unlimited signage as casino properties. Only the gaming properties in most of those areas would now be allowed unlimited signage. But so far the City is still singling out the 136 acres of the mixed-use "Entertainment District" downtown as an exception, **making it the sole area in the city where non-gaming properties get unlimited signage, too**. Does that make sense anymore? This is your chance to weigh in, first at Planning Commission this week, and next month in front of City Council.

## **Par Tolles on Nevada Newsmakers**

On the topic of downtown, I want to draw your attention to a recent episode of Sam Shad's *Nevada Newsmakers* show featuring developer Par Tolles. You can view it [here](#).

In addition to discussing many of his company's recent development projects, Tolles (who sits on the [Board of the Downtown Reno Partnership](#)) shares his thoughts on downtown revitalization. And I'm having a hard time understanding one of his points, so I'm hope some of you (maybe Tolles himself) can help clarify what he means. The whole video is illuminating, but if you head to the 13:00 mark or so, he refers to certain "stubborn" owners of what he calls "really dilapidated buildings" on the east side of Virginia Street who he believes need to sell their properties "at reasonable prices to allow for redevelopment."

Tolles also expresses his desire for Reno's code enforcement to "amp up what they demand" for Virginia Street (he says "South Virginia" but he seems to mean North Virginia), and says that if certain property owners in this area don't "reinvest" in their properties, they should be forced to sell them. Sam Shad, who seems to know what buildings Tolles is talking about, says "these are owners that have been there since the fifties and sixties—multiple owners on single properties that have made it so difficult for City Council to negotiate with them."

Could someone tell me specifically which properties these two are talking about? The east side of Virginia Street in the heart of downtown includes Reno Vulcanizing, a row of [historic brick commercial buildings](#) across from the Silver Legacy, the mid-century Thunderbird Motel, the 1928 [St. Francis Hotel](#), Palace Jewelry & Loan, Reno City Center, and Club Cal-Neva. Are these the properties being labeled dilapidated? Does "redevelop" mean "raze and replace"? Because Tolles sits on the Board of the DRP and in that role helps direct its actions, I'd love to know who and what is being labeled as the problem here. If we all agree it's a problem, we can more easily band together to fix it. And if our visions differ, it would be good to know that, too.

## More Items on the Planning Commission agenda

In addition to the Signage Code, the Planning Commission has three discretionary reviews on tap for Wednesday, October 16.

**4.1 - Virginia Village Self Storage.** This is a request to construct a mini-warehouse facility adjacent to residentially zoned property on North Virginia Street, directly east of its intersection with Talus Way. View the Staff Report [here](#) and other materials via the agenda.

**4.2 - Need 2 Speed.** This is a request for a conditional use permit to allow an indoor entertainment venue with a variety of entertainment options and bar in the Northtowne Marketplace shopping center. View the Staff Report [here](#) and other materials via the agenda.

**4.3 - 2400 West 7th Street.** This is a request to approve a tentative map for a 28-lot single-family detached subdivision and a major site plan review for

cluster development on a site directly south of the intersection of West 7th Street and Rhode Island Drive (see below). This has generated a lot of discussion including a community meeting, and you can access the [Staff Report](#) and Exhibits A through J (maps, reports, NAB and community meeting comment forms, etc.) on the [online agenda](#).

To comment on any Planning Commission item, you can attend the meeting in person or attend online by registering at <https://links.reno.gov/PC10-16-24>. To provide public comments in advance, you can (1) submit an online public comment form at <http://www.reno.gov/PCPublicComment>; (2) send an email to [RenoPlanningCommission@reno.gov](mailto:RenoPlanningCommission@reno.gov); or leave a voicemail at (775) 393-1776. (You can also mail in public comment, but I wouldn't advise that for this week's meeting.)

## News Digest: The Latest in Local Development

If you're wondering what's new on the downtown landscape (and beyond), *Downtown Makeover* has an informative new video update for October 2024.

