

LATE MATERIAL

Item#: Public Comment - mostly in relation to 14 & 18b

Meeting Date: 05/05/2022

From: [Elizabeth Haase](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Acquire Ash Canyon
Date: Friday, April 29, 2022 2:54:36 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I strongly support acquiring the Ash Canyon acreage. Too much open land in Carson is already under development, changing the rural beauty, overloading the water table, and other negative impacts. Acquiring this property will ensure the hills surrounding Carson remain able to provide water, accessible to all residents, and preserve the vistas that make this such a very special place to live.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Haase, MD

From: [Adam Woodrum](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: May 5, 2022 meeting
Date: Friday, April 29, 2022 3:20:25 PM

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I want to offer my support for acquisition of the Ash Canyon property.
(Item 18.B)

Thanks,

Adam Woodrum

From: jsgallegos@charter.net
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Municipal Ordinance Change
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 7:30:15 AM

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Carson City Board and DA

Please do not change the municipal ordinance to limit the power of all citizens to fully voice their opposition to decisions made by the planning commission and other commissions beyond the three-minute public comment period. Citizen groups and citizens of the community that are affected by these decisions should have the ability to appeal decisions as long as there is merit and reasonable community support for the appeal. This check and balance mechanism is a critical part of the public hearing process for a community like Carson City and it is vitally important to me and my family. We expect to have our voice heard in more than one way as a part of this community – to maintain the quality of life we expect our leaders to not only uphold but improve.

Jim Gallegos
1000 Kingsley Lane
Carson City, NV 89701

From: [Laura Lawrence](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: RE: District Attorney's proposed municipal ordinance
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 9:05:54 AM

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I oppose the District Attorney's proposed municipal ordinance to limit a citizen's right to appeal decisions made by the Planning Director, the Planning Commission, the Historical Commission, or the Growth Management Commission to our Board of Supervisors. The DA's proposal is not in the best interest of any voter, citizen or resident of our community. It is through appeals made by local citizens that these elected and/or appointed officials hear the voters and citizens that make up our community. Appeals are a system of checks and balances for these officials that allow another "perspective" to an issue that may have been overlooked due to ignorance, political bullying, or misinformation.

Laura Lawrence
1163 W. Fifth Street
Carson City

From: [Villa Sierra MHP](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Agenda item 14A
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 9:31:28 AM

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Hello, I would like my comment to go on record opposing any change that will limit grievances by the public to only property owners. The proposed changes to CCMC 18.02.060 limits the ability of voters and residents of Carson City to redress their grievances. By narrowing the definition of "aggravated party" to only people with "real property" rights you are preventing a large number of the population more directly affected by questionable decisions made by the planning board. This is a violation of our rights as a community to voice our concerns I ask that you please vote no to these changes.

Thank you,

Charlotte Stewart
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From: [Robert Buttner](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: The proposed "Standing" ordinance.
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 10:43:19 AM

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Please vote **No** on this suppression of our communities right to have a voice in the type of community we want to live in.

The District Attorney proposal will effectively limit our right: to redress by placing limits on our free speech, and this will give even more power to our city government to squash any opposition. This comes on the heels of the Planning Commission decision to approve a slaughter house on highway 50 despite overwhelming public opposition. Three courageous citizens filed appeals to the Board of Supervisors. At the meeting, the former President of the Planning Commission argued that the Board of Supervisors should reject the community opposition and support the Planning Commission's decision. Really: our planning commissioner essentially stated "Listen to us, not the community."

Every citizen should have the right to appeal a decision by an appointed board (an ADVISORY board) if they feel their issue has sufficient merit. We do not live in a Kingdom of Oligarchs and the very 1st responsibility of our elected officials should be to listen to the Majority of the citizens they represent.

Respectfully submitted

Robert R. Buttner
4966 August Dr.
Carson City, Nv.
Native Nevada &
Resident since 1960

From: [Russ Wilson](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Carson City Proposed Slaughterhouse Opposition - DA Proposal to Limit Responses
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 11:10:05 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am greatly concerned about the District Attorney proposal to include an amendment to CCMC that will limit the public's voice when addressing and appealing Planning Commission decisions.

Any attempt to stifle the citizens of Carson City in their rights to address issues within the city must be stopped. By limiting those only that those with "standing" as defined by the city's DA's office, "possess a real or personal property right that has been adversely affected by the decision..." First, the definition is vague of "standing". Who decides who is the possess a real or personal property right that has been adversely affected by the decision? Not every decision made by the city only affect those directly adjacent, but those decisions can have a cascading effect to all Carson City residents.

I do not support any attempt to limit the citizens of Carson City to have a voice and appeal decisions. This is a legal slippery slope, ill-defined and an ill-advised attempt to stifle public input and interest. This is exactly the kind of thing that makes citizens distrust government and push citizens to question, "why be involved if my voice will never be heard"? This is especially egregious because it involves a singular controversial topic (the building of a slaughterhouse on Hwy 50) that Mayor Bagwell has been quite vocal in supporting.

This proposal has the look and feel of a direct attempt for elected officials to get their way, not matter the citizen input. The citizens clearly did the right thing, in the right way and won – and now that victory is attempting to be taken away from them by changing the rules after the fact. As elected government employees there is a duty to remember that they are servants to their citizens and they are demanding that the slaughterhouse not be located on the proposed Hwy 50 site. This is more than just a slaughterhouse – this move by the DA is about the fundamental right of citizens to have their voices heard and actions taken to keep overreaching government entities in check.

Thank you,

Russ Wilson
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From: [Barney Rabold](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public input
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 11:39:17 AM

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On Thursday the board of supervisors will consider a municipal ordinance that will drastically change the ability of citizens to voice their opposition to decisions made by the planning commission.

I find this ordinance to be improper and I object to limiting our community to participate in the decision process for planning our community. All citizens should have the opportunity and right to be heard at public meetings for our community.

I strongly object to this ordinance and urge the board of supervisors to reject this ordinance.

Barney Rabold
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From: [Charles Macquarie](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Anne Macquarie](#); [Peter Doenges](#)
Subject: May 5, 2022 BOS Agenda Item 18.B: Possible acquisition of 81.55 acres of privately owned property in Ash Canyon, APN 007-091-28.
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 2:23:27 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

We strongly support acquisition of this parcel for open space and passive recreation. This parcel is key to the completion and connectivity of the Ash Canyon trail system. This trail system is very popular with walkers and bike riders and sees extensive use on a daily basis year-round. The City's agreement with Muscle Powered for trail maintenance will ensure that the trails are well maintained without costing the City additional time and money in trail maintenance. And the sheep will keep the cheat grass under control :).

Regards,

Chas and Anne Macquarie
Carson City

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Sue Robertson](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: keep Ash Canyon our Recreational activities Paradise
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 3:03:55 PM

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Vote to purchase on May 5, as this area is vital to people in Carson City seeking an outdoor lifestyle. So many folks use this area every day to recreate on trails and wild animals need this habitat to forage and survive. Don't let development be the the only use for our precious lands..vote yes!

From: [Paul Esswein](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Masonic Lodge property acquisition
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 3:40:23 PM

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I strongly support Carson City's acquisition of this property for inclusion in the city's Open Space Program. Development of this parcel would be detrimental to the recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, and the city services necessary should this land be developed.

Please preserve this valuable Open Space resource.

