

WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Dear Washoe County Residents,

Reflecting on 2016 and my term as Washoe County Chair, I am impressed with Washoe County's continued focus on customer service, economic development, support for growth and prosperity in our region. I am proud to say we have had several successes this past year and would like to take a moment to share a few.

In June, I dedicated \$20,000 Commission District Special Funds for County parks, the Peavine Mountain Congested Area Plan and programs for seniors.

Washoe County Regional Parks

My special district funds were donated to pay for healthy snacks and water to give the public during the day of the re-opening of the Rancho San Rafael Park multi-use pasture.

Peavine Mountain Congested Area Plan

A portion of my special district funds were used to revise the congested area maps on Peavine Mountain. The Community Services Department hired a firm to conduct a land survey to possibly reconfigure the current congested shooting area.

Senior Services

I dedicated special district funds to the Sanford Center for Aging. The funds helped the Center promote several programs across Nevada. The Sanford Center for Aging translates research regarding aging and helps educate the elderly through community outreach. Washoe County partnered with the Center for Healthy Aging (CHA) to identify County employees who have caregiver responsibilities.

CHA, among several other projects, implemented a pilot service program with County employees that have elder care responsibilities and track its impact.

Helping the Homeless

In June, County Commissioners approved the \$2,020,856 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the cities of Reno and Sparks for the operation of the Community Assistance Center (CAC). A portion of the money went toward the addition of new programming to support the year-round overflow shelter, providing a place for the homeless to stay year-round while also providing case management to support individualized needs which increases funding from \$1.9 million a year to \$2.6 million.

<u>Budget</u>

The Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget included funding for 63 additional full-time positions, 50 of which required no additional funding from the General Fund. All positions align with the County Commissioners' Strategic Goals and FY 2017 Initiatives and keeps the County financially sound.

Thank you to the staff, the County Commission, and you, the citizens, for helping to make 2016 a great year for Washoe County.

Please continue to share your thoughts, suggestions and ideas with me or the commissioner for your District. Please join me in supporting our new County Chair, Bob Lucey, in continuing to implement our strategic goals in this new year.



Kitty Jung

2016 Washoe County Commission, Chair

District 3 Commissioner