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City Council Comment received from Anne Benoit

From Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Date Wed 2/26/2025 8:39 AM

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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:

SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS - Staff Report (For Possible Action) – Presentation and potential direction to staff regarding initiation of a text amendment to Title 18 Annexation and Land Development Code regarding Data Centers; together with matters which pertain to or are necessarily connected therewith. .

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

If no, enter comments below:

Unable to download the link of this agenda item, but want to register my support of revising warehouse codes to Not include data centers. These businesses consume resources much more than warehouses and should have oversight as to how this consumption affects all citizens

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

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City Council Comment received from Anthony Khuu

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D Items - Department Items

Item:

D.5 SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS Presentation and discussion regarding crash trends and safety measures along McCarran Boulevard (For Discussion Only)..

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

If no, enter comments below:

I am a constituent living near Plumb Lane and S McCarran Blvd, and I support the initiative led by Mayor Schieve to annex that section of McCarran Blvd into the City of Reno. The stretch of S McCarran Blvd has a very steep grade, and unfortunately, it has become a hotspot for street racing, with extremely loud exhausts contributing to the disturbance. The problem has been getting worse, and vehicles are often racing at speeds of 80-90 mph, particularly during the evenings throughout the summer. In recent months, there have been several severe accidents along this stretch. I sincerely hope that once this area is annexed, there will be ordinances implemented to address noise after hours. The

constant noise from these vehicles, especially motorcycles, makes it incredibly difficult for residents to sleep, even with buffers and shielding in place. The disturbance has become unbearable for those living nearby.

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City Council Comment received from Barbara Scott

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D2.

Position:

In Favor

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Please support a 'text amendment' to Reno Municipal code that establishes requirements for data centers. A text amendment would address resource use (energy and water) and consider noise, energy efficiency, use of renewable energies, sustainability, limited employment opportunities of data centers, benefit to the community, etc. The energy to power one data center could power tens of thousands of homes, and NV Energy will charge customers (us) for the required infrastructure to power data centers, AND build more polluting, gas-fired systems to meet the expected energy demand of data centers. Data centers should be required to provide their own clean energy! Also, please encourage a moratorium on permitting of data centers until #1 is accomplished.

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For tomorrow's city council meeting

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 1 attachment (138 KB)

Growth Without a Plan is a Gamble_ Why Reno Needs a Data Center Framework.docx.pdf;

I would like to submit the attached piece regarding the data center moratorium, written by Reno Planning Commissioner Manny Becerra, for tomorrow's Reno City Council meeting. I will provide further comments at the meeting.

Thank you

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They / Them (What the heck does this mean?)

Growth Without a Plan is a Gamble: Why Reno Needs a Data Center Framework

February 25, 2025

By Manny Becerra, RenoPlanning Commissioner

Public discussions on data centers have raised critical questions — ones that deserve thoughtful, policy-driven responses. As a Planning Commission, [our role](#) is not just to review applications but to ensure projects align with [Reno's Master Plan](#), [municipal code](#), and long-term economic strategy. Yet today, we lack a clear, strategic framework for evaluating data centers, leaving decision-makers, staff, and the community without consistent guidance on how these developments impact Reno's future.

That's why, on February 5, 2025, the Planning Commission [passed a resolution](#) urging the City Council to adopt a [temporary, time-certain pause on new data center permits](#). This brief pause isn't about stopping progress — it's about ensuring Reno leads with foresight, not reaction. A few months to develop a comprehensive policy will provide much-needed clarity while ensuring that future approvals benefit both Reno's economy and its residents.

Why a Data Center Policy is Necessary

Reno has already seen its first three data center proposals, with more expected, yet **no clear roadmap exists** for evaluating their impact on land use, infrastructure, water, energy, and tax revenues. Without a policy in place, projects are considered in isolation, missing the broader picture of how this industry fits into Reno's long-term growth strategy.

The Regional Planning Commission and the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) have already recognized this gap, recently passing a motion to track and study data center developments (5MW and above). This aligns with the Reno Planning Commission's recommendation for a temporary pause — ensuring Reno takes a proactive, rather than reactive, approach to shaping this emerging land use.

A comprehensive framework would benefit everyone — businesses, residents, staff and policymakers — by establishing **clear expectations** and ensuring these projects contribute meaningfully to Reno's economic sustainability.

