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**Recommendation for Travel Reimbursement Policy 306 Amendments (Public Comment)**

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**From** Brian Erbis Consulting LLC <brian.erbis@brianerbis.nyc>

**Date** Sat 3/1/2025 11:25 AM

**To** Mark Stone <StoneMa@reno.gov>; Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>; Reno Direct <RenoDirect@reno.gov>

Dear Members of the City of Reno Financial Advisory Board,

As a professional closely following the issues surrounding past abuses of the City of Reno's Travel Reimbursement Policy 306, particularly by Mayor Schieve, Council Members Devon Reese, and Miguel Martinez, I strongly urge the Board to reconsider who serves as the approving authority for council travel expenses.

Evidence has shown that Mayor Schieve not only violated Policy 306 but also engaged in excessive spending. Given her close ties with certain council members, allowing her to oversee and approve council travel creates a clear conflict of interest and compromises accountability.

To ensure greater transparency and financial oversight, I propose:

1. Replacing the Mayor as the approving authority with an independent body or a special appointee drawn from the constituency.
2. Appointing an external auditor in addition to the internal auditing team. While the internal auditors have done commendable work, they are still city employees, making them potentially susceptible to pressure or influence from leadership. An external auditor would strengthen internal controls and ensure unbiased financial oversight.

I appreciate the Board's consideration of these necessary reforms and would welcome further discussion on this matter.

Yours,

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**City Council Comment received from cindi chandler**

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

**Date** Fri 2/28/2025 4:56 AM

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

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2025-02-26.

**Section:**

D Items - Department Items

**Item:**

D5 D.5 Presentation and discussion regarding crash trends and safety measures along McCarran Boulevard.

**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:**

Traffic has been a major issue that has been IGNORED by the Planning Commission AND City Council for years when they quickly APPROVE REZONING TO INCREASE DENSITY with apartment complexes being built instead of single family homes throughout Reno. Traffic congestion, speeding, and increased car accidents are the outcome of POORLY PLANNED GROWTH. There is NOT a shortage of housing but rather a shortage of housing that is affordable. Building more apartments does NOT ensure housing that is affordable, which is obvious throughout Reno. STOP MASS APPROVING MULTIUNIT PROJECTS AND START BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT IT FIRST.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

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Yes

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Yes

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Yes



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**Item D5: Unsafe Driving Conditions & Crashes on West McCarran**

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From david palmer <palmereno@hotmail.com>

Date Thu 2/27/2025 10:14 AM

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

Mayor and Council:

Appreciated Mayor Schieve's comments on completely mindless reckless driving on West McCarran in Plumb Lane and Mayberry areas coming both down the hill there from Caughlin (and going up the hill there as well) and motorcycles especially. The Mayor called it 'mind-blowing' and I would not disagree. We live in the I-80, Robb Drive and McCarran areas and often have our bedroom window cracked for fresh air at night and the sheer number of 'crotch-rockets' (a style of motorcycles that appeal to the speed-freaks and can go 150 mph easy) completely wound out and super loud whining like banshees on our streets in west Reno at incredible speeds of well over 100 mph in the middle of the night is, to use the mayor's language again, completely mind-blowing. Also see the 'donuts' left on all the major intersections in our general area from cars and motorcycles spinning and smoking their tires and leaving their marks, a sort of graffiti if you will. It all tells me almost complete lack of police presence, enforcement and deterrent in these areas. Parse that however you would like.

I grow tired rather quickly of hearing Chief Nance's downplaying all your concerns, be it this stuff or downtown enforcement stuff in meetings. I would recommend you just tell her you want more police presence period, and where you want it, that is what us taxpayers are paying for and what we want and don't be overly shy in telling her that. One 'scam' I see on the part of some in leadership in community policing all over, not just Reno, is to quit enforcing stuff like what you are concerned with, and then when the crime numbers come down (and they will rather quickly) tout that as reason why the complaints are invalid. All B.S. IMHO. (Oops, I think I used acronyms, see next paragraph).

I also lose complete interest in when Chief Nance detours into her ever present anachronisms. Again, IMHO a substitute for real effective action and discussion and lots of people do not question it as they know not what the hell she is talking about. This taxpayer says let's just bring it all back to getting the real job down, reducing criminal life-threatening behavior in our beloved area.

