

## 6/14/23 - Reno City Council Meeting - Item # A.3 Public Comment

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Public Comment &lt;publiccomment@reno.gov&gt;

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## 13 June Public Comment

1 message

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**Emiliano Javier** <emilianored2005@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 13, 2023 at 12:12 PM

To: publiccomment@reno.gov, TYJohnson@washoeschools.net

Hi to all the government officials in Nevada. My name is Emiliano Amparo and I'm a senior at Hug High School. I am writing to express my concern on the current state of the roads in our state. I have lived in Nevada almost all of my life and I have noticed how roads are always broken or have giant potholes or faded road lines. All of this can lead to safety hazards and can be even more expensive to fix if we don't take action as soon as possible.

To address this issue, I believe that there are several steps we could take to improve our roads. First of all, the government could increase funding for our road maintenance and repair. This could include allocating more resources to local governments for road maintenance, as well as investing in new technologies and materials that can improve road durability and longevity.

Second, the government could prioritize road safety by implementing more traffic calming measures, such as roundabouts, speedbumps, and traffic circles. These measures can help reduce accidents and improve traffic flow, which benefits both drivers and pedestrians.

Third the government could invest in public transportation infrastructure, such as bus lanes and bike paths, which can help reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality. This could also include expanding public transportation options to underserved areas of the state, which can help improve access to jobs and a lot of other resources.

Finally, the government could work with private industry to develop new technologies and materials that can improve road quality and durability. This could include investing in new materials, such as recycled asphalt and concrete, that can reduce costs and improve sustainability.

Overall, I believe that improving our roads is essential to our safety, health, and economic prosperity of our state. By investing in road maintenance, safety and public transportation infrastructure, we can help ensure Nevada remains a great place to live, work, and maybe one day raise my family.

Thanks again for listening.



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## Housing crisis

1 message

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**Isis Licea** <isislicea@icloud.com>  
To: publiccomment@reno.gov  
Cc: TYJohnson@washoeschools.net

Tue, Jun 13, 2023 at 11:10 AM

Hello Reno government council my name is Isis licea,  
Have you heard about the housing crisis in Reno? Reno Nevada, has experienced significant population growth in recent years, with people moving to the area for its growing economy, outdoor recreational opportunities, and vibrant culture. However, this growth has led to a housing crisis, with many people struggling to find affordable and suitable housing. The average rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Reno is now over \$1,200 per month, which is more than 40% higher than it was just a few years ago. This has made it difficult for many people to make ends meet and has even led to some people becoming homeless. One of the main factors contributing to the housing crisis is the lack of new housing construction in the area. Reno's housing market has been slow to keep up with the city's population growth, and this has led to a shortage of available housing options. Additionally, many of the new housing developments that have been built in the area are luxury apartments or condos, which are not affordable for most people. The housing crisis in Reno has had a significant impact on the community, with many people feeling the effects of rising rents and a lack of affordable housing options. There is not much housing for the people that are moving here. One thing we can do to change it is use the abounding places and replace them with housing instead of leaving them there. We need to make a change so people have more affordable places to stay.

Sent from my iPhone



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To: publiccomment@reno.gov

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<b>Address</b>	<a href="#">1415 Celese Lane</a>
<b>Phone Number</b>	7758514551
<b>Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?</b>	Unincorporated Washoe County
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Jun 14, 2023
<b>Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?</b>	No (Digital comment only)
<b>Agenda Item</b>	No Agenda Item
<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>	Very concerned about Nevada Humane Society. Their own social media posts state that the public is unable to see adoptable animals in kennels and potential adopters are having trouble getting in touch with staff via telephone. This makes it very hard to adopt animals! I am deeply concerned about this organization and the animals that are in their care. Thank you for your help!!
<b>Do you wish to sign-up for Reno Connect e-newsletters?</b>	Yes
<b>By checking the "Yes" below, you understand, acknowledge, and expressly agree that: (1) all information submitted by you will be entered into the public record, made available for public inspection, and freely disseminated without restriction; and, (2) any</b>	Yes

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**Juan Corral** <juancorral580@gmail.com>  
To: publiccomment@reno.gov

Tue, Jun 13, 2023 at 11:09 AM

**Letter To the City Counsel**

Dear city council, I am a student here at a Hug High School writing to you about our current problem here in the city of Reno. To start off I want to assess the situation, the living Conditions here in town aren't easy, getting hold of housing isn't cheap and wages are low.

