

11-18 -2020 - Concurrent Meeting Reno/Sparks/Washoe County - Item 4

First Name	Last Name	Support	Oppose	Concerned	Address	City	State	ZIP	Email Address	Date	Comments
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Michael	Pitkin	1			160 Sinclair Street, Apt. #321	Reno	NV	89501	Mikepitkin@aol.com	Nov 13, 2020 at 3:58 PM	Turning possession into a civil & medical matter.
Theresa	Bohannan			1	3545 Gibraltar Drive	Reno	NV	89509	theresabo87@gmail.com	Nov 16, 2020 at 3:02 PM	Concerns about citizens not wearing masks in public parks
Brian	Thornton	1			3350 Adler Ct	Reno	NV	89503	Brian.Thornton.NV@gmail.com	Nov 17, 2020 at 7:04 AM	Support for RENOvation 18.04 Article 2
Barbie	Csore	1				Reno	NV	89509			Support smoke free indoor environments in all bars, casinos, gaming venues and strip clubs in Reno, Sparks and Washoe County.
John	Marshall	1			5250 Neil Rd Suite 203 5 Bridgewater Ct	Reno	NV		barbie@nevadacancercoalition.org Johnnyreno@icloud.com	Nov 17, 2020 at 12:53 PM Nov 17, 2020 at 12:47 PM	Support -I understand the difficulty in dealing with the homeless situation but they should not be allowed to destroy our river. Thank you for your concern and work and hopefully we can find a solution which benefits the homeless and our beautiful Truckee.
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Gordon	Gossage								VM 16176941624	Nov 17, 2020 at 2:14 PM	See attached.



Barbara Aufiero &lt;aufierob@reno.gov&gt;

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Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 3:44 PM

Name: Barbie Csore  
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<b>Your Name (First and Last)</b>	Barbie Csore
<b>If you are representing someone other than yourself, please indicate who you are representing.</b>	Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition
<b>Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:barbie@nevadacancercoalition.org">barbie@nevadacancercoalition.org</a>
<b>Address</b>	<a href="#">5250 Neil Rd., Suite 203, Reno, NV 89509</a>
<b>Phone Number</b>	7754511670
<b>Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?</b>	Unsure/Other
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Nov 18, 2020
<b>Agenda Item</b>	General Public Comment
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Reno City Council, Sparks City Council, & Washoe County Board of Commissioners

Dear Council members and Commissioners,  
Thank you for your leadership as the cities of Reno and Sparks and the county of Washoe fight the COVID-19 pandemic. The Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition (NTPC) commends you for making tough decisions in the best interest of public health and safety.

Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 24, signed June 24, 2020, requires the use of face masks and clearly states reasons citizens are allowed to remove their face masks in public places (eating and drinking). Casino gaming floors and bars are exempt from the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act. So, we have the additional risky action of patrons removing their masks to smoke or vape in close quarters. NTPC and Washoe County health officials concur that pulling down or removing a face mask to smoke or vape is NOT in the best interest of preventive public health.

Per the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act (NRS 202.2483) local governments have the authority to regulate public smoking and indoor air. As you explore additional options for ensuring businesses in Reno, Sparks and Washoe County can continue to operate safely, NTPC and our local initiative, Smoke Free Truckee Meadows, encourage you to strongly consider mandating smoke free indoor environments in all businesses including local bars, casinos and gaming venues as part of ongoing guidelines for safe operation. This will help keep employees healthy and businesses open.

There is support for smoke free workplaces, including by Nevada public health authorities who released a joint statement in July:

"Businesses cannot adequately reinforce the proven risk reduction strategy of wearing face coverings while also allowing smoking... The primary mode of transmission of the virus is through person-to-person spread of respiratory droplets. As people remove face coverings to smoke or vape, they are exhaling respiratory droplets over a longer distance. The act itself requires individuals to more frequently touch their face and mouths – another direct contradiction to recommended COVID-19 prevention strategies." Washoe County Health District, Southern Nevada Health District

Major gaming states have included 100% smoke free indoor air in their casino reopening guidelines, in addition to 20 states that already required smoke free air in all commercial gambling venues pre-pandemic. There are now nearly 1,000 smoke free casinos and gambling venues in the U.S because of the leadership from states, cities and sovereign Tribes. More than 175 venues have reopened with NEW smoke free indoor air policies, including more than 135 sovereign Tribal casinos, including the Wa She Shu casino in

Gardnerville. Nearly 800 gaming venues were smoke free prior to COVID.

