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## Office of the Governor

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The Honorable Francisco Aguilar  
Nevada Secretary of State  
101 North Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

**Re: Senate Bill 246 of the 82nd Legislative Session**

Dear Secretary of State Aguilar:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Senate Bill 246 ("SB 246"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT to governmental administration; requiring the City Councils of the City of Las Vegas and the City of North Las Vegas to establish a workforce development program; requiring the City Councils to receive updates on the programs and post information about the programs; requiring every public utility which is owned or operated by the City of Las Vegas or the City of North Las Vegas to include certain information in utility bills; requiring that certain information be posted in each building owned by the City of Las Vegas or the City of North Las Vegas; requiring the City Councils to submit an annual report to the Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau relating to the workforce development program; revising provisions relating to the Charter Committee, City Clerk and City Manager of the City of North Las Vegas; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 246 is little more than a Legislative attempt to circumvent the Charter Committee process - the standard method of making these sorts of changes. It is imperative to community development that such overarching changes to local government be implemented locally after receiving primarily local, or at least locally motivated, input. Moreover, this bill is also problematic in that it received its final amendment on the last day of the Legislative Session with no opportunity for any sufficient form of public input.

Furthermore, the workforce development programs discussed in this bill are duplicative of existing programs with which North Las Vegas already participates. Additionally, Section 3.2 makes two untenable changes to existing law. First, though it generally requires more meetings between

each regular session, it also provides no clarity or regularity for when those meetings should occur. Second, the bill also arbitrarily limits the number of agenda items which may be considered at a given Charter Committee meeting. This is a striking alteration to current law. Considering the wide array of potential scheduling issues, these Committees should be empowered to agendize as many items at a given meeting as required to carry out their necessary functions.

Since this bill would: 1) set a concerning trend regarding the Legislature's ability to effectively commandeer certain decision-making authority that has previously been and should remain with local governments; 2) duplicate existing workforce development efforts; and 3) inhibit the Charter Committee in its ability to schedule and conduct meetings, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,



JOE LOMBARDO  
*Governor of Nevada*

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Stavros Anthony, President of the Senate (without enclosure)  
The Honorable Nicole Cannizzaro, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)  
The Honorable Steve Yeager, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)  
Brendan Bucy, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)  
Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)  
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