You can subscribe to [Downtown Makeover's YouTube channel](#) to keep up with those video updates. Mike also had breaking news about the Reno City Center (former Harrah's) project, which might be getting back on track:

["Reno City Center takes big step forward in bankruptcy proceedings"](#) (Mike Van Houten, *Downtown Makeover*, 10/9/24)

As usual, *This is Reno* provides the most thorough coverage of Reno City Council meetings, with several articles about the October 9 Council meeting:

- ["Next 'Vintage' affordable housing project moves forward despite ongoing tenant issues at other Vintage properties"](#) (Kelsey Penrose, *This is Reno*, 10/10/24)
- ["Reno terminates agreement with Waste Management to pursue updated contract"](#) (Kelsey Penrose, *This is Reno*, 10/11/24)
- ["Lear Theater holds onto funding – for now"](#) (Kelsey Penrose, *This is Reno*, 10/13/24)

## Update on the Lear Theater

As I wrote last week (and *This is Reno* reported above), the former Church of Christ, Scientist building, also known as the [Lear Theater](#), was back in front of City Council. The question was whether to reallocate funds previously

designated for work related to the building. Long story short, City Council voted to uphold the entire allocation (after almost losing \$300,000 of it to fund downtown trash cans), and as a result, various projects including erecting a temporary (8 years max) wrought iron fence, concrete work, irrigation, electrical work, and landscaping can proceed. Once these improvements are completed, the idea is to promote using the grounds of the building for various events, perhaps even renting out that outdoor space, in order to both protect the building and begin to generate a revenue stream for its rehabilitation.

I was concerned, however, to hear Mayor Schieve state that her preference would be for the City to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the property, to see what ideas people have for revitalizing the building. This, to me, would be the wrong approach. The advantage of bringing this historic property into public ownership (as she does believe it should remain) is that the community can now discuss how we would like to see this incredibly significant building restored and for what, rather than responding to the ideas generated by would-be developers in some kind of open call. The covenants actually require it to be some kind of community or cultural center, but precisely what kind and used by whom and for what purpose remain open questions.

Once the commissioned Historic Structures Report currently underway is completed (it's scheduled to be presented to the Historical Resources Commission next month), I hope that the City will initiate a series of listening sessions to formally discuss how residents would like to see this building used, and what options might be feasible to restore and reopen it. Councilmember Brekhus recommended conducting some kind of facilities and cultural programming analysis to evaluate area needs. After all that, the City can certainly open up to proposals for how to achieve that vision. **But the vision—and the community discussion to generate that vision—have to come first.**

## Reno City Council General Election info

As early voting is set to begin soon, remember to consult my **Guide to the General Election for Reno City Council**, which you can access [here](#). It includes links to all candidate websites, their interviews with local media outlets, information on Reno's new six-ward configuration, and more. Please read and share!

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## Redevelopment Agency Board

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**From** Gaia Brown <gaiabrown@me.com>

**Date** Mon 10/21/2024 2:22 PM

**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Dear Council Members,

I understand that the City Council will be discussing and possibly voting on staff suggested changes to the Redevelopment Agency Board which were originally presented at the August meeting of the Council. At that time council members Ebert, Duerr and Brekhus raised questions about these changes, and those questions/concerns have yet to be answered. In general, I see that developers are given green lights and sweet deals regarding "downtown" Reno while those of us who actually live here are not given a voice in these matters. The Redevelopment Agency Board (the City Council!) needs an Advisory Board that answers to the needs and desires of Reno's populace. Please, Mayor Shieve and Council Members Taylor, Reese and Martinez, in this matter, listen to your fellow council members who seem to be more tuned in to Reno's citizens.

Gaia Brown

4345 Mountaingate, Reno 89519



## Outlook

## Solar panel grid over sidewalks and streets

**From** Hthrr <12romans70@gmail.com>  
**Date** Tue 10/15/2024 11:53 AM  
**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

To whom it may concern

I have an idea:  
It would help build the power grid.  
And would help regarding inclement weather and road maintenance.

Build canopies over the roads and or sidewalks.  
Read entire text before disregarding.

The benefits:  
Solar power grid.

The road -street / sidewalk system are already in place why look for vast areas of land tracts when you can build these canopies utilizing air space above road system.

During sunny days the canopies can be covered by solar panels "lids-coveting-tops" that can flip/fold into a top covering over channel basin or fold/flip into arms/eaves as snow catchers.

An excellent use of public air space.

- Protect roads from deicer salts
- And chains.
- Saves money on road pot hole repair maintenance
- Protects water run off
- Saves money regarding environmental damage due to deicer salts
- Potential to reduce snow ice cause accidents.
- Ensure more control over water
- And drainage..
- Clogged gutters.

Cons  
Expense of building.

