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March 31, 2003

Hearing on AB 379 & AB 380

My name is Gary Sayer, I am a resident of Washoe County, Nevada; specifically Golden Valley an unincorporated community north of Reno. I am the current President of the Golden Valley Property Owners' Association.

I support AB 379 and 380.

I have been involved in Regional Planning for Truckee Meadows pursuant to NRS 278 since December, 2000, following our moving to Golden Valley. I have attended and testified at many meetings of the Regional Planning Governing Board and Planning Commission. I testified in support of SB 383 during the 2001 Session of the Nevada Legislature which Senator Jacobson sponsored and introduced in hopes of amending NRS 278 to allow more meaningful participation and outcomes developed within the framework of NRS 278 for the benefit of ALL CITIZENS of Truckee Meadows, not just primarily those of the cities of Reno and Sparks. The Reno Gazette-Journal published a YOUR TURN article that I wrote in its OPINION Section May 8 2002. I will read to you only a portion of this article which briefly touches on what I think is broke with NRS 278 and has resulted in a flawed Regional Plan that was adopted May 9, 2002. A copy of this Opinion Article is included in its entirety to this testimony for your consideration.

Copies of the parts of the MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS OF March 30, 2001, and April 9, 2001, for SB 283 describing my testimony are also included for your information and consideration in responding to AB 379 and 380. Also a copy of my testimony given at these meetings is included.

Regional Planning pursuant to NRS 278 has and continues to deprive the citizens of unincorporated communities of Governmental representation!



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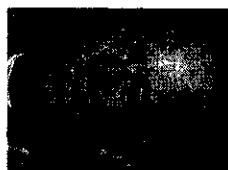
Plan update does not control sprawl

The effort to complete a meaningful update of our inadequate Truckee Meadows Regional Plan continues. The current plan has allowed sprawl in all jurisdictions.

The proposed update (version 4) is no improvement! It is a development-driven justification of an audacious tax revenue-generating land grab by the cities of Reno and Sparks, purporting to limit the majority of future growth to within the McCarran Loop.

An adequate plan would provide direction and framework to respond to the future, while not being all accommodating. It would support decisions based on merit and public expression allowing a jurisdiction the legal option to deny. The recent Wal-Mart proposal in northwest Reno can be viewed as a case where plans did not support such. Reno denied the project permit following public hearings and was taken to court. The court was persuaded that the denial was arbitrary and capricious, and reversed Reno's denial because the project was compatible, having been consistently approved throughout the planning process, after concluding the petitioners asserted it was consistent with plans, zoning, codes, etc.

The update process has included robust public involvement, to quote one member of our appointed Regional Planning Commission (RPC), interaction between our local governments, including Washoe County, Reno and Sparks, and the Regional Planning Staff. Version 4 reminds one of the saying, "Heard



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but did not listen," in describing the collective action of our RPC.

Many citizens, Washoe County, and the Regional Planning staff recommended that Reno's and Sparks's spheres of influence, an area into which a city may expand (annex), remain unchanged in the update, and that future changes be based on need and good planning. However, our RPC voted to approve a 34,000-acre increase in the sphere of influence mostly outside of the McCarran Loop, which the update carries forward. Washoe County water planner Steve Bradhurst advised the RPC "there clearly is a limit to the amount of water" and he cautioned against huge sphere expansions.

John Hester, Reno's current and Washoe County's past director of community development, says that annexing the undeveloped land in the county is the only way to ensure these areas pay for municipal services when developed! He needs to clarify

this and his criticism of past county actions.

I am a resident property owner in an unincorporated area and have no problem with paying for needed government services that the county can provide. Reno Mayor Jeff Griffin's and Hester's rhetoric that only a city can provide fiscally equitable municipal services and minimize sprawl is just that.

Do we really know the true cost of unplanned growth and opportunistic development associated with annexation and the true relationships of ongoing high cost projects, like redevelopment and ReTRAC, to the cities' insatiable drive to annex?