Ensuring Data Centers Benefit Reno's Economy

City leadership recently acknowledged a [budget shortfall](#), temporarily addressed with a budget augmentation but not resolved long-term. Washoe County, too, forecasts a [\\$27 million annual deficit](#) over the next five years. In this financial climate, Reno must ensure that large-scale developments generate a **meaningful fiscal return** rather than placing additional [strain on city services](#).

Some **key questions remain unanswered**, highlighting why this pause is essential for research and policy development:

- **Are data centers generating long-term tax revenue, or are they consuming resources while contributing little in return?**
- **If labor and infrastructure costs are rising, how do we ensure these developments pay their fair share rather than shifting the burden onto taxpayers?**
- **Are we leveraging this industry to diversify Reno's economy in a way that strengthens—rather than strains—our financial future?**
- **How do data center developments align with our sustainability goals, infrastructure capacity, and workforce development?**

These are just a few of the critical considerations. **A brief pause allows the City Council, staff, industry leaders, and community stakeholders to collaboratively address these and other pressing concerns before long-term commitments are made.**

Balancing Growth with Accountability & Public Trust

True leadership isn't about choosing between speed and responsible governance—that's a false choice. The best decisions **aren't made under coercion, legal threats, or political maneuvering disguised as procedural concerns**. That approach undermines public trust and weakens the integrity of responsible governance.

Instead, sound decision-making requires **clarity, due diligence, and a willingness to engage in honest, respectful dialogue** — even when perspectives differ. **Constructive disagreement isn't an obstacle; it's essential to good governance**. When policy is shaped through open, fact-based discussions rather than pressure or misrepresentation, **the entire community benefits**.

At the February 5 Planning Commission meeting, **City Hall Chamber was filled** with residents, advocates, and stakeholders — all raising valid questions about where Reno is heading. Their engagement is not a roadblock; **it's a sign that people care**. A strong city and a strong economy **are not at odds — they are interdependent**.

That same evening, the Planning Commission voted in favor of a resolution urging the Reno City Council to **adopt a temporary pause** on new data center permits. **This is not about stopping development — it's about ensuring Reno's long-term economic, environmental, and community interests are fully considered before approving projects that will shape our future.**

The Opportunity Before Us

A [few month pause](#) is a **modest request** with **major long-term benefits** — giving staff, applicants and decision-makers time to establish **clear, forward-thinking policies**. This isn't about saying "no" to data centers; it's about ensuring we say **"yes" to the right projects, in the right places, with the right benefits to Reno's economy and community**.

Councilmembers Meghan Ebert and Naomi Duerr have voiced support for **responsible, policy-driven planning** on this issue. Their leadership reflects an understanding that **economic growth and community well-being can — and must — go hand in hand**. Other council members who have concerns or uncertainties are encouraged to **engage in this process, collaborate with the Planning Commission, and work toward a solution that strengthens Reno's future**.

This is a pivotal moment for Reno. Taking a **deliberate, strategic pause** allows the city to create a framework that promotes **growth that benefits everyone — residents, businesses and future generations**.

"Pressure is a Privilege." That reminder is posted on the walls of City Hall because leadership isn't about taking the easy road—it's about making **bold, informed choices** that serve the entire community.

Now, it's up to the City Council to decide: **Will we take this opportunity to shape Reno's future with intention, or will we be forced to revisit these same concerns without a framework in place?** A well-researched, comprehensive plan benefits **everyone**—let's take the time to get it right.

#OneTeam #RenoHeartsYou



Outlook

In favor of D-2

From kit miller <kitmiller55@gmail.com>

Date Wed 2/26/2025 8:34 AM

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

City Council members,

I am affiliated with Third Act Nevada.

We at Third Act Nevada are elders organizing against (human caused) Climate Change. Many of us, like myself, have been in this community more than 50 years. It's clear to us that Data Centers are just another "boom" in our boom and bust economy, one that leaves our rivers and forests drier, and our energy supplies depleted, their taxes and infrastructure paid by Nevadans.

The intelligent process is to put a moratorium on data centers (NV's latest silver rush) and examine their long term (and unknown) impact, and maybe even say NO, this doesn't fit our community's goals.

Thank you,

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City Council Comment received from Chris Bell

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Section:

D Items - Department Items

Item:

D.6 Land Development Code regarding Data Centers- moratorium. .

