



I am writing on behalf of the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada in opposition to amending Senate Bill 450, which established \$37 million in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA) for relocating families to 93 newly built single-family homes adjacent to the sinking Windsor Park neighborhood in North Las Vegas.

Governor Lombardo has proposed exchanging \$25 million of these committed ARPA funds to instead stream from the state general fund. If unused, these funds will sunset in December of 2026. Governor Lombardo's proposal presents three concerns:

1. Redirecting this funding stream requires legislative approval and will further delay the completion of the new housing development.
2. It is unclear where the \$25 million from the state general fund will come from and what the \$25 million of swapped ARPA funds would, in turn, be used for.
3. It is also unclear if the reallocated funds would continue to be used to relocate residents to the new housing development adjacent to Windsor Park. An email sent on September 20th, 2024, from the governor's chief of staff, Ryan Cherry, states the reallocated funds will be used for *"housing efforts to offer rental assistance and downpayment assistance."*

The reconstruction of Windsor Park is not solely a justice issue but a housing equity issue to further close the racial wealth gap. Homeownership has been the cornerstone of creating generational wealth and autonomy and building a thriving community for many residents. The residents who have called Windsor Park their home for decades have deeply expressed wanting to continue on track with the current redevelopment plans. They have waited far too long to live in homes they feel safe in.

Every Nevadan deserves a place to call home. We strongly urge the committee to reject this proposal and continue the effort to reestablish Windsor Park to the standard that once existed.

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