







## New form response notification

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**Reno City Council Online Public Comment Received**

Tue, Apr 11, 2023 at 2:13 PM

<cityclerk@reno.gov>

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**Your Name (First and Last)**

Stephen Van Zee

**If you are representing someone other than yourself, please indicate who you are representing.**

Representing myself

**Email Address**

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**Phone Number**

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**Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?**

Ward 5

**Council Meeting Date**

Apr 12, 2023

**Do you wish to speak in**

No (Digital comment only)

**person at the meeting?**

**Agenda Item**

A.3., Public Comment

**Please state if you are in favor or in opposition of the agenda item in which you are commenting:**

No position stated - Concerned or Neutral

**Your Comment**

My name is Stephen Van Zee, I reside in Ward 5. My comments today concern the City's 9 Landscape Maintenance Districts.

First, I want to commend Councilwoman Taylor for reaching out to me late last year to discuss my many concerns with the City's LMDs. I appreciate her time and hope that our open dialogue will continue.

Because of time constraints, I will address only 2 issues; fire safety and unsupported fee assessments.

Regarding fire safety: For over 5 years, the City has refused to enforce a wildfire mitigation landscape maintenance requirement specified in its contracts with Garden Shop Nursery and Reliance Grounds Management. The requirement is to remove ALL vegetation within 6 feet of residential wood and see-through fences. In 2019, an Urban Forestry crew member alluded to me that the City's refusal was tied to the City's hard-line tree preservation policies. In response, I say this to the City of Reno: It's time to pull your head out of the sand and realize that tree protection policies cannot be all encompassing at the expense of lives and property!

Regarding unsupported fee assessments: Through multiple Public Record Requests, I have discovered that for FY 21-22 and the 8 previous years, the City has no official accounting records to support LMD fees assessed to homeowners, other than costs for the contracts between the City and Garden Shop Nursery. Let me repeat that: Other than costs paid to Garden Shop Nursery, the City has no official accounting records to support LMD fees assessed to property owners for 9 years, which means that the City has no records to support \$268,000 collected from property owners.

In addition, the City's records show that the City's calculation of fees to be assessed never included a 10% reduction to account for the City's share of landscape maintenance costs. The City's 10% obligation was spelled out in an August 2003 letter from the Department of Parks and Recreation, which means that for the same 9 years mentioned previously, the City has overbilled property owners at least \$42,000.

Because of these issues, I believe that the City is subjecting itself to several potential lawsuits:

- A class action lawsuit to compel enforcement of the wildfire mitigation landscape maintenance requirement. These are contract costs that property owners pay for.
- A class action lawsuit to recover unsupported and overbilled LMD fees assessed to property owners.
- Lawsuits from property owners who suffer loss of life and/or property due

to wildfire, if the City refuses to enforce the wildfire mitigation landscape maintenance requirement for LMDs.

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<b>Your Name (First and Last)</b>	Tom Sanchez
<b>Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?</b>	Ward 2
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Apr 12, 2023
<b>Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?</b>	No (Digital comment only)
<b>Agenda Item</b>	General Public Comment
<b>Please state if you are in favor or in opposition of the agenda item in which you are commenting:</b>	No position stated - Concerned or Neutral
<b>Your Comment</b>	For several months, a nearby neighbor has reported vehicles parked on my street as abandoned vehicles. Myself and my neighbors

come home from work/leave in the morning to see our tires chalked. Most of our vehicles move regularly, but we generally park them in front of our own homes, out of courtesy. After several instances of this, I began parking my vehicle in other places on the street to make it clear that it was moving. Reports of my vehicle being abandoned continued. Although I have never received a citation, I have spoken to the service request responders several times and have inquired about ways to remedy the situation/appease the reporter. They told me that parking in front of other neighbors' homes was not the right approach and that I was allowed to park my vehicle on the street in front of my home provided that it was parked in the right direction, had current registration, and was moved every 48 hours. Despite these criteria having been met, I continue to get visits from parking enforcement representatives and frequently find my tires chalked. In speaking with them, they agree that there is a neighbor who simply has a problem with other peoples' vehicles being parked on the street, and Reno Direct representatives appear to be annoyed from having to visit the same street because of the same complaints month after month. This is a waste of city resources and creates unnecessary tension for the hard-working people in my neighborhood. Most of us have busy work schedules, children with extracurriculars, doctor's appointments, etc and long walks from the house to the car, merely to