The Nevada Legislature mandated regional planning with the intent "that each local government and affected entity shall exercise its powers and duties in harmony with those of the others to enhance the long-term health and welfare of the county and all its residents." It also legislated voting procedures that result in noncompliance with this intent here in the Truckee Meadows when the cities vote together controlling planning outcomes, which has controlled the development of our update! Sen. Bill Raggio and the Legislature refused to amend the enabling legislation during the last session.

Our elected Regional Planning Governing Board could adopt the proposed update on May 9. This will be our last opportunity to influence it! Gary Sayer is vice president of the Golden Valley Property Owners' Association and a Golden Valley resident.

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

**Seventy-First Session
March 30, 2001**

The Senate Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chairman Ann O'Connell, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, March 30, 2001, in Room 2149 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. Exhibit A is the Agenda. Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file at the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Ann O'Connell, Chairman
Senator William J. Raggio, Vice Chairman
Senator William R. O'Donnell
Senator Jon C. Porter
Senator Joseph M. Neal, Jr.
Senator Dina Titus
Senator Terry Care

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen, Western Nevada Senatorial District

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kimberly Marsh Guinasso, Committee Counsel
Juliann K. Jenson, Committee Policy Analyst
Julie Burdette, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wm. Gary Crews, CPA, Legislative Auditor, Audit Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau
Michael O. Spell, CPA, Audit Supervisor, Audit Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau
Richard Neil, Deputy Legislative Auditor, Audit Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau
Maud Naroll, Chief Assistant, Planning, Budget Division, Department of Administration
Carole Vilardo, Lobbyist, Nevada Taxpayers Association
Robert Barengo, Lobbyist, Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority
Gary Sayer, Concerned Citizen, Washoe County
Emily Braswell, Lobbyist, Director, Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
John Slaughter, Lobbyist, Washoe County
Mary Henderson, Lobbyist, City of Reno

Chairman O'Connell opened the hearing at 11:49 a.m. on Senate Bill (S.B.) 426.

SENATE BILL 426: Establishes requirements and procedures for strategic planning for state agencies.
(BDR 31-429)

Wm. Gary Crews, CPA, Legislative Auditor, Audit Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, came forward

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Senator Raggio queried whether Mr. Barengo had checked with the bill drafter as to whether that was feasible. Mr. Barengo emphasized the language of the amendment had been written by the attorney for the RSCVA and Brenda Erdoes, Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Chairman O'Connell asked Senator Jacobsen if he had any difficulty with the amendment as presented by Mr. Barengo. Senator Jacobsen remarked he had no objections to the amendment.

Senator O'Donnell noted the people who lived in Incline Village and Crystal Bay rented their homes and asked if that was a part of the 50 percent collected. Mr. Barengo stated the tax paid on the transient rental lodging was 50 percent of what was collected in that township, and it would go to the visitors' bureau from the RSCVA. He further stated prior to S.B. 477 of the Seventieth Session there had been a written agreement, but the bill codified the agreement, placing it into statute.

Chairman O'Connell closed the hearing on S.B. 350 and opened the hearing on S.B. 383.

SENATE BILL 383: Revises voting procedures for certain regional planning commissions. (BDR 22-1162)

Senator Jacobsen noted he had been asked to sponsor S.B. 383 and that Gary Sayer, Resident, Unincorporated Washoe County, would explain the bill to the committee.

Mr. Sayer, Concerned Citizen, Washoe County, expressed his support of S.B. 383. He stated NRS 278 needed the revised language (Exhibit E) to ensure the future outcomes of regional planning met the declaration of legislative intent of NRS 278.0261. Mr. Sayer went on to say it was his belief the manner in which regional planning for Reno, Sparks and Washoe County took place did not enhance the long-term health and welfare of the county. He maintained the local jurisdictions were only interested in tax revenues. Mr. Sayer commented on a recent newspaper article which referred to regional planning, Reno's goals for annexation, and county residents willing to pay more in taxes in order to remain outside the city.

Mr. Sayer asked the committee if taxation were an issue under NRS 278 in regional planning, and said it was not his understanding of the chapter. He proposed adding the following language (Exhibit E) to section 7, after the word annexation: "and or designating a sphere of influence."