Paul Esswein

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Peter Smith](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: BOS 5/5 - Open Space
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 4:25:17 PM

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I support to purchase of the Masonic Lodge property in Ash Canyon, for all the normal reasons which you all will hear about from others.

Thanks,
P.

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Peter J. Smith, Esq.
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From: [Jennifer Verive](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [Stacey Giomi](#)
Cc: [Bob Buttner](#); [Kathleen Franco Simmons](#); [Doreen Mack](#)
Subject: Public comment for 5/5/22 BOS meeting re Item 14A on proposed ordinance by DA
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 8:25:20 AM

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Dear Supervisor Giomi:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ordinance, submitted by our Carson City District Attorney, to "establish various provisions governing administrative appeals related to land use and zoning" (Agenda Item 14A).

This unneeded ordinance appears to curtail the ability of the residents of our small community to participate in the design, development, and growth of the place we all call Home. Contrary to the arguable contentions made to bolster the proposed ordinance, current best practices for community development are to have a process that is a collaboration between elected and appointed officials, city staff, and the public. We need to make decisions together. The Supreme Court of the State of Nevada has made it clear that the public's voice is a necessary and relevant one that must be heard in all community decisions.

Thus, I am shocked and saddened that our District Attorney has proposed an ordinance that makes it more difficult for the public to participate in the decision-making process. This is especially surprising given the extremely broad latitude that the Board of Supervisors has in the appeals process. While working through the recent appeal that I made to the BOS (regarding a proposed slaughterhouse), I learned that the BOS may determine the timing of appeals, the content of the appeals, the format of the appeals, the way appeals are organized, and pretty much everything else related to the appeals process. I was appreciative of the generosity the BOS showed me and my co-appellant, Bob Buttner, in this process and felt it was a fair and accurate hearing of our "side" of the matter at hand.

Given the extraordinary flexibility and control over the appeals process, there is simply no need to limit or curtail the ability of the residents of our small community to appeal decisions made by our boards and committees. In my view, the proposed ordinance is unnecessary and harmful to our community. It does not reflect the values of fair play and a willingness to listen to one another that are fundamental to how we do business.

If our DA wishes to clarify the definition of an aggrieved party, then there are ways to do so that are better aligned with our community values and best practices. Clarification does not require changing the definition. Instead, providing step-by-step clarity to the appeals process to make it more accessible and inclusive would be surely more effective in creating a "transparent" process that increases trust in our city government.

I urge you to not accept/approve this ordinance. Thank you for your consideration and for all that you do for our community.

Most Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Verive

From: [Wilson, Kendra L](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Aggrieved Party
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 9:22:41 AM

Hi there,

I'd like to document my dissatisfaction with the proposed changes to who can be considered an "aggrieved party" set for discussion on May 5th. As representatives, I hope all of our Board believes in a robust democracy. Government works best when many people can participate, in my opinion. This proposal takes power and voice AWAY from the people and I hope you will all reject it.

Thank you,

[Kendra L Wilson, ChFC®](#)

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From: [lisa harris](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Anderson Ranch Non Compliance Dust Control
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 11:14:16 AM
Attachments: [IMG_2088.MOV](#)

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I submit the following for public comment for the Board of Supervisors Meeting on 5/4/22
Can the City help enforce the contractor's permit with regard to dust control and wind erosion? The contractor is non compliant with EPA requirements. I am tired of dealing with excess dust in my house, cars and nose. Yesterday was exceptionally bad due to the high winds. See the attached video. You can hear my truck being pelted with dust from the project site. Dust blew in my house through closed windows and my backyard looked like a scene from the Wizard of Oz. There is dust inside all of my cars. Who is going to clean this mess up and pay for new paint jobs? Their lack of dust control is causing physical damage to vehicles and property of Carson City residents. This was not an issue prior to construction and ground disturbance. I called the number posted on the sign yesterday and was told by the contractor they had water trucks on site. That was a lie. I didn't see any. I went back to the site about an hour later and saw 1 water truck. That's like trying to put out a structure fire with a spray bottle. This is not sufficient for the magnitude of the site or prevailing weather conditions. The contractor is responsible for the soil disturbance on their site. They needed a dust palliative for areas where they are not currently grading and several water trucks on site at all times. Please fine them and shut the job down until they can comply with the law. Obviously, they don't bother to check weather reports and the wind should not have been a surprise. I have already called and filed a complaint with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection but would appreciate some backup.
Carson City Resident

From: [Francis Flaherty](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 18(B) - May 5, 2022 BOS Meeting
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 1:40:23 PM

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Honorable Members of the Board,

Regarding Agenda Item 18(B), I write in support of acquisition of 81.55 acres of privately owned property in Ash Canyon, APN 007-091-28 ("Property") for open space and passive recreation purposes, and a proposed resolution related to an offer to purchase the Property. The Property is a high priority for Carson City's Open Space program based on important natural resource values such as wildlife habitat, watershed protection, water quality protection and trail connectivity. I often use the property while hiking and/or riding my mountain bike.

The trails around town are one of the things that makes Carson City a great place to live!

Thank you for your attention and careful consideration.

Frank Flaherty
2528 Simons Court
Carson City, NV 89703

From: [Kathryn Smith](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Anderson Ranch
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 3:05:00 PM

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Our house backs up to the Anderson Ranch project. The dust on windy days is unbelievable. We understand that development is inevitable on private land such as this but we feel our elected officials have gone about this all wrong. The people who live around the perimeter of this former meadow are left to deal with the city's greed by allowing this developer to move forward and not demanding certain criteria be met. We are inundated with dirt, noise, and workers looking in our backyards on a daily basis. Shouldn't there have been some sort of wall like those surrounding all the other newer developments in this town? It would not solve all the issues but it would have helped. Why are we left to solve these problems on our own when the developer stands to make millions of dollars at our expense?

Kathryn and Gary Smith

From: [K Franco Simmons](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [CCEO](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Board of Supervisors meeting 5-5-2022, Item 14A
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 5:35:38 PM

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May 3, 2022 – For the Board of Supervisors Agenda of May 5, 2022

Subject: Item 14A – First Reading of proposed ordinance establishing various provisions governing administrative appeals related to land use and zoning

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to OPPOSE the draft ordinance establishing various provisions governing administrative appeal related to land use and zoning.

Currently, the Municipal Code allows any decision to be appealed to the board by the applicant, "any aggrieved party", or any member of the board. The new ordinance would require that a person may only be considered to be an "aggrieved party" as follows:

12. For purposes of this section, a person is deemed to be aggrieved by a decision if the person:

(a) Submitted an application for a property pursuant to the provisions of this title which was denied by the decision; or

(b) Appeared, in person, through an authorized representative or in writing, before the person or entity from whom the decision which is the basis of the appeal was issued and who satisfies one of the following conditions:

(1) Received, or should have received, a notice of public hearing required by CCMC 18.02.045; or

(2) Possesses a real or personal property right that has been adversely affected by the decision which is the basis of the appeal in a manner substantially different from any right of the general public.

This change to the Carson City Municipal Code will have an impact on all Carson City residents who expect to have a say in what is and is not allowed with land use in our city. It will prevent most, if not all concerned residents from appealing bad decisions of the Planning Commission and other commissions. It will effectively remove an inherent right from most citizens and residents.

Several examples in which this new ordinance will disenfranchise residents include:

- A person with severe asthma who lives 10 feet beyond the public noticing zone for a special use permit where the applicants are proposing to use noxious aerosols for example, would not be deemed "an aggrieved party" with standing to file an appeal.

