

Dear Washoe County Residents,

I am honored to be elected as the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners in 2016. As I have the past eight and a half years as Washoe County Commissioner, I will continue to represent and serve the citizens of Washoe County the best way I know how.

As we embark upon a new year, there are several goals I hope to work with Vice Chair Bob Lucey and the Commission to achieve. My focus for 2016 is a strong economy, safety for our citizens and environmental sustainability. I am certain that with the help of the Washoe County Commission, we will continue being the social, economic and political leaders in Nevada and the western United States.

The Commissioners recently held our annual strategic planning meeting for the new year and reaffirmed our 2016-18 direction, objectives and goals. Our mission is to work together regionally to provide and sustain a safe, secure and healthy community. As Chair, I will work to ensure the sustainability of our financial, economic and human resources. I will continue the strong support of regional economic development efforts that are required in order to promote business growth all while preparing for the influx of people Washoe County is expecting.

Citizens will remain a priority. Whether it's a senior in need of a warm meal at a senior center, or a child hoping for a home and protection, Washoe County will be the helping hand for the community when called upon. No matter the age, race, gender or religion, I am committed to making sure Washoe County is the best place to live, work and play. A citizen is not only defined as a human being but the common courtesy, respect and need for services extend to our pets as well. Over the course of this year, I will team up with Washoe County Regional Animal Services' staff to make sure our pets are protected and receive the best care.

I have been a constant champion for Washoe County libraries and will continue to be an advocate this year. Libraries are not things of the past; they will continue to evolve, offering not only books but computers, art classes and other educational opportunities. Libraries should be pivotal places in our community where children and adults alike can come to learn. These are just a few of the areas I plan to make a priority as this Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

Public input will remain paramount as the Board of County Commissioners makes decisions. If you want to stay informed on local and regional government services, I encourage you to sign up to receive county news at www.washoecounty.us/cmail. I am honored to be your Chair and look forward to working with my fellow commissioners, citizens and community leaders to continue building toward a better tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Kitty Jung

2016 County Commission Chair

County Commissioner, District 3