General design ideas:  
 Above ground 50ft.. depending on surrounding area.  
 Streetlights can be incorporated into the structure below the canopy.  
 Oval shaped -horizontal. Canopy bridge.  
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The top or lid of the canopy is made of solar panels that are capable of flipping and rotating to position itself as solar panel as well as wind blocker.

It should be made of a plexiglass type material so sun light can reach road street.

The bottom can be made of ridges either slopes or triangular for snow water melt.

And ridges channel the water sluicing toward end point which would be water reclamation plant.

The triangle ridges would contain heating elements coils to melt snow.

The side walls would also contain heating elements coils to heat and blow hot air.

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The canopy itself should be oval shaped to create a heat convention and retain hot air from quickly escaping.

It is see through for sunlight to reach street and aesthetics . See the inner working of fans heating elements as well water running being channeled and routed.

A fancier version would incorporate tree like structures with pine needle spikes that heat and blow air  
to slow snow  
as well as melt snow  
as well as agitate the snow to facilitate meltage.

The troughs or bottom part of the channel should also have some sort of agitator to force water to flow in proper direction. Could be pulses of energy souls or air.

The problem with fancier version is cleaning, but that is solved by the air blowing through the pine needle like structures agitators. The pine needle structures also discourage pigeons.

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Of course a simpler version would be to fill the above snow rain collector canopy with de-icer.  
And incorporate a self cleaning apparatus like an automatic windshield that spurts water.

Determine how often needs cleaning by region.

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You can use existing street lamp telephone poles sites and/or replace the poles with larger stronger poles and incorporate the street lights and telephone lines within the network.

Several of the poles/ should be pole pipes hollowed as a water release line-like a reverse fire hydrant. Maintenance crews can siphon water into trucks and convey to water treatment sites.

Also during construction you can have the water flow directly in the gutter drain system. Directly into the drain.

You also can build a secondary bottom that is capable of holding rain snow water until water truck siphons off the water.. build it strong enough to hold water..

Leaving 20-30. Between light and canopy...or whatever the engineers deem safe for that area street region...

Think about it ..before you toss it out.

Solar power harvesting within city limits over sidewalks or streets.

More control over winter conditions

Road maintenance

Water purity

Environmental damage

Accidents.

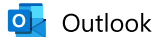
Climatology controls and research studies-control how much snow to melt at a time control ground temperature.

Problem potential- what about when it is too full.....

during construction the canopies can have the water routed directly into the gutters systems. ...or ensure that the canopies are strong enough to hold snow until melt...and seepage into water... construct the canopies with a secondary-bottom layer that can contain hold  
rain snow  
water until water trucks arrive ...

just some ideas to think about regarding solar power harvesting within city limits

best regards  
Heather Brogoitti



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**FW: Feedback for City of Reno**

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**From** Jennifer Pawliszyn <PawliszynJ@reno.gov>  
**Date** Tue 10/15/2024 1:12 PM  
**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>  
**Cc** Ciera Lindsay <LindsayCi@reno.gov>

Good afternoon!

We received this feedback on the website, which appears best suited for public comment. Please see below.

Thank you!



**Jennifer Pawliszyn, M.A. – PHIL E.L.P.**  
([She/Her/Hers](#))

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**From:** City of Reno <reno@enotify.visioninternet.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 12:45 PM  
**To:** Webmaster <Webmaster@reno.gov>  
**Subject:** Feedback for City of Reno

You have received this feedback from Neil Bartlett <[nbart1@aol.com](mailto:nbart1@aol.com)> for the following page:

<https://www.reno.gov/community/community-cleanups>

Thank you for sponsoring this great event. It's a fantastic idea to help clean up the community. I have complements for the volunteers. PS. I have used clean ups two weeks this year.



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**City Council Comment received from Priscilla OLeahy**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Sat 10/19/2024 10:51 PM

**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

**Contact Info:**

Name:

Priscilla OLeahy

Commenting on behalf of:

Ward #:

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Email Address:

Phone Number:

Address:

A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-10-19.

**Section:**

General Opening Session Comment (unassociated to an agenda item)

**Item:**

General.