Shifting smoking from indoor areas to outdoor areas will keep workers healthy and keep businesses open by reducing the spread of respiratory droplets, and will send a strong message that the safety of casino and other exempt location staff, vendors, contractors and guests is a priority. Secondhand smoke is a leading preventable cause of disease and death. Exposure to secondhand smoke makes breathing difficult and is also a leading risk factor for many underlying health conditions linked to more severe COVID-19 disease, including heart disease, diminished lung function, and associated risk of respiratory illnesses. Those who are considered high-risk and susceptible to virus exposure need to do their best to avoid smoke-filled environments. Survivors of COVID-19 experiencing lung damage will also benefit from avoiding secondhand smoke. According to the U.S. Surgeon General there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke and ventilation systems do not address the health hazards of secondhand smoke. Only 100% smoke free environments can guarantee protection to employees and patrons from the toxins in secondhand smoke. Ventilation systems cannot eliminate exposure to the gases, toxins, carcinogens, and particulate matter contained in secondhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol. Even during brief or low levels of exposure, secondhand smoke still creates significant health risks especially to the cardiovascular system. The effects of secondhand smoke exposure on the body are immediate and can produce adverse inflammatory and respiratory effects within 30 minutes of exposure.

As local leaders, you have demonstrated compassionate concern for the citizens of Reno, Sparks and Washoe County and have continued to prove your strong leadership during the pandemic. In addition to the Governor's mandate requiring residents to wear face coverings to protect themselves and others, a local mandate to ensure masks are worn in all of our businesses is needed. We urge you to protect the health and safety of ALL employees and visitors, by ensuring mask compliance through required smoke free indoor environments in all bars, casinos, gaming venues and strip clubs in Reno, Sparks and Washoe County.

For more information, please contact, Tom McCoy, policy chair, Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition at

[tmccoy6688@yahoo.com](mailto:tmccoy6688@yahoo.com)

Respectfully,

Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition

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Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 11:18 AM

Name: Brian Thornton  
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<b>Your Name (First and Last)</b>	Brian Thornton
<b>If you are representing someone other than yourself, please indicate who you are representing.</b>	NA
<b>Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:Brian.Thornton.NV@gmail.com">Brian.Thornton.NV@gmail.com</a>
<b>Address</b>	<a href="#">3350 Adler Ct. Reno NV 89503</a>
<b>Phone Number</b>	5034492778
<b>Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?</b>	Ward 4
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Nov 18, 2020
<b>Agenda Item</b>	RENOvation Zoning Code Update - 3 Public Comment
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**Your Comment**

Planning Commission,  
 Tuesday morning I walked to the hillside above Evans Creek and looked south across Reno to the forested snow-touched hills. I thought about my two kids just beginning their adulthood. I wondered if they will dare have kids of their own in this uncertain world. If they do, what will those kids see when they reach adulthood, and look across the Reno valley. Will there still be unburned trees and snow this time of year? The 18.04 Article 2 Sustainability rules are a small but important first step to help protect and preserve the future and start the process to deal with climate change. I urge the Commission to include that Article despite concerns raised by others. The earlier draft already included a transition period for existing projects and some flexibility for other new projects, so I also urge the Commission to not include the proposed 12 month voluntary period, or at least shorten that to six months.  
 Respectfully,  
 Brian Thornton

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Tue, Nov 17, 2020 at 4:17 PM