As of June 13th of 2023, there are currently 13,386 houses for sale in the state of Nevada, the median price for these homes is \$499,000. Now what do I purpose with this information?

Affordable housing for the community, many till this day still live off minimum wage, now just

Imagine working hard, just one hour of your life just to end up making 11.50 that's not even enough for a full course meal in today's date now imagine trying to afford a house paying

Thousands for rent, food, your other utility bills. It's not easy for the city to live nice and comfortable lives its actually very difficult which is why we see so many without homes wherever you go. Thank you for taking time out of your day to read this letter I hope after

Reading this there can be some thought and consideration to raise the minimum wage.

(no subject)

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Inbox



**Justin Fleming** <justinfleming026@gmail.com>

12:24 PM  
(55 minutes  
ago)

to PublicComment

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Justin Fleming

6/1/2023

Hug High School

Dear City of Reno

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Today, I would like to talk to you about a very important issue that we are facing in our community -the problem of homelessness in downtown Reno.

As we all know, homelessness is a complex and multifaceted issue that affects individuals, families, and communities. In downtown Reno, the homeless population has been steadily increasing over the past few years, and this has had a significant impact on the area's economic, social, and cultural fabric.

Homelessness is not just a problem of housing, but it's also a problem of mental health, addiction, and poverty. Many of the people who are homeless in downtown Reno are dealing with substance abuse, mental health challenges, or a combination of both. They may also be struggling to find employment or access healthcare, which can further exacerbate their situation.

So, what can we do to help? There are several things that we, as a community, can do to address this issue.

Firstly, we need to invest in affordable housing. One of the primary reasons that people become homeless is the lack of affordable housing. In downtown Reno, the cost of living is high, and many people simply cannot afford to pay for housing. We need to work with local government agencies and non-profit organizations to create more affordable housing options for those who need it.

Secondly, we need to provide support for those who are struggling with mental health and addiction. This can include providing access to counseling and treatment programs, as well as offering support for job training and education. By addressing the root causes of homelessness, we can help individuals to get back

on their feet and become self-sufficient.

Thirdly, we need to create a sense of community. Many people who are homeless feel isolated and disconnected from the rest of society. By creating opportunities for them to connect with others and feel a sense of belonging, we can help to break down the barriers that keep them on the streets. This can include providing access to community events, volunteering opportunities, and other social activities.

In conclusion, the problem of homelessness in downtown Reno is a pressing issue that requires our attention and action. By investing in affordable housing, providing support for those who are struggling with mental health and addiction, and creating a sense of community, we can work towards a more compassionate and equitable society. Let us all come together to make a positive difference in the lives of those who are most vulnerable in our community. Thank you.





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**SER0008189 - For the Reno City Council**

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**Reno Notifications** <notifications@reno.gov>

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To: kat.ob@sbcglobal.net, publiccomment@reno.gov



Hi ,

Thank you for contacting Reno Direct. Your comments will be sent to the Reno City Council for review and will be part of the official record at the next Reno City Council meeting.

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Take care!

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To the Reno City Council:

For the past 2 yrs. I've sent emails to you with no response.

It concerns the LOUD pipes on new little cars, and all other cars, trucks, motorcycles these past many years.

I told you when WE were teens in Reno, 1966 and IF are mufflers were broken and LOUD, that WE would be pulled over and NOT ALLOWED TO DRIVE our cars until they were repaired. It was for the civility of our community. We understood and complied.

However, in these past many years, I allege there was some Council person whose son/daughter wanted a new car with LOUD PIPES and got the City Council to "revoke" the ordinance put in place for quiet in our town.

I asked you to find the day that the ordinance was passed and who was behind it. You did not, nor have you answered my email in these past several years.