- A group of residents who want to appeal a special use permit to mine lithium in an environmentally sensitive area would not be deemed "an aggrieved party" with standing to file an appeal.

- A family who are trying to protect the integrity of a local cemetery from encroachment by conflicting uses such as cell towers or noisy industrial uses would not be deemed "an aggrieved

party" with standing to file an appeal.

- A neighborhood group who do not like the impact to their property values and quality of life that a new high-density apartment complex nearby but outside of the public noticing requirement will not be deemed "an aggrieved party" with standing to file an appeal.

I am sure you can think of other examples that you have personally observed in your time on the Board.

The staff report claims that *"this proposed ordinance resets - for the benefit of the public and without altering the original intent of CCMC..."* and that *"this proposed ordinance incorporates the following substantive changes which are intended to foster the public trust by increasing governmental transparency..."* No description in layman's terms as to how this ordinance meets those statements was provided in the staff report. **In removing an inherent right of the public to engage and participate in local government decision-making, this ordinance does NOT benefit the public, it DOES alter the original intent of a clear reading of the CCMC, and it DOES NOT foster the public trust by increasing governmental transparency.**

This proposed ordinance includes other additions to the CCMC to purportedly clarify and *"provide procedural exactness."* In providing for "procedural exactness" the text of the ordinance makes substantive changes that disenfranchise the public. It appears to have the intent of making the jobs of staff, the District Attorney, and the Board easier by restricting the public's rights to appeal bad decisions of our commissions. It does not have the interests of the public at heart, which should be first and foremost.

Please vote to OPPOSE this proposed draft ordinance and do not advance it to a second reading.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Franco Simmons
2108 Utah Street
Carson City, NV 89701

From: [Kat M](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Against
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 6:48:30 PM

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Dear Supervisor Giomi:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ordinance, submitted by our Carson City District Attorney, to "establish various provisions governing administrative appeals related to land use and zoning" (Agenda Item 14A). This is a disgrace to the citizens and community of Carson City!!!

This unneeded ordinance appears to curtail the ability of the residents of our small community to participate in the design, development, and growth of the place we all call Home. Contrary to the arguable contentions made to bolster the proposed ordinance, current best practices for community development are to have a process that is a collaboration between elected and appointed officials, city staff, and the public. We need to make decisions together. The Supreme Court of the State of Nevada has made it clear that the public's voice is a necessary and relevant one that must be heard in all community decisions.

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If our DA wishes to clarify the definition of an aggrieved party, then there are ways to do so that are better aligned with our community values and best practices. Clarification does not require changing the definition. Instead, providing step-by-step clarity to the appeals process to make it more accessible and inclusive would be surely more effective in creating a "transparent" process that increases trust in our city government.

I urge you to not accept/approve this ordinance. Thank you for your consideration and for all that you do for our community.

Thank you!!

Sincerely,

Kathleen McFarlin and Barbara Barton

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From: [Merlyn Paine](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [CCEO](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 14A
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 9:51:49 PM

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Board of Supervisors:

I adamantly support those comments written to you by Kathleen Simmons and Jennifer Cerive.

I also wish to add that my impression of this new ordinance proposal is that it is extremely similar to the efforts nationwide that are carefully and deliberately constructed to “disenfranchise” many of the legal voters of this country and the various states. You too, as representatives of the residents of Carson City, voted in to represent and work for the benefit of our City population as a whole, are apparently doing the same thing. It is a contradiction that you are considering eliminating many of your constituency from voicing their opinion on proposed City actions. It appears that you are responding to political pressure from economic entities which have proposed at least one controversial and inappropriate facility within the City limits.

Rather than pass a new ordinance further restricting the public input, it would make more sense and earn you more admiration, if you corrected the original ordinance to be less restrictive and thus avoid this type of controversy and political pressure. You might be aware that the national laws endorse public input as part of our right as citizens. For example, the National Environmental Policy Act requires extensive public input and official response to those comments. Any facility with even one cent of federal money must follow the NEPA requirements including wide public input requirements. Rather than restricting public input, NEPA and the Federal policy institutes a very specific and wide range of public input. The Code of Federal Regulations is very clear as to the intent of developing facilities not only require but encourage public input. It is a guide to operating an enlightened government.

This proposed ordinance does the complete opposite.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Merlyn Paine

From: [Brett Long](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: B.O.S. agenda item #18.B and the acquisition of APN 007-091-28
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 10:03:21 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

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Dear Supervisors,

Regarding the May 5th B.O.S. agenda item #18.B and the acquisition of the 80.55 acre property APN 007-091-28 in Ash Canyon; I'm writing you in support of the purchase of the property.

Thank You to the Freemasons who have granted access to the trails on this land over the years for the use of the citizens. This section of property is a critical component necessary for the sustainability of the habitat of Ash Canyon. Additionally, this property is essential for the connectivity of the trails developed over the years which contribute to the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Carson City.

Carson City has realized the benefits of the investment into the Ash to Kings trail and the acquisition of the Ham property. With the Freemason property now available, it's crucial Carson City secures this land for preservation, connectivity, and the benefit of the citizens.

I appreciate your consideration and urge you to approve the purchase of APN 007-091-28.

Sincerely,



Brett Long

From: marcia.cuccaro@yahoo.com
To: [Public Comment; CCEO](#)
Subject: Subject: Item14A
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 10:45:14 PM

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I would like to voice my opinion in totally supporting the public comments made by Kathleen Franco Simmons. If I could have written an opinion as eloquently as Ms. Simmons did, I would have submitted an original opinion, but she said it all!

Please vote to OPPOSE this proposed draft ordinance and DO NOT advance it to a second reading.

Sincerely
Marcia Bernard Cuccaro

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From: [Rene Don PIZZO](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [CCEO](#)
Subject: May 5, 2022, reading of ordinance regarding aggrieved parties -- 14.A in the agenda
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 11:20:30 PM

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Board of Supervisors:

Please OPPOSE the proposed ordinance changes regarding what an aggrieved party is and how they can appeal put forth in DA Jason Woodbury's memo. His changes remove some of the fairness in allowing ordinary people to appeal a decision. His changes place a burden on people who are not lawyers to try and understand the legalese for what is required to make an appeal as well as their ability to be considered an aggrieved party. There is already a large financial burden as well as a time constraint for people to appeal, and he proposes to make it even more difficult.

These types of ordinance changes should be collaborative. Look for ordinary citizens to be on a committee with Mr. Woodbury or his designee, write something in plain English, keep it short, and make the process to appeal easier and more fair rather than more difficult for the citizens of Carson City.

Thank you.

Rene Pizzo
c/o The Howards
4990 August Drive
Carson City, NV 89706

(I sent this same email via the Contact Us webpage, too, but wanted to ensure you received my request for opposing this change.)

From: [Carson City](#)
To: [CCEO](#)
Subject: Proposed changes to CCMC Title 18
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 5:29:48 AM

Message submitted from the <Carson City> website.

Site Visitor Name: Donna Gray
Site Visitor Email: donnamgray@aol.com

I am opposed to the proposed changes. Instead of "fostering public trust" as a stated objective, many of the changes restrict public involvement in issues that potentially effect the public and thereby decrease public trust in their city representatives. Please vote against these changes.
Thank you.

