



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE: September 27, 2016**

**DATE:** September 21, 2016  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Al Rogers, Management Services Director  
(775) 328-2017, [arogers@washoecounty.us](mailto:arogers@washoecounty.us)

**THROUGH:** John Slaughter, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Consideration and possible appointment from a list of County Commissioner nominated and qualified persons including Jesse Haw or Thomas Taber to fill the vacancy of the Nevada State Senate District 15 seat pursuant to NRS 218A.260, and as requested by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval in a letter to Chair Jung dated September 16, 2016. (All Districts)

### SUMMARY

The Board of County Commission has been requested by the Governor of the State of Nevada to appoint to three (3) vacant legislative seats representing Washoe County. The vacant seats of Senate District 13 and 15 along with Assembly District 25 will be appointed for a possible special session of the Legislature. Staff recommends filling the vacant seat of Nevada State Senate District 15 seat with a nominated and qualified person.

Washoe County Strategic Objective: Regional and Community Leadership

### BACKGROUND

Voters usually choose their legislators at elections, so appointing people to vacant seats in the Nevada Legislature is a serious responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners. In an atmosphere of quickly evolving information concerning a possible special session of the Nevada Legislature, citizens were offered the opportunity to submit their name for interest in the vacant seats and the County Commissioners each have submitted the names of nominees to be considered for those vacant seats.

The nominated list of candidates for Nevada State Senate District 15 seat includes:

- Commissioner Berkbigler Nominee - Jesse Haw
- Commissioner Lucey Nominee - Jesse Haw
- Commissioner Jung Nominee - Jesse Haw
- Commissioner Hartung Nominee – Jesse Haw
- Commissioner Herman Nominee - Thomas Taber

AGENDA ITEM #

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact on this item.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint Commission nominee Jesse Haw or Thomas Taber to fill the vacancy of the Nevada State Senate District 15 seat pursuant to NRS 218A.260, and as requested by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval in a letter to Chair Jung dated September 16, 2016.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Possible motion would be: "Move to appoint Commission nominee Jesse Haw or Thomas Taber to fill the vacancy of the Nevada State Senate District 15 seat pursuant to NRS 218A.260, and as requested by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval in a letter to Chair Jung dated September 16, 2016.

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## Office of the Governor

September 16, 2016

Kitty Jung, Chairman  
Washoe County Commission  
1001 East Ninth Street  
Reno, Nevada 89512-2845

Re: Nevada State Legislature Vacancy  
Senate District No. 15

Dear Chairman Jung:

Pursuant to NRS 283.060, I, as Governor of the State of Nevada, hereby declare the Seat for Nevada State Senate District No. 15 in Washoe County vacant. I, now, pursuant to Article 4, Section 12 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada, and NRS 218A.260, leave it to the Washoe County Commission to appoint a replacement for Senate District No. 15.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact my General Counsel Joe Reynolds at (775) 684-5661.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Sandoval".

BRIAN SANDOVAL  
Governor

Jesse Haw

Senate District 15

## Salas, Fidel

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**From:** Slaughter, John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016 4:46 PM  
**To:** Salas, Fidel  
**Subject:** FW: senate district 15  
**Attachments:** 9-22-16 Call and Notice of Special BCC Meeting.pdf; Jesse James Haw bio 9-16-16.docx

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**From:** Jesse Haw [<mailto:jesse@hawcoproperties.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016 2:36 PM  
**To:** Slaughter, John <[JSlaughter@washoecounty.us](mailto:JSlaughter@washoecounty.us)>  
**Subject:** senate district 15

Dear Manager Slaughter,

Please consider me in the appointment for Senate District 15 which will be held on Thursday, September 22nd 2016 at 3:30. I understand the timetables have been compressed from a normal process so I am sending this email and have included a bio.

If there is anything else you need from me please do not hesitate to call or email.

Sincerely,

Jesse Haw  
775-560-6922

## **Jesse James Haw**

Jesse Haw grew up in Sparks. He graduated in Business Administration from the University of Nevada.

Jesse Haw is President of Hawco Properties, former Director of Nevada Security Bank and its parent company The Bank Holdings, past President of the Builders Association of Northern Nevada, past president of the Nevada Homebuilders Association and current President of the Reno Tahoe Open Foundation which hosts the PGA Barracuda Championship. Jesse was the 2008 and 2015 Builder of the Year presented by The Builders Association of Northern Nevada. He has served on several other boards and including the Washoe County Organizational Effectiveness Committee from 2009 to 2014 and was chair for the last year of service.

Hawco Properties has built over 1,500 homes, sold over 1,800 lots, developed a shopping center, neighborhood center, a 511-acre business park and master-planned another 1,400 acres. The Spanish Springs Business Center is the largest business park in Washoe County.

Jesse has served on many local organizations and coached girls' soccer at Reed High School for eight years. Jesse's company, Hawco Properties, has donated land to Washoe County for two elementary schools, one middle school, and for Spanish Springs High School. Hawco Properties has also donated over 150 acres for parks and open space.

Jesse was raised in Sparks, lives in Reno and has an office in Spanish Springs. His two daughters attend Swope Middle School and Reno High School. He has been married for 21 years.

Thomas Taber

Senate District 15