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Public Comment [Items D4 & E1]

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Good Morning Reno City Council Members,

Attached and below, you will find the Reno+Sparks Chamber of Commerce’s public comment for the record supporting items D4 and E1.

Item D4:

The Reno+Sparks Chamber of Commerce understands the importance of a vital downtown along with a vital 4th Street and Brewery District. Therefore, we support the proposed opportunity to utilize an open and transparent process to contract with a developer(s) that will optimize the utilization of both the 315 and 335 Record Street properties. We look forward to the growth of this particular area and adjacent commerce.

Item E1:

The Reno+Sparks Chamber of Commerce supports the proposed railroad trespassing ordinance as a crucial measure for the safety of the public. This measure will reduce the risks of accidents and ensure that our rail services are secure and properly managed.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,



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Public comment and support for Agenda Items D.4 and E.1

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Manager Bryant and Members of the Reno City Council,

My name is Dash Gopinath, and my wife & I are co-owners of Abby's Highway 40 at 424 E 4th Street in the Brewery District. We invested our time and money completely renovating that property with the hopes of injecting some life into our community in a location that badly needed revitalization. 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'd love to see 315 & 335 Record street sold as soon as possible to a local developer that knows the area and can move quickly to invest in those buildings. Either of the proposals by Baxter or Marmot would be transformative to our downtown and have a massive impact to our street and district. We fully support either of these proposals as both have the opportunity to bring much needed growth to our downtown.

For item E.1, we fully support the ordinance to take actions to increase safety along our downtown rail corridors. Our business has had several break-ins and incidences of theft all primarily due to people loitering in the area or around the rail tracks and bus stations. This is also a pretty strong deterrent for potential customers who see this and choose to take their business elsewhere.

Thank you for your time and service to our city.

dash

in support of E.1 -- Ordinance prohibiting trespassing along railroad tracks

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Tue 8/13/2024 1:45 PM

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

Dear Reno City Council,

Please pass the ordinance prohibiting trespassing on the railroad tracks through Reno.

I live in the Montage at 255 N. Sierra Street in downtown Reno.

The train trench through downtown Reno is right next to the Montage. There are other buildings with lots of people in them that are next to the trench, including the Whitney Peak Hotel, the Eldorado Hotel-Casino, 3rd Street Flats, the WorldMark, and the J Resort.

Although the trains usually pass quickly through the trench, there are times when they are parked in the trench for extended time periods

One major concern that I have is the danger to the thousands of people who live in high rise condo and apartment buildings and visitors who stay in hotels near the trench. The people who congregate along the tracks sometimes start fires in their encampments for keeping warm or for cooking. This may be a more regular occurrence than I am aware. Often the trains include tanker cars. Those tanker cars carry flammable materials. It is scary to contemplate the camp or cooking fires or other activity of the people hanging out along the tracks causing a large explosion and a large fire in the trench that causes significant bodily harm and property damage to those who live or are visiting close by to the trench. But that possibility exists.

Another concern is that the trains hits the people who congregate along the tracks. This apparently occurs more often than not.

I understand that passing the proposed ordinance will make it easier for law enforcement and private property interests and city officials as well as representatives of the Union Pacific Railroad to remove people from congregating along the railroad tracks, thus reducing the likelihood of the above referenced significant health and safety risks.

Accordingly, please pass the proposed ordinance.

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

Eric Lerude

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To: Mayor Schieve and Reno City Council Members

From: Ann Silver, CEO Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce

Date: August 12, 2024

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Submitted by:



Ann Silver, Chief Executive Officer

Public Comment and Support for 8/14 Reno City Council Meeting Agenda Items D.4 and E.1

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

Manager Thornley and Members of the Reno City Council,

I'm Ski Broman, an owner of 324 E. 4th Street. Together with my business partner, we're currently immersed in the substantial renovation of this property to transform it into a distinctive restaurant, bar, and event venue. Our investment and commitment to this project is driven by our belief in the vibrancy of the Old Brewery District and the 4th Street business community. I am commenting today in full support of the staff recommendations on taking next steps for items D.4 and E.1.

Regarding item D.4, I urge the council to take action on the sale of 315 and 335 Record Street to one of the qualified respondents to the public Request for Proposal (RFP). I believe that a local developer who understands the needs of the area, and who will take pride in contributing to their own community would be an ideal fit. Both Baxter Construction and Marmot Properties stand out as exceptional candidates for this project. Their involvement would play a pivotal role in revitalizing the Old Brewery District by bringing much-needed workforce housing and/or office space, thus infusing the area with new energy and life. I fully support either proposal and eagerly anticipate the positive changes and renewed activity that these developments will bring to downtown. Selling the 315 and 335 Record Street properties has the potential to significantly benefit our community, and I strongly endorse moving forward to make this new vision for 4th Street a reality.

Regarding item E.1, I fully support the ordinance to amend Title 8, Chapter 8.10 of the Reno Municipal Code to enhance safety along our downtown rail corridors. Trespassing and loitering on or near the railroad tracks present significant public and life safety concerns, not only for the individuals involved but also for rail operators. Trains cannot stop quickly enough to avoid collisions with individuals or personal property left on the tracks. Keeping our rail corridors clear is a critical safety measure that will protect our city's ability to use our railroad systems for freight transportation and safeguard our vulnerable populations from the many risks associated with trespassing in active railroad areas.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters. I appreciate the City's continued efforts to support the growth, revitalization and safety of our downtown Reno community.

Sincerely,

Ski Broman

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Dear Manager Bryant and City Council Members,

My name is Tyler Rogers and I am a resident of Reno. I am writing to voice support for items D.4 and E.1 on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting.

As a lifelong Reno resident, I take great pride in the transformation our city is undergoing to build a new chapter in our downtown. Item D.4 takes a major step in that story by selling 315 & 335 Record street to a local developer that knows the area and is invested in creating a new vision for a core part of our downtown. Item E.1 does the same by creating safer spaces for residents and visitors to have full confidence in enjoying downtown Reno.

I ask the Council to ask with urgency on both items.

Many thanks,

Tyler Rogers