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February 6, 2003

**Assemblyman Mark Manendo, Chairman**  
**Members of the Assembly Government Affairs:**

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you and provide your committee with information on the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities. In addition to the presentation given during the meeting today, we have included other organizational and contact materials for review at your leisure.

This forum also affords us, an opportunity to share NLC's legislative bill requests for the 2003 session. Nevada cities and municipalities are facing many critical issues ranging from a downturn in the economy and retaining current funding levels, to homeland security and ensuring that our citizens are provided with clean, safe environments and healthy communities. As the front line providers of critical services to a common constituency we look forward to working with you on the enclosed bill package as well as other issues of mutual concern.

On behalf of the entire NLC membership, officers and staff, we look forward to discussing these issues with you in greater detail. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or if we can provide you with more information.

Sincerely,

**Councilwoman Lynette Boggs McDonald**  
**President, NLC&M**

**Councilman Ron Schmitt**  
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ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** AMEC Infrastructure, Inc • Bank of America, NA • Bechtel SAIC Co • Charter Communications • EnergySource  
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Swendsel & Stern • Union Pacific Railroad • Western Insurance Specialists • Western NV Supply • Wells Fargo Bank • Willis Pooling

# **Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities**

## **2003 – Bill Draft Requests**

### **BDR 336: General Law Elections – NRS 266**

**Intent:** To provide enabling legislation for general law cities to determine their city elections schedule.

### **BDR 337: Qualification of self-insured employer - NRS 616B300**

**Intent:** To exempt the sub-divisions of the State of Nevada from the security deposit requirements of establishing a financial ability to pay for injuries and occupational diseases. (This applies only to self-insured's)

### **BDR 338: Change in Purchasing Law – NRS 332**

**Intent:** To clarify the bid process for contracts in counties whose population is less than 100,000 or cities under 25,000 with a built in index. For contracts:

|                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Less than \$10,000    | No advertising – no bids required |
| \$10,000 to \$25,000  | 2 or more quotes                  |
| \$25,000 to \$100,000 | Public notices                    |
| Over \$100,000        | Advertise and request bids        |

### **BDR 340: Tax Cap – NRS 361**

**Intent:** To remove the state's (\$.15) and the school's (\$.25) portions of the \$3.64 cap and to allow future voter overrides to be separate from the cap.

### **BDR 341: Prevailing Wages – NRS 338**

**Intent:** Change the limit for public works project subject to prevailing wage from \$100,000 to \$300,000 in counties below 100,000 population.

### **BDR 342: State Easement Permits – NRS 322**

**Intent:** Require NDOT to act upon an applicant request for encroachment/easement/right-of-way within 60 days.

### **BDR 343: Open Meeting Law – NRS 241**

**Intent:** Amend Open Meeting Law to allow for closed sessions to discuss negotiating strategy for the sale, lease, or purchase of real property. NRS 241

*"A closed meeting may be held...for any of the following purposes: ...strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property when public discussions of the transaction would disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration or prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the best possible terms...." (Such a meeting may be held when the following conditions are met) "...when the public body had previously given public notice that the property would be offered for sale; and the terms of the sale are publicly disclosed before the public body approves the sale."*

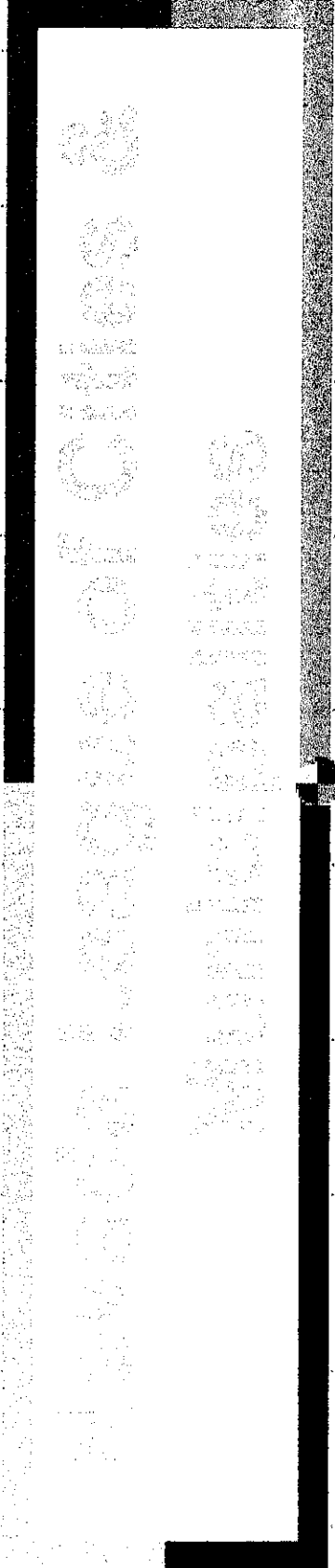
### **BDR 344: Universal Tax for Low-income Families – NRS 702**

