

**Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: July 10, 2012

Agenda Date Requested: July 19, 2012

Time Requested: 10 mins

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Larry Werner, City Manager

Subject Title: For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to Governor Sandoval requesting that his recommended 2013-2015 budget not include cost shifts, unfunded mandates or revenue diversions that impact county government, including those enacted in the 2011 Legislative Session.

Staff Summary: Nevada Association of Counties (NACo) is urging Nevada counties to express their concerns to Governor Sandoval regarding the potential future State impacts on counties and request that he consider the needs of county governments as he prepares his biennial budget.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes (XX) No

Recommended Board Action: I move to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to Governor Sandoval requesting that his recommended 2013-2015 budget not include cost shifts, unfunded mandates or revenue diversions that impact county government, including those enacted in the 2011 Legislative Session.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: See Staff Summary.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A


Explanation of Impact: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Alternatives: Do not approve

Supporting Material: Letter to Governor Sandoval from NACo.

Prepared By: Janet Busse, City Manager's Office

Reviewed By: 
(City Manager)

Date: 7/10/12


(Finance Director)

Date: 7/10/12


(District Attorney)

Date: 7/10/12

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

Aye/Nay

2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)



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June 29, 2012

Honorable Brian Sandoval
Governor of Nevada
101 N. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Governor Sandoval:

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties on June 22, 2012 voted unanimously to send this letter to request that you consider the critical needs of Nevada's counties as you prepare your 2013-2015 budget and not include proposals that will negatively impact the ability of county governments to serve our shared constituents. Revenue diversions, cost shifts and unfunded mandates enacted in the 25th Special Session and the 75th and 76th Regular Sessions of the Nevada Legislature have resulted in an estimated \$325 million impact to county governments. Revenues have not kept pace with these increased responsibilities. Property taxes, the largest revenue source for counties, are continuing to decline. And while the vast majority of this burden has been borne by Clark and Washoe, other counties have also been forced to respond by eliminating and reducing services. One county has raised its property tax rate in part to offset the additional costs. We are very concerned that additional cost shifts and unfunded mandates will leave some counties unable to provide mandated as well as discretionary services, and cause others to experience a severe difficulty in achieving a balanced budget.

As the elected representatives of the government closest to the people, we believe it is time for the State to address any future budget problems without shifting additional burdens to the counties. Taking more revenues from or shifting the responsibility for state services to counties is unsustainable and a disservice to our citizens.

We are hopeful you share our belief that Nevada's counties have done their part to help the State during the current economic downturn and ask that you not propose any measures that will further erode county budgets. We believe this request is fair and reasonable given our economy is beginning to show signs of improvement and state revenues are exceeding projections.

We want to affirm our commitment to work with you to do what is best for our State. However, we feel that it is time that the role our counties play in shaping our communities and serving our constituents is given due consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jerrie Tipton".

Jerrie Tipton, NACO President

Cc: NACO Board of Directors