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

If no, enter comments below:

Dear Councilors, I am writing to address agenda item D.2 regarding permits for new data centers. I am a resident of Reno who is concerned about the climate crisis and its very bad implications for Reno. I am here to implore this commission to make safeguards where large new electrical customers are not rubber stamped as regular warehouses. Data centers operate 24/7, 365 days per year. Their load is a liability on our grid and we should be adamant that they have a responsibility to generate their own renewable power. At a minimum their roofs and parking lots should be covered in solar panels. Their outsized draw on the grid will also apply to our precious water supply, and the city can easily demand water consumption caps, as Las Vegas has done. Why are Data Centers flocking to Nevada? It is

obvious to me that we are being exploited for our ridiculously cheap industrial electricity rate, and negligible state tax. This might be tolerated when a factory or business offering substantial long term jobs relocates to our region, but providing valuable City land for banks of humming machines I would call a losing deal and exploitation, and an embarrassment to Reno. Please show responsible leadership and decline new applications and all subsequent ones until there is a specialized ordinance for data centers with appropriate requirements and standards for this type of development. Their location, water consumption and electrical source should be stringently determined. At this moment we are concerned about Data Centers, but the responsible thing for resource management would be to make an ordinance that addresses excessive consumption with all new water and power customers. Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Chris Bell

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City Council Comment received from Erica Bradley

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Item:

D.2.

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

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If no, enter comments below:

Dear Reno City Council, I am writing to SUPPORT the adoption of a text amendment and moratorium on data centers as proposed in agenda item D.2. I want to encourage the City Council to consider the environmental impacts of data centers before allowing more to be built, and I think that there are important prerequisites data centers should meet in order to operate in our unique climate. For example, Reno is a drought-prone area, so evaporative cooling is NOT a sustainable solution; in fact, our neighbors in Las Vegas have banned evaporative cooling. On the other hand, geothermal cooling could be a sustainable solution. Additionally, data centers need to bring their own energy solutions when applying for approval in Reno. This energy should be GREEN in the form of geothermal or solar

power to help ease their impact on local power grids. There should also be very strict cradle-to-grave responsibility placed on the data center operators for handling and recycling e-waste. Noise abatement will be essential for minimizing the data center's impact on local communities. Their near-constant need for cooling produces noise in the form of fans and other pumps. Finally, the city council members should be wary of developers equating a large number of plants on site with sustainability. In many cases, especially in North Valleys, the addition of non-native trees will do nothing but expedite the desertification of the area and necessitate additional water consumption. The trees steal nutrients and water from the native grasses, ultimately pushing the sagebrush out of the area and leaving the soil sandy and inhospitable. There is no guidance from the state on data centers, and I don't think we should wait for it to come. We need to get ahead of these important issues before we have a disaster on our hands, and the council's pursuit of answers will be a massive step in the right direction. Thank you for your time and consideration, Erica Bradley.

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City Council Meeting 2/26/2025 - Item D5 - McCarran Blvd

From Karen Loomis <karenloomis1@gmail.com>

Date Tue 2/25/2025 10:44 PM

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

Dear Reno City Council,

I am writing to address the issues of speeding and crashes on McCarran Blvd., and to suggest some solutions.

1. Motorcycle racing in packs.

Solution: Enforce street racing laws.

2. Speeding (in excess of 70mph!) on the downhill stretch from Cashill to Plumb.

Solution: Post signs with yellow lights that display the vehicle's speed, and that flashes when the speed exceeds the speed limit. One of these signs should be posted near (just uphill of) the location where two crashes have occurred within the past year, due to excessive speed.

3. Speeding through the intersection at Plumb & McCarran: Most cars exceed the speed limit when they are driving DOWN the hill (northbound), and many exceed the speed limit when they get a running start before heading UP the hill (southbound).

Solution #1: Lower the speed limit by 10mph for ~100 yards along McCarran on either side of the intersection.

Solution #2: Install cameras that take photos of license plates, and issue speeding tickets.

Solution #3: Install speed bumps that are engineered for 40 mph.

I hope you find these solutions helpful, and that together we can make our neighborhoods safer by controlling the speeding and racing on Mccarran Blvd.

Sincerely,

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D.1 - Code Enforcement Hearings

From Lathrop, Logan <llathrop@jd25.law.harvard.edu>

Date Tue 2/25/2025 4:20 PM

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

Good afternoon,

My name is Logan Lathrop and I am a Reno resident (Ward 2). I want to comment on agenda item D.1 for tomorrow's meeting. Although it's not clear to me what exactly is being decided tomorrow, I would like to share my thoughts on Chapter 1.05 and Article VI.

