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## Office of the Governor

June 3, 2013

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

**RE: Senate Bill 457 of the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

Dear Secretary Miller:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Senate Bill 457, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to elections; requiring that the candidates for Supervisor in Carson City and for Council Member in the City of Henderson, the City of Reno and the City of Sparks be voted upon in a primary or general election only by the registered voters of the ward that a candidate seeks to represent; creating a sixth ward for the City of Reno; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senate Bill 457 proposes that candidates in Carson City, Henderson, Reno and Sparks be voted upon, in a primary or general election, only by the voters of the ward that the candidate seeks to represent.

If Senate Bill 457 were enacted, the bill would limit voters' abilities to cast their vote in electing officials to make decisions for the good of the community as a whole. This issue was posed directly to the citizens of Reno through an advisory ballot question in November of last year. The question was clearly stated:

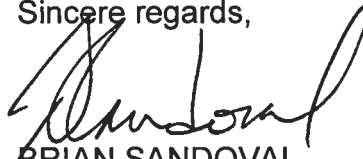
Shall the five City Council members representing wards continue to be voted upon by all registered voters of the City in the General Election?

An overwhelming majority of Reno voters, constituting seventy-six percent of the vote, responded in the affirmative, clearly stating that they wished to retain the current structure, thereby, rejecting a ward only voting structure.

In addition to this clear and convincing vote of the people, Senate Bill 457 was opposed by Carson City, Henderson, Reno and Sparks, as well as the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities.

Ultimately, Senate Bill 457 proposes to reject the voters' clear intention to retain citywide elections. Because of these concerns, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature and without my approval.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Sandoval", written over the printed name.

BRIAN SANDOVAL  
Governor

*Enclosure*

cc:    *The Honorable Brian Krolicki, President of the Senate (without enclosure)*  
      *The Honorable Moises Denis, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)*  
      *The Honorable Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Speaker of the Assembly (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)*