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RE: METRO Request for Additional Funds

Dear Chairman Sisolak and Clark County Board of County Commissioners,

The Nevada Firearms Coalition is dedicated to the safe use of firearms for self-defense, competition, recreation and hunting. We are a Nevada grassroots organization representing the firearms owners of Nevada. We are the State Association for the National Rifle Association, and a member of the National March 30, 2013 Shooting Sports Foundation.

We are requesting that this letter be placed in the official record as our opposition for providing additional funding for the Clark County Metropolitan Police Department (METRO) for the following reasons:

- Since 1948 Clark County has been the only county in all of Nevada to require handgun registration via Clark County Code 12.04 (080, 090, 100, 110, 180, 200, 210).
- On October 11, 2011 BCC Commissioner Reid asked the county manager to perform an audit of the program. Questions asked in the letter were briefly answered with little or no data provided and the audit request was ignored.
- On March 2, 2012 BCC Commissioner Collins asked the county manager to perform an audit of the program. Questions asked in the letter were briefly answered with the exact same answers provided to Commissioner Reid, the audit request was ignored.
- On August 16, 2012, this organization asked the county manager for an audit of the handgun registration program.
- On September 7, 2012 we received a letter from the county manger denying the request and stating "Please be advised that I do not intend to authorize and audit of this program at this time."
- We have been soliciting petitions from registered voters of Clark County protesting this program and have accumulated approximately 3,000 signatures at this time.
- This program is extremely unpopular with the law abiding citizens of Clark County.
- In responses to these letters and other inquiries METRO has not documented any efficiency or effectiveness of this program and cannot justify it nor the expenses to support the program.

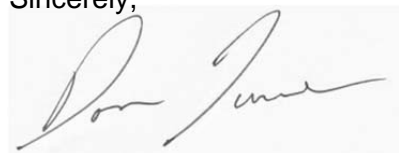
As a good steward of tax payer money and a professional manager of a large agency, the METRO sheriff should evaluate all his programs to ensure that tax payer dollars are being expended in an efficient and effective manner. He has refused to perform performance and economic audits of this problematic program despite repeated requests by County Commissioners and citizens to justify or improve the program. There have been no performance measures established or analyzed,, and this is fact is documented in the responses to the audit requests.

Until such time as the METRO Sheriff evaluates and streamlines programs within his agency (including standard performance measures) and eliminates those that are not providing a positive cost-benefit outcome, no additional funds should be provided.

We request that the Board of County Commissioners not provide METRO with additional funding until such time as the Sherriff demonstrates good business practices.

We also request that the Board of County Commissioners repeal Code 12.04 (Clark County Handgun Registration Program) and direct that the Sheriff utilize the funds expanded on this program to offset costs of more effective and critical programs within METRO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Turner", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Don Turner, President

cc: Members METRO Finance Committee