From: [Laura Richards](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Support for Ash Canyon acquisition
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 8:35:27 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please support the Ash Canyon acquisition, a valuable addition for the residents of Carson City for open space and recreation.

Thank you,

Laura Richards

Sent from my iPhone

From: [barbara asp](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: COMPLETELY opposed to proposed ordinance by Jason Woodbury
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 8:52:34 AM

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I am completely opposed to the proposed ordinance submitted by our Carson City District Attorney, to "establish various provisions governing administrative appeals related to land use and zoning" (Agenda Item 14A).

All this ordinance will do is take away more of the voice of we the people and keep it with the elected officials. Shame on Jason Woodbury for proposing this ordinance. I hope a slaughterhouse isn't ever proposed 900 feet away from your house!

Because so many people are affected by operations like the slaughterhouse that was proposed, MANY people want to share their opposition to it, whether it personally affects their property value, health or well-being etc. or not. This proposed ordinance won't allow as many people to voice their opinions. And as Charles Borders pleaded with the Board of Supervisors to "give us the confidence that we would do 'the right thing.' Stick with us. I think that the community will learn to TOLERATE it." No, Mr. Borders, and any other elected official who is trying to support taking away the voice of we the people, we will NOT learn to TOLERATE it, and we have the right to fight decisions / proposals /etc. that we don't support that our elected officials want to force on our community.

The DA's proposal IS NOT in the best interests of any voter, citizen or resident of our community. It will actually take away our voice!!

Please vote to OPPOSE this ordinance and do not advance it to a second reading!

Sincerely, Barb Mathers, mother of 2 homeschooled children

5/4/2022

Carson City Board of Supervisors

Subject: Board of Supervisors Meeting 5/5/2022; Agenda Item 14 - Ordinance Pertaining to Appeals; Definition of an "Aggrieved Person"

I request that you reject the proposed ordinance offered by the District Attorney which seeks to define an "Aggrieved Person" by limiting the scope to those who are an applicant or were required to be noticed, or "Possesses a real or personal property right adversely affected by the decision..."¹ made by "the Director of the Community Development Department, Hearing examiner, Historic Resources Commission, Growth Management Commission, and the Planning Commission."²

Carson City residents are the stakeholders in every issue brought before the associated entities cited above. But, these entities are not chosen by the citizens, they are appointed (or hired) to them. But all of them, and specifically the Director of the Community Development Department, are public servants. This proposed ordinance removes accountability to the very people these entities are supposed to serve. Moreover, it prevents the community at large from seeking redress before it's elected representatives.

Every member of our community has a right to be and "aggrieved person" to every decision made on their behalf by the above entities. We are the taxpayers who fund these issues, we are the community in which they are located, and we are the voters that charge you, our Mayor and Board of Supervisors, with the responsibility of protecting our interests.

Contrary to the statement of the DA, this ordinance does not benefit the public; it does benefit the bureaucracy that is our city government by denying the community the right to speak on an issue before its elected representatives. Why would you deny this right to your constituents?

This city has benefited greatly from the influence of concerned citizens and community advocates. Without them, projects like the corridor improvements, downtown, and many others would not be what they are today. Yet, this proposed ordinance would eliminate the ability of these very people to bring matters to your attention. Instead, it would allow the Community Development Department and the various commissions to operate with impunity and without real accountability.

Additionally, this ordinance gives too much authority to the Director of Community Management who expended substantial effort to limit community dissent against the slaughterhouse project and squash the appeals. Giving authority to the Director to consolidate appeals, especially when they have unique arguments, effectively denies an appellant their individual due process.

I suspect this ordinance revision is in response to the slaughterhouse issue. As our elected representatives, you should take note that the arguments made before you on this issue by the community were a reflection that the community was not treated with respect. Apparently the Community Development Department would like to avoid the work of dealing with the community over controversial issues. (The very purpose this department exists.) But it is a false premise to believe that the community would benefit if they were unable to be involved as an "aggrieved person."

There may be some value to defining an "aggrieved person" as a resident of Carson City or giving more weight to public opinion when deciding controversial issues but preventing any member of our community from seeking redress before the Board of Supervisors is immoral and unethical.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Carver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" being more prominent than the last name "Carver".

Chris Carver

¹ 05-05-22 AGENDA WITH SUPPORTING MATERIALS, ITEM 14

² 05-05-22 AGENDA WITH SUPPORTING MATERIALS, ITEM 14

From: [David Francel](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: The Masonic Lodge property
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 9:55:03 AM

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I'm asking the Carson City board of Supervisors consider approving the agenda item regarding the Masonic Lodge property on Thursday May 5, 2022. CCPROS is seeking approval from the BOS to obtain a property appraisal and submit a bid based on the appraised amount. This is item 18b on the agenda.

The Masonic Lodge #1 is selling their 82-acre parcel of land in Ash Canyon. This property is an instrumental acquisition piece for Muscle Powered and Carson City Parks, Recreation and Open Space (CCPROS) to continue our trail connectivity efforts in Ash Canyon. Several well loved trails such as the Creek trail, Kay's trail and the Baldy Green trail all exist nearby and the Eagle Valley Open Space is adjacent to the property.

In addition to the trail connectivity importance, the property has notable natural resource attributes, such as wildlife habitat, watershed protection and water quality protection.

I hike and mountain bike the locate Ash Canyon area, volunteer with Mountain Power to help build and maintain trails, and live were my house views this lovely area.

Thank you for your consideration
David W Francel
2183 Cnterbury Lane
Carson City, NV 89703
(775) 220-6057

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Philip Gardner](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Carson City Open Space - Ash Canyon
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 10:14:05 AM

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To whom it may concern-

I am writing in support of the Carson City Open Space program being given the opportunity of purchasing the 82-acre privately owned property that just went for sale in Ash Canyon to preserve it as open space. The existing open space and trail development that has occurred in this area are one of the things that make Carson City such a desirable place to live. As I understand it, this property remaining as open space is critical to the trail development master plan.

Sincerely,
Philip Gardner

From: marcia.cuccaro@yahoo.com
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Subject: Item14A
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 10:26:37 AM

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I would like to voice my opinion in totally supporting the public comments made by Kathleen Franco Simmons. If I could have written an opinion as eloquently as Ms. Simmons did, I would have submitted an original opinion, but she said it all!

Please vote to OPPOSE this proposed draft ordinance and DO NOT advance it to a second reading.

Sincerely
Marcia Bernard Cuccaro

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: [Anita Whitmore](#)
To: [Stacey Giomi](#)
Cc: [Public Comment](#); [CCEO](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 14A
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 10:43:18 AM

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ordinance, submitted by our Carson City District Attorney, to "establish various provisions governing administrative appeals related to land use and zoning" (Agenda Item 14A).

This unneeded ordinance appears to curtail the ability of the residents of our small community to participate in the design, development, and growth of the place we all call Home. We need to make decisions together. The Supreme Court of the State of Nevada has made it clear that the public's voice is a necessary and relevant one that must be heard in all community decisions.

Given the extraordinary flexibility and control over the appeals process, there is simply no need to limit or curtail the ability of the residents of our small community to appeal decisions made by our boards and committees.

I urge you to not accept/approve this ordinance. Thank you for your consideration and for all that you do for our community.

