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The Sunset Committee of the Nevada Legislature
Assemblymember Shea M. Backus, Chair
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701-4747

Dear Chair Backus and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Nevada League of Cities (League), thank you for your time and consideration of our written testimony in support of the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC) Executive Council. As the statewide association representing Nevada's incorporated cities, the League values our intergovernmental partnerships and our role in providing the municipal perspective on matters of importance to the State.

The SLUPAC Executive Council was established more than four decades ago as a mechanism for local governments to resolve land use planning conflicts across Nevada and mitigate potential impacts before they escalate. The structure of the SLUPAC Executive Council, which includes representation that reflects the geographic and jurisdictional diversity of the state, provides valuable statewide insight into the varied land use planning challenges faced by Nevada's cities and communities.

The purpose of the SLUPAC Executive Council is to, upon request, provide technical assistance, facilitate mediation, and, if necessary, help resolve land use inconsistencies between local governments. Importantly, the Executive Council functions only when requested, serving as a collaborative and neutral resource when local governments are unable to reconcile issues independently or through regional planning processes.

As Nevada continues to experience rapid growth and development, land use planning issues involving multiple jurisdictions remain a reality. From the perspective of Nevada's cities—large and small, urban and rural—there is clear value in maintaining the SLUPAC Executive Council. The Council adds value by offering neutral oversight, improving the quality of decision-making, resolving conflicts efficiently, promoting policy consistency, and reducing legal and political risk for local governments.

Thank you again for your consideration. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input and stand ready to assist the Committee with any questions or additional information that may be helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly McNeil".

Kelly McNeil
Executive Director & CEO
Nevada League of Cities