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## City Council Comment received from Bethany Stanford

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Wed 7/31/2024 2:10 PM

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

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Bethany Stanford

Commenting on behalf of:

Ward #:

Ward 4

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Address:

A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-07-31.

**Section:**

I Items - Public Hearing Items

**Item:**

# MUP24-00010 (Mater Academy).

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I am writing to express my strong support for the opening of a Title I charter school in Ward 4. While concerns about traffic are understandable, it's important to recognize that traffic is an inevitable consequence of any new development. The benefits of providing more educational options far outweigh these concerns. Supporting school choice is crucial for our community, as it ensures that our children have access to the best possible education. Our kids deserve the opportunity to thrive, and this new charter school will provide them with valuable resources and opportunities. Let's continue to support school choice and give our children the education they deserve.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

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**No**

## City Council Comment received from Chasity Martinez

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Wed 7/31/2024 11:27 AM

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Ward 4

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**Section:**

D Items - Department Items

**Item:**

6.

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Hi, Mayor and Council members - my name is Chasity Martinez, I am a resident of Ward 4 and a community organizer with Faith in Action Nevada - a multifaith nonpartisan organization that organizes faith communities and vulnerable communities to advocate for more equitable and just policy on all levels of government. I am writing to express my support of the resolution under item D.6. I am grateful that you all have decided to make this a resolution and encourage you to pass it today. As customers of NV Energy, and it being the only utility option for us, it is imperative that we set a standard and hold NV Energy accountable to not overly burden its customers, especially those that are lower income and those that are doing what they can to limit their carbon emissions like solar customers. The proposal by NV Energy to nearly triple the basic service charge would negatively impact lower-income customers and goes against values that many of our faith traditions hold to not do harm to the poor. When people are having to choose between paying their rent, their utilities, or food to survive, it is causing harm to our community. I encourage this council to use your leadership as representatives in this community and oppose such a measure by NV Energy and uplift solutions that are rooted in compassion and equity. Thank you.

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**No**

## Please oppose Reno Railroad Ordinance

River Coyote <rivcoyote@gmail.com>

Wed 7/31/2024 12:49 PM

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

Please oppose the Reno Railroad Ordinance. It is just another attempt to harass and oppress our most vulnerable neighbors, our unhoused residents living along the railroad tracks.

This is cruel and inhumane and does nothing to solve the problems of a lack of affordable, accessible housing. You cannot criminalize poverty and expect to solve it. Please stop wasting taxpayer dollars and stop burdening our judicial system with these ordinances. Instead, please propose REAL housing solutions. Real emergency shelter solutions. Please Pass a living wage. Etc.

You can do better than this for our citizens. This is poor policy and completely ineffective.

Thank you,  
River Coyote.

## City Council Comment received from Jeni Martinez

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Wed 7/31/2024 12:04 PM

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

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Ward #:

Ward 5

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**Section:**

I Items - Public Hearing Items

**Item:**

I.2 - Case No. MUP2400010 .

**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:**

Dear City Council, Thank you for revisiting this important issue regarding the Mater Academy expansion. I am a concerned citizen that has worked and lived in the North Valleys area. The traffic in this area has always been a problem and adding an additional school to an already overcrowded area would be a mistake. I heard one of the council members mention that Washoe county has schools that are near each other as well and it has not been a problem. However, this council woman did not consider that the schools that are near each other are not K-12, and they are in areas where most of the students walk to school. They are community schools that don't have a lot of car and bus traffic. This is not the case in the valleys, and especially not the case with a charter school that would have a majority, if not all, of their students being driven to school by parents or by themselves, if they are of age. Last week, people were getting distracted by the public-school vs charter school debate. It isn't about that. It is about our community and how it will be negatively affected if this expansion is made in this specific area. I think the people in charge of this project need to find a better area to expand that will not cause more congestion and divide in our community. Thank you, Jeni Martinez  
Concerned Citizen

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**No**



## City Council Comment received from B Fulkerson

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Wed 7/31/2024 8:09 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: 2024-07-31.

