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Re: Recommendation Regarding Mosquito and Vector Control Management

Dear Community Leaders:

The [Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs \(COGA\)](#) spent a significant amount of time during the 2023–2024 Interim considering recommendations made by a variety of stakeholders to positively impact communities in Nevada. During its [April 16, 2024, meeting](#), the COGA received presentations regarding the management and activities of various vector control agencies in Nevada and California.

Testimony provided at the meeting indicated there are currently no coordinated mosquito control efforts in Clark County. This is troubling considering the recent discovery of several harmful mosquitos, particularly the *aedes aegypti*, which has been found throughout the Las Vegas Valley. *Aedes aegypti* is a known vector of several viruses including yellow fever virus, dengue virus, chikungunya virus, and Zika virus. With millions of visitors coming to Las Vegas each year from around the world, there is a high likelihood that certain bloodborne diseases will be brought here, left behind, and transmitted by the *aedes aegypti* mosquito. To combat the spread of this and other vectors, testimony expressed the urgent need for a consistent, organized, and integrated mosquito management district.

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During the COGA's work session on [August 23, 2024](#), the Members unanimously voted to send a letter to each local government in Clark County requesting them to consider creating a mosquito abatement district to improve coordination and ensure there is a comprehensive approach to controlling mosquitos and other vectors.

Thus, as Chair of the COGA, I respectfully encourage your organization to consider the creation of a mosquito abatement district in Clark County.

Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact Jered McDonald, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) at (775) 684-6825 or Jered.McDonald@lcb.state.nv.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Selena Torres". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Selena" being more prominent and the last name "Torres" following in a similar style.

Assemblywoman Selena Torres, Chair
Joint Interim Standing Committee on
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