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September 6, 2017

Via Hand Delivery

Susan Merriwether
Carson City Clerk-Recorder
885 E. Musser Street, Ste. 1025
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: AB 519 Grant Fund Allocation

LATE MATERIAL

Item # 18

Date: 09/7/17

Dear Ms. Merriwether,

As you are aware, the 2017 Legislature passed Assembly Bill 519, which appropriated \$8 million to the Secretary of State's office for the award of grants of money to the counties in Nevada for the purchase of voting machines and related costs. Grant awards not to exceed specific amounts were included in the bill for Clark County and Washoe County; however, specific grant amounts for the remaining 15 counties were not identified in the bill. Section 1 of the bill merely states, "[T]he Secretary of State shall use not more than \$1,800,000 to award grants of money to the counties other than Clark and Washoe Counties, upon application, for the purchase of voting machines."

Using a formula that includes base funding of \$40,000 for each of the 15 counties and then allocates the remaining funds based on each county's percentage of active registered voters, the Secretary of State's office has determined that Carson City will be eligible to apply for an AB 519 grant of up to \$231,388. More details about of the formula used to determine this amount, as well as the method for applying for the grant funds, will be sent to you in a memorandum later this week.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the undersigned at (775) 684-5705.

Respectfully,

Barbara K. Cegavske
Secretary of State

By: 

Wayne Thorley, Deputy Secretary for Elections