**Section:**

General Opening Session Comment (unassociated to an agenda item)

**Item:**

Resolution in Opposition to NV Energy Rate Increase.

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Please vote in favor of the resolution opposing opposing NV Energy's basic service rate hike from \$16.50 to \$45.30/month, which will put Nevada as the highest in the nation for investor owned utilities. Coupled with a decrease in the charge per kilowatt hour, this will unfairly burden low-income and fixed-income customers, disincentivize rooftop solar and reward the highest energy users. All this at a time when we need to quickly build out community and rooftop solar and encourage conservation measures as the demand for energy increases exponentially.

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## City Council Comment received from Barbara Scott

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Wed 7/31/2024 8:31 AM

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

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**Section:**

D Items - Department Items

**Item:**

D6.

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

The proposal by NV Energy is not in the best interest of either public or environmental health. Please vote to oppose it. Thank you

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## Testimony for item D.6 - 7/31/24

Blake Pang <blake.pang@uwnns.org>

Tue 7/30/2024 6:18 PM

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

Dear Mayor Schieve and members of the Reno City Council,  
I am Blake Pang, President & CEO of the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierras. I am not one that typically provides opposition to an item on your agenda but the Resolution detailed in Item D.6 concerns me. We have a tremendous partnership with NV Energy. We partner with them to administer Project SAFE, the Special Assistance Fund for Emergencies that assists individuals and families who are struggling to pay their electric bills. This program is vital to assist the very people that will benefit from NV Energy's new rate proposal. The resolution, if passed, will tell the PUC that the City of Reno opposes the increase in the Basic Service Charge but that is not taking into consideration that the rate proposal will also make significant changes that decrease the variable rate paid for each unit of energy customers pay.

The balance of these changes will provide customers a more stable long term price for their electricity. That's really important to the people we serve.  
I respectfully ask that you decline taking action on the Resolution (Item D.6) and allow the PUC to look at all of the facts, changes and policy positions in the IRP and make a determination on those facts.

**Blake A. Pang** (*he, him & his*)  
**President & CEO**

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**Public Comment - Item D.6 (Opposition) July 31, 2024**

Carlos Hernandez <[chernandez@nvaficio.com](mailto:chernandez@nvaficio.com)>

Tue 7/30/2024 5:20 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <[PublicComment@reno.gov](mailto:PublicComment@reno.gov)>

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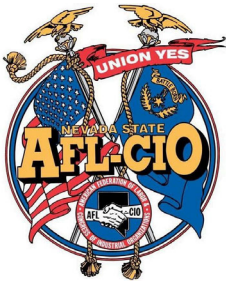
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Good evening,

Attached is a letter from the Nevada State AFL-CIO opposing Item D.6 - (For Possible Action): Resolution of the Reno City Council to oppose the increase to the Basic Service Charge and related provisions under Docket No. 24-02026 before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN), and other matters properly relating thereto.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

In Solidarity,



**Carlos Hernandez**

Chief of Staff

Nevada State AFL-CIO

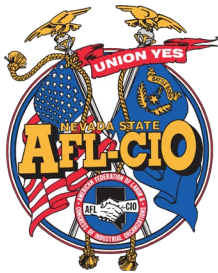
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# Nevada State AFL-CIO

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**Susie Martinez**  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

July 30, 2024

Reno City Council  
1 E 1st Street  
Reno, NV 89501

Good morning, Mayor Schieve and esteemed members of the Reno City Council.

We, Susie Martinez, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and Liz Sorenson, President of the Nevada State AFL-CIO of the Nevada State AFL-CIO, are reaching out to express our opposition to Item D.6.

As Northern Nevada continues to experience rapid growth and development, NV Energy has been working closely with all stakeholders to develop their rate change proposal, which is currently under review by Nevada's Public Utilities Commission (PUC). This proposal includes crucial investments in infrastructure that will benefit Northern Nevada's economy and environment. Not only will it help lower power bills, but it also supports the creation of many good-paying union jobs for skilled workers in our region.

