Agenda Item No: 11.A



#### STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors **Meeting Date:** December 5, 2019

**Staff Contact:** Nancy Paulson, City Manager

**Agenda Title:** For Discussion Only: Presentation and federal legislative update by the Porter Group.

(Nancy Paulson, NPaulson@carson.org)

Staff Summary: Representatives from the Porter Group will provide a presentation and

update on federal activities.

Agenda Action: Other / Presentation Time Requested: 20 minutes

#### **Proposed Motion**

N/A

#### **Board's Strategic Goal**

Efficient Government

#### **Previous Action**

N/A

#### Background/Issues & Analysis

#### Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

N/A

#### **Financial Information**

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted?

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:** 

#### <u>Alternatives</u>

#### Attachments:

Porter Group Federal Legislative Update 12 5 19.pdf

#### **Board Action Taken:**

Motion:	1)	Aye/Nay
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## **Congressman Jon Porter Background:**

- Owner of 50+ agent insurance and financial services business for more than 20 years
- Boulder City Councilman (1983-1993)
- Mayor (1987-1991)
- State Senator (1994 to 2002)
- U.S. Congressman serving Nevada's 3rd District (2003-2009)



#### **Porter Group**

## Congressman Jon Porter

Major General (Ret.) Robert T.

Herbert

- Chris Porter
- Dan Mauer
- Brian McAnallen

- Stephanie Walker
- Kristin McMillan
- Rachel Layher
- Cameron Gresh
- Ashley Jonkey

#### **Porter Group Mission**

We are a bi-partisan, coalition-building advocacy firm with an unmatched network of relationships and connections in business and government, providing unparalleled access to key decision makers, by working to:

- Find solutions to any problem involving business, government, politics and non-profits
- Assist municipal partners with interacting with Federal agencies and Congress
- Utilize a dynamic team of professionals with experience in all levels of government to provide expert insight on key client issues and legislative priorities



## What's going on in DC

## **Appropriations**

- Current CR extends until December 20<sup>th</sup>
- An omnibus appropriations vehicle is the likely solution, timeline uncertain

## **Impeachment**

- House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) has concluded its public hearings relating to the Ukraine issue
- Further HPSCI hearings are possible, as HPSCI prepares a report for the House Judiciary Committee
- HPSCI report may not be released to the public, per Chairman Schiff
- House Judiciary Committee has held its own hearing this week



## **Carson City Priorities**

- Public Lands
- Transportation & Infrastructure
- Increasing Grant Opportunities
- Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act
- Porter Group will consult with City officials to further develop 2020 agenda



## **Appropriations Requests**

- Juvenile Detention Center
- Greening William Street Project
- Senior Center NISP Funding
- Fire Station/Emergency Operations Center
- Though some appropriations bills may be passed in the form of a "minibus", an omnibus appropriations bill before the Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> deadline is unlikely. The process, at least in part, is likely to extend into next year.



## **Water Resources Development Act Reauthorization**

- Quill Water Treatment Plant Refurbishment/Replacement
- Carson City Sewer Hookup

Submitted to the offices of Senators Cortez Masto and Rosen in October 2019



#### **Potential Grant Opportunities**

 Porter Group will continue to work with Nevada Congressional delegation members and relevant Federal agencies to identify and secure support for grant opportunities related to City infrastructure projects and other initiatives.



## **Lands Bill Updates**

- Clean up and technical changes in legislation
- Working on right-of-way issue administratively between City and Forest Service
- We're in the final stages of negotiations with Federal stakeholders regarding final content of bill



## **Congressional Visits and Meetings - 116th Congress**

- Senator Rosen
- Senator Cortez Masto
- Rep. Susie Lee
- Rep. Mark Amodei
- Rep. Steven Horsford
- Rep. Dina Titus
- Rep. DeFazio (Transportation and Infrastructure Chair)
- Rep. Graves (Transportation and Infrastructure Ranking Member)
- Senator Shelby (Appropriations Chair)
- Porter Group specializes in facilitating interaction between clients and relevant stakeholders at the Federal level to produce tangible results and to cultivate and maintain close bicameral and bipartisan relationships



## **Questions?**