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City Council Comment received from Amy Alonzo

From Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Date Thu 9/19/2024 4:13 PM

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

Contact Info:

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Amy Alonzo

Commenting on behalf of:

Ward #:

Ward 3

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Phone Number:

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Address:

920 Yori Ave

A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-10-03.

Section:

General Opening Session Comment (unassociated to an agenda item)

Item:

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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:

Please address the damage at Wilkinson Park. The slides are unusable for children and the bathrooms serve as areas for people to sleep and use drugs. My neighbors and I have tried reaching out to Councilman Martinez about this. He has not replied.

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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No

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NAME: Ted Burfoot

ADDRESS: National Service Day Month

CONTACT PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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☐ OTHER _____

DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☐ NO ☐

AGENDA ITEM _____

☐ IN FAVOR ☐ IN OPPOSITION ☐ NO POSITION STATED - CONCERNED

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME: Terry Brooks
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DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☐ NO ☒

COUNCIL MEETING DATE September 25, 2024

AGENDA ITEM General Public Comments A.3

IN FAVOR ☐ IN OPPOSITION ☐ Neither ☒

COMMENTS: Discrimination:

Chapter 39: Class and Politics

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DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☒ NO ☐

AGENDA ITEM Public Comments

☐ IN FAVOR ☐ IN OPPOSITION ☐ NO POSITION STATED - CONCERNED

COMMENTS: Support DJ and DS

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AGENDA ITEM

PUBLIC COMMENT

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COMMENTS:

TY TO MAYOR

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AGENDA ITEM Art

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AGENDA ITEM Public Comment A.3

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COMMENTS: In Favor of DS

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AGENDA ITEM _____

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COMMENTS: compliments to the efforts
and the impact of Safe Camp and
the Cores campus.
Specific mention to Grant
Denton + the Manna Box Project
and Kim Shriker.

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Stephanie Myers (including myself)

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DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☒ NO ☐

AGENDA ITEM public comment

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COMMENTS: in favor of DG

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DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☒ NO ☐

AGENDA ITEM Karma Box Grant Denton **A-3**

☒ IN FAVOR ☐ IN OPPOSITION ☐ NO POSITION STATED - CONCERNED

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME: ILYA ARBATMAN

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☒ NO ☐

AGENDA ITEM A.3

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COMMENTS: _____

D.1 OPPOSED

D.7 CONCERNED

D.8

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☐ OTHER

DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☒ NO ☐

AGENDA ITEM Stop Vintage from receiving Grant of 1.4m
☐ IN FAVOR ☒ IN OPPOSITION ☐ NO POSITION STATED - CONCERNED

COMMENTS: The reason we're here is because we under stand that Vintage is asking for 1.4m Grant from the City of Reno. they should be Denied & put on Hold. They don't maintain or repair our Apts Right. A-c Apts are very dirty, we have rodents. Door don't work right. Trash Issue ETC

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DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☒ NO ☐

AGENDA ITEM FPI

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COMMENTS: _____

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DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☒ NO ☐

AGENDA ITEM 85 Public Comment

☒ IN FAVOR ☐ IN OPPOSITION ☐ NO POSITION STATED - CONCERNED

COMMENTS: I believe Karma Box
Contract should be renewed
and that they are invaluable
to the 4th Street corridor
businesses and for providing
resources and clean up to
the un-housed.

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NAME:

Pat Ammann

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CONTACT PHONE:

775-246-1076 Reno-89501

E-MAIL:

Debbie.Ammann@gmail.com

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☐ OTHER

DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☒ NO ☐

AGENDA ITEM

☐ IN FAVOR

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COMMENTS:

Talk about Vantage.
Vantage of the Crossing.

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N/A

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☐ OTHER _____

DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☒ NO ☐

AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT

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COMMENTS: IN FAVOR OF DS

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E-MAIL: rebecca.eckland@nevadaart.org

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Nevada Museum of Art

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☐ OTHER _____

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AGENDA ITEM public comment

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COMMENTS: _____

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AGENDA ITEM Public comment

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COMMENTS: Stop homo parade &
Festivo

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DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☒ NO ☐

AGENDA ITEM DS

☒ IN FAVOR ☐ IN OPPOSITION ☐ NO POSITION STATED - CONCERNED

COMMENTS: SUPPORT KARMA BOX & WHAT
THEY DO

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AGENDA ITEM _____

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COMMENTS: I don't think that FPI
deserve any aproval for any
concederation as They have not
and do not take care of the
property that they have. My
building has not been keep up
Floor Windows Garbage very
bad. And The disrespect They
have shown me and up.
(sorry if you can't read this)