Sincerely,

Anita Whitmore

From: [David Peterson](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Support for Agenda Item 18.B on the May 5, 2022 BOS Agenda
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 10:55:32 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good Morning Madam Mayor and Fellow Board of Supervisor Members,

For the record, David Peterson, Executive Director, Visit Carson City. My public comments are in support of agenda item 18.B regarding the direction to staff on the initiation of due diligence and the commencement or completion of any other preparatory tasks for the acquisition of 81.55 acres of privately owned property in Ash Canyon, APN 007-091-28 ("Property") for open space and passive recreation purposes, and a proposed resolution related to an offer to purchase the Property.

I would start by saying this is a wonderful opportunity that has presented itself for the board's consideration. One that doesn't come along very often. I will keep my comments related to the incredible impact that this potential land purchase will have from a tourism standpoint, although such a purchase certainly has a direct impact on the quality of life and arguably, maybe more importantly, the quality of place for the residents of Carson City as well.

As you all know, recreational tourism is a significant component of the overall tourism industry. To put this in perspective for Carson City, the total visitor spending for calendar year 2019, the last pre-pandemic data available, was \$206.4M. Recreation, on a category level, represented \$42.1M or 20.4% of the total visitor spending. On a statewide basis, recreation represented around 13% of total spending in 2019. What does this mean for Carson City from a tourism perspective, you may ask? It means that people who visit Carson City are engaging with our outdoor recreation attractions, facilities, trails, open space, you name it, they are taking advantage of it.

Adding this additional open space will only help to add new open space, trails and wildlife areas for not only our visitors but also the Carson City community! And in the process, checking off three of Visit Carson City's brand pillars: Room to Discover and Wander, Family Friendly and An Inclusive Community.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this agenda item as you all are looking to the future of Carson City!



DAVID PETERSON, CPM
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From: [Larry Marinel](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Acquisition of Masonic Land in Ash Canyon
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 11:10:58 AM

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My name is Larry Marinel, Carson City resident, Trail Crew Leader for Muscle Powered, and trail system user. I am writing in support of the proposal to purchase the 82 acres in Ash Canyon. The purchase will protect the land from commercial development, and make it officially a part of Carson City's Open Space. There are already "Social Trails" on the property which could become official trails in our Ash Canyon trail system. This is a great area for public bicycling, walking, and hiking.

Thank You
Larry Marinel
530-788-6274

From: [Carson City](#)
To: [CCEO](#)
Subject: Acquisition of Masonic Land in Ash Canyon
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 11:12:23 AM

Message submitted from the <Carson City> website.

Site Visitor Name: Larry Marinel
Site Visitor Email: larryamarinel@gmail.com

My name is Larry Marinel, Carson City resident, Trail Crew Leader for Muscle Powered, and trail system user. I am writing in support of the proposal to purchase the 82 acres in Ash Canyon. The purchase will protect the land from commercial development, and make it officially a part of Carson City's Open Space. There are already "Social Trails" on the property which could become official trails in our Ash Canyon trail system. This is a great area for public bicycling, walking, and hiking.

Thank You
Larry Marinel
530-788-6274

From: [Jim Racobs](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [CCEO](#)
Subject: Item 14, Board of Supervisors Agenda of May 5, 2022
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 11:24:04 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

We oppose the proposed ordinance to amend administrative appeals. Basically, it is a solution in search of a problem. We are not aware that unwarranted appeals have been a difficulty for the city.

Rather, we fear that the proposed ordinance provides a tool to restrict public participation in city affairs. It appears to be motivated by an aversion by the planning commission and staff to public opposition to planning decisions. It specifically appears to be in reaction to the public's rejection of the slaughterhouse proposal.

In fact, at the hearings on the slaughterhouse proposal, we noticed that the commissioners and the supervisors allowed comments by people from outside Carson City. They considered comments by people from Douglas County, Washoe Valley, and an out-of-state college. That is not consistent with this sudden sensitivity about standing to appeal.

Carson City already requires a person to pay \$250 to file an appeal. That is more than sufficient to ensure that an appeal is not frivolous and the person filing is genuinely affected by a decision.

Moreover, notice of planning proceedings and other city proceedings is not particularly robust. In regard to the slaughterhouse proposal, planning staff initially failed to provide proper notice to the nearby mobile homes even though it was specifically required. If someone does not give input before a decision is made, they were likely not even aware of the proceeding. When they learn of a troubling decision, they should not be prevented from filing a timely appeal.

Consequences from a planning decision can extend well beyond locations near the site of a project. Traffic congestion has ramifying effects. Odors and sounds carry far. And the image and reputation of our city are important to every person in Carson City.

Do not restrict public participation in our local government. Thank you.

Jim Racobs
Yukiko Hayashi
1763 Bliss Ct, Carson City, NV 89701
jracobs@gmail.com

From: [Paula Peters](#)
To: [Lori Bagwell](#); [Lisa Schuette](#); [Stan Jones](#); [Maurice White](#); [Stacey Giomi](#); [CCEO](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: For the Board of Supervisors Agenda of May 5, 2022 - Subject: Item 14A
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 11:47:14 AM

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Subject: Item 14A – First Reading of proposed ordinance establishing various provisions governing administrative appeals related to land use and zoning

Dear Mayor Bagwell and Supervisors,

I am writing to OPPOSE the draft ordinance establishing various provisions governing administrative appeal related to land use and zoning.

District Attorney Jason Woodbury is proposing an ordinance to severely limit who is allowed to appeal a decision made by the Planning Commission. We elected him to serve US, and now he wants to restrict US from participating in the appeals process.

We all remember the slaughterhouse appeal. My take from that final Board of Supervisor's meeting was that many present agreed that the Planning Commission did not have all the information and tools to justify their approving the project.

Three of the five Board of Supervisors voted in favor of the appeal. They earned my respect by doing so, as many of the involved parties were upset that they did not support the Planning Commission's decision, regardless of whether it was a good decision. It was a bad decision on many counts but primarily that it concerned itself with zoning and failed to consider important aspects of our Master Plan. I left the meeting discouraged thinking that many people involved in our city government do not respect the reason that the appeals process exists.

Rather than making changes to ensure that the Planning Commission has all the information they need to make good decisions in the future, which would reduce the need to file appeals, Mr. Woodbury now wants to limit the appeals process. He proposes that the only individuals whose properties are directly affected by the proposed matter should have the right to appeal a decision.

What if I live on the north side of town but I am concerned about a hypothetical project on the south side of town. This project will dramatically increase traffic and the risk of traffic accidents. The Planning Commission approves the project without requiring a traffic study or feasibility study and is not requiring the developer to make any road improvement to accommodate the increase in traffic. All the Planning Commissioners can vote on this project regardless of where they live, but citizens who don't live on the south side of town will not have access to the appeal process even though they may regularly drive within the vicinity of the project.

If the proposed ordinance will restrict citizens based on where they live, that reasoning should be applied to all the Carson City agencies and the Board of Supervisors. They would all be restricted from voting on issues that are not in their ward.

The proposed ordinance will also prevent group advocates from filing an appeal unless their personal property is affected. Many people in our community are busy raising families and working full time and they appreciate the fact that some community leaders will spend their time on issues and speak on their behalf.

I do not understand why our District Attorney wants to restrict our involvement in the appeals process. It is our community, and it is our right to be involved. Most local governments encourage their citizens to be involved. Please do not support this ordinance.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Paula L. Peters
Carson City Resident

From: [Robyn Orloff](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Lori Bagwell](#); [Stacey Giomi](#); [Stan Jones](#); [Lisa Schuette](#); [Maurice White](#)
Subject: For BOS meeting 5/5/22: general public comment
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 12:14:39 PM

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Good day Mayor Bagwell,

I am requesting that you publish clear and transparent notification — on the BOS Agenda and any BOS news bulletins — re current BOS meeting public comment protocol.