I am now DEMANDING you take this up at the next meeting, find who proposed it, and what the argument was to ALLOW LOUD PIPES in our streets. I DEMAND you REVOKE IT in a timely manner and stop the madness I am subjected to every day, due to whoever the person was who got council members to agree.

I DEMAND an answer soon. I want to know this outrage is on your agenda next week, understood and then that ordinance be revoked. All vehicles either have mufflers that DO NOT GIVE OUT NOISE, or they cannot be driven. Just as WE with our "muscle cars" had to do the same, and in 1966 there was a 5th of the population living in OUR TOWN.

I am waiting for your response.

Thank you,

Katherine Andreatta775-826-2202

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To: publiccomment@reno.gov

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<b>Your Name (First and Last)</b>	Stephen Van Zee
<b>If you are representing someone other than yourself, please indicate who you are representing.</b>	representing myself
<b>Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:swvanzee@yahoo.com">swvanzee@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Address</b>	<a href="#">300 Jackson Springs Drive</a> , Reno, Nevada 89523
<b>Phone Number</b>	7757990530
<b>Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?</b>	Ward 5
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Jun 14, 2023
<b>Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?</b>	No (Digital comment only)
<b>Agenda Item</b>	A.3., General Public Comment
<b>Please state if you are in favor or in opposition of the agenda item in which you are commenting:</b>	In opposition
<b>Your Comment</b>	<p>My name is Stephen Van Zee, I reside in Ward 5. My comments today concern the City's Landscape Maintenance Districts and the city's landscape contractor, Reliance Grounds Management.</p> <p>After my comments submitted to you during the June 7 Council meeting, new information came to my attention that is even more troubling.</p> <p>On June 1, I notified the DPR Director that the Northgate 19/La Salle Heights Landscape Maintenance District had not received ANY landscape maintenance service for the preceding 8 weeks. 8 weeks! In a June 6 email, the DPR Director informed me, quote, "According to our maintenance staff, the contractor confirmed that they serviced the area May 23...", unquote.</p> <p>Well, Reliance Grounds Management was probably not aware that I have approximately 90 photographs taken on May 18 that documented conditions within the LMD. May 18 was the SAME day that the DPR Director toured the LMD with me to observe these conditions first hand. And I also have approximately 70 photographs taken on June 2, documenting the very same conditions that existed</p>

on May 18. I provided those photographs to the DPR Director on June 11. So what we have now is a situation where, at BEST, Reliance Grounds Management provided grossly misleading information to DPR. And at WORST, Reliance Grounds Management flat out LIED to city officials. So the question now is, based on this new information, what will it take for this City Council to actually serve its constituents by demanding accountability from both Reliance Grounds Management and DPR? Because from everything that has been exposed to date, the longer you wait, the worse it gets.

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**publiccomment@reno.gov** <publiccomment@reno.gov>

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To: publiccomment@reno.gov

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**Yes, my name is Steven Van Zee. I reside in Ward 5, my comments are regarding the city's Landscape Maintenance districts and the city's landscape contractor, Reliance grounds management. After my comments that I submitted to you during the June 7th, council meeting new information came to my attention. That is even more troubling on June 1st. I notified the DPR director that the Northgate. 19 less. All Heights, Landscape Maintenance District had not received any landscape maintenance services for the preceding 8 weeks. 8 weeks. In the June 6th email, the DPR director informed me quote, according to our maintenance staff, the contractor confirmed that they service the area May 23rd unquote. What I realize grounds managed, it was probably not aware of that. I have approximately 90 photographs taken on May 18th the document and the conditions within the LM Dia. Dot time May 18th was the same day that the DVR director toward the lmd with me to observe these conditions first hand and I also have approximately 770 photographs taken on June 2nd documenting the very same conditions that existed on May 18th. I provided those photographs to the DPR director on June 11th. So what we have now is a situation where at best Reliance grounds management, provided grossly misleading information to DPR and at worst, Reliance grounds management, flat hotline to City officials. So the question now is based on this new information, what will it take for this city council to actually service custis. You went by demanding accountability from both Reliance grounds management and DPR because from everything that's been exposed today, the longer you wait, the worse it gets**  
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