**Position:**

No position stated - Concerned or Neutral

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Your focus is on arresting people of opposing political veiw points. I have witness testimony. You are a tyrant. Your track record is burned into the unnecessary termination of businesses that held Reno identity at their own expense. How dare you impose the way you think over the citizens.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

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Yes

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Date** Sat 10/19/2024 10:04 PM

**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

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Rusty Shackleford

Commenting on behalf of:

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Date Mon 10/14/2024 9:47 AM

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From: 917758135031

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Hi. I was wondering what can be done about a vehicle that has been on the street for about 8 weeks now, and Reno direct has been notified many, many, many times. And this person just keeps moving from side to side to the street. It's at 6660 Peppermint Drive and also 6655 Peppermint Drive. They just keep moving back and forth to the street, the the Dodge Dakota, no plates, no 30-day. Notice in the window broken windshield. This is been reported. Numerous numerous times to Reno direct. And we'd like to know what can be done about this. Um, they have never towed the vehicle and it is still sitting out on the street. Um, 66660, peppermint Dr. 66655 peppermint drive a black Dodge Dakota pickup truck with a broken. Windshield has written on the side of it, paint on the side of it, and junk in the back we appreciate. If there's something that can be done, thank you.

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>  
**Date** Tue 10/22/2024 11:12 AM  
**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Please add

Take care,



**Mikki Huntsman**

(She/Her/Hers)

*City Clerk*  
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**From:** Jackie Bryant <BryantJ@reno.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:11 AM  
**To:** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: Email contact from City of Reno

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**From:** City of Reno <reno@enotify.visioninternet.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:10:57 AM  
**To:** Jackie Bryant <BryantJ@reno.gov>  
**Subject:** Email contact from City of Reno

Message submitted from the <City of Reno> website.

**Site Visitor Name:** Promilla Mohan  
**Site Visitor Email:** promillamohan@gmail.com

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a long-time Reno resident and a passionate tennis supporter. My family and I have lived in this city for 17 years and have greatly enjoyed utilizing the public tennis courts provided by the City of Reno. However, since Lake Ridge's closure, it has become increasingly difficult to play tennis during the winter months. This challenge has become even more pronounced now that our children are actively involved in the sport.

The question has arisen within our family: How can we continue to play tennis in the winter when the courts are covered in snow, and the temperatures are too cold for outdoor play? Upon reflection, I believe this is a significant issue for the entire Reno tennis community.

As a city that continues to grow in size and population, Reno lacks an important facility: an indoor tennis court. Given the city's expansion and the growing interest in tennis, I would like to formally request that the City of Reno consider the development of an

indoor tennis facility.

An indoor court would not only allow tennis enthusiasts to play year-round, but it would also create opportunities for our local players to train throughout the winter, enabling Reno to participate more fully in national competitions.

The success of indoor pickleball facilities highlights the demand for year-round racket sports. It is a missed opportunity that Reno, a city with a strong tennis community, does not have an indoor tennis facility.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter further with anyone in a position to help make this vision a reality. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of working together to enhance our community's tennis offerings.

Sincerely,  
Promilla Mohan Patel  
Reno Resident

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E-MAIL: none

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by Clothing

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E-MAIL: lake.a.mix@gmail.com

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COMMENTS:

Doing Bella Vista II develop-  
ment until they provide  
Access to water for wild  
horses and other wild life

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AGENDA ITEM B-17

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COMMENTS: THE REGULATION TO MOVE FORWARD  
THE REGIONAL TRAIL PLAN OF TRUCKEE MEADOWS  
TRAIL PLAN, DEVELOPED BY TRUCKEE  
MEADOWS PARK PLAN IS A VERY  
IMPORTANT PLAN SO FUTURE DEVELOPMENT  
WILL BE INCLUSIVE OF TRAILS IN  
THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS. PLEASE APPROVE  
THE REGULATION IN B-17. AS A TRAIL  
ADVOCATE AND BUILDER THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION RANDY COLLINS

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## Bella Vista Needs to Provide Access to Water for Wild Horses and other Wildlife

Dear Mayor Schieve and City Council Members,

I am writing to provide public comment on the Bella Vista II project, owned by Sunnyhills, that appears on the October 23, 2024 City Council agenda. I am requesting that this project be denied until there is a clear plan in place to provide mitigation - or funding for mitigation - for the loss of wildlife corridors and access to water for wild horses and other wildlife.

With Sunnyhills' recent history in our community, including their cavalier disregard for the lives of our wild horses, I am uncomfortable with their current request to revise their plan for constructing over 600 homes for their Bella Vista II project. Nothing is provided in the proposed plan to mitigate for the loss of access to habitat and water which will be lost with construction of the project.

The previous version of the Bella Vista II project was denied by the Reno City Council specifically due to the developers' failure to provide adequate water for horses. Nothing has changed.

