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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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On June 9, 2009, the Clark County Republican Central Committee held a special session devoted to addressing the recent tax increases forced upon the Nevada taxpayers. Specifically, the Central Committee passed a series of resolutions with reference to the Legislature's recent action in overriding Governor Gibbons' veto forcing over \$700 million dollars in higher taxes on the State of Nevada. These resolutions praised both Governor Gibbons and certain Republican members of the Legislature which stood by him to impede these higher taxes, especially at a time when Nevada families and businesses are striving to survive in this impaired economy.

Further, and in contrary to the praise to both Governor Gibbons and those specified Republican Legislators, the Central Committee also passed resolutions condemning by name the Republican Legislators which set aside their commitment to Nevada taxpayers and voted with the Democrats to override the Governor Gibbons' veto agreeing to the tax increases.

The following shall serve as the resolutions, which were passed by the Clark County Republican Central Committee:

### **RESOLUTION #1: PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY**

Whereas, Clark County, Nevada is already burdened with high unemployment and a sagging business economy; and,

Whereas, the platform of the Clark County Republican Party is clear in its opposition to new taxes; and,

Whereas, raising taxes is extremely poor public policy for Nevada's people and its economy; and,

Whereas, the Nevada Republican Party as a whole, and every Chairman of every Nevada County Central Committee has signed a resolution urging its elected leaders to vote against raising new taxes; and,

Whereas, the political damage caused to the Republican Party brand name from Republican officeholders who support higher taxes is tremendous; and,

Whereas, Governor Gibbons understood the economic burden of tax increases on Nevada families during this harsh economic time; and,

Whereas, Governor Jim Gibbons stood by his promise not to raise taxes; and,

Whereas, Governor Jim Gibbons vetoed SB-429, the \$781 million dollar tax increase bill as promised; therefore,

Be it resolved that the CCRCC proclaims its pride and thanks, and gratefully acknowledges Governor Jim Gibbons for standing firm and adhering to the core Republican principles of conservative fiscal responsibility and low taxes for individual Nevadans and businesses; and,

Be it finally resolved that the CCRCC proclaims its pride and thankfulness, and gratefully acknowledges Governor Jim Gibbons for standing firm and vetoing SB-429, the \$781 million dollar irresponsible and burdensome tax increase bill.

## **RESOLUTION #2: PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY**

Whereas, Clark County, Nevada is already burdened with high unemployment and a sagging business economy; and,

Whereas, the platform of the Clark County Republican Party is clear in its opposition to new taxes; and,

Whereas, raising taxes is extremely poor public policy for Nevada's people and its economy; and,

Whereas, the Nevada Republican Party as a whole, and every Chairman of every Nevada County Central Committee has signed a resolution urging its elected Legislators to vote against raising new taxes; and,

Whereas, the political damage caused to the Republican Party brand name from Republican officeholders who support higher taxes is tremendous; and,

Whereas, the following Republican Legislators understood the economic burden of tax increases on Nevada families during this harsh economic time; and,

Whereas, the following Republican Legislators stood by their promise not to raise taxes in SB-429; and,

Whereas, the following Legislators voted to not override Governor Gibbons veto of SB-429, the \$781 million dollar tax increase bill as promised; therefore,

Be it resolved that the CCRCC proclaims its pride and thanks, and gratefully acknowledges the following Republican Legislators for standing firm and adhering to the core Republican principles of conservative fiscal responsibility and low taxes for individual Nevadans and businesses:

### **Republican Senators**

Mark Amodei  
Barbara Cegavske  
Mike McGinnis  
Maurice Washington

### **Republican Assemblymen and Assemblywomen:**

Chad Christensen  
Tyrus Cobb  
Heidi Gansert  
Edwin Goedhart  
Pete Goicoechea  
Tom Grady  
Don Gustavson  
John Hambrick  
Joe Hardy  
Richard McArthur  
James Settelmeyer  
Lynn Stewart  
Melissa Woodbury

## **RESOLUTION #3: PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY**

Whereas, Clark County, Nevada is already burdened with high unemployment and a sagging business economy; and,

Whereas, the platform of the Clark County Republican Party is clear in its opposition to new taxes; and,

Whereas, raising taxes is extremely poor public policy for Nevada's people and its economy; and,

Whereas, the Nevada Republican Party as a whole, and every Chairman of every Nevada County Central Committee has signed a resolution urging its elected Legislators to vote against raising new taxes; and,

Whereas, the political damage caused to the Republican Party brand name from Republican officeholders who support higher taxes is tremendous; and,

Whereas, the Clark County, Nevada Republican Party has a responsibility to make it clear that individual Legislators who are registered as Republicans who voted for tax increases did so in disregard and in opposition to their own political party; therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the Clark County, Nevada Republican Party that for their votes in support of raising taxes in SB-429, we censure the following registered Republican Legislators:

### **Republican Senators**

Dennis Nolan

Warren Hardy

William Raggio

Dean Rhoads

Randolph Townsend

### **Republican Assemblymen**

John Carpenter

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the members of the Clark County, Nevada Republican Party urge the Republican Party Central Committee, or any other official party entity from giving any assistance of any kind to those Legislators listed above.

Sincerely,

**Bernie Zadrowski**

Chairman, Clark County Republican Party