Mr. Sayer questioned the meaning of "may not vote." He said if that meant members of the commission of the city or county who are not directly affected will not be allowed to vote on such an amendment, that was fine. If that was not the case, he thought the language should be deleted and "shall not be allowed to vote" inserted.

Mr. Sayer also proposed the incorporation of NRS 278.0272 into NRS 278.0276 and offered the following as replacement language:

The adoption of the plan and any amendment must be by resolution of the governing board carried by the affirmative votes of not less than two-thirds of the members who are allowed to vote. Members of the board who represent a city or a county that is not directly affected by a proposed amendment to a plan regarding annexation or the designation of a sphere of influence shall not be allowed to vote on such an amendment. All members of the board may participate in the hearings and consideration of such an amendment.

Mr. Sayer continued, saying if during the development, update or adoption of a regional plan,

designation of spheres of influence and annexation arose, the same restrictions on voting to finalize or adopt by specific geographical area should be required in both NRS 278.0272 and NRS 278.0276.

Mr. Sayer stated it was his opinion past and current problems had been associated with how the governing board functioned. He maintained boards were not harmonious, comprehensive or coordinated for meeting the unique needs and opportunities which were characteristic of some of the older neighborhoods in the county. Mr. Sayer explained to the committee, on December 14, 2000, the governing board had approved plan amendments to establish spheres of influence for the City of Reno. He went on, saying, Washoe County had previously appealed the planning commission's ruling but was not successful. It was also his understanding that Washoe County had filed suit against the governing board over another amendment which was pending an outcome.

In summary, Mr. Sayer said regional planning involving Reno, Sparks and Washoe County was not meeting the legislative intent of NRS 278.0261 and the revised language he proposed would be appropriate.

Chairman O'Connell asked for testimony in opposition to S.B. 383.

Emily Braswell, Lobbyist, Director, Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency, came forward to provide testimony (Exhibit F) on behalf of the regional planning commission. On Wednesday, March 28, 2001, the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission, she said, had taken action to oppose S.B. 383 as it was currently written. Ms. Braswell explained the intent of the bill was not clear to the planning commission and it was thought to have a number of procedural and administrative difficulties. She continued, saying annexation was a complex issue and there would be a number of administrative problems if S.B. 383 were enacted as written. Ms. Braswell pointed out one of the primary concerns of the regional planning commission was any case brought before the regional planning commission was, by definition, regional. She continued, saying this would impact all three local governments and other entities, such as the regional transportation commission, the school district and the airport authority. Ms. Braswell noted the planning commission had directed her to work with Senator Jacobsen and staff.

John Slaughter, Lobbyist, Washoe County, stated the board of county commissioners had not taken a position on S.B. 383, so currently the board was neutral. Mr. Slaughter remarked they would certainly want to review the amendments and were willing to work with the sponsor of the bill. Chairman O'Connell asked when the board would be meeting again. Mr. Slaughter replied they would meet on Tuesday, April 10, 2001.

Senator Raggio clarified the county was at odds with the city in this matter as well as other matters. Mr. Slaughter agreed. Senator Raggio mentioned several other bills dealing with the concept of spheres of influence and asked if this was a continuation of that disagreement. Mr. Slaughter replied yes, this was part of that conflict. Senator Raggio asked Ms. Braswell to clarify the position of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission. Ms. Braswell stated the commission had taken an action in opposition to S.B. 383 as it was written. Ms. Braswell further added she had not yet had an opportunity to take it to the governing board.

Mary Henderson, Lobbyist, City of Reno, testified the city council did oppose S.B. 383 as written, but they had not had the opportunity to see the amendments. Ms. Henderson declared, perhaps even more important, would be the regional governing board. She said this would impact them and they were in support of the votes the regional planning commissioners had made on this issue. Ms. Henderson pointed out to the committee the process of the 5-year update of the regional plan was taking place now. She commented some good rules and policies regarding annexation would result from that process. She noted one would be the city's position not to do any more forced annexations within Washoe County.

The county would like to see the issues dealt with through the 5-year plan update and public hearings, she said.

Chairman O'Connell suggested Ms. Henderson might wish to speak with Mr. Sayer and address some of his concerns in reference to the overall plan. Ms. Henderson agreed. The chairman closed the hearing on S.B. 383.

