

**12-6-2023 - Reno City Council Meeting - Item # A.3 Public Comment**

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**FW: Feedback for City of Reno**

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**Jennifer Pawliszyn** <PawliszynJ@reno.gov>  
To: Public Comment <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 8:21 AM

Good morning!

We received this feedback on the website and believed that it was best suited for public comment. Please see below.

Thank you!

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**From:** City of Reno <[reno@enotify.visioninternet.com](mailto:reno@enotify.visioninternet.com)>**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 6:38 PM**To:** Webmaster <[Webmaster@reno.gov](mailto:Webmaster@reno.gov)>**Subject:** Feedback for City of Reno

You have received this feedback from Tired citizen <[M458@aol.com](mailto:M458@aol.com)> for the following page:

<https://www.reno.gov/community/about-reno/newsroom>

Just watched a video of your tyrant cops. Im so sick of this stupidity. Trespassing a reporter from an unsecured area like the cops own it. News for you. None of the employees own it. It is owned by the citizens. The citizens aren't you dogs where you can tell us they can trespass from any unsecured area because their feeling are hurt. The department will now be sued and the citizens take it in the shorts again. Time to end qualified immunity. Maybe if the stupid cops loss the pension they will start honoring the oath they took or get a job in the private sector. <https://youtu.be/03aCjEFRZcY?si=awWzxigkvGSOqiAZ>





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## Public Comment Speech

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**Arlene Lopez** <arlenelopez890@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 2:34 PM

To: "publiccomment@reno.gov" <publiccomment@reno.gov>

Hello people of the Reno City Council My name is Arlene Lopez and i am a senior at hug high school here today to speak about gun violence in our city of reno. As you may or may not know we have a big problem with people who have possession of a firearm. This year we have 17 cases of Violent Crime Murders and 58.8% of those are Firearm related. Along with that, 76.2% of the offenders are males and 23.8% are females. Gun violence is a serious issue that involves the use of firearms to cause harm or injury including death. It can have devastating effects on individuals, families, and communities. The phycological impact of gun violence can also be profound, leading to post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, and depression. Additionally, communities affected by gun violence may experience increased fear, decreased trust, and a sense of insecurity. It can also have economic consequences, such as increased healthcare costs and loss of productivity. Addressing gun violence requires a comprehensive approach that focuses on prevention, intervention, and support for those affected. We all play a role in creating safer communities, so by working together, we can strive to make a change and reduce the occurrence of gun violence. The ideas i have for this action is we need to promote responsible gun ownership by using art murals to do public service announcements. We need to implement stricter gun control measures for example instead of doing background checks do gun licenses that involve a mental health evaluation, criminal background check and a gun safety course. We need to invest in mental health resources to help prevent gun violence such as increasing awareness of or increasing access to mental healthcare facilities. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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**Brenda Quiroz** <quirozbrenda078@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 4, 2023 at 10:54 PM

To: "publiccomment@reno.gov" <publiccomment@reno.gov>

Good afternoon my name is Brenda Quiroz, I'm coming from Procter R. Hug High School and I'm here to discuss one of the many issues we face in Reno. Today more specifically I've come to talk about domestic violence. Domestic violence is a destructive issue that knows no boundaries of age, race or socioeconomic status, it could affect anyone. It's important to understand the severity of this issue because the impact of domestic violence goes way beyond immediate physical harm. This issue can create a recurrent cycle of trauma across generations. It's obvious that support for survivors should be the priority when it comes to this specific topic. I suggest community outreach programs and support groups, better housing options for survivors. Law enforcement and judicial systems should make the safety and protection of every victim a priority. I also ask that perpetrators face much heavier consequences for their behavior. I personally have witnessed what this sort of situation does to a family, to a person. Like is said this is something that can happen to anyone. I think everyone should stop turning the other cheek and we should make serious changes to our community because I know what belittling someone can do to them. It destroys their person, their voice, their stuck in a position where they can't seek help and I think we should be their haven. Toxic masculinity, gender inequality and so many other factors contribute to the perpetuation of abusive relationships. We should retaliate against social norms and promote gender equality, plant a culture of love and respect within our community, and encourage conversations about healthy relationships to the youth population. I truly believe that together we can build a happier and healthier structure in this community if we all come together and show support. Thank you.



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**Javier Mendoza** <javermendoza06227@gmail.com>  
To: "publiccomment@reno.gov" <publiccomment@reno.gov>

Mon, Dec 4, 2023 at 10:47 PM



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## Government speech about violence

Hi, my name is Francisco, I'm a student from hug high school, I come here to talk about violence and how it has got more intense these last years. Every day I wake up, look at my phone, just to watch the new fight video in the school, or to read about another shooting at the country, we live now in a culture of violence, where all the things I mentioned before are the daily occurrence, where if someone doesn't like you he can easily punch you in the face or can shoot you as well. Violence has become a major problem to our society and we gotta solve it now.

To address this we need comprehensive reforms in our education system, foresting dialogue, understanding and tolerance to everyone, we must invest on mental health to bring support to those who need it so in this way we will address a better community and we will end with this culture of violence.