placate an unreasonable neighbor, are simply not practical. Parking enforcement have explained to me that they are not aware of any sort of policy mechanism that can be utilized to dismiss complaints from nuisance callers/reporters. I am concerned that if no such policy exists, then the Reno Direct service center can be used as a form of harassment. As far as I am aware, no reports of abandoned vehicles on my street are legitimate and none have resulted in any citations having been issued. I propose that a policy be implemented that provides for Reno Direct representatives to dismiss calls on vehicles that have been reported by the same person multiple times and have not resulted in citations. I have made it clear that I am willing to speak to whomever has an issue with me parking my vehicle on the street and have provided my phone number in my vehicle's windows and provided my phone number to parking enforcement personnel. I have not received a call up to this point, and I anticipate that in the absence of a policy mechanism to dismiss nuisance reports, my neighbors and I will continue to have our vehicles reported as abandoned and waste city resources.

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## Voice Message From: Cisco Unity Connection Messaging System (917758136967)

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Tue, Apr 11, 2023 at  
10:57 AM

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To: publiccomment@reno.gov

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From: 917758136967

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**Well, I'm not quite sure what you said on that prompt, but hello Council. I don't know when you hear this, I just want you to know I live in. My name is Patricia, Andrew, and I live up instead and whoever designed and planned, all the work up here instead in this unprecedented growth, which is not been managed very well. Should be fired. All three major roads. From the step Boulevard to Sky, Vista to military are being worked on at the same time. How could this be possibly designed? We have no way to get out of stead without encountering equipment. Road rage because everything is being stopped, sometimes twice on one Road I, stopped us before we even get to a light. This is ridiculous. And it's dangerous. Now, instead Boulevard. Why I understand what's going on. But because of the of the horrific winter, but everybody started at the same time, the Sky Vista one good. And the I think that Skype is it The one that runs past the park, okay? And into Walmart that road, okay. All of them and Military. All of them started at the same time, all got pushed back because of snow. It is ridiculous. You need to have left one Avenue completely clear, while the other two are being work, done. Don't tell me it's out of your hands and it's the contractors. You're the ones that give the contractors to go ahead. Money is past, who knows? But you really blew it up here. It's not like we live in the south with the most expensive homes. In most tax is coming in the status of getting congested like this. Oh no, this is the north, it's Dad will just do all three**

**at the same time. Not a good Mark way to design and Plant City Grill. That's my comment. You need to shut down operations on one of the at least one of the road. So we have a clear way to get out. We have no clear way to get up. It's ridiculous. Alright, thank you. Bye bye.**  
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Hi, I just left a recording of few minutes ago and I said 2023 instead of your 2025 at one point. So I'd like to re-record that message My message is greetings. My name is Robin Palmer. I'm a resident of Royal Reno and concerned about climate change. I'm a member of citizens climate Lobby, Saturday, April 22nd birthday a day. We commemorate the planet on which we live and celebrate, all that provides us. We will get to reside in the Truckee Meadows can be a specially thankful to have such a beautiful place to live our home. Our way of life, perhaps even Mankind's very existence, this threatened by climate change. The City of Reno is to be commended for a sustained ability and climate action plan adopted in 2019 and the many steps taken to Institute that plan. Thank you. However, according to the 2022 status update reported in January of this year, the city is falling behind and his goal of 28% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions compared to pre industrial Levels by 2025 40, % by 2030 and 80% by 2050. Philip Morris good before you in February and asked him. Public comment. What the plan was for getting back on track with the greenhouse gas in Mission goals. They are, she said, she would talk to Suzanne. We have not heard what the plan is. We fall further behind with every day, every week, every month, the goes by without taking action to get back on track and the goals become more on a tenable. Many of your decisions impact climate, whether it's a personal decision to drink your water from the

**single use, plastic bottle to the consoles, consideration of a new Housing Development, encourage you to think about the impact on climate climate and sustained ability, and making those decisions.**

**Thank you and happy Earth Day.**

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