Thus, I ask the Reno City Council to deny the Bella Vista project until:

1. Natural migration corridors are protected for wildlife and wild horses, including access to water, OR
2. Funds are provided by the developer specifically to benefit the wildlife, including wild horses, in our area.

Generational natural wildlife corridors must be protected.

Wildlife is part of the natural landscape of our community. Wildlife should not be forced out or killed because of human encroachment. They must not be denied their right to life due to our non-stop growth.

I am an engaged community member. I do not belong to any wildlife or wild horse groups, yet I know how important wildlife, including wild horses, are to our community's quality of life. The animals that call this community home have no voice. So, I will use mine. And, I urge others to use theirs.

This summer I watched as all Virginia Range wild horses were fenced out of the pasture along Steamboat Creek at the north end of Rio Wrangler by the Sunnyhills developer. This is the last remaining open water source for wild animals for a 12-mile stretch between I-80 and Geiger Grade - an area the horses have called home for well over 100 years, and probably much longer.

Finally, after almost 5 days with close to 100° temperatures, the Sunnyhills developer relented and reopened the pasture and access to the life-giving water of Steamboat Creek - but only temporarily.

A few weeks later, the Wild Horse Connection non-profit had moved all of the horses out of the Bella Vista II location. However, the developer had made it virtually impossible to close the gate

to the area by blocking it open with rocks that required heavy machinery to move. By the next day, a number of horses had filtered back into the property in search of water.

At that point, the Nevada Dept. of Agriculture (NDA) - at the behest of the Sunnyhills developer - rounded up 24 horses on the property, loaded them into vans and shipped them to Carson City to be sold at auction.

It was blistering hot that day. On that scorching afternoon I saw horses heading down to the water source they have been using for generations - only to be captured by the NDA.

That day I thought about what a beautiful neighborhood it would have been if the developer had allocated a pathway to the creek, and how the people that purchased homes in that neighborhood may well have enjoyed sharing the land with the wild ones. It would just have been a strip of land, a mere drop in the bucket in terms of revenue for the developer. To those animals on that hot day it was their life.

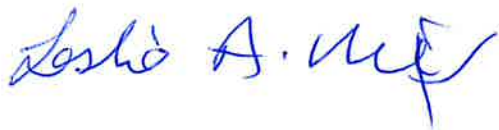
I won't even go into what happened afterwards in trying to get the remaining, uncaptured wild horses relocated to unfamiliar water sources. It was not pretty. In fact, it was harsh and cruel. Some horses were near death due to dehydration. Even after being relocated to water that the City of Reno opened up using emergency funds, the horses took days to recover. I appreciate the many hours and money put in by the City and the non-profits so those animals would not die a terrible death. I am just sorry the developer was not required to be out there working alongside them, helping, in the heat.

I am well aware of the statistics of what happens to wild horses once they are removed from the range. Much of it is utterly abhorrent. It was an unnecessary action by the Dept. of Agriculture to round up those horses. As a community member it was intolerable to experience.

Private development must be required to fund alternate wildlife corridors and access to water when those pathways are blocked by their private project.

There must be a plan put into place and followed to protect wildlife when development comes through. I am appalled at the amount of public money that has been paid out to date in the interest of private enterprise on this issue. As private development stands to gain the most financially, I would like them to be required to protect wildlife impacted by their development, including wild horses, and to be required to fund appropriate solutions.

Reno City Council Members - Please do the right thing for our wildlife, including our wild horses. Require the Sunnyhills developer to mitigate for the impact of their development on the wild horses and other wildlife in our area.



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**City Council Comment received from Lawrence McNutt**

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**From** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>**Date** Mon 10/21/2024 8:05 AM**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>**Contact Info:**Name:

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-10-23.

**Section:**

General Opening Session Comment (unassociated to an agenda item)

**Item:**

General Opening Session.

**Position:**

No position stated - Concerned or Neutral

**Are they speaking in person?**

Yes, I will check-in with the City Clerk upon arrival.

**If no, enter comments below:****ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

By checking the "Yes" below, you agree that all the information above is true and accurate. For additional information, please refer to the agenda for today's meeting.

Yes

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COMMENTS: Opposed to Stevenson A. Benham  
will speak in public comment.  
Letter submitted

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION



# SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS CATHEDRAL



October 23, 2024

Good morning. I am Fr. Chuck Durante, rector of St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral, downtown Reno, and 2<sup>nd</sup> and Arlington Streets.

