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Your Name (First and Last) Adam Cates, Director of Community Engagement

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Council Meeting Date Sep 27, 2023

Agenda Item A-3

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The Pioneer Center produced the second annual Dog Days of Summer Dance Festival August 18-20. This three-night event featured the following northern Nevada-based dance companies: Around the Stage, Ballet Folklorico Internacional de Reno, Ballet Folklorico Pueblo Nuevo, Controlled Burn, Danza Azteca Aztlan, Entity Movement Company, Ka Pa Hula 'O Kawaiolanoelaniokane, Nevada Dance Company, and Note-Able Music Therapy Services Dance Troupe. We also featured Los Angeles-based guest artists Kate Hutter Mason and Kevin Williamson (LA Contemporary Dance Company). All participating companies are paid for their performances. The Pioneer Center produces Dog Days of Summer Dance Festival and presents it free to the public. We use this platform as a spotlight benefit for SPCA of Northern Nevada, helping to raise awareness and donations for their organization. The Pioneer Center received a grant from City of Reno Arts & Culture Commission for \$5,460 to help subsidize artist fees paid to the participating dance companies. The total cost of producing the festival was approximately \$34,000. Attendance this year was close to 1,200 people. We wish to thank the City of Reno for their support of Dog Days of Summer Dance Festival. Thank you also to Councilwoman Taylor for her attendance at the event.

Which City of Reno Ward do you reside? Ward 3

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Regarding Food and Encampments for Homeless

1 message

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Thu, Sep 21, 2023 at 12:29 PM

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Good afternoon,

We received this email at Reno Direct, which appears best suited for public comment. Please see below. Constituent- L.B. Youngblood - lyoungblood06@outlook.com

Thank you!

On Friday 15, September 06:18:07 PM PDT, 'lyoungblood06@outlook.com' wrote:

Hello to all those reading this letter,

For food, it's a bit degrading going to a pantry and not having any choices in what you eat. It's the same way we feed our dogs. Food trucks are never making a consistent revenue, which discourages new businesses and cuisines from popping up. To combat both of those, why not let food trucks use the pantries to create a menu. They can then go to all the different areas where the homeless congregate, relieving the need to walk so much just to find food. And they can be given food cooked for them, not just food for them to eat. Tax breaks and a fixed revenue amount can give the food trucks exactly what they need as well.

For shelter, I noticed on the way to Tesla that there are quite a few tents pitched on the ground along I-80. If that's what I can see, I'd hate to know how many live hidden in the city. Now Tesla's Powerwall production has come to a halt and their solar panels aren't selling as well as they would have hoped either. I'm sure it wouldn't be difficult to persuade them to create miniature, self-sufficient housing for the homeless. This increases the need for Tesla products, which admittedly is self-serving to me, and provides powered housing. This can be a community project as the other materials can come from local suppliers of wood, concrete, and wiring. Plumbing can be communal and be in a separate building for maximum efficiency. Having a shop of amenities and an indoor space for anything helps to create a sense of community as well, leading to less crime. The indoor space can function as an addiction counseling space, since there will undoubtedly be addicts among them. Local businesses or trades can use the indoor space as well for skill training and job fairs. A shuttle can also pick up and transport the homeless to their jobs instead of them begging on the side of the road. Some of these jobs can be filled by homeless people themselves. Trust has to start somewhere, bit if trusting possible addicts with cash money seems impossible, then give them debit cards from a bank across town. And for the love of God, give them a nice, big Christmas tree and a present. That is a single gesture of goodwill and thoughtfulness for those thinking everyone hates them.

These are people whittled down to their least human state. Whether this be self-inflicted or just a streak of bad luck, somewhere along their lives they weren't taught something very basic to being a normal, productive member of society. They are not a poison on Reno's and Sparks' economy. This is an opportunity to create the most amazing, empathetic, and productive citizens Reno and Sparks could have.

