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Office of the Governor

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The Honorable Nicole Cannizzaro
Majority Leader of the Nevada State Senate
Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Senate Bill 169 of the 82nd Legislative Session

Dear Leader Cannizzaro:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Senate Bill 169 ("SB 169"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to land use planning; requiring certain local governments to include a heat mitigation element in master plans; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 169 is well-intended insofar as it aims to address the difficulties associated with living in high-heat communities. However, there is no data definitively supporting the proposition that development is causing rising temperatures in either Washoe County or Clark County. In fact, several of the heat-mitigation measures contained in this bill are already being implemented by local governments, meaning this bill will only serve to increase requirements—and related costs—for future development.

In short, since SB 169 creates significantly more red-tape for master-planned projects in two of Nevada's fastest growing counties, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Lombardo", written over a horizontal line.

JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Stavros S. Anthony, President of the Senate (without enclosure)
The Honorable Steve Yeager, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)
Brendan Bucy, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)