Mathilda Guerrero, Testimony in Opposition to Item F

For the record, my name is Mathilda Guerrero, Government Relations Director at Native Voters Alliance Nevada, and I am the proud product of the Clark County School District. We're calling in opposition to Item F.

We have heard many comments about how students are limited to public schools within their zip code but we wanted to shed light on a vital aspect often overlooked: magnet schools. These public schools stand as beacons of opportunity, allowing students and families to actively choose schools that align with their passions and needs, ensuring both quality and tailored education. I know firsthand the impact of these public schools have as Rancho High School's magnet program prepared me to take on higher education while granting me the ability to learn in an equitable and diverse environment that addressed my unique needs and interests.

Nevada is in the throes of an unchecked housing crisis, hitting our Black, Brown, and Tribal communities hardest. With evictions issued unchecked, landlords play a wild card, creating chaos, misinformation, and uprooting lives. It's not just about a roof—it's jobs, health, and children's futures hanging in the balance.

We urge this committee and Governor Lombardo to consider the current housing crisis at hand and make the appropriate actions to address it, rather than siphoning public dollars to another Betsy Devos inspired school voucher scheme.