NV Energy has always been a strong partner to labor, consistently working with us to ensure that projects are carried out with respect for workers and high labor standards. Their commitment to this proposal means more opportunities for union members and better job security for our communities. By opposing NV Energy's proposal, the City risks undermining these valuable job opportunities and the positive economic impact they bring.

Furthermore, we believe it is premature for the City of Reno to act on this matter while the PUC is still deliberating on the proposal.

For these reasons, we oppose Item D.6 and urge the Council to delay any action until the PUC has completed its review.

In Solidarity,

Susie Martinez  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Liz Sorenson  
President

## City Council Comment received from Carson Miller

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Wed 7/31/2024 10:05 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: 2024-07-31.

**Section:**

D Items - Department Items

**Item:**

D6.

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Nevada Energy should stop gouging Nevadans. They should promote rooftop solar, and not demonize and castigate people who have it. They should not strip the desert to create giant solar fields to get solar energy that they then transport hundreds of miles to sell to customers. This rate hike hurts lower income people and would be the highest in the nation. AND, the data NV Energy uses to justify rate hikes are WRONG, according to our experts. (Like their calculation of average customer energy use). These hikes would hurt the people of Reno and across Washoe County. I support the alternatives proposed by the Sierra Club and Third Act.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

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Yes

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**No**

## City Council Comment received from Curtis Whitaker

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Tue 7/30/2024 4:19 PM

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

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**Section:**

D Items - Department Items

**Item:**

D2.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Dear Mayor Schieve and Reno City Council Members, I strongly oppose revision of Title 18 to relax restrictions on ADUs in the City of Reno. A neighbor of mine has repeatedly tried to break the existing law, and without it her behavior would be much, much worse. When the law is not enforced, single-family homes end up becoming de facto apartment complexes, with constant problems with noise, privacy, and parking. At some point the housing crisis in the Reno area will end, and degrading existing neighborhoods to solve it will create a worse outcome for everyone. I urge the City to look into alternative solutions for affordable housing rather than ruining existing neighborhoods that are already stable. Thank you, Curtis Whitaker

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## City Council Comment received from Debra Heaton-Lamp

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Wed 7/31/2024 9:31 AM

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

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Ward 2

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-07-31.

**Section:**

D Items - Department Items

**Item:**

D-6.

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Please vote to oppose the increase in the basic rate! This increase will only give the wealthy shareholders a bigger profit on the backs of the people with lesser means to pay for the rate hike.

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## Reno City council Meeting idem D.6

Jacob Haas <Jhaas@IBEWlocal401.org>

Wed 7/31/2024 11:03 AM

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

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Outlook-drrxtzur;

Good morning, Mayor Schieve and members of the Council. My name is Jacob Haas and I am here on behalf of IBEW local 401 and its 900+ members. I am here in opposition to item D.6. The basic service charge is a fixed monthly rate. NV Energy customers pay the same basic service charge to use and maintain the wires, poles and equipment (like meters on homes.) The fixed monthly service charge helps these costs stay consistent over time, and at the same time NV Energy is proposing a decrease to the variable component of energy bills. This is the price customers pay for each unit of energy they use. With the two changes the average bill would go down in cost. Redesigning the rate structures more accurately reflect NV Energy's operational and service costs and addresses the discrepancy between no solar customers who subsidize customers who have private rooftop solar systems. NV Energy's proposal will ensure that all customers pay their fair share. Currently, net metering rooftop solar customers are paying less to use NV Energy's infrastructure. Instead, those costs are being paid for by all the other customers who do not have rooftop solar. Union members and all customers cannot afford to continue to subsidize the bills of customers who can afford rooftop solar.

