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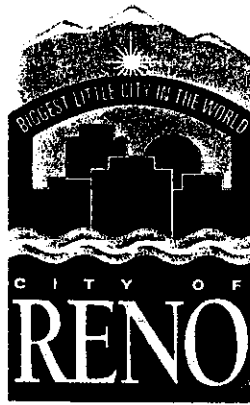
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Charles E. McNeely
City Manager



April 1, 2003

The Honorable Ann O'Connell
Chairman, Senate Government Affairs
Nevada State Legislature
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Chairman O'Connell,

On behalf of the Reno City Council, I am writing to express the Council's opposition to SB 402 as sponsored by the Washoe County School District. The legislation as it is proposed would have a significant impact on the City of Reno's Redevelopment Agency as our Finance Director Andy Green will testify.

However, it is not only the impact that this bill will have on the City's ability to continue supporting the investments that the Reno Redevelopment Agency has been making in our downtown that is the reason for the City's opposition.

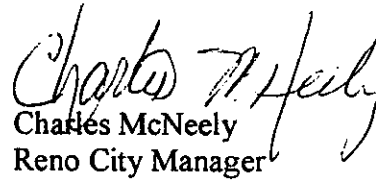
The bill's proponents have indicated that the purpose of this legislation is not to address a public policy or financing issue but rather to force the City of Reno to the table to discuss a revenue stream from the City's Redevelopment Agency to assist the District with a capital improvement fund. You may also hear in testimony that the City of Sparks has come to a financial arrangement with Washoe County School District because there are schools in Sparks' redevelopment district. Yet, this bill would impact Sparks just as it would Reno.

The City is cognizant of the Washoe County School District's position and we have extended an invitation to the District to meet with us. Preliminary discussions have taken place at the staff level but the District has not further pursued a meeting with the City Council although the door remains open to begin a dialogue. I would also like to note that in Reno's redevelopment district we do not have any schools.

It came as a surprise to the City that the school district would bring this issue to the Legislature and we hope that you will consider this measure to be a local issue that should be resolved between the governing bodies of the two entities.

Thank you for your consideration. If the City of Reno can provide you information in addition to what will be presented in testimony, we would be happy to do so.

Sincerely,


Charles McNeely
Reno City Manager

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