Thank for reading,

L. B. Youngblood

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Agenda Item	A.3.
Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?	No, written comment only (please submit your comments in the field below)
Your Comment (if you are speaking, it is not necessary to complete this field)	<p>Dear City of Reno. Your police force has a few Tyrants in their ranks. Specifically Mr. Christian Hoyt and Mr. Anthony Sotelo. A fellow First Amendment Auditor was Unlawfully arrested twice. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7f2rvSyXcog&t=1s & https://www.youtube.com/shorts/W0lbgfJZGFA). I urge the Council, Mayor, City Manager, and the Attorneys to get together and do their own Independent investigations into these officers and FIRE them with Just Cause. I urge the City to put pressure on Reno PD to arrest and charge these men for violations of rights under the color of law (Class D Felony) and violations of NRS 171.1233 for filming police during their duties. I urge the Council to put pressure on the Reno PD and the city attorney to drop the 2nd arrest against Sacramento Community Watch (Walter England) as soon as possible before the court date. The Reno PD and City of Reno already has 1 Federal Lawsuit Coming, be prepared for the 2nd because of Mr. Sotelo. And in order to avoid damages on the 2nd arrest, again, I would avoid Malicious Prosecution under the "Resisting an Officer" when the officer is clearly guilty of NRS 171.1233. The ticket even begins with "defendant began to record me..."</p> <p>DO THE RIGHT THING PLEASE!</p>
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Tue, Sep 19, 2023 at 3:20 PM

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Hi, I'm calling to report traffic violations. Along the new school Down by K wood rot Elementary School. It is absolutely alarming. The amount of cars that do not recognize that new school zone despite police presence that has been in the area for the past month. As you know, real Wrangler Park ways, speed limit is 35 miles an hour, and it is not uncommon to see cars, even outside of the hours of school going, 50 miles an hour, plus it is extremely unsafe. Even with the blinking, the flashing pedestrian crosswalk and the flashing school zone and I strongly believe cars are going to begin to notice and slow down is if the school zone is Mark from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day of almost all of the other elementary schools owns in South Reno are posted including around. Double Diamond School, Nick pool Akitas, they run for the full school day and during the hours of pick up and drop off only, when's the flashing lights for the school zone are present and even during those hours most cars are not noticing and Three cars. Actually did not stop for me in the crosswalk. Today, when I was walking to pick up my kids, so is very scary for the kids. It's even unsafe when our parents are walking across the street. In our PTO members are helping kids cross the street, it's a little bit better things to congresswoman doors efforts, but it's still is a really, really big safety issue for these kids. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Yes, my name is Phillip Roberts. I live at 1950, McCloud Avenue here in Reno. My phone number is 775-771-7284. I'm inquiring again. I've been contacted. We know directly. I've gotten nowhere about the address at 1900 Elena on the corner of Olay at 5 at the stop sign. There's a fence that's over 4 foot built around that house. There is black You cannot miss that you cannot see traffic coming from. You're right. If you're at the stop sign, you have to pull out. It halfway in the road just if anybody's coming cuz that the proof are there from north south, I've made numerous in choirs and I've gotten nowhere, all they want to do is transfer you here. Transfer you there and nothing's been done, the address is 1900 Elena on the corner, you cannot miss it. The fences over 4 foot tall and it's painted black. And I would like to know what, This is Chuck, it's Dad says are as far as getting that cut down where you can see the traffic coming, cuz it's the news of his like, adding a tree there. It's a hazard. And someone's going to get hurt or kill there. Thank you.

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Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 10:18 AM

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To: publiccomment@reno.gov

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From: 917753989061

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Hello. Thank you for what you doing Reno, Nevada. And yes, this is September 25th 2023. So Monday or by Paradise Park, there they're redoing the parts. It's the 9th under Why? Why the 1st, there's not a cement. Your black can call me back at 805-398-9061. That's 8 for 2. Thank you. Do not receive at the park Curtis Park, and there's a mint under the supervisor. Thank you. Bye.

