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MEMORANDUM

Historic Resources Commission meeting of April 09, 2009

TO: Historic Resources Commission **Item F-5**

FROM: Jennifer Pruitt, Principal Planner 

DATE: April 09, 2009

SUBJECT: **HRC-09-024** – Presentation and action to provide comments to the Governor regarding, "Funding for the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office".

Recommended Motion: I move to direct staff to forward public comments by minutes from this meeting to the Governor regarding, "Funding for the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office".

Discussion:

The Governor's proposed budget would drastically cut spending on Nevada's heritage and cultural programs. The SHPO office would be cut in half (losing several positions) and the Nevada Historical Society's staff would be reduced from 10 to five. The budget cuts would also eliminate historic preservation grants that support community projects, including the publication of walking tours, historic surveys, "Bricks & mortar" work on historic buildings, and reduce hours of operation or even close historical museums.

The State Historic Preservation Office encourages the preservation, documentation, and use of cultural resources through state and federal programs. The agency works to educate the public about the importance of our cultural heritage so that Nevada's historic and archaeological properties are preserved, interpreted, and reused for their economic, educational, and intrinsic values and for future generations to appreciate.