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Please see the letter below regarding the agenda item for Indigent Cremation and Burial Service scheduled for the Carson City Board of Supervisors Meeting on August 6, 2020.

Thank you.



Walton's Funerals & Cremations

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July 31, 2020

To: Carson City Board of Supervisors

Re: CCHHS Indigent Cremation or Burial Service

The funeral homes in Carson City provide an essential service to the community as we care for decedents without the financial means to pay for cremation or burial services. For over 25 years, local funeral homes have continued serving in this capacity but have been compensated at the same rate of \$550 per deceased person for this duration of time. Our expenses have risen substantially over these years, especially our labor costs. What other vendor would serve Carson City for this length of time and not expect a reasonable increase in compensation? As a result, one funeral home in Carson City recently stated they will no longer serve indigent families. If we calculate a 3% increase per year, in just 15 years, for example, the \$550 rate would increase to \$856.

We respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve a fair and equitable increase for all concerned. Thank you.

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