Ms. Thanh-Thuy Tran, developer on the MOD, met with me and some of my staff about the proposal by her and another developer to reconfigure Stevenson Street, which would give them extra parking on that street by changing the parallel parking to perpendicular parking. They also would like to add some trees to beautify that street. Further, they are asking to make it a one-way street, heading north.

My understanding from Ms. Tran is that the only way offered to them to make this happen thus far is by an abandonment of this street by the City of Reno, effectively transferring ownership of this property from the city to the developers. My parish community would not be in favor of that and so I have oppose an abandonment. However, I am not opposed to a reconfiguration as proposed, so long as it all remains property of the citizens. I have shared this position and comments with Ms. Leah Piccotti, associate City Planner.

Access to a through street at Stevenson is important to avoid the alleyway between the Cathedral and the MOD apartment buildings from becoming a busier thoroughfare. A charter school and a law office also uses that alleyway. Closing Stevenson Street would not be good, but I think we all could live with a one-way street change at the Stevenson location.

Further, since the city sold the public parking lot on 2nd Street, parking is all the more needed in this part of downtown. It is unclear how many parking spaces will be created and there are misstatements in the reports I see from the city. I count 30 parallel parking spaces. The Staff summary says 68 new spaces will be created,

but everywhere it seems to say 44 or 46. Ms. Tran has told me that 30 spaces would remain parking spaces would remain totally open parking under their proposal but the staff report still says 22. In order to be good neighbors, we would not oppose designating some spaces specifically for the new apartment tenants (for which I presume they would compensate the city) so long as at least 30 spaces remain public. In exchange, we certainly would favor some of the beautification proposed in the street changes, with the addition of trees and shrubs.

In short, I can see the reconfiguration proposed to us by Ms. Tran as workable but an outright and forever abandonment would not be acceptable and I don't believe it is just. There have been many changes to this part of town, losing parking and some other streets or alleyways lost. I don't think taking the Stevenson Street area away from the public is in the best interests of all our people.

I have very much appreciated the dialogue with Ms. Tran and look forward to more discussions to make this an equitable and just solution for all. Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of further help in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Chuck Durante". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "D" at the end.

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# Truckee River Access Park

Public Private  
Partnership Plan

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the Truckee River**



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- **Project Overview:** The Truckee River Access Park project aims to provide safe access to the Truckee River, public restrooms, parking, and a footbridge, while extending the Tahoe to Pyramid trail by approximately a mile.
- **Strategic Location:** The proposed park is uniquely situated between county, city, and federal lands, adjacent to the Canepa and Carcione Ranch, BLM hiking lands, and Mayberry Park, making it a strategic connector for recreational spaces.
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** Utilizing existing infrastructure such as restrooms, roadways, and a guarded railroad crossing, the project promises to reduce costs and shorten the development timeline compared to alternative plans.
- **Alignment with County Objectives:** The project aligns with and accelerates multiple objectives outlined in the Washoe County Regional Parks & Open Space Master Plan and the Carcione and Canepa Ranch Recreation Access Plan.
- **Public and Economic Benefits:** The park will enhance public access to natural areas, increase recreational opportunities, and generate economic benefits through partnerships with local businesses and event centers.
- **Funding Strategy:** The proposal suggests a dynamic funding model involving fees, retail services, and contributions from both the county and private enterprises, adapting to economic conditions.
- **Community Support:** Extensive community outreach and studies have demonstrated strong public support and demand for safe access to the Truckee River and connected trails.
- **Feasibility:** The proposal has been reviewed for financial, legal, economic, social, and technical feasibility, confirming its sustainability and potential for timely completion.



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**Webinar Registration City of Reno - Reno City Council Meeting - 10/23/24**

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**From** City Clerk <no-reply@zoom.us>**Date** Wed 10/23/2024 9:58 AM**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Hi City Clerk,

William Mantle (mantleofearth@yahoo.com) has registered for "City of Reno - Reno City Council Meeting - 10/23/24" on: Oct 23, 2024 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Questions & Comments: The absurd audacity to again ask the public to support these stadiums efforts when we are on track to meet our CURRENT affordable housing needs in 2106 (or so)! We cannot in ANY conscience give our vastly limited tax dollars to private sports.

If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, please provide your public comment in the Question & Comments box below.:

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