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TREE Fund

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DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☐ NO ☐

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COMMENTS: _____

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AGENDA ITEM Public comment

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COMMENTS: Start of TREE Fund's Tour des Trees
bike ride and tree planting at C.27 Plaza Park

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AGENDA ITEM General Public Comment

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COMMENTS: Discrimination
Chapter 15: LGBTQ

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Foundation raises last funds to finish Record Street center

BY SUSAN VOYLES

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After almost 25 years of searching, planning and building, the last \$1.5 million in grants has been raised to build the last piece of the Reno Community Assistance Center, an \$11.6 million family shelter and social services building.

The bidding process already is under way for a contractor for the fourth building on the Record Street campus, and construction could begin by July for an opening next August, said Maureen McKissick, city grants manager. The last \$1 million came from a grant from the Lincy Foundation in Beverly Hills, while \$500,000 came from the local E.L. Cord Foundation.

Bob Rusk, a local businessman who once vowed not to cut his hair until the job was done, said the struggle to build the homeless services center has gone on for almost 24 years.

He credits Mayor Bob Cashell for finding a suitable site and raising most of the money.

Cashell already is working for transitional housing for people after they leave the shelter. But McKissick was the star on Monday, winning applause at a council caucus meeting. Cashell explained how she found and raised the last \$1 million from the Lincy Foundation. The foundation gives away about \$27 million a year, mostly to hospitals, but it is also known for a \$60 million donation to rebuild Armenia.

For the family shelter, Reno has provided \$4.6 million, while Washoe County recently committed \$1.5 million and Sparks has agreed to donate \$188,000 in federal grant money. A number of others donated \$69,600 in response to the Nell Redfield Foundation's challenge to match its \$1 million donation.

The 50,000-square-foot building will have ReStart social services and the Good Shepherd

Clothes Closet on the first floor. The second floor will contain the HAWC health clinic and the Nevada AIDS Foundation. The third floor will contain the family homeless shelter, providing 22 family units for 102 people and six single-mom units. The roof will have a fenced playground for children and people in the family shelter will have a separate elevator.

A women's shelter and offices for Reno officers who work with the homeless now is being finished in the first floor of the men's drop-in shelter. The campus also includes St. Vincent's Dining Hall and the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission.

Anne Cory, former United Way director who got homeless providers working together starting in the 1990s, said the "persistent" mayor and the council should be congratulated.

"Reno will have a model facility to help our most vulnerable individuals and families turn their lives around," she said.

RGJ

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Save the CAC - 9/27/2023 Council Mtg. Public Comments

Part 1) Intro + CAC Background/info

Part 2) Item B.15 Insurance

Part 3) Item C.1 CAPER report

Good morning, _____ for the record. I am here today with my fellow advocates to continue the public conversation around the Community Assistance Center, or CAC, sometimes referred to as the Record Street Shelter. We are here to make sure that this long-fought for and vital community resource does not become yet another empty lot Downtown. We know that Council, for some reason, is extremely reluctant to agendaize a discussion on this matter and we also suspect that there are likely plans brewing in back rooms to level these buildings and turn them into parking for the stadium. If this were to happen, it would be a catastrophic failure on the part of our local government to preserve, maintain and make use of existing resources and to serve those most in need here in Reno. Lucky for us, the CAC actually appears on at least two items on today's agenda - B.15 and C.1 - so we have a great opportunity to begin this much-needed discussion. I will be providing some background on the CAC - afterwards, my fellow advocates will speak more directly to today's agenda.

First, I would like to read some highlights from a 2007 article on the CAC, both to remind the Council and to inform anyone in the public who may not know what a monumental, years-long, community-wide, interagency effort was put into constructing these buildings.