I appreciate your reinstatement of public comment after each Agenda Item (announced at the BOS meeting, 2/17/22 — following the Governor's lifting of the mask mandate 2/10/22).

However the Agenda and news bulletins for that meeting did not advise the Public of the change. Nor have subsequent Agendas or public announcements updated the meeting protocol — per the NV Appeal 4/20/22, pg A24 — and the current Agenda excerpt below:

May 5, 2021: **PUBLIC COMMENT LIMITATIONS - The Mayor and Supervisors meet at various times as different public bodies: the Carson City Board of Supervisors, the Carson City Liquor and Entertainment Board, the Carson City Redevelopment Authority, and the Carson City Board of Health. Each, as called to order, will provide at least two public comment periods in compliance with the minimum requirements of the Open Meeting Law prior to adjournment.

As such, Citizens reading the Agenda and NV Appeal and Carson Now, would not be informed of the new policy. If they had not attended meetings (or viewed livestream/video) — or heard 'word of mouth' — they would not be aware that the BOS policy had changed (3 months ago) from the minimum-per-OML-2 public comment allowed.

And, Citizens new to participating in BOS meetings (relying on Agenda/public announcements for their information) would assume there would be only the 2 public comment

opportunities indicated -- not knowing of the change until the beginning of the first BOS meeting they attend (in person or livestream).

For us citizens who aren't great at public speaking, clear public notification allows us to know ahead of time what to expect and plan our statements accordingly.

Kudos to the Planning Commission for re-instituting (and encouraging) public comment after each Agenda Item (since mid-2021 and ongoing) — AND noting that specifically/clearly in their Agenda, as soon as the change was instituted.

****PUBLIC COMMENT LIMITATIONS - The Planning Commission will provide at least two public comment periods prior to adjournment in compliance with the minimum requirements of the Open Meeting Law. In addition, it is the Planning Commission's aspirational goal to also provide for item-specific public comment. In order for members of the public to participate in the Planning Commission's consideration of an agenda item, the public is strongly encouraged to comment on an agenda item**

when called for by the Chair or Vice-Chair during the item itself.

Perhaps the BOS can take this as an example?

In summary:

1). IMHO, the BOS Agenda is playing “I’ve got a secret” by not being clear re the public comment opportunity — which IMHO affects (inhibits) public participation.

It is my hope that the BOS Agenda and their news bulletins will finally indicate clearly that public comment is allowed after each Agenda Item.

2). In that spirit of promoting — vs inhibiting — public comment, it is my hope that **ALL City meetings will reinstate public comment after each Agenda Item — and include that protocol specifically in their Agendas and in any and all public announcements prior to the meetings --- AND add discussion opportunity (which per the OML, is allowed at the discretion of the Chairperson).**

3). To extrapolate further: Let’s do all we can —in all City meetings and policies --- to promote public participation, not inhibit it (with attempts to inhibit further -- per BOS Agenda Item 14A today).

Robyn Orloff
Carson City, NV

To the Carson City Board of Supervisors,

I would like to voice my support for Carson City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space in their proposal to obtain a property appraisal and submit a bid for the 82-acre lot (APN 007-091-28) in Ash Canyon being placed for sale.

My wife and I are life-long residents of Carson City. We have grown up with recreation access to the west side of Carson City being an instrumental part of our lives. I have been a regular user of the road and trail access across the west side of Carson since I was a child, and my use has only increased over the years. We frequently utilize the trail systems in Kings and Ash Canyons for hiking and mountain biking. I am extremely grateful for the tremendous expansion in trail access in recent years that has made recreating in this area more accessible and enjoyable. We are fortunate to have a 6-month-old daughter that I cannot wait to share this beautiful aspect of Carson City with as she grows older.

I believe that maintaining the open space and recreation access on the west side of Carson City is crucial to preserving the character of Carson City. Not only does increased recreation access to this beautiful part of our community make it a more enjoyable place to live for residents, but it also attracts tourists and events such as the Carson City Off-Road mountain bike race. I fully support Carson City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space's proposal to acquire the 82-acre lot to help maintain and improve access to one of the most important features of Carson City.

Thank you,

Chris Kuhn

From: [JOHANNA FOSTER](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Proposal to bid on Ash Canyon property
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 12:59:30 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am Johanna Foster, an ecologist and retired biology professor, a hiker, and volunteer trail builder for Muscle Powered. Carson City's open spaces are major contributors to why our quality of life is high. These spaces are 'in our backyard', and are easy to access within minutes. Free access makes outdoor recreation available to all residents: a win for everyone.

In 2019, an ecologist colleague invited me to speak in the session she was chairing at the Ecological Society of America (ESA) annual meeting. That year it was in Louisville, KY. Approximately 6,000 people regularly attend each year, so it is an honor to be an invited speaker for a session.

My session's chair *specifically* invited me to describe how Muscle Powered successfully collaborates with Carson City to build public awareness (and therefore, increase public interest in habitat preservation) with state and national entities. My audience included ecologists from a variety of non-profit, state, and federal institutions; and public officials, from Chicago, New York, and Atlanta. I received many positive comments about Carson City and Muscle Powered.

Thus, *Carson City received nationwide attention for its open space achievements.*

While maintaining and building trails as Muscle Powered members, my husband and I often encounter hikers, bikers, and runners who thank us for our work. Many times, we discover that the users came *specifically to Carson City due to its reputation for trails.*

Indeed, just last week we helped a visitor figure out his desired path for a late afternoon bike ride. That young man was from a small California town *7 hours' drive south of Carson City. He drove specifically to Ash Canyon.* What better marketing do we need than that?

Even though I've lived in Carson City six years, I still often stop and exclaim how lucky I am to live in Carson City and have access to public land. I am in support of Carson City using Quality of Life tax funds for purchase of the Masonic property located in Ash Canyon.

Thank you,

Johanna Foster
775 350-0992

From: [Robyn Orloff](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Lori Bagwell](#); [Stacey Giomi](#); [Stan Jones](#); [Lisa Schuette](#); [Maurice White](#)
Subject: For BOS meeting 5/5/22, Agenda Item 14.A
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 1:35:07 PM

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RE: [14.A For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to introduce, on first reading, a proposed ordinance establishing various provisions governing administrative appeals related to land use and zoning.](#)

I am writing to OPPOSE the draft ordinance establishing various provisions governing administrative appeal related to land use and zoning.

I oppose the change in definition of 'aggrieved party', i.e. who has standing to file an appeal.

In my humble opinion, **any** Citizen of Carson City should be allowed (have standing) to appeal a SUP decision. A SUP can affect any/all of our community. Especially a commercial proposal, on a commercial street (esp on the gateway to our City). As such, IMO, SUPs should be subject to full public scrutiny and an appeal process, by **any** city citizen — independent of how many feet they live from the project. These decisions affect **all of us who live here.**

Don't we aspire to be a cohesive community that will support and back up our neighbors and fellow citizens? Personally, I want the right to stand up for what I feel is right for our community, whether it is in my own neighborhood — or my fellow citizen's. And especially when the majority of the citizens within the notification distance are clearly/publicly opposed to the proposed project — I want to be able to support them in any and all ways I can. As I would appreciate support, for a quality of life concern 'popping up' in my neighborhood. And isn't our entire City, our neighborhood? One decision can affect us ALL.

