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Public Comment for August 14th City Council Meeting

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Hello Reno City Council,

I'm writing today to comment on two agenda items that my wife and I are **in full support of**.

- *Item D.4: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion, and direction to staff on the potential disposition of the properties generally located at 315 and 335 Record Street*

- *Item E.1: An Ordinance to amend Title 8, Chapter 8.10, of the Reno Municipal Code entitled "Offenses Against Property", prohibiting trespassing upon railroad tracks; and other matters properly relating thereto*

We believe that supporting the above items is critical for the continued redevelopment and safety of the 4th street district and future development of our downtown area.

Regarding item D.4, since we've moved to Reno 10 years ago we've see the positive impact that developments such as the Jesse Hotel, Depot Brewery, and others have had on this area. We need more of these kinds of developments to transform the area.

Regarding item E.1, safety should be priority #1 and taking measure like this is a positive step in the right direction.

Thank you, Pete and Alida Rusin - Reno Residents

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Public Comment and Support for Agenda Items D.4 and E.1

Manager Bryant and Members of the Reno City Council,

My name is Chris Reilly and my wife & I have renovated, or are renovating, the properties at 306, 400, and 424 E. 4th Street in the Brewery District (The Jesse, Estella, The Morris, and Abby's Highway 40). We are commenting in full support of the staff recommendations on taking next steps for item D.4 and item E.1.

For item D.4, we ask the council to act with urgency to sell 315 & 335 Record street to a local developer that knows the area, can move quickly, and can make something real happen without strings attached or contingencies. In meeting with the teams behind Baxter Construction and Marmot Properties, the building of either of these proposals would be transformative to our downtown. While different proposals, both have the opportunity to provide much needed life in the area and a spark to our future growth. We fully support either of these proposals as you vet them further, and can't wait to see exciting activity on these parcels after years of blight.

For item E.1, we fully support the ordinance to take tangible actions to increase safety along our downtown rail corridors. Just recently, we were doing a morning walk of our property near the railroad tracks, and found a small engine that had just been placed on the railroad tracks by an individual who was loitering in the area. A few of us jumped into action to remove this, and the engine was safely off the tracks about 15 minutes before a Union Pacific freight train moved through the corridor at 9am. I don't know what would have happened if we had not moved the engine just minutes before, but the potential danger to nearby pedestrians, structures, and train car infrastructure that could have been caused is a clear example of why we need this. We have also had 2 small fires started in the last year around our buildings by individuals who were loitering, and just this past weekend, one of our security cameras showed what looked to be yet another fire started around 4am the morning of the August 10th around a neighboring trash can (image attached).



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