Chairman O'Connell drew attention to the bills that would be presented on the senate floor by the members of the committee. Senator Titus would present S.B. 324 and Senator Care would present S.B. 255. The chairman also commented to Senator Porter that he would be presenting S.J.R. 7.

Chairman O'Connell adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Julie Burdette,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Ann O'Connell, Chairman

DATE: _____

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

**Seventy-First Session
April 9, 2001**

The Senate Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chairman Ann O'Connell, at 2:15 p.m., on Monday, April 9, 2001, in Room 2134 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. Exhibit A is the Agenda. Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file at the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Ann O'Connell, Chairman
Senator William J. Raggio, Vice Chairman
Senator William R. O'Donnell
Senator Jon C. Porter
Senator Joseph M. Neal, Jr.
Senator Dina Titus
Senator Terry Care

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kimberly Marsh Guinasso, Committee Counsel
Juliann K. Jenson, Committee Policy Analyst
Laura Hale, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

William G. Flangas, Commission on Ethics
Polly Hamilton, Executive Director, Commission on Ethics
Peter C. Bernhard, Chairman, Commission on Ethics
Janine Hansen, Lobbyist, Nevada Eagle Forum
Robert Barengo, Lobbyist, Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center
Burton Cohen, Chairman of the Board, Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center
A. Allan Stipe, President, Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center
James J. Spinello, Lobbyist, Clark County
Corey O. Brown, Physician and Owner, Fremont Medical Centers
Antonio T. Alamo, Physician and Owner, Alamo Medical Clinic
James M. Hogan, Private Practice Physician
Sherif W. Abdou, Private Practice Physician
Lawrence D. Gardner, Private Practice Physician
Paul Fisher, Private Practice Physician
Larry Preston, President, Pinnacle Medical Management
John Madole, Lobbyist, Nevada Chapter Associated General Contractors
Jack D. Harker, Owner, Harker and Harker, Incorporated
Norman L. Dianda, Owner, Q & D Construction, Incorporated
Stacey L. Garry, Private Practice Physician and Pathologist
Gregory E. Boyer, CEO and Managing Director, Valley Hospital Medical Center
Pejman Bady, Private Practice Physician

Lawrence P. Matheis, Lobbyist, Nevada State Medical Association
Flip Homanski, Chief of Staff, Valley Hospital Medical Center
Carole Vilardo, Lobbyist, Nevada Taxpayers Association
Kami L. Dempsey, Lobbyist, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce
Samuel P. McMullen, Lobbyist, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce
Pat Fox, Owner, Native Plant Farm and Tree Movers
Mary Lau, Lobbyist, Retail Association of Nevada
Bjorn (B.J.) Selinder, Manager, Churchill County
Lynn Pearce, Board of Commissioners, Churchill County
Pat A. Zamora, Lobbyist, Clark County School District
Wayne Carlson, Lobbyist, Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool
Robin Keith, Lobbyist, Nevada Rural Hospital Project Foundation
Mary C. Walker, Lobbyist, Carson-Tahoe Hospital
Steve Kastens, Director, Carson City Parks and Recreation
Scott A. Morgan, Community Services Director, Douglas County, and Legislative Liaison, Nevada Recreation and Parks Society
Thomas J. Grady, Lobbyist, Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities
Robert S. Hadfield, Lobbyist, Nevada Association of Counties
Mary Henderson, Lobbyist, City of Reno
Raymond (Rusty) C. McAllister, Lobbyist, Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada
Toni M. Weeks, Lobbyist, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and Nevada Sheriff and Chiefs Association
Stephanie D. Garcia, Lobbyist, City of Henderson
Kimberly J. McDonald, Lobbyist, City of North Las Vegas
Richard Harjo, Chairman, Nevada Indian Commission
Rick Collet, Chief Executive Officer and President, Native American Pharmacies
Richard P. Clark, Executive Director, Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission
Robert DeSoto Holquin, Concerned Citizen
Ronald M. James, State Historic Preservation Officer, Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Museums, Library and Arts
Eugene M. Hattori, Curator of Anthropology, Nevada State Museum
Janet Reeves, Executive Director, Nevada Urban Indians
Lois Whitney, Concerned Citizen, Western Shoshone Nation
Mary McCloud, Concerned Citizen, Western Shoshone Nation
Charles (Chas) L. Horsey III, Administrator, Housing Division, Department of Business and Industry
Lon DeWeese, Chief Financial Officer, Housing Division, Department of Business and Industry
Daryl Mobley, Nevada Veterans' Services Commission
Ronald Kruse, Nevada Veterans' Services Commission
Brian K. Krolicki, State Treasurer
Irene E. Porter, Lobbyist, Southern Nevada Home Builders Association
Ronald L. Lynn, Lobbyist, Nevada Organization of Building Officials
Mark H. Fiorentino, Lobbyist, Nevada Outdoor Media Association
Neal H. Cobb, Concerned Citizen
Gary Sayer, Concerned Citizen
Emily Braswell, Director, Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Terry Johnson, Labor Commissioner, Office of Labor Commissioner, Department of Business and Industry
Cheryl Blomstrom, Lobbyist, Nevada Chapter Associated General Contractors