I wonder why this Ordinance is being proposed so quickly after the Slaughterhouse Appeal? I find this unsettling. Especially when other Ordinance concerns (specifically 13.06) can't seem to get any traction, after **years** of discussion in many OSAC meetings. Open Space/OSAC can't get ordinances in place that protect our Open Space property (as 13.02 protects our Parks) — but the above 14.A is an attempt to quickly snuff out public participation and public voice, by restricting the appeal process. Seems like this 14.A Ordinance came in on the 'fast track'. The goal in my opinion, is to allow the escalating and at times indiscriminate (inconsiderate to our citizens) development going on around all of us, to prevail -- while limiting the right of us public to defend our quality of life.

I wonder if 14.A. was initiated because of the Slaughterhouse Appeal favoring the Appellants? Why not use your time and money to change the Ordinances/SUPs to promote commercial and residential building in more appropriate locations?

Thank you for listening,
Robyn Orloff
Carson City, NV

From: [Kathy Schwerin](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Masonic lodge property
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 1:45:17 PM

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I am a member of Muscle Powered because it has over the years provided inestimable value to Carson City. That is why I believe that MP's recommendation that the city buy the Masonic Lodge property should be supported.

with best regards,
Kathy Schwerin

From: [Peter Doenges](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Vicki Doenges](#)
Subject: BOS Meeting May 5, 2022, Agenda 18.B, possible private land acquisition
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 2:05:40 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

My wife Vicki and I strongly support attempted acquisition of the Mason's land parcel in Ash Canyon adjoining Eagle View Open Space. We consider the Ash Canyon and Eagle View trail system as a crown jewel in Carson City's Open Space program of foothill and mountain trails. It is popular with and heavily used by locals plus regional and national visitors. Ash Canyon needs to be made whole. Mason's land and Eagle View Open Space need to be one. If the land can be acquired at necessary cost even in alliance with additional funding sources, this investment is smart.

We see numerous dividends stemming from this potential land acquisition:

User Experience

- Making more truly open space
- Sustaining Ash Canyon popularity as-is
- Preserving public "view shed" up into Ash Canyon
- Helping trail users get into nature without barriers

Public Ownership Benefits

- Absorbing Mason's land into established EVOS land
- Preventing private development and potential trail use cessation
- Preventing "walled city" with fencing that hampers wildlife movement
- Ensuring habitat and watershed protection by keeping trail users on designated trails
- Locking in multiple trail-only access to Ash to Kings, Capital to Tahoe, and Tahoe Rim Trails

Fostering Quality, Connected Trails

- Integrating trail signage versus current "dead-ends" toward private land
- Allowing MP maintenance and public trails stewardship on Mason's trail segments
- Supporting CCPROS and MP relationship with free, integrated trail design and maintenance
- Adding an important trail network to the connectivity of local and regional trail systems
- Supporting trail users with active and paper maps that can show all there really is to use

Economic Benefits, Building Community

- Boosting recreational trails tourism and competitive racing with unified trails system
- Rallying community interest to make Carson City more bike and hike friendly
- Building gratitude among wide community and visiting trail users that pays back

I happen to be Trails Coordinator for Muscle Powered, following in the footsteps of the inimitable father of our trails system, Jeff Potter. I love Carson City for many reasons, including its sense of community growing around trails and the happy encounters with the huge diversity of grateful trail users. I coordinate planning, design, construction and maintenance of single-track, natural-surface trail projects on Carson's west side, Prison Hill and Centennial Park. I serve as crew or crew lead on our trails in construction and maintenance roles. I experience many trails.

Ash Canyon and EVOS trails are a jewel. Ash Canyon includes trail segments off-limits to MP maintenance or improvement and at the whim of generous trail users who might venture out to fix things. As historical artifacts the Mason's land accumulated key trail segments built early by users as social trails that now connect into our public trails. These include Ash Creek, Kay's, Deer Run, Baldy Green, and Four Day Trails with segments inside the Mason's land. The richness of experiencing the full run of these trails from jungle-like to foothill high-desert can't be exaggerated. Unification of these trail pieces under City management would ensure long-term user access to all.

If you can, please make Ash Canyon whole, and thank you.

Best regards,

Pete & Vicki Doenges
Carson City

From: [Chelsea Kincheloe](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 18b: Proposed Purchase of Carson Lodge #1 Property
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 2:06:26 PM

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Dear City Supervisors,

On behalf of the Muscle Powered board, we unequivocally support Carson City Parks, Recreation and Open Space pursuing the purchase of the 81-acre Carson Lodge #1 property located in Ash Canyon. This purchase is a critical component to continue providing quality multi-use trails to non-motorized recreation users in an already recreation dominant area.

Carson City can create a truly unique opportunity for recreationalist through the acquisition of this property. The Ash to Kings trail spanned from an individual's dream and invigorated our organization and partners to dream of the possibilities and connectivity from Ash Canyon to trails throughout Carson City and later this year, connect them directly with the Tahoe Rim Trail with the completion of the Capitol to Tahoe trail.

Muscle Powered's trail building efforts in partnership with local, state, and federal organizations has placed Carson City at the forefront of non-motorized multi-use recreation in northern Nevada. Our organization is beyond proud of our accomplishments and know the acquisition of the Carson Lodge #1 property is essential to continuing our burgeoning name as a recreation hub.

Thank you for your time.



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From: [Dan Thornton](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: In regards to Agenda Item 18.B (acquisition of 81.55 acres of privately owned property in Ash Canyon)
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 2:11:02 PM

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Dear Carson City Supervisors,

My name is Dan Thornton, and I am a resident of Carson City. I am writing in favor of Carson City moving forward with purchasing the 81.55 acres being sold by Carson Lodge #1.

The Board of Supervisors staff summary on page 6 of the Wednesday, May 5th, 2022, agenda states that:

"The Property has been identified as a high priority by the City's Open Space program for acquisition based on important natural resource values such as wildlife habitat, watershed protection, water quality protection, and trail connectivity."

Our family uses the trails in Ash Canyon to walk, hike, mountain bike, or run daily. We have noticed more and more users in the last few years, and Carson City has been gaining notice in the outdoor recreation world as a trail-friendly town.

Aside from those benefits, significant studies have shown the economic benefits of local trail systems and the associated visitation they help create.

Please do your part to help provide crucial access and connectivity to our local trail system and keep our community moving in a healthy direction.

Sincerely,
Dan Thornton
Carson City, NV

From: [Zack Blumberg](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: 05-05-22 AGENDA Item 18.B - Purchase of APN 007-091-28
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 2:19:08 PM

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Dear Carson City Supervisors,

My name is Zack Blumberg, and I am a resident of Carson City. I am writing in favor of Carson City purchasing the 81.55 acres being sold by Carson Lodge #1 (APN 007-091-28).

The Board of Supervisors staff summary on page 6 of the Wednesday, May 5th, 2022, agenda states that:

"The Property has been identified as a high priority by the City's Open Space program for acquisition based on important natural resource values such as wildlife habitat, watershed protection, water quality protection, and trail connectivity."

My family, friends, and I use the trails in Ash Canyon (and the rest of Carson City) to recreate every day. We have noticed more and more users in the last few years, and Carson City has been gaining notice in the outdoor recreation world as a trail-friendly town.

