



May 5, 2025

The Honorable Edgar Flores
Chair
Committee on Government Affairs
Nevada State Senate
Carson City, Nevada

Re: Support for AB96, Extreme Heat Mitigation in County Planning

Dear Chair Flores:

We are writing to urge your support for Assembly Bill 96 (AB96), which would require Clark and Washoe Counties to incorporate extreme heat mitigation strategies in their long-term master plans. As our climate continues to warm, it is critical that local governments plan proactively to protect our health and wellbeing. AB96 has passed overwhelmingly in the Assembly and has previously passed the Assembly and Senate during the last legislative session. We believe this legislation should once again move to the Governor's desk and urge the Senate to encourage the Governor to sign this important legislation.

Chispa Nevada, a program of the League of Conservation Voters, builds the power of low-income Latine families to achieve climate justice, community health, and environmental protection. Our communities are disproportionately impacted by extreme heat—living in urban “heat islands” with limited tree canopy, less shade, and buildings that trap heat. In 2024 alone, 526 people in Clark County died from heat-related causes, with the elderly, outdoor workers, and children especially vulnerable.

AB96 will ensure counties consider critical heat mitigation strategies like shaded infrastructure, tree planting, cooling centers, and heat-resilient building materials. These planning measures can reduce temperatures in dense urban areas where our families live, work, and raise children. Our members live and work in Clark and Washoe Counties, making this legislation critical for their well-being at a time of rising heat and extreme weather.

Nevada is facing a hotter future, but we have an opportunity now to prepare. AB96 is a common-sense, life-saving policy that prioritizes public health, equity, and climate resilience. We strongly support the passage of AB96.

Sincerely,

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