



May 12, 2010

Katy Simon
County Manager
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Dear Katy,

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to review the draft report for the Nevada Vision Stakeholders Group. As the president of the largest community college in Northern Nevada—TMCC served 32,385 students in 2009—I am writing to ask that the role of the four Nevada community colleges be added to the final report in several key areas.

1. **Exploiting federal funding opportunities** (page. 3): Add the vital role that community colleges play in obtaining federal funding for Nevadans. TMCC has had significant success in obtaining federal appropriations and grants in last five years, which the college invests into students and programs.
2. **Sustainable and diverse business climate** (p. 4): Add the important role played by community colleges in workforce development. TMCC has obtained nearly *\$3 million dollars this year* in green energy grants and private donations to develop a newly trained workforce in this industry.
3. **Innovative and Attractive Business Climate** (p. 6): Add the pivotal role played by community colleges in attracting new industries. In addition to adding to quality of life issues that help recruit skilled workers from out of state, community college are focused on educating Nevadans. Ninety-five percent of TMCC graduates remain in the state after graduation to work and raise their families.
4. **Educational Attainment and Improved Educational Performance** (p. 12): Add strategies to support and increase funding for community college to address one of the attainment metrics: "...rather than focusing on encouraging a bachelor's degree, when an associate degree might be just as useful...".
5. **Executive Summary** (p. 2), under Training and Employee Retention Efforts, add the role of community colleges to the training of workers for growth industries (health care and nursing are mentioned—two areas in which TMCC graduates are ranked regionally and nationally).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Maria C. Sheehan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Maria" being the most prominent part.

Dr. Maria C. Sheehan
President

EXHIBIT D NevadaStakeholder Document consists of 1 page.

☒ Entire document provided.

A copy of the complete document is available through the Research Library (775/684-6827) or e-mail library@lcb.state.nv.us. Meeting Date: 5/14/10

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