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DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☐ NO ☐

AGENDA ITEM _____

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COMMENTS: I have a problem of my Rent
on Aug. I'm not been happy about
my payment it's every late and charge
costs. I find out what I'm
going to pay the month of sept
but when I tell them about
my situation, that I don't
have enough fund on my
account I have to wait till the
second Wednesday that's when I get
my situation paid for

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AGENDA ITEM Karma Box

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COMMENTS: Grant is instrumental in cleaning up the homeless problem in Reno Sparks, and Carson City. I have seen him first hand helping and supporting this vulnerable population. Karma Box Project is a great organization making a noticeable and measurable impact on our community. I am on the KBP board and huge improvements have been made on financials, operating, oversight, and board engagement and growth. I fully stand by Karma Box Project.

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NAME: CLIFF NELLS

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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Jenny Brekhus

To, Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford,

From, Steven C. White, Fine Artist

Sir,

Complaint; The Sales Tax Laws and Policies of the State of Nevada violate my First Amendment Right to Freedom of Speech!

See, *Steven C. White vs City of Sparks, Nv., 9th Cir. Ct., (2007)*

I am a Veteran and a Fine Artist. I do traditional Oil Paintings on Canvas, often painting in front of the public on public fora, displaying and selling my paintings. Upon returning home from the Army in 1969, I have spent more than 40 years traveling all over America in an RV, painting my way around the country. I have performed, displayed and sold my painting in every venue you can imagine. In all of my years as an Artist I have never obtained a license from anyone as a condition of selling my paintings to the public.

In 2002 I filed suit in Federal Court against the City of Reno for requiring me to get a business license as a condition of performing, displaying and selling my oil paintings in that City. I won that litigation in 2003 when Reno admitted their policies were unconstitutional as applied to Fine Artists such as myself. I then worked with Mayor Hillary Schieve to get revisions to the Reno Codes passed in 2014, exempting Fine Artists from licensing.

In 2003 I filed a Federal Litigation against the City of Sparks, Nv.. Again, the case had to do with the City requiring me to get a business license as a condition of selling my original paintings to the public in Sparks. The litigation went all the way to the United States Supreme Court on appeal by the City of Sparks and their appeal was denied.

In a landmark ruling from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, *White vs City of Sparks, Nv. (2007)*, the Court shot down the license requirement as an Unconstitutional prior restraint on protected speech.

Quote; **“This appeal presents the question of what protection the First Amendment extends to the sale by an artist of his paintings.” “We hold that an artist’s sale of his original artwork constitutes speech protected under the First Amendment.”**

Fine Artist's Speak through their Art. In holding that the abstract paintings of Jackson Pollock are "unquestionably protected" the Supreme Court points out that a work of Art is specifically created by an Artist to convey some message.

As the Supreme Court explained in *Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of New York, Inc. v. Village of Stratton*, 536 U.S. 150, 122 S.Ct. 2080, 153 L.Ed.2d 205 (2002),

[i]t is offensive — not only to the values protected by the First Amendment, but to the very notion of a free society — that in the context of everyday public discourse a citizen must first inform the government of her desire to speak to her neighbors and then obtain a permit to do so.

Id. at 165-66, 122 S.Ct. 2080; see also *id.* at 166, 122 S.Ct. 2080 ("Even if the issuance of permits by the mayor's office is a ministerial task that is performed promptly and at no cost to the applicant, a law requiring a permit to engage in such speech constitutes a dramatic departure from our national heritage and constitutional tradition."

Certainly it is well settled by the 9th Circuit Court and Supreme Court that the State of Nevada can NOT require me to get a license as a condition of engaging in my First Amendment Right to perform, display and sell my First Amendment protected Fine Art, which I personally create as "art for art's sake" with no functional or useful purpose. When the actual sale of my paintings by me constitutes speech protected by the First Amendment.

Certainly the State can NOT place a tax on my speech! But the discussion about the sales tax is a mute subject....because it is well settled that the State can NOT require the license to begin with. I'd also point out that these protections extend to all forms of artistic self expression listed by the 9th Cir. Ct. in agreement with their sister courts, the 2nd Cir., 6th Cir. and 7th Cir. as paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, prints, engraving, stained glass "as art for art's sake", music, theater, dance and films.