As a third year law student, I am actually in the process of writing a law review article concerning certain types of aesthetic based code violations. My current draft uses Chapter 1.05 as an example of how code enforcement can be extremely arbitrary, unfair, discriminatory, and just generally anti-American. I also use Article VI to show how inaccessible the appeal process is for non-sophisticated parties. The accessibility portion is HUGE when you consider the fact that Code Enforcement (with almost unlimited discretion) can issue violations for things like having a garage sale for more than two days in a row or having "blight" - which is defined in the most broad way possible. (Section 8.22.030; 8.22.240). That said, I think Chapter 1.05 is in desperate need of some revisions - even if it means I will have to scrap that portion of my paper .. :(

I have a laundry list of thoughts on this, but here are just a few of the things I would like the Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney's Office to consider for Chapter VI:

- 1) Significantly reduce the amount of discretion or power that the hearing officer has.
- 2) Raise the burden of proof for the city if the violation is mainly aesthetic. (If you're wondering how to raise the burden of proof on something that's purely aesthetic, that's a good sign that it's too subjective to be regulating in the first place - in my opinion, any violation should have to be tied to a health and safety issue, or some form of recognized private nuisance like excessive noise - but that's a different conversation).
- 3) In cases concerning residential property, require the officer to account for the violator's inability to pay the fines in question. (Many other cities have already done this with great success).
- 4) Do not allow the officer to raise fines past the original amount (Sec. 105.555). Being subject to potentially more fines if you appeal contributes to the inaccessibility problem.

In addition, I urge all of you to consider revisiting Ch. 1.05 as a whole, not just Article VI. Thank you for your time.

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City Council Comment received from Lyndsey Langsdale

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Position:

In Favor

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Hello, my name is Lyndsey Langsdale, I am the ED of a local non-profit, a farmer and a board supervisor of the Washoe Storey Conservation District. I spend my life stewarding our desert landscape and protecting our natural resources. Every square inch of Reno is the traditional homelands of the Wa She Shu (Washoe) and Numu (Northern Paiute) people of the Great Basin. This land was taken away from them through the unjust mechanism of colonialism. Now, we the people of this City entrust you, the City Council, to care for these lands and to consider our future generations in your decision making and what is best for the Earth and the people as a whole. I am writing to SUPPORT the adoption of a moratorium on data centers as proposed in agenda item D.2. The City Council needs to

very carefully consider the environmental impacts of data centers and if they should even be allowed to consume any of our finite resources before allowing more to be built. For example, Reno has extreme water limitations, but we can generate solar power extremely well. Data centers therefore should not be allowed to use any form of evaporative cooling, which loses water to the atmosphere and which has already been banned in Las Vegas. Instead, more energy-intensive and non-water options would need to be made mandatory for any data centers considered in Reno, especially since their energy consumption can be supplemented with solar power. Data centers need to bring their own energy solutions when applying for approval in Reno. This energy must be sustainable in the form of solar power to help ease their impact on local power grids. There must also be very strict cradle-to-grave responsibility placed on the data center operators for handling and recycling e-waste. Finally, the city council members should be wary of developers (who are not privy to high desert ecosystems) equating planting a large number of plants (that are not locally adapted) on site as a sustainability practice. In many cases, these developers do not consider our climate when designing landscaping and do not see that landscaping is actually a remediation process to protect our ecosystem from the extreme disturbance their facility has created. This type of remediation requires expertise to design and implement effectively. Often the plans these developers come up with on their own require more water to be consumed by the project. The landscaping will steal nutrients and water from the native grasses, ultimately pushing the sagebrush and native drought tolerant species out of the area leaving it a target for invasive and noxious plants, such as cheatgrass to thrive, damaging our ecosystem and creating a fire hazard. There is no guidance from the State on data centers, and I don't think any will come. We need to get ahead of these important issues before we have a disaster on our hands, and the council's pursuit of answers will be a massive step in the right direction.

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City Council Comment received from Nicholas Negrete

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D2.

Position:

In Favor

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I would just like to express my support for a moratorium. The current guidelines and tax breaks allow for companies outside Reno to come in and utilize our limited resources without any real benefit for the city. This six month pause would allow city council to take the time to create guidelines that allow data centers to benefit Reno and its citizens in a way not currently possible.

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Planning Commission Public Comment

The public comment form has a new entry from the public.

