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Bob Lucey, District 2  
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## Washoe County Elected Officials

Chuck Allen, Sheriff  
Chris Hicks, District Attorney  
Nancy Parent, Clerk  
Michael Clark, Assessor  
Tammi Davis, Treasurer  
Lawrence Burtness, Recorder  
Don Cavallo, Public Administrator

## About Washoe County



Washoe County is a growing area located along the eastern slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in western Nevada.

- 6,600 square miles
- 2015 Population: 436,797
  - 235,371 Reno
  - 92,396 Sparks
  - 109,030 Unincorporated Areas
- FY 2014-2015 Adopted Budget
  - General Fund: \$307 million
  - Total Funds: \$541 million
  - 7 Elected Department Administrators
  - 2,546 employees



# Washoe County

# 2015 Legislative Program

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## Washoe County 2015 Legislative Principles

### Respect for Governmental Roles

#### *Partners Providing Service to Our Shared Constituents*

All governments in Nevada are partners in providing consistent and reliable services to our shared constituents, and therefore all levels of government must be viable in order for our citizens to enjoy an outstanding quality of life. A great State requires strong, effective, mutually-respectful government at all levels.

#### *Focus on Outcomes*

Services to citizens should be provided efficiently; should be effective; and must demonstrate measurable results. All governments should be held accountable for measurable outcomes and cost-effective performance, while at the same time be given the flexibility to let local elected leaders decide how best to achieve those outcomes.

#### *Local Determination*

Statewide policy decisions should be made by State leaders; local policy decisions should be made by local leaders. Local governments must have the right to control their resources, and voters should have the ability to decide whether those resources are sufficient or not. Local governments should have discretion on delivering State programs and services when funding is reduced or diverted by the State.

#### *Local Decision-Making and Flexibility*

Washoe County urges the preservation of local prerogatives over matters traditionally and best governed at the local level. The legislature should encourage local officials and citizens to solve local problems. Legislation should foster local flexibility and assist local government leaders and the citizens they represent in addressing problems in ways that best serve their community.

#### *Unfunded Mandates*

Washoe County believes the Nevada State Legislature should not impose mandated functions, activities, or regulations on local governments without providing financial resources or means to meet the costs of carrying out those mandates.

## Washoe County 2015 Legislative Principles

### Recover Our Economic Strength

#### *Support Economic Recovery and Development*

Promote regional collaboration on economic development and support a coordinated regional response to the economic challenges and opportunities facing Northern Nevada.

#### *Long Term, Sustainable Solutions*

The economy and tax revenue base on which all governments in Nevada rely are undergoing a fundamental restructure. Simply shifting the service burden or revenues from one government service provider to another will not responsibly and sustainably meet the needs of the citizens of Nevada and Washoe County. All governments need to be working together toward long-term solutions for service provision and equitable, stable funding for those services, and not at one another's expense.

#### *Fiscal Responsibility*

Washoe County supports local government fiscal responsibility and long-term financial planning; including retaining and expanding tools at the local level to better manage budget and cash flow and responsibly structure revenue sources.



### Regional Solutions

#### *Intergovernmental Collaboration*

Washoe County supports collaborative efforts of service providers within the region and the state to provide the best service possible at the lowest possible cost to the constituents of Washoe County.

#### *Legislative Relations*

Washoe County recognizes that local governments in the region have numerous areas of mutual interest, and that a cooperative and integrated approach to legislative relations best serves the interests of the residents of Washoe County.

## Washoe County 2015 Legislative Principles

### Commitment

Washoe County is committed to working with the 2015 Legislature, community stakeholders and business partners to provide effective representation of Washoe County's legislative goals and issues.

The Washoe County Legislative Team is readily available during the 2015 Legislative Session to assist legislative committees, individual legislators, and legislative staff to provide timely and accurate response to requests for information that will assist in the deliberation and formulation of legislation.

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