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**Kitzia García** <kitziagh12@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 4, 2023 at 6:50 PM

To: "publiccomment@reno.gov" &lt;publiccomment@reno.gov&gt;

Hello, good morning members of the City Council, my name is Kitzia Garcia, and today I want to talk about the difference in education in different countries.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to study in a different country? Have you ever wondered what education is like in a different country? I have lived it, the education at my school in Leon Guanajuato Mexico, and the education at Procter R. Hug High School is nothing like it. In Mexico you must pay to have a decent education. In the United States, education is mostly free, since you don't have to worry about having enough money to pay for tuition at the end of the month. Something you have done for the benefit of students is to give them classes focused on the profession they want to practice in the future. An example of this is that I want to study medicine and thanks to you I was able to take a class such as anatomy. Something that favored me when I arrived in the country was to see the diversity of cultures that were in my school. Something that benefited me in my process of adapting to a new country and language was that the school will have a class in which they helped you start learning the language. Something that I would like you to adapt at school is specific classes for each profession. As I said before, being able to take classes that are focused on what we want to practice as professionals guides us when making our decision of what we want to dedicate ourselves to in the future. With this it is more than clear that we are very fortunate to have the education we receive. Thanks to this, we have many opportunities that will help us achieve our goals in the future. I want to thank you for taking our opinion into account and for taking the time to listen to my speech.







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Omer Ali <Omerali79@outlook.com>

Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 8:20 AM

To: "publiccomment@reno.gov" <publiccomment@reno.gov>

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### Homelessness

Hi, my name is Omer and I stand in front of you about the issue that we probably have all seen in our everyday lives here in Reno a problem for everyone who lives in this community has to deal with. The recognition of homelessness is a big problem in our city mainly in downtown. You wonder and ask yourself is downtown even safe anymore? Can you still enjoy the beauty in downtown? Can I go down the riverwalk without a homeless man or woman sleeping on the street and begging and asking for a piece of change?

Can we enjoy the events that go on such as Art Town, hot August nights, and all the other exciting events without running into a homeless man or woman yelling or arguing with the first person they encounter? but also for the day-to-day person who has to endure going to downtown daily an example the workers that work over here the tourists and also the commuters at the bus stations without having to worry about getting robbed or having their purse stolen or getting yelled at who knows what.

How can we solve these problems I know that some have messed up their lives with drugs, alcohol, or whatever that may be but that does not mean there are not humans as of now we are going to have drops in our weather as we in December and as Christmas and new year's come along while we're with our families enjoying the holiday mean while there a homeless person who won't see their family or know where they and don't know how to locate them are how can we get those people who need the help get out of the streets shelters rehab whatever it takes to make our city safe and clean

we are a growing city but it is sad to see this beloved city be mistreated and seen as San Francisco of Nevada to the rest of the world and the Reno citizens.



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**Ximena Rios05** <ximenarios803@gmail.com>  
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Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 3:47 PM

Sent from my iPhone



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# Mental Health/ Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers

**INTRO-** Hello ladies and gentlemen of the council, my name is Ximena Rios. I'm a senior at Hug High School and I'm here today to talk about the importance of mental health and the need for more mental health rehabilitation centers in our city. Mental health is something that's important and it's something a lot of people deal and struggle with on a day-to-day basis. I feel it is crucial that Mental health be taken care of and prioritized just as much as one's physical health.

- This specific topic hits close to me and I wanted to bring it up because I, just like many other people, have dealt with my own mental health being low and it affected not only how I felt about my life, but also my emotions and feelings too. It made me lose motivation towards school and just day-to-day activities. So, I just want to make it more of a priority within our city to normalize asking for help when it is needed.

**PROBLEM-** Associated with mental health and rehabilitation centers it has come to my attention that in December of 2021, the West Hills Behavioral Health Hospital was shut down, leaving the people of Reno with one less place to receive mental health treatment. I'd like to talk about the importance of it and why we as people should have multiple places to provide us with proper and professional help when needed.

Mental health is a critical aspect of our well-being that affects the way we act, think, and feel, and it is often stigmatized and overlooked. According to the world Health Organization, approximately 1 in 4 people worldwide will experience a mental health issue at some point in their life. While mental health is overlooked it leads to the suffering of individuals who are in need of assistance Tragically, suicide is a major concern in relation to mental health. Every year roughly 800,000 people die by suicide, leading it the second leading cause of death of people aged 15-29. Mental health challenges are hard to deal with, and you often feel alone and like you have no support. This is where rehabilitation centers would play the affected role of providing these individuals struggling with their mental health,

with a safe environment and the support and treatment they need to get better. The need for more centers is important because they provide specialized care to help individuals regain their mental well-being and improve their overall quality of life. So, if we have one less of these centers here in Reno, I feel there will be tons of people not getting the help they need when they need it. This would leave individuals to continue feeling lost, scared, and hopeless about their life, because they don't have the resources they need. Individuals needing support should have a safe place to go to where they can openly talk about the things they're struggling with and feel understood rather than judged. They should be able to know that they will have access to centers that will help them get to where they need to be.

**SOLUTION** By focusing on one's mental health as much as their physical health we can promote resilience, improve relationships, and enhance productivity of people's lives. With the statistics of suicide rates that only shows how much more important promoting and educating about mental health should be. As a solution I feel we should have more rehabilitation centers here in Reno to offer our people who are in need, a place to go to where they will receive mental health treatment. These centers should have professionals that can address various aspects of mental health such as therapy for coping skills, medication management for psychiatric conditions, and emotional support. With that being said, if you or someone you know is struggling with mental health, don't be afraid to reach out to family, friends, teachers or professionals for support. Thank you for your time.