(read highlights)

This process stands in stark contrast to the haphazard, emergency-funded, barely functional CARES Campus, which was hastily slopped together mid-pandemic with almost no grassroots support or input and a flood of reservations and concerns from experts, community members and stakeholders. Here is description of the CAC - compare this to an enormous tent full of prison-style cots:

At 335 Record Street:

50,000+ square feet overall. Onsite parking. At one point, all these spaces had complete FF&E [furniture, fixtures and equipment]

First floor:

- A "resource center" - reception area, phone bank, mailboxes (a physical address is critical for people to receive government checks and/or apply for work), 2 meeting rooms (used for trainings, education, etc.) and 5 individual offices (HIPAA-compliant, used for counseling, interviews, and signups for TANF, SSA, SSDI, SNAP, etc.)

- Administrative offices, including a break room, a secure medication closet, group conference/meeting rooms
- A "clothes closet" (formerly Good Shepherd) with display racks, shelving, and a back room with commercial laundry machines and sorting area
- Secure entry to higher floors



Second floor:

- A primary health clinic, including reception area, storage, lab space with equipment, 2 exam rooms, 2 offices
- Out-of-season secure storage for the clothes closet on the first floor
- Administrative offices and meeting rooms

Third floor:

- 21 "Embassy Suites apartments" with a common room/kitchenette, bedroom, and restroom (2 of the units had 2 bedrooms for larger families)
- A 9-room "maternity unit" for at-risk pregnant women or women with an infant., including a kitchen and common room
- Large, central multi-purpose room with a computer bank (job applications, homework, online trainings) and catering kitchen.

Roof (4th floor):

- Secure playground for families in the family shelter apartments, with play equipment and shade cover
- Community garden (raised boxes)

At 315 Record Street:

First floor:

- Women's Shelter (50 beds) with restrooms, kitchen and multipurpose room
- RPD substation
- IT room/equipment for entire campus, including CCTV + storage racks
- Community Triage Center (20 beds) for clients with mental health issues. Built to health center specs. Included labs and medication closet

Second floor:

- Men's Shelter (150 beds) with restrooms, storage and multipurpose room. Included one room (10 beds) with negative pressure to isolate clients who were fragile or had contagious infections, especially respiratory diseases.

Sounds like a great facility, doesn't it? What happened to it?

Part 2) Item B.15 + Insurance Claim

Good morning, _____ for the record. Just a quick note - this comment and the following one will be speaking to items B.15 and C.1, respectively. We are entering these comments into General Public Comment because of our scheduling constraints, but we would like for them to be included on the record for those two items, specifically, as well.

By now, the manager's infamous memo regarding the CAC has been made public. We certainly hope next steps are taken and it makes it onto an agenda soon. In the meantime, I'd like to address what the memo shows: neglect, neglect and more neglect. How could the manager and Council allow these buildings - that literally took decades to fund and construct and put to use - to fall into such appalling disrepair?

(show some images as you read next passage)

City management knew that the CAC was shuttered and not in use. What condition did they leave it in? Why does it look like the building was just abandoned one day, forgotten and never stepped foot in again? If you know a community resource in the heart of downtown is not currently in use, there is still basic maintenance that absolutely has to be done - anything less is fiscally and ethically irresponsible. Furthermore, water damage like this just does not happen overnight. The memo itself refers to "years of neglect on the leaking roof," indicating that much of this damage - including life-threatening mold! - was already present while the building was still in use. Estimated repair costs stand at \$2.75 million. Lucky for us, the City and its property are insured!

Yes, onto item B.15, a Staff Report on renewing the City's annual insurance policy on October 1st. Strange, but very few things are changing from last year's policy to this year's - save some quite notable and relevant exceptions. On page 14 of the policy (show page), we have two City properties mentioned specifically - 335 Record Street and 315 Record St. We know those addresses - that's the CAC! The deductible on property damage to these properties is set to triple this coming year, from \$50k to \$150k. Whoa! On page 4, we can read why (read highlighted passage).

