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Legislative Overview & Principles

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Washoe County Legislative Team

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- Washoe County Departments
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- LG Strategies



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Nevada State Senate

State Senate (11 D's/9 R's/1 NP)

- 15 represent Clark County
- 4 represent Washoe County
- 2 outside Clark County



**Senate
Majority Leader
Aaron D. Ford
(D)**



**Senate
Minority Leader
Michael Roberson
(R)**



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Nevada State Assembly

State Assembly (27 D's/15 R's)

- 30 represent Clark County
- 8 represent Washoe County
- 4 represent outside districts



Speaker of the
Assembly
Designee
Jason Frierson
(D)



Assembly
Minority Leader
Paul Anderson
(R)



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Washoe County Delegation- Senate Members



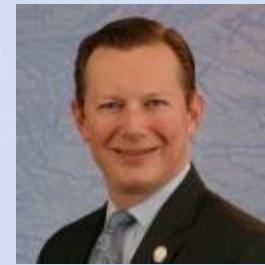
Julie Ratti
(D)



**Don
Gustavson**
(R)



**Heidi
Gansert**
(R)



**Ben
Kieckhefer**
(R)



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Washoe County Delegation- Assembly Members



**Amber
Joiner
(D)**



**Jill
Tolles
(R)**



**Lisa
Krasner
(R)**



**Teresa
Benetiz
Thompson
(D)**



**Richard
"Skip"
Daly
(D)**



**Ira
Hansen
(R)**



**Mike
Sprinkle
(D)**



**Al Kramer
(R)**

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Washoe County Internal Efforts

- Meetings with County Managers
- Meetings with Department Directors
- Discussions About Internal Bill Tracking Efforts
- Develop Legislative Principles, Goals and Platform Issues
- Respond to 100 percent of Fiscal Notes
- Track Bill Draft Requests and Legislative Bills for impact
- Citizen Communication



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2017 Legislative Principles

- ***Respect for Governmental Roles:***

Mutually respectful government at all levels; holding all governments accountable for outcomes; and support for local decision making and local determination.

- ***Recover Our Economic Strength:***

Promoting regional collaboration on economic development, and support for coordinated regional response to the economic challenges and opportunities facing our region and state.

- ***Regional Solutions to Service Provision:***

Supporting collaborative efforts of all services providers within our region and the state to provide the best service possible at the lowest possible cost to the constituents of Washoe County and Nevada.

- ***Commitment:***

Washoe County is committed to working with the 2017 Legislature, community stakeholders and business partners to provide effective representation of Washoe County's legislative goals.



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2017 Legislative Principles **Respect for Governmental Roles**

- **Partners Providing Service to Our Shared Constituents**

All Governments in Nevada (State, County, Cities, School Districts, and Special Districts) are partners in providing consistent and reliable services to our shared constituents, and therefore all levels of government must be viable in order for our citizens to enjoy an outstanding quality of life. A great State requires strong, effective, mutually-respectful government at all levels.

- **Focus on Outcomes**

Services to citizens should be provided efficiently; should be effective; and must demonstrate measurable results. All governments (State, County, Cities, School Districts, and Special Districts) should be held accountable for measurable outcomes and cost-effective performance, while at the same time be given the flexibility to let elected leaders decide how best to achieve those outcomes.

- **Local Determination**

Statewide policy decisions should be made by State leaders; local policy decisions should be made by local leaders. Local governments must have the right to control their resources, and voters should have the ability to decide whether those resources are sufficient or not. Local governments should have discretion on delivering State programs and services when funding is reduced or diverted by the State.



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2017 Legislative Principles Respect for Governmental Roles (Continued)

- Local Decision-Making and Flexibility

Washoe County urges the preservation of local prerogatives over matters traditionally and best governed at the local level. The legislature should encourage local officials and citizens to solve local problems. Legislation should foster local flexibility and assist local government leaders and the citizens they represent in addressing problems in ways that best serve their community.

- Unfunded Mandates

Washoe County believes the Nevada State Legislature should not impose mandated functions, activities, or regulations on local governments without providing financial resources or means to meet the costs of carrying out those mandates.



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2017 Legislative Principles Recover Our Economic Strength

- **Support Economic Recovery and Development**

Promote regional collaboration on economic development and support a coordinated regional response to the economic challenges and opportunities facing Northern Nevada.

- **Long Term, Sustainable Solutions**

The economy and tax revenue base on which all governments in Nevada rely are undergoing a fundamental restructure. Simply shifting the service burden or revenues from one government service provider to another will not responsibly and sustainably meet the needs of the citizens of Nevada and Washoe County. All governments need to be working together toward long-term solutions for service provision and equitable, stable funding for those services, and not at one another's expense.

- **Fiscal Responsibility**

Washoe County supports local government fiscal responsibility and long-term financial planning; including retaining and expanding tools at the local level to better manage budget and cash flow and responsibly structure revenue sources.



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2017 Legislative Principles Regional Solutions to Service Provisions

- **Intergovernmental Collaboration**

Washoe County supports collaborative efforts of service providers within the region and the state to provide the best service possible at the lowest possible cost to the constituents of Washoe County.

- **Legislative Relations**

Washoe County recognizes that local governments in the region have numerous areas of mutual interest, and that a cooperative and integrated approach to legislative relations best serves the interests of the residents of Washoe County.



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2017 Legislative Principles Commitment

- ***Representation***

Washoe County is committed to working with the 2017 Legislature, community stakeholders and business partners to provide effective representation of Washoe County's legislative goals. The Washoe County Legislative Team is readily available during the 2017 Legislative Session to assist legislative committees, individuals legislators and legislative staff to provide timely and accurate response to requests for information that will assist in the deliberation and formulation of legislation.



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2017 Legislative Principles Legislative Communication Policy

- Legislative Updates
- Board Direction
- Adopting Board Legislative Position
- Lobbyist Authority
- Commission Participation
- Appointed Boards: Authorization to Represent Washoe County
- Special Meetings



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- **816 BDR's**
- **168 Assembly/Senate Bills**
- **Fiscal Notes – 38 at present time**
- **Bills of Interest**
 - Annexation
 - AB 48 (Clark County)
 - Taxes (25+ BDR's & Bills)
 - AB30 (Committee on Taxation)
 - AB43 (NACO)
 - BDR 32-640 (Sen. Ratti)



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- **Bills of Interest (cont.)**
 - Labor Relations/Pension System
 - BDR 23-428 (State Controller)
 - Agriculture Extension

 - Mental Health
 - Courts
 - Seniors
 - Animals
 - Public Safety



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In Conclusion

- **78th Session of the Nevada Legislature- February 6, 2017**
- **Legislative Updates to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners**
 - All Regularly Scheduled Meetings – 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays
 - Special Meetings - if necessary



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QUESTIONS?