

Nye County: Commissioner Fely Quitevis

Pershing County: Commissioner Roger Mancebo

Washoe County: Commissioner Bonnie Weber, Commissioner Kitty Jung

The following counties did not have representatives at this meeting: Churchill County, Humboldt County, Lyon County, Mineral County, Storey County, and White Pine County.

Note: The following confirmations took place immediately following Item IV.

On behalf of their respective entities, Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas; Mayor Sheri Buck, City of North Las Vegas; Mayor Susan Holecheck, City of Mesquite; Mayor Bob Cashell, City of Reno; Mayor Roger Tobler, City of Boulder City; and Chairman Rory Reid, Clark County, called the special meeting to order and confirmed that this meeting has been properly noticed and posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law and they do have a quorum.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. WELCOME BY HOST CITY

Mayor Andy Hafen, City of Henderson, welcomed those present to this historic and important discussion. He said he appreciates all efforts to be here and recognize you as Nevada's local government leaders. He also thanked State officials in the audience for their attendance. This discussion will entail the impacts of recent legislation and how the cities and counties can work together in partnership to solve some of the problems facing Nevada.

Mayor Hafen stated that our state and local fiscal health has been in decline since the global financial collapse began last year. He noted that the federal government responded to this crisis with bailouts and stimulus packages. The legislature deserves a lot of credit for dealing with that crisis and for working together to find a solution without going into a special session. They deserve a lot of praise for showing courage and fortitude.

Mayor Hafen stated that local governments have faced many difficulties and hardships and local government budgets have been decimated. He commented that for the first time in 22 years, the City of Henderson had to make cuts to services and personnel. Henderson has been ranked as one of the best places to live in America and has earned that distinction because of our commitment to safety, parks and open space, and good planning. Mayor Hafen said the local entities need to come away with a single voice when it comes to the importance of city services, including quality of life elements that our local businesses, residents, and families want, need, and deserve. The residents provide the fuel for the economic engines that drive our economy.

Mayor Hafen said the state leaders and representatives must understand that if they made decisions to take away money from cities and counties, they are actually doing harm to their own constituents. And the notion of giving local entities the ability to utilize revenues as we grow or even allow us to raise our own taxes only to take it away when the state is in a bind, is tantamount to the old cliché of robbing Peter to pay Paul. We need a clear understanding of what the state needs to provide versus what cities and counties need to provide. We need a clear understanding of how these services will be funded, while keeping in mind that equity is a very important part of that discussion.

Mayor Hafen stated that Senate Bill 264 is an interim study concerning the powers delegated to local governments. SCR-37 will be a review of Nevada's revenue structure; and Assembly Bill 494 requires a report on the consolidation or reorganization of certain local government functions.

Mayor Hafen introduced Mike Alasteuy and Marvin Leavitt, technical advisors on fiscal matters in our state, and Thom Reilly, facilitator. He also thanked Terri Barber, Henderson Intergovernmental Relations Director, and Monica Simmons, Henderson City Clerk, for their tireless work in putting this summit together. He also acknowledged staff in every city and county across the state for ensuring this meeting was properly noticed.

V. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUMMIT FACILITATOR

Thom Reilly, Facilitator, suggested that the information gleaned from this gathering be used for direction, discourse, and dialog in all jurisdictions. He asked that speakers state their name and jurisdiction they represent for recording purposes. He stated that this summit is of utmost importance to local government. Mr. Reilly noted the tight time constraints and asked that comments be as concise as possible. Mr. Reilly reviewed the format and noted that flip charts will be used to capture information relating to understanding what the legislation means and how to move forward to address the issues.