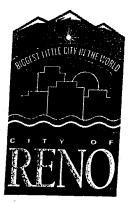
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"The most livable of Nevada cities; the focus of culture, commerce and tourism in Northern Nevada."

Commissioner Doug Walling, Chairman Storey County Planning Commission P.O. Box 526 Virginia City, NV 89440

Dear Commissioner Walling:

Ten years ago Storey County approved the Tahoe Regional Industrial Park which has quickly become a Northern Nevada success story. With a planned build out of up to 600,000,000 million square feet of commercial and industrial space, TRI is the largest park of its kind in the world. A commercial development of this magnitude brings with it many political, social and fiscal consequences, not just for Storey County but for your neighboring counties and cities as well.

Upon build-out, TRI has the potential to employ as many as 180,000 people which could equate to approximately the same number of homes. To put this in perspective, there are currently 225,000 jobs in Reno-Sparks today. By the end of 2008, just 18 months away, TRI officials believe that 15,000-20,000 jobs may be generated by the park's tenants. This means a need for a potential in that short period of up to 15,000-20,000 homes.

Sound planning would suggest that Storey County provided housing for this workforce. However, with TRI being industrial and no housing to be supplied, this forces all employees to live and use all the public services of all the neighboring Counties and Cities. This is not equitable.

I encourage you, in the spirit of regional fairness and equity, to move quickly to provide housing, commercial uses, and public services in support of the extraordinary number of jobs that are rapidly coming on-line at TRI. Reno and Sparks should not be burdened with fulfilling your housing and public service needs without benefiting from the commercial and industrial real estate taxes generated by the park.

The number of people working in your county is expanding rapidly. Now is the time to plan for your good, sound and balanced future.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Cashell, Sr., Mayor City of Reno

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