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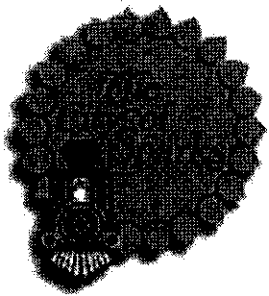
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2003
TO: K. Neena Laxalt, Lobbyist
FROM: Stephen W. Driscoll, CGFM, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Testimony on AB436 for City Clerk

Neena,

The City Clerk, Deborine Dolan, regrettably will not be able to ^{be} at the Legislature on Thursday, April 3rd, to provide testimony in front of the Assembly Elections, Procedures and Ethic Committee on AB436-- *Revises provisions governing ballot questions.* (BDR 24-917) Ms. Dolan has asked for you to provide the following testimony on her behalf:

"Reasoning for the Opposition on AB436:

At line 5-28 under Sec.4, 1.(b) - NRS 293.481 requires that the names of the persons on a committee writing the arguments "for" or "against" including the rebuttals must be included in the argument.

It has been my experience in our current search for "persons, organizations or governmental entities" to appoint to a committee that most people that are willing to take the time to participate in the writing of the arguments do not want their name published.

For instance, the City of Sparks currently has a Fire Protection Tax Override ballot question scheduled for its June 3rd City election. I ran a newspaper advertisement, utilized telephone solicitation and requested assistance from the City's Citizens' Advisory Committee to find people willing to write the argument in opposition to the ballot question. After several attempts, I finally found three people willing to write the argument on the condition that their names would not be published.

Thank you for accepting my testimony into the record."

Thank you.

Stephen W. Driscoll, CGFM
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City of Sparks, Nevada