Aside from those benefits, significant studies have shown the economic benefits of local trail systems and the associated visitation they help create.

Please do your part to help provide crucial access and connectivity to our local trail system and keep our community moving in a healthy direction.

Thank you very much!

Zack Blumberg
Carson City, NV

From: [Paula Peters](#)
To: [Maurice White](#)
Cc: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Re: For the Board of Supervisors Agenda of May 5, 2022 - Subject: Item 14A
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 2:58:16 PM

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Dear Supervisor White,

Thank you for your reply. May I be bold and suggest that tomorrow after the DA presents his proposed ordinance that you, or another supervisor, comment that you've received input from the community and the majority have expressed outrage that citizen participation in the appeals process would be severely limited. Then suggest that he consider deleting the 5th substantive change [5) the criteria pursuant to which a person is deemed to be a person aggrieved by a decision for the purpose of establishing legal standing] from his proposed ordinance. I doubt any citizen, if they were aware of the proposed ordinance, would approve of their access to the appeals process being severely limited.

I am confident that the public would be in favor of his proposed administrative changes 1-4 as they will increase efficiency without infringing on our rights like change 5.

Regards,
Paula L. Peters

From: Maurice White <mwhite@carson.org>
Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2022 12:23 PM
To: Paula Peters <ppeterscpa@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: For the Board of Supervisors Agenda of May 5, 2022 - Subject: Item 14A

Hello Paula.

Thank you for reaching out with your concerns. Indeed there is room for discussion on this agenda item (or any other issue) slated for 5-5-2022. As you may have noticed the agenda item makes clear that the draft ordinance is not chiseled in stone. There is opportunity to modify the language. As such, if you have language you feel would make a better ordinance please forward that language as soon as possible.

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From: Paula Peters <ppeterscpa@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 11:47 AM

To: Lori Bagwell <LBagwell@carson.org>; Lisa Schuette <lschuette@carson.org>; Stan Jones <sjones@carson.org>; Maurice White <mwhite@carson.org>; Stacey Giomi <sgiomi@carson.org>; CCEO <CCEO@carson.org>; Public Comment <PublicComment@carson.org>

Subject: For the Board of Supervisors Agenda of May 5, 2022 - Subject: Item 14A

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Subject: Item 14A – First Reading of proposed ordinance establishing various provisions governing administrative appeals related to land use and zoning

Dear Mayor Bagwell and Supervisors,

I am writing to OPPOSE the draft ordinance establishing various provisions governing administrative appeal related to land use and zoning.

District Attorney Jason Woodbury is proposing an ordinance to severely limit who is allowed to appeal a decision made by the Planning Commission. We elected him to serve US, and now he wants to restrict US from participating in the appeals process.

We all remember the slaughterhouse appeal. My take from that final Board of Supervisor's meeting was that many present agreed that the Planning Commission did not have all the information and tools to justify their approving the project.

Three of the five Board of Supervisors voted in favor of the appeal. They earned my respect by doing so, as many of the involved parties were upset that they did not support the Planning Commission's decision, regardless of whether it was a good decision. It was a bad decision on many counts but primarily that it concerned itself with zoning and failed to consider important aspects of our Master Plan. I left the meeting discouraged thinking that many people involved in our city government do not respect the reason that the appeals process exists.

Rather than making changes to ensure that the Planning Commission has all the information they need to make good decisions in the future, which would reduce the need to file appeals, Mr. Woodbury now wants to limit the appeals process. He proposes that the only individuals whose properties are directly affected by the proposed matter should have the right to appeal a decision.

What if I live on the north side of town but I am concerned about a hypothetical project on the south side of town. This project will dramatically increase traffic and the risk of traffic accidents. The Planning Commission approves the project without requiring a traffic study or feasibility study and is not requiring the developer to make any road improvement to accommodate the increase in traffic. All the Planning Commissioners can vote on this project regardless of where they live, but citizens who don't live on the south side of town will not

have access to the appeal process even though they may regularly drive within the vicinity of the project.

If the proposed ordinance will restrict citizens based on where they live, that reasoning should be applied to all the Carson City agencies and the Board of Supervisors. They would all be restricted from voting on issues that are not in their ward.

The proposed ordinance will also prevent group advocates from filing an appeal unless their personal property is affected. Many people in our community are busy raising families and working full time and they appreciate the fact that some community leaders will spend their time on issues and speak on their behalf.

I do not understand why our District Attorney wants to restrict our involvement in the appeals process. It is our community, and it is our right to be involved. Most local governments encourage their citizens to be involved. Please do not support this ordinance.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Paula L. Peters
Carson City Resident

From: [Juan Guzman](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [Lori Bagwell](#); [Stacey Giomi](#); [Stan Jones](#); [Lisa Schuette](#); [Maurice White](#)
Cc: [Jill Larson](#); [Jennifer Budge](#); [Gregg Berggren](#); [Lyndsey Boyer](#); [Georgia Vasey](#); [Darren Schulz](#); [Chelsea Kincheloe](#); [Evelyn Grime](#); [Peter Doenges](#); [Donna Inversin](#); [Nathan Harrison](#); dpetite1352@gmail.com; [Neal Falk](#)
Subject: Carson City Board of Supervisors Agenda Item no. 18B, requesting authorization for Staff to initiate due diligence for the acquisition of Apn. 007-091-28
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 2:59:10 PM

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Mayor and Board;

Thanks for the opportunity to provide you with information advocating for the initiation of the due diligence process towards the acquisition of the 81 acres parcel owned by the Carson Masonic Lodge No1 near the entrance to Ash Canyon. Some of the property's unique attributes that favor City acquisition include, Ash Canyon Creek flows through the land, including a habitat diverse riparian zone with year round water in our high desert environment. Additional seeps and streams further enhance the Canyon banks and hillside areas habitat potential.

Open space funds by Ordinance may be used to protect scenic resources. The parcel is visible from many areas of Town and equally the site provides scenic views of the Eagle Valley.

The location and in close proximity to the edge of development enhance the site's capacity to offer recreation opportunities for our residents and visitors. This parcel comes with a really sweet single track trail developed on the Creek banks. This trail would become an official system trail and would continue to be maintained by Muscle Powered.

A section of the historic Ash Canyon Rd with a non defined width, runs through it.

Acquisition of the parcel is important to solidify access to the backcountry of the Lake Tahoe State Park, Hobart Reservoir, uphill Open Space Lands and our National Award Winner Trail, Ash to Kings , "7 miles of pure joy".

The 81 acres Property is adjacent to City owned lands containing very important infrastructure for our domestic water system. These lands are important to secure the safety of our water resources.

Buying this property is in keeping and favored by the City's Parks and Recreation relevant goals and adopted policy documents such as the Open Space Plan, The Unified Pathways Plan as updated by the Eagle Valley Trails Plan. Furthermore I would argue that the City's Land Use Element of the Master Plan policies to contain development primarily within the valley floor and to facilitate access to recreation of our public lands is also advanced by this potential purchase.

A final thought, what a fantastic proposition and opportunity for the City to pursue the acquisition of a property that has remained undeveloped under the ownership of the Masonic lodge for over 100 years and potentially to be preserved for the enjoyment of our Capital at the foothill of the majestic Sierra Nevada for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Juan F Guzman

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Muscle Powered and CVTA Board Member

Retired Open Space Administrator Carson City