Planning Commission Meeting Date	2025-02-26
Agenda Item or Case Number	Item D-2
Position	In Favor
Comments	<p>Hello, I'm commenting in favor of the moratorium on data centers in Reno. As someone born and raised in Nevada and as a resident of Reno/Sparks for over 14 years I've seen how necessary it is to have smart, environmentally-supported water use practices. Data Centers are a very new in their current form and we do not have evidence of their full impact on the environment yet. But what we do already know is that Reno is currently in a drought (with snow and rainfall being at an all time low, affecting tourism, agriculture, protected wildlife and private citizens alike) and data centers on average use up to 5 million gallons of water per day. This is NOT the time for Reno to gamble with technology that is neither necessary or efficient in what it does (with the Chinese AI model DeepSeek costing significantly less to create than American Ai models) and that does not address any core issues in Reno which include housing, temperatures, unhoused communities, health and joblessness.</p>

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I am in support of a moratorium on data center projects until the City and Planning Commission can develop and explore ramifications of this type of development, and develop a comprehensive plan that addresses long term tax revenue, resource consumption, labor and infrastructure costs and capacity and economic benefits.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

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COMMENTS ON THE 6 MONTH MORATORIUM PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERATION OF DATA CENTERS

From Terry woodin <terrywoodin123@gmail.com>

Date Wed 2/26/2025 2:18 PM

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

I AM TERRY WOODIN. I AM 91 YEARS OLD. I LIVE ON CLEARACRE LANE, SOUTH OF WEDEKIND ROAD, (POSTAL CODE 89512). I MOVED TO THIS AREA IN 1968 AND HAVE LIVED IN IT (ON AND OFF) SINCE THEN. I RAISED MY 5 KIDS HERE.

I HAVE WATCHED RENO GROW, SOMETIMES WISELY SOMETIMES NOT SO WISELY. I HEARTILY RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THIS MORATORIUM. DATA CENTERS ARE NOTORIOUS FOR USING LARGE AMOUNTS OF WATER AND LARGE AMOUNTS OF POWER. NEVADA, PARTICULARLY IN THE RENO AREA, DOES NOT HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF EITHER OF THESE PRECIOUS RESOURCES. WHEN WE FIRST MOVED HERE WE HAD OUR OWN WELL NOW THE GROUNDWATER IS SO SCARCE THAT WE HAD TO ABANDON OUR WELL AND CONVERT TO CITY WATER. THERE ARE ALREADY TWO DATA CENTERS APPROVED FOR THIS AREA AND THE SOURCE OF THEIR WATER IS NOT CLEAR, NOR IS THERE A TRULY INDEPENDENT, OBJECTIVE ESTIMATE OF THEIR POWER NEEDS AND HOW THEY WILL SATISFY THOSE NEEDS AS THEY GROW LARGER AND LARGER. NOW THAT WE WILL HAVE 2 IN OUR AREA WE WOULD BE WISE TO SEE THE PROBLEMS THAT ARISE BEFORE WE APPROVE ANYMORE.

February 26, 2025

Dear Members of the Reno City Council:

On behalf of NAIOP, the largest commercial real estate advocacy association in our region, we would suggest a more balanced approach to data center development that would allow for the growth of this vital industry while ensuring the responsible and sustainable use of our resources.

We propose that instead of imposing restrictions on data centers, the council consider the new data center code that was devised by staff with input by the community during the overall code update. Furthermore, the data center design and use which provides relief on traffic and congestion should be considered as a use “by right” within the industrial submarkets, so long as they meet certain requirements.

As a potential incentive, the City could consider offering effluent water (treated wastewater) to data centers for their cooling and mechanical needs if the systems they construct are accommodating. Effluent water is a resource that is already treated and can be safely used for non-potable purposes, making it an ideal alternative for industrial applications such as data centers. By offering this incentive, the City would promote sustainability and expand the capacity of existing water treatment facilities by taking the effluent water from the facilities compared to other disposal methods. This concept is not novel to our community as TMWRF entered into an agreement with the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center General Improvement District and data centers to provide effluent water. This project allowed for the TMWRF in Sparks to serve more residents without an expansion on site.

Additionally, the state of Nevada has already taken significant steps to address energy consumption and carbon emissions. Both state statute ([NRS 704.7801](#), AB 405, 2017, and SB 258, 2019) and the State Constitution (Art. 4, § 39) have enshrined the goal of ensuring that all energy provided in Nevada will eventually be 100% carbon-free. Given that this mandate is already in place, the City Council does not need to address this aspect of data center operations and can focus on other important matters such as water usage and economic impact.

By taking this approach, I believe the Reno City Council can strike the right balance between encouraging innovation and protecting our critical resources. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I hope you will consider this suggestion as you continue to develop policies for the City’s future.

Again, thank you for your service and for your willingness to listen to our concerns and work with us to address these important issues.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Brent Nasset