On the Mayor's idea of removing the large trees along McCarran to minimize injuries when these morons crash while going 100mph, I say let's try real police enforcement first and see if we can clean up the problem (when these dangerous reckless drivers without any concern of the rest of us are busted, take away their driving privileges or lock them up, have a nice day loser). We need every tree we have to help keep us from sweltering in the hot summers here which are getting hotter and hotter as you know, but that is another problem.

Sincerely,

Dave Palmer  
Ward 2





February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Esteemed Reno City Council Members,

I am writing to introduce the Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Nevada ([GLCCNV](https://www.glccnv.org)), Nevada's premier LGBTQ+ and Allied Chamber of Commerce. Our mission is to support and promote LGBTQIA+ businesses and professionals across the state, fostering a vibrant and inclusive economic community.

Since our establishment, GLCCNV has been dedicated to providing valuable resources, networking opportunities, and advocacy for our members. Our key initiatives include:

- **Membership Opportunities:** Offering access to a broad network of professionals and business resources.
- **LGBTBE Certification:** Facilitating certifications that enable businesses to engage in diverse supply chains.
- **Events and Networking:** Hosting events that encourage learning and professional growth.
- **Grants and Scholarships:** Providing financial assistance to empower member businesses. We've awarded over \$40,000 to small businesses and non-profits since 2020.
- **Corporate Partnerships:** Collaborating with esteemed corporations to enhance member benefits.

We believe that by working together with government officials, we can further our shared goal of economic prosperity and inclusivity for all Nevadans. We welcome the opportunity to discuss how GLCCNV can collaborate with your office to support and uplift the LGBTQIA+ business community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the possibility of working together to make Nevada a more inclusive place for business.

Sincerely,

Kurt Thigpen,

Board Secretary

Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Nevada

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**City Council Comment received from Laurel Lindstrom**

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

**Date** Fri 2/28/2025 4:43 PM

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

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2025-03-12.

**Section:**

General Opening Session Comment (unassociated to an agenda item)

**Item:**

opening comment.

**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:**

High Desert Harmony Chorus, a member of Sweet Adelines International, sincerely thanks you for your support (via the Arts & Culture Grants program) of our "Harmony in the Park: A Celebration of Barbershop Music" show scheduled for Sunday, August 17th at the California Building in Idlewild Park . This event is an opportunity to share barbershop music with the Reno community. This grant funding allows us to share our love of barbershop music, encourage youth and attendees of all ages to learn a barbershop tag and sing with us! We hope you will continue to support the arts in Reno because strong arts promote community unification, individual well-being, spark creativity and innovation, and strengthen the economy. We invite you to come to our show scheduled for August 17th starting at

1:30 pm.

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**City Council Comment received from Laurel Lindstrom**

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

**Date** Fri 2/28/2025 4:58 PM

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

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2025-03-26.

**Section:**

General Opening Session Comment (unassociated to an agenda item)

**Item:**

opening session.

**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:**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Reno wants to acknowledge and thank the City Council for your support (via the Arts & Culture Grants program) of our Quilt Show and Music Performances scheduled for July 20th, 1:00 pm, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4895 S. McCarran Blvd. We invite you to attend and enjoy a beautiful display of quilts and knitted items followed by a variety of culturally diverse musical performances hosted by our Music Director, Brittney May. Our desire is to enhance the culture of arts appreciation in Reno. We hope to inspire more artistic community performances and involvement which helps to create a more culturally aware and sensitive community. We want people to tap into their creativity and ignite in them a desire to help serve the community by sharing their

talents. Your support of our community arts through grants is greatly valued and appreciated.

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No



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**City Council Comment received from Suzanne Sprague**

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

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

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

**Section:**

General Closing Session Comment (unassociated to an agenda item)

**Item:**

Foot stamps.

**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:**

Truckee ca, los Vegas, why is- Reno Nevada , 17 years behind- food stamps- fast food. - ( not everyone goes to , casinos, some are against it; other states including California, have, casinos and lottery- both. Nevada assumes, ppl are casino fanatics; the ones, that are canto casinos, deserve much more; 17 years behind, that's embarrassing. I was acquainted with major loverich- Riverside, ca- he made , smart decisions for the Poor as well as the well to do.

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