Name: Gordon Gossage on behalf of Regenesis Reno  
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**Brother record. I'm working Gossett Deborah Genesis Reno or summer. If you want the fence of approving the gutters Bowl proposals, maybe you don't agree with 100% of the details yet. I heard you to approve all as written you alternative up kicking back to staff making changes pushing the decision to January and Beyond doesn't recognize this critical point in our housing emergency. Why are so many of our neighbors increasingly homeless despite covid driving an unprecedented dropping income rain continues to rise, especially destroying allies of those you can least afford it Johnson Perkins Griffin shows of the quarter ending September one bedroom rent is up 6% in 1271 since a year ago is an increase in rent on usual National apartment [list.com](#) the courts the average rent in the top 100 National markets important increase in rent in our community of 7% Custom spoken began in March. Is this unusual? Absolutely. We ranked number 5 out of the top 100 in the country not a surprise. Decrease the most markets as covid-19 man for March through October. I how much San Francisco drop by 22% New York by 15% Seattle by 14% Boston 14% San Jose 12% Washington DC drop by 11% Reno was impacted by covid less than 95 out of the top 100 mattress and despite 7 months of covid compared to the rest of the country. Our highest housing prices are skyrocketing the 485000 what will happen after the vaccine and economic recovery rents and housing prices will accelerate this new mystery here as Regenesis always says, it's disconnected All To Blame one group or another one individual or another together as a community compared to our surgeon demand for years. We're restricted Supply housing together as a community not just a few individuals. We continue to strangle the building a new house in compared to our Relentless demand far out. Taking the rest of our country. I had a minimum today. Please keep our neighbors for being thrown out of the street both 720 to approve this entire package and let's stop the consultative approach used across the country. We can cooperate not hide nor silence we can use the new regenerative**



**approach as the exponential twenties unfold cooperate or separate developers housing activist Builders elected leaders top employers who Among Us are not stakeholders interested in ending on her housing emergency who is unable to contribute to the solution. Thank you.**

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Name: John Marshall  
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<b>Address</b>	<a href="#">5 Bridgewater court</a>
<b>Phone Number</b>	7758437622
<b>Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?</b>	Unsure/Other
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Nov 18, 2020
<b>Agenda Item</b>	Homeless destruction to Truckee river
<b>Please state if you are in favor or in opposition of the agenda item in which you are commenting:</b>	In favor
<b>Your Comment</b>	We need to move the homeless off of the river. This has become a public health problem. Many of us kayakers have witnessed people using the river as a latrine just upstream of

children swimming. Intestinal bacteria and viruses deposited in the river can cause serious illness. Furthermore the garbage and potentially toxic chemicals left behind can cause serious pollution problems. It is not uncommon to find needles along the banks and in the river. Can being stuck by one of these needles transmit HIV or hepatitis. I don't want to find out. This is our drinking water. I understand the difficulty in dealing with the homeless situation but they should not be allowed to destroy our river. Thank you for your concern and work and hopefully we can find a solution which benefits the homeless and our beautiful Truckee.

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Elizabeth Stine &lt;stinee@reno.gov&gt;

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**Public Comment Nov 18, 2020**

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**mikepitkin via CityClerk** <CityClerk@reno.gov>

Fri, Nov 13, 2020 at 3:58 PM

Reply-To: mikepitkin@aol.com

To: cityclerk@reno.gov

Michael Pitkin  
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323-487-1290

Re: Public Comment Nov 18, 2020

Dear **Reno City Council, Sparks City Council, and Washoe County Board of Commissioners:**

I Comment over Portland, Oregon's passage of decriminalization of ALL street drugs. Turning possession into a civil & medical matter.

I ask the City of Reno, City of Sparks & Washoe County to create a decriminalization ambassador position to monitor Portland's historic future steps taken in this matter.

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/abcnews.go.com/amp/Health/decriminalizing-drugs-oregon-victory-common-sense-science/story%3fid=74022502>

Thank you, Michael Pitkin

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Mon, Nov 16, 2020 at 3:02 PM

Reply-To: cityclerk@reno.gov

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<b>Your Name (First and Last)</b>	Theresa L Bohannon
<b>Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:theresabo87@gmail.com">theresabo87@gmail.com</a>
<b>Address</b>	3545 Gibraltar Drive, Reno 89509
<b>Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?</b>	Ward 1
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Nov 18, 2020
<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>	<p>I am requesting that the City of Reno address the significant number of people at public parks not wearing masks. There is a misconception that if you are outside not wearing a mask you will not transmit or become infected with coronavirus. I have gone to several city, county, and private parks in the region and am dismayed by the number of adults and children without masks congregating. I believe it is critical to keep playgrounds and parks open and accessible to the public during this pandemic but would ask leaders to step up to address non compliance of mask wearing. Similar to smoking signage, it would be good to put up signage to alert people to wear a mask even if they are outside because they are around others who could be vulnerable to exposure. Parks should remain open but they need to be safe and currently, they are not. Thank you!</p>
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