The infrastructure and projects built by NV Energy over the last few years, which they now seek recovery for, were built by union members. We are proud of the infrastructure we have built, and we know Nevada's future growth depends on it. My members are concerned that the city's action today could take away future work for them and hurt their job security by continuing rate inequities. Norther Nevada is growing fast and in desperate need of the infrastructure investment NV Energy is making. The City needs to let this pending matter play out and not interfere.

*Jacob Haas*



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## City Council Comment received from John Nunn

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John Nunn

Commenting on behalf of:

Ward #:

Ward 1

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**Section:**

I Items - Public Hearing Items

**Item:**

I Item – Public Hearing Item – In support of MUP24-00010 (Mater Academy).

**Position:**

In Favor

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## City Council Comment received from Katie Herlihy

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Wed 7/31/2024 9:36 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: 2024-07-31.

**Section:**

E Items - Ordinance Introductions

**Item:**

E.1.

**Position:**

In opposition

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Hi. I am voicing my opposition to the introduction of the ordinance attempting to bar homeless people from the area near the railroad tracks. There have been ever increasing ordinances and laws making it illegal to be homeless rather than providing actual services to people in need. Instead our city is criminalizing poverty. You can't make the housing problem go away by giving them no place to go. They still exist, and they still deserve dignity and care. I have a decade of experience working in the shelter system, and what people need is wrap-around services and trauma-informed care. When I am walking around town with my young children, they ask me why no one will do anything to help people sleeping on the sidewalk or down by the railroad tracks. They ask me if we can let the mayor know because surely if she knew, she would take action to help them. My kids still have faith that people in power will do the right thing. This ordinance pretends to care about the safety of people with no place else to go, but it is placing property rights before human rights. It's shameful. Please don't take away last resorts for people before building the infrastructure to help lift them out of a desperate situation. Put your energy towards emergency services, transitional housing, food, outreach social workers and affordable housing. Creating more ordinances and shoving homeless people aside wont fix this problem.

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## City Council Comment received from Lindsey Nunn

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Tue 7/30/2024 10:13 PM

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

**Contact Info:**

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Ward 1

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**Section:**

I Items - Public Hearing Items

**Item:**

I Item – Public Hearing Item – In support of MUP24-00010 (Mater Academy).

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

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## City Council Comment received from Rory Lamp

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Wed 7/31/2024 9:48 AM

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

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**Section:**

D Items - Department Items

**Item:**

D4.

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

I am strongly opposed to NV Energy's proposal to increase the basic electrical rate for me. Their proposal will increase my rates and I am a retired state employee on a fixed income and the increase will be a greater burden on me and benefit large energy users.

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No

## Opposition to D6 for seniors

NARAPresident@aol.com <NARAPresident@aol.com>

Tue 7/30/2024 9:38 PM

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

Good morning Mayor Schieve and members of the Council. My name is Thomas Bird, I am the state President of NARA, on behalf of the Nevada Alliance of Retired Americans, with 19,000 members statewide. I am writing in opposition to Item D6. NVEnergy's proposal will ensure that all customers pay their fair share. If you are not aware, net metering customers are paying less to use NVEnergy's infrastructure and those costs are being spread across other customers, like Nevada seniors who cannot afford roof top solar or their rents, medications, or food! My senior members cannot afford to subsidize the bills of customers who can afford rooftop solar when they are balancing having a roof over their heads or whether they can eat or buy medications! Please, leave this decisions to the experts who testified before the PUCN. and understand the entire issue. For the reasons stated above for Nevada Seniors, I strongly urge the Council to refrain from taking action on D6.

Thank you for your time.