Chairman O'Connell opened the hearing on Senate Bill (S.B.) 466.

Neal H. Cobb, Concerned Citizen, provided written testimony (Exhibit Y) in support of S.B. 383. He said more representation from unincorporated county residents is needed on both the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency and the Regional Planning Governing Board. Gary Sayer, Concerned Citizen, provided a copy of his testimony from the March 30, 2001 hearing, with additional comments included (Exhibit Z). He said he has not seen a retraction from the City of Reno regarding articles in the Reno Gazette Journal about the city's annexation plans, and as a citizen of the unincorporated area of Washoe County, he believes he is being deprived of meaningful participation and representation in the

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process. He also provided a copy of testimony from Richard Hobbs (Exhibit AA), who was unable to stay and provide oral testimony.

Emily Braswell, Director, Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency, provided written testimony (Exhibit BB), and stated her opposition to the bill as the agency is in the midst of a regional planning process which will address many of these issues, including spheres of influence and annexation. She stated an opportunity for the process to work is needed. She reported phase one of the process has been completed successfully, with public involvement and broad support for the five regional planning principles and vision, as well as the fundamental assumptions. She said the process should be completed by June 30, 2001, and all public hearings for the process have had public notice and everyone is given the opportunity to speak.

Mary Henderson, Lobbyist, City of Reno, said she believes the process is moving in the right direction, with adequate public input, and the city is encouraging everyone in the region to become involved. She said a lot of good agreement has been reached and the city has agreed there will be no involuntary annexation of the unincorporated area. She said the newspaper articles referenced in earlier testimony only addressed certain portions of a very extensive document the city has prepared as part of the overall plan. She assured the committee the citizens would have adequate opportunity for input and all issues would be properly considered through the review process. It is expected that a package for regional planning legislation will be brought to the Legislature in 2003, she said.

In response to a question from Mr. Sayer regarding involuntary annexations, Ms. Henderson said the county commission would control density levels, but the city will not go after individual homeowners, or people on 40-acre parcels, for involuntary annexation. She noted the governing board can override recommendations of the regional planning commission.

SENATOR O'DONNELL MOVED TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE S.B. 383.

SENATOR RAGGIO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR PORTER WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

Chairman O'Connell opened S.B. 395 for discussion.

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March 30, 2001

COMMENTS ON S.B. 383 at the Senate Government hearing held in Room 2149.

My name is Gary Sayer. I am a resident of an unincorporated area in Washoe County, Nevada

I support SB 383. NRS 278 badly needs this kind of revision to insure the future outcomes of regional planning meet the Declaration of legislative intent of NRS 278.0261. The manner in which regional planning is working where the cities of Reno and Sparks, and Washoe County, Nevada are involved leaves much to be desired. Comprehensive, harmonious, and coordinated planning that enhances the long-term health and welfare of the county and ALL its residents is not occurring. Jurisdictional agendas are being furthered by the current procedures legitimized by NRS. 278 as it currently exists. And from my perspective they are primarily in response to the desire for more turf and its associated tax revenues.

