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REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL

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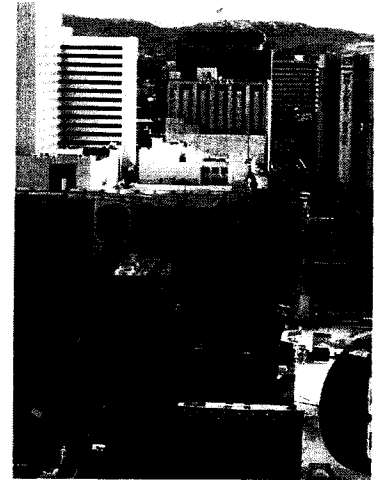
decision or order of the presiding officer or of a majority of the Council relating to the orderly conduct of the meeting.

Feb. 7, 2019

Dear Business Improvement District (BID) Property/Business Owner:

Good news regarding the BID!

Can I vote "NO" to the BID now?	Can I opt out of the BID?	Can I decrease my BID assessment?	Should residential properties pay BID assessments??
Can I speak at BID Meetings?	Will I pay additional BID assessments and fees?		



Through some excellent voluntary research done by RenoTaxRevolt.com, we've discovered that the BID assessments you are currently paying may be illegal. MOST encouraging was finding a recent Supreme Court case that seems to apply to our BID situation. If applicable, either dissolving the entire BID and DRP to eliminate your BID assessments, or allowing individuals to opt out of BID assessments is possible.

We're in the process of speaking with attorneys to see if there is legal justification to proceed in challenging the presently mandated BID participation and assessments. If we're able to find an attorney who sees a legal basis for dissolving or opting out of the BID, we'll schedule a large meeting where all BID business and property owners may attend to hear about next steps.

You may have the right to "opt out" or not "opt in" to the BID. (See NRS 82.321, US Supreme Court: Janus and Fleck decisions). A mandated assessment to Reno's BID, a 501(c)6 Advocacy and Political organization, may violate your free speech rights by requiring the payment of fees for an organization's advocacy that you may not support.

The BID proposal did NOT receive the approval of a majority of downtown property owners. Large property owners' votes were heavily weighted resulting in far fewer property and business owners approving the BID. Additionally, the BID ballot did not allow for a NO vote or opposition.

The BID greatly increases property owners' tax assessments (~\$300 yearly just for a Reno downtown condo). The assessment and potential liability may harm your resale and rental values.

Reno's Downtown BID is comprised of property owners in the BID area, yet it was established with the approval of a small number of members. However, all Washoe County taxpayers are subsidizing it and may be held liable for potential lawsuit damages and additional fees. All Washoe County and City taxpayers did not get a "vote" in approving establishment of the BID yet may be "on the hook".

You may be able to lower the assessment on your property.

You are being taxed twice by the City of Reno, who is already collecting from all taxpayers, including BID members, to provide police services, graffiti removal, and trash pickup.

The BID assessments will increase over time with a 5% annual increase, with the possibility of future Special Assessments, bonds, and extra liabilities.

Why should "Residential" homeowners in the BID be required to pay assessments to a "Business" Improvement District? See IRS regulations on 501(c)6.

BID Board Members include elected officials representing all Washoe County and City residents, yet the BID meetings may be held in secret! BID costs and liabilities affect all Washoe County taxpayers; the Open Meeting Law should apply.

Please contact us if you have any questions.



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