Thomas Bird


NARA President

## Item D.6

Tom Clark <tom@tomclarksolutions.com>

Tue 7/30/2024 5:26 PM

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

 1 attachments (178 KB)

Ann Silver Editorial Reliable Energy.pdf;

Good afternoon,

On behalf of the Reno + Sparks Chamber of commerce I submit the attached editorial authored by Ann Silver, CEO regarding the matter.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Tom Clark

Owner

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## Nevada can't attract businesses, jobs without reliable energy

Ann Silver | Reno Gazette Journal

It's no secret that the Reno-Sparks area is at the center of a growing Nevada. Our business-friendly environment, smallish-town feel and cultural diversity continue to attract new businesses to the state. As the CEO of the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce, I'm committed to helping our business community grow and thrive. When our businesses prosper, so does our community, employment opportunities expand, and our families benefit.

That's why I was interested to read details of NV Energy's latest Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), a comprehensive plan that looks at future energy needs for our state and how the company plans to balance the needs of current and future customers. It's a plan that required careful consideration — with an eye on keeping energy rates affordable over the long term.

The IRP is currently being considered by the Nevada Public Utilities Commission and many consumer sessions will be held for the public to provide input. The Chamber will be monitoring the sessions to make sure that key elements of the IRP will not harm or impact the business community.

The vast majority of resources that NV Energy is proposing to build are renewable resources — a factor businesses are considering when looking to start or relocate their operations. We're a state that sees more than 300 days of sunshine, and NV Energy is capitalizing on that for customers with new solar arrays, all of which also include battery storage capacity.

With those resources, there must be a balance. And that balance is natural gas. NV Energy is proposing a modest addition of natural gas units, to be used in times of peak demand, to ensure power available around the clock for its customers.

We will not continue to attract businesses — and jobs — without these natural-gas units to ensure power is available 24/7.

I remain encouraged by NV Energy's recent plan to provide more fairness, equity and stability in their bills for Northern Nevada customers. The company's plan to increase the fixed monthly charge — while also decreasing the energy use portion of the bill — will allow customers to better budget for their bottom line. Adjusting the basic service charge in Northern Nevada does not increase average customer bills — this is a fact.

Through March 2024, Nevada's average retail price for all sectors was 53.6 percent lower than California, and 8.3 percent lower than the United States, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. I appreciate NV Energy's efforts to ensure we all have safe, reliable and affordable power while making sure plans are in place to meet the growing energy demand of a rapidly growing state.

We strongly encourage the business community to participate in the consumer sessions and the Chamber will continue to participate in the proceedings. Our job is to advocate on behalf of our businesses, to keep them informed, and to ensure their voices are heard and appreciated prior to any final decision by the PUC.

## City Council Comment received from Trudy Nunn

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Tue 7/30/2024 10:12 PM

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

**Contact Info:**

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**Item:**

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## City Council Comment received from Maggie Babb

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Tue 7/30/2024 7:44 PM

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

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**Section:**

I Items - Public Hearing Items

**Item:**

I1.2.

**Position:**

In Favor

**Are they speaking in person?**

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

**If no, enter comments below:**

Dear Council Members, I am Maggie Babb from Ward 3, and I am here to express my strong opposition to the proposed permit for constructing a new charter school in the North Valleys. I am deeply concerned about the significant traffic and safety issues this project will cause. The proposed location near Alice-Smith is already a high-traffic area, especially during peak hours. Adding the daily influx of parents and staff vehicles will worsen congestion, leading to longer commute times and increased frustration for all residents. In addition to everyday congestion, bad weather, particularly snow and ice, makes travel in the North Valleys challenging. Has there been any consideration for the impact of increased traffic under these conditions? Is there a plan to alleviate these issues? Beyond inconvenience, the increased traffic poses serious safety risks. The likelihood of accidents involving both drivers and pedestrians will rise. The current infrastructure is inadequate to support this increase without substantial upgrades to roads, traffic management systems, and pedestrian safety measures. Furthermore, I believe this project has not been adequately and transparently presented to the community. Many residents are unaware of its implications. We need more opportunities for true community engagement before proceeding with this build. I urge you to vote against this project until

these concerns are addressed. Thank you for your attention and service to our community. Sincerely, Maggie Babb

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## Section:

### D Items - Department Items

**Item:**

D 6.

**Position:**

In Favor

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