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By the People

8. **Eliminate All Statutory Exemptions From Jury Duty** – All jury exemptions listed in NRS 6.020(1) should be eliminated, except for legislators and their staffs while they are in session. There should be no occupations or classes of individuals excused from performing the same public service the average citizen is required to perform.

9. **Increase Juror Pay** – While jurors should be adequately compensated for their service, it is the Commission's view that jury duty is a public service that requires a certain amount of sacrifice. Current jury compensation (\$9 appearance fee for responding but not being selected, \$15 per day for the first five days of service, and \$30 per day for every day of jury service thereafter) is inadequate. The Commission believes the \$9 appearance fee is so little as to be inconsequential; many prospective jurors are surprised to receive any such compensation. The Commission recommends that the appearance fee be eliminated for the first two days a citizen appears pursuant to a jury summons, but is not selected. Jurors who are selected to serve on a jury should receive \$40 per day, as should any prospective juror who must come to the courthouse for more than two days for jury selection. Eliminating the appearance fee would help offset the added expenses of the increased jury fees.

10. **Eliminate Mileage Allowances for Travel of Less than 65 Miles One Way** – Most jurors travel relatively short distances for jury duty yet receive compensation for each mile traveled. This often results in wasteful expenditure of administrative resources to issue mileage allowance checks for very small amounts. The Commission believes normal travel to the courthouse should be an uncompensated part of jury duty. When a citizen must travel more than 65 miles in one direction, however, compensation should be provided. Mileage allowance in such cases should be increased to the state rate of 36.5 cents per mile.

11. **Adopt a One-Day/One-Trial Policy** – All District Courts should adopt a one-day/one-trial policy in which jurors conclude their obligations in one day unless selected to serve on a jury or involved in ongoing jury selection.

12. **Excuse Jurors from being Called Again for a Period of Time** – Those who have served on a jury should be excused for a reasonable period of time before again being summoned. The Commission believes the period should be at least a year, but understands that it can vary from county to county depending on the local needs and the size of the available jury pool. Wherever possible, those who have served on federal juries should be excused from further jury duty in state courts for the same amount of time as is afforded those who served on a state jury.