For far too long the State of Nevada, like the Cities of Reno and Sparks, have based their law and policies, with regards to Fine Artist, on the wrong assumption that the actual "sale" of the artwork by the Artist transformed the 1st Amendment protected Artist into a "commercial vendor" and therefore

subject to licenses and sales tax collection.

Quote the Supreme Court; "It is well settled that a speaker's rights are not lost merely because compensation is received, a speaker is no less a speaker because he or she is paid to speak."

The sale of the artwork, having no purpose than to be expressive, by the original Artist creator of the Art does NOT diminish full protection by the First Amendment in any way.

The Nevada State Codes must be amended to include an exemption from licensing for Fine Artists selling self expressive art, having no other purpose than to be expressive. I offer the following wording for such an exemption being added to the State Tax Codes. This wording is based upon the wording exempting Artists from licenses by the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Model City Tax Code, Exemption Option (X). This Exemption was written in the 1980's as an option. Now, with the 9th Cir. ruling in White v Sparks, the exemption language should be updated and made mandatory by all States.

Exemption from licensing

Fine Artists who perform, display and receive compensation for their self created works of art such as paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, prints, engraving, stained glass done as art for art's sake, music, dance, theater and films are exempt from licenses.

However, Artisans who create works such as macrame, metal work, pottery, clothing, food, furniture, leather work, jewelry and woodwork, when such items have a dual purpose both expressive and functional/useful, are subject to licenses whether sold by the creator or another.

The present policies of the State are stifling Community Participation in the Fine Arts, stifling the ability of the City of Reno to encourage fine Artists to be on the public fora as a way to revitalize the down town and river walk area. The unconstitutional policies of the State stifle our ability to promote participation in the Fine Arts as a positive way of dealing with the mental health crisis in Cities around the State. But most importantly the law and policies of the State of Nevada stifle and destroy the Artistic hopes and dreams of countless numbers of young Artists who simply want to engage in their God Given Right to share their Artistic creations with their community. By stifling community participation in the Fine Arts, these State policies are

also destroying community financial support for Art programs in our children's schools at a time when it is most needed as a positive alternative to guns, drugs, violence and a break from social media.

I'm seeking the help of the Attorney General in advising the Governor and State Legislature of this terrible ongoing travesty. I have extensive knowledge on the subject of First Amendment protections for Fine Artists and have been challenging City, County and State Governments for the past 28 years, on their miss application of "commercial codes" that infringe upon my civil rights as a Fine Artist. I worked with Mayor Rocky Anderson of Salt Lake City back in 2000-2002, opening Salt Lake City for Artists to sell on public fora to revitalize the downtown area for the Olympics. In Arizona I was nominated for the Governor's award for outstanding contribution to the Arts for the work I was doing opening opportunities for Artists in that State.

I request a one on one meeting with the Attorney General to share my knowledge. I'm sure you will benefit from the meeting with an actual Artist with my extensive back ground and who's name is on the ruling from the 9th Cir. Ct.. Please help get an exemption from licensing for Fine Artists selling self created art with no purpose other than being expressive into the State Law.

Enough damage has been done. The Fine Arts are the single greatest tool we have for building bridges of understanding between all of the people that make up this wonderful melting pot of humanity we call America. We can no longer allow City, County, State and even Federal Government to license our Constitutional and God Given Right to express ourselves through some of the oldest forms of human communication, the Fine Arts.

I hope that further Federal Litigation won't be necessary to put a stop to present sales tax laws and policies of the State of Nevada that are unquestionably Unconstitutional as applied to Fine Artists like Myself.

Thank You for your time and consideration,

Steven C. White
1040 E. Antelope St., Silver Springs, Nv. 89429, (775-301-7579)



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Webinar Registration City of Reno - Reno City Council Meeting - 9/25/24

From City Clerk <no-reply@zoom.us>**Date** Wed 9/25/2024 10:03 AM**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Hi City Clerk,

Scott Oxarart (scott.oxarart@gmail.com) has registered for "City of Reno - Reno City Council Meeting - 9/25/24" on: Sep 25, 2024 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Organization: Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD)

Questions & Comments: I'd like to speak during the Public comment if that's possible

If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, please provide your public comment in the Question & Comments box below.: Support for last week's proclamation supporting world, FTD awareness week, which is this week.

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