What conclusions can we draw? First, that the City has already been in conversation with their insurance carrier regarding the condition of the CAC. Second, that we have 3 days to file a claim for the damage to these properties before the deductible triples in the new policy! It would be neglect on top of neglect if these claims have not already been filed. If they have not, we demand that the City file them by the end of the day - if we are paying millions of dollars for an insurance policy and not filing property damage claims on insured properties, we have entered criminal neglect territory and potentially even insurance fraud. We certainly hope neither of those are the case.

(show page with policy limits)

Fix the CAC! File the relevant insurance claims - our policy covers tens of millions of dollars in property, water and equipment damage - \$2.75 million seems quite feasible. Let's get these buildings repaired and ready for their future use as either transitional supportive housing, a women's and family shelter, or both!

PART 3) C.I. CAPER REPORT

Good morning, _____ for the record. We are all aware that, with how the whole CARES saga has played out, the City of Reno has made it clear that, as a governing body, it intends to shift away from providing direct homeless services and focus on providing transitional housing and affordable housing to the growing population of residents that are struggling to get by in our rapidly changing city. Towards this end, the City gets help from local, state and federal agencies. The City gets federal funding specifically intended for critical infrastructure and community needs such as homelessness prevention, affordable housing, rental assistance, etc. As part of the deal to receive this money, the City must submit an annual report about how it's doing: the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), which is on the agenda today, item C.1. The report is long - if you read through it, the City's performance is dismal, to put it softly.

(show charts 1 and 2)

Obviously important to discuss, but we would like to bring your attention to this critical passage on page 12 of the report.

(show and read passage)

"The City also owns the Community Assistance Center (CAC), which was previously the homeless shelter in the region. The CAC is now used for transitional and bridge housing programs." Why is the City telling the federal government that the CAC is being used for transitional and bridge housing programs at the same time that they are telling the public - and their insurance company! - that they are unsafe, vacant buildings unfit for rehabilitation? We are here today to hold you accountable - by your own admission, you have been neglecting this federally funded community asset that Reno desperately needs. Furthermore, let's hold you to exactly what you have written in the report, the CAC needs to be repaired and immediately put to use as transitional and bridge housing.

In 2021, the City discussed the sale of the CAC to help fund CARES. From a March 24, 2021 Staff Report:

"Sale of the CAC would require Council approval. The CAC sale could offset costs and transfer all current services to the *Campus*, while also creating a redevelopment opportunity for the Fourth Street Corridor and downtown. The CAC was **financed in part with Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)** and contributions from charitable foundations. Transferring these investments to the *Nevada Cares Campus* **conforms to guidelines and maintains the intended use of prior contributions**"

We are glad that this particular sale did not happen, but staff was highlighting a very important point here: the CAC was funded with money *specifically* intended for homeless services, affordable and transitional housing. The federal grants come with very clear guidelines on how the funding is to be used, and all of the local and charitable contributions that went towards the CAC must be honored in their intent, as well. From the minutes of that same meeting:

"Mayor Schieve stated she is not in support of selling the CAC and thinks it would be beneficial to have a partnership with a developer to build housing there." The Mayor also told News 4, "that she would like to consider other options for the Record St. shelter, including as a temporary homeless facility or a 'large-scale affordable housing complex.'"

"Council Member Duerr...favors keeping it [the CAC]..."

Council Member Brekhus stated She does not want to sell the CAC and thinks it is a good building that could provide a lot of opportunities....

Council Member Reese stated he understood that the sale of the CAC would make expeditious Phase 2 or even Phase 3 of the CARES Campus but his preference is that we explore the information on all the options."

The City is no longer on the hook for funding CARES, but, for some reason, the CAC still seems to be on the chopping block. We need to shelve that possibility permanently. For various reasons that we have now laid out before you - including conforming with federal funding guidelines - the CAC needs to be repaired and returned to its intended use: serving vulnerable, low-income communities in Reno as either transitional, supportive housing, a women's and family shelter, or both!

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