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## Office of the Governor

June 15, 2011

The Honorable Ross Miller Secretary of State Capitol Building 101 South Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701

> Senate Bill 360 of the 76<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session RE:

Dear Secretary Miller:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Senate Bill 360, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to redevelopment of communities; revising requirements for the submission of an employment plan; requiring a redevelopment agency to withhold a portion of any incentive provided to a developer unless the developer satisfies certain conditions; requiring the reporting of certain information relating to the redevelopment project by certain developers; extending the duration of certain redevelopment plans; requiring an employment plan to include information relating to preferences for hiring persons from the redevelopment area; authorizing a redevelopment agency to loan money to finance certain improvements under certain circumstances; requiring certain redevelopment agencies to set aside certain revenue from property taxes for additional purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

This bill relates to the payment of financial incentives available to a developer who performs a public work in a redevelopment area within an enterprise community. The bill requires a redevelopment agency that proposes to provide an incentive to such a developer to withhold payment of 10 percent of the incentive unless several factors apply. First, 15 percent of the employees of the developer's contractors, subcontractors, vendors and suppliers must be residents of the redevelopment area. Second, 15 percent of the jobs created by employers as a result of the redevelopment project must be filled by residents of the redevelopment area. Third, the developer or build-to-suit owner or lessee must comply with the requirements in the employment plan submitted

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by the developer. Fourth, the developer must satisfy certain reporting requirements relating to the project. The bill requires that the employment plan filed by the developer must include information regarding the preference for hiring persons living within the redevelopment areas used by the developer and each employer who will be relocating a business into the area as a result of the redevelopment.

Senate Bill 360 is commendable as a job creation bill that can provide new employment opportunities for Nevadans and keep more redevelopment dollars in the local Nevada economy. However, the bill is overly restrictive with regard to the class of Nevadans who benefit from its incentives. The bill creates preferential hiring only for Nevadans who reside in certain redevelopment areas, thereby excluding many Nevadans, including those who may live within very close proximity to the redevelopment area.

On April 27, 2011, I signed Assembly Bill 144, which gives preference to contractors who hire local workers. Known as the Nevada Jobs First Initiative, AB 144 aims to create more jobs for all Nevadans, regardless of where they reside. Because Senate Bill 360 unnecessarily excludes a large percentage of Nevadans who need to return to the workforce, I exercise my constitutional grant of authority to veto SB 360 and return it to you without my approval.

Sincere regards

BRIAN SANDOVAL

Governor

Enclosure

cc:

The Honorable Brian Krolicki, President of the Senate (without enclosure) David A. Byerman, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure) Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure) Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)