SB 383 does a very good job of insuring the Regional Planning Commission will function objectively in the development of a comprehensive regional plan update and amendments.

My comments pertain to Section 7, where I propose:

- adding after the word annexation "and or designating a sphere of influence".
- What is the meaning of may not vote? If it means that members of the commission of the city or county that is not directly affected will not be allowed to vote, etc on such an amendment that is ok. If not may not vote probably needs to be deleted and shall not be allowed to vote substituted in that place. (#1)

I propose the revision that SB 383 makes to the current NRS 278.0272 also be incorporated into NRS 278.0276 Adoption of regional plan. I offer the following in lieu of the next to last sentence which would be deleted and replaced with.

"The adoption of the plan and any amendment must be by resolution of the governing board carried by the affirmative votes of not less than (#2) two-thirds of the members who are allowed to vote. Members of the board who represent a city or county that is not directly affected by a proposed amendment to the plan regarding annexation or the designation of a sphere of influence shall not be allowed to vote on such an amendment. All members of the board may participate in the hearings and consideration of such an amendment."

If during the development, update and adoption of the regional plan designation of spheres of influence and or annexation arises the same restrictions on voting to finalize and adopt such by specific geographical area should be required in both NRS 278.0272 and NRS 278.0276. (#3)

The majority of past and current problems is associated more with how the governing board is functioning. Things are not harmonious, comprehensive, and coordinated, or meeting the unique needs and opportunities that are characteristic of some of the older neighborhoods in the county.

On December 14, 2000, the governing board approved plan amendments establishing spheres of influence for the city of Reno. One at Damante Ranch and one called the Bushy property. Washoe county had previously appealed the commission's ruling that Damonte Ranch was a minor amendment and lost. Bushy was in an established Reno-Stead Joint Planning Area involving Reno and Washoe County. Washoe County later filed a lawsuit against the governing board over the Bushy amendment which is pending an outcome as I understand.

These actions were approved with the board members from the cities, Sparks and Reno, voting in favor of.

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It struck me after being present at that board meeting why shouldn't Sparks vote in support of Reno because someday Sparks will want to get amendment approved that establish sphere of influence that creates additional tax revenue.

In summery:

- Regional planning involving Reno, Sparks, and Washoe county is not meeting the legislative intent of NRS. 278.0261.
- The type of revision offered by SB 383 is very appropriate, not only for NRS 278.0272 but also for NRS 278.0276.

(#4)

This concludes my remarks. I thank you for this opportunity to comment on SB 383. If you have questions of me I will give you my address and telephone.

GARY E. SAYER

Items denoted as (#1) thru (#4) are added to my 3/30/2001 testimony for the 4/9/2001 workshop for SB383

(#1) - this voting restriction should apply to the RPC when acting in the role of the Annexation Board pursuant to NRS 268-626(2).

(#2) - two-thirds needs to be defined mathematically 66 2/3% not 6 of 9.

(#3) - ADD - including the development plan of annexation pursuant to NRS 268.626(2) by the Regional Planning Commission when in the role of the Annexation Board.

(#4) - During the hearing of 3/30/2001, a lady (apparently representing the City of Reno) stated you cannot believe all you read in the newspaper. I assumed this was in response to my previous reference to 3/26/2001 issue of the Reno gazette Journal about "Regional plan grapples with Reno's goals to annex land", and "County residents willing to pay more to stay out of cities". I responded saying the 3/26 RGJ was not the only issue with this type of news coverage during recent months. One thing I have not seen is a retraction by Reno saying this not its intent.

I direct you to the Internet Website www.jimgalloway2000.com to review Michael Harper's 6/27/2000 letter to Katy Singlaub. This letter a "Review and Evaluation of City of Reno 2001 Regional Plan Update Objectives and Recommendations".

I need to emphatically express that I am not a messenger for Washoe County for this issue. I am involved because as a citizen living in an unincorporated area of Washoe County, I am being deprived of meaningful participation and representation in the processes presently being used and legitimized by WRS278.

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