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Via Email – info@nvnaco.org

(for inclusion in public comment during January 22, 2021, meeting)

Board of Directors
Nevada Association of Counties
304 South Minnesota Street
Carson City, NV 89703

**Re: County Appointments to the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment
Coordinating Council**

Dear Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors:

As you may recall from your October 23, 2020, meeting, the Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy's (NDSP) Executive Director, Victoria Gonzalez, made a presentation to this Board regarding the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council (NLJRCC), which was created by Assembly Bill 236 (2019) (AB 236) and codified in NRS 176.014 for the purpose of advising and providing input to the Nevada Sentencing Commission (NSC) on various and important criminal justice reform issues at the local level. In her presentation, Ms. Gonzalez provided a brief overview of the NLJRCC's primary purposes and informed this Board that each county is to be represented on the NLJRCC (each county to appoint a member of the NLJRCC). Ms. Gonzalez also explained that the NSC is looking to have all of the appointments to the NLJRCC by July 1, 2020, so that the NSC Chair, Chief Justice Hardesty, can appoint the NLJRCC Chair in August 2020, and the NLJRCC can have its first meeting in September 2020.

On January 4, 2021, the NDSP, on behalf of the NSC, wrote to each County Commissioner in Nevada to introduce the NDSP to them, to advise them of the statutory creation of the NLJRCC, and to invite them to appoint their county's member in the NLJRCC by July 1, 2021. The NDSP further noted the NSC's indication that the NLJRCC should be comprised of stakeholders from the criminal justice system and mental health and treatment communities.

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In addition to sending a letter to each of Nevada's county commissioners, the NDSP requests that the NACO board include in its public comment during its January 22, 2021, meeting this follow up to Ms. Gonzalez's October 23, 2020, presentation regarding the recent statutory creation of the NLJRCC, the NDSP's invitation for Nevada's county commissions to appoint their respective and designated number of NLJRCC members, and the NSC's request that those appointments be made by Nevada's County Commissions by July 1, 2021.

Should anyone on the NACO Board of Directors have any questions or want any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Kind regards,



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Dagny Stapleton
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Subject: Nye County Nomination for a seat on the Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles

Dear Ms. Stapleton,

During the January 20, 2021 Nye County Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board voted to nominate Chair Debra Strickland for appointment to the Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles.

Chair is an avid OHV enthusiast and was instrumental in forming Pahrump's OHV Park Advisory Committee. Her support was vital in obtaining a State OHV grant to design and construct an OHV Park in Pahrump. If appointed, Chair Strickland would be a passionate and contributing member to the OHV Commission.

Thank you for considering her as a candidate for appointment.

Sincerely,

Tim Sutton
Nye County Manager

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cc: Lorina Dellinger, Asst. County Manager; Amanda Evans, Office Manager.

Summary of Recommendation from the Legislative Committee on Public Lands

Discussion of Testimony and Recommendations

C. Open Meeting Law

Recommendation 1

In Response to the Committees solicitation for recommendations, the Eureka County Board of Commissioners provided information regarding the inability of boards of county commissions and other public bodies to effectively participate on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (Pub.L. 91-190) Processes due to federal regulations and policies requiring nondisclosure agreements during deliberative and predecisional meetings. Testimony at the committees' work session further indicated that county commissions engaged in the NEPA process as cooperating agencies are precluded due to Nevada's Open Meeting Law (OML) requirements and that the OML diminishes the role of state and local officials by prohibiting them from deliberating in nonpublic meetings.

Based on a recommendation submitted by the Eureka County Board of Commissioners, the Committee voted to draft a bill to provide and exemption to the OML to allow local governments to engage in deliberative and predecisional nonpublic meetings with federal agencies concerning matters related to NEPA. **(BDR 19-466)**