

In Support of Agenda Item D.1. -- 4/10/24 Reno City Council Meeting

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

Dear City Council,

In your budget for your next fiscal year, please plan to increase funding in order for there to be an increased presence of Reno Police Officers and Code Enforcement Officers in downtown Reno.

Reno is a 24/7 entertainment town. There should be 24/7 presence by RPD and Code Enforcement in order to address enforcement issues and enhance safety and security in the downtown area to make sure the area is safe for all: business owners and their employees and their patrons, visitors from outside of downtown, and downtown residents.

Regarding RPD, how about providing funding for the "bar car"? How about providing funding for walking patrols? Regarding Code Enforcement, how about providing funding to support an additional Code Enforcement Officer?

The more RPD and Code Enforcement are present, the less likely negative activity will occur such as fights, shootings, public drunkenness, yelling, screaming, persons racing about in their cars and motorcycles and revving their engines, and other disorderly and dangerous conduct.

Saying that RPD and Code Enforcement do not have the personnel and resources is so unfortunate. And without sufficient resources, the results could be detrimental to more businesses operating in downtown Reno and more residents living in downtown Reno.

Please act now to make downtown Reno better for the long term. Every great city should have a great downtown (I did not create that line, only repeating it here). Many good things are happening in downtown Reno but more has to happen to make things even better.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your service to the City of Reno.

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