**Intent:** Remove specific cities from having to carry the universal tax for low-income families.

### **BDR 605: Local Government Liability – NRS 695E**

**Intent:** Limiting the liability a local government may have in regards to extreme sports such as skate parks, rodeos, and activities that may take place in open space i.e. skydiving etc.

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**Assembly Government Affairs**  
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# Our Mission

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organization to "promote communication and legislative advocacy, disseminate knowledge of municipal affairs and render technical information and other information to member cities."

- Was mostly "rural", farming/ranching. Today, population centers have shifted to urban areas with more diverse multi-cultural government centers resulting in the need for a more diversified, community oriented League that represents both urban and rural areas.

- NLC&M's membership are the front line providers of public safety, Infrastructure, and community well-being. Nevada's cities & Municipalities represent 1.25 million of the state's total population.

## General Law Cities

"Incorporated under general law of the state of Nevada - are granted the right of home rule and self-governance" NRS

266.010

- Ely
- Fallon
- Fernley
- Lovelock
- Mesquite
- West Wendover
- Winnemucca

## Towns/GIDs/Special Dist.

- Gardnerville
- Gardnerville Ranchos
- Incline Village, GID
- Indian Hills, GID
- Pahrump
- Spring Creek Assoc.

## Charter Cities

"Incorporated under the commission form of Government and may frame it's own charter" NRS 267.010 - not contrary to the Constitution and laws of the United States

- Boulder City
- Caliente Carlin
- Elko
- Henderson
- Las Vegas
- North Las Vegas
- Reno
- Sparks
- Wells
- Yerington

# Corporate Members

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- Amec Infrastructure
- Bank of America
- Bechtel-SAIC Company, Inc.
- Charter Communications
- Hartford Life
- Howarth & Association
- ING AETNA Retirement Services
- J.J. MacIntyre Co.
- Kafoury, Armstrong & Co.
- MARSH
- Municipal Solutions Associates
- Nevada State Bank
- Poggemeyer Design Group
- Nevada Rural Water Association
- Nevada Power/Sierra Pacific Power
- SBC
- Southwest Gas Corporation
- Sprint
- Swendseid & Stern
- Union Pacific Railroad, Co.
- Wells Fargo, Nevada
- Western Insurance Specialties
- Western Nevada Supply
- Willis Pooling

*business community to educate municipal leaders and staff and affords key public / private relationships and partnerships often times these relationships are responsible for innovated programs and services that otherwise could not be delivered*

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# What We Do...

## • Legislative Advocacy

- State Legislative Session & Interim Studies
- Federal Legislation (Track & Communicate)
- Serve on Local, State & National Committees
- Advocate for League Position
- Proprietary Bill Tracking System

## • Meetings/Conferences

- Board Meetings
- Annual Conference
- Professional Development, Training & Education (POWER)
- Legislative Functions
- Specialized Programs

## • Public

### Recognition/Awards

- Public Official of the Year
- Youth Awards
- Scholarships
- Staff Appreciation
- City Innovations
- ACPD (Advisory Council on Participatory Democracy)

## • Group Insurance

- Group Health & Life Employee Benefit Plan
  - Fully Insured PPO/HMO
  - 800+ Employee Lives
  - All Local Government Entities Eligible

# Services *(continued)*

- Insurance
  - Group Health/Life Plan
  - Term Life
  - Liability Pool Support  
(existing Non-NLC)
- Communications – Publications
  - Municipal Directory
  - Newsletter
  - Research Documents
  - Website [www.nvleague.org](http://www.nvleague.org)
  - E-mail [nvleague@nvleague.org](mailto:nvleague@nvleague.org)
  - State/Federal info
- Statutory Oversight
  - Nevada Rural Housing Authority
- Committees
  - Serve on many regional, state and federal committees/board as an advocate for Nevada's Cities and Municipalities
- Consulting Services
  - As needed basis – varied topic/issue

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