



Legislative Update

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Dear Friend--

This is the ninth in my series of regular email newsletters to keep you updated on important issues between legislative sessions. If you DO NOT want to receive these newsletters, please reply to this message and I'll be happy to remove you from the list.

I strongly believe staying in touch with you is one of my most important responsibilities as your Assemblywoman. All of my contact information is in this email, and I hope you will feel free to call or email me.

Cleaning Up our Neighborhoods

We've all seen them-foreclosed homes with overgrown grass and weeds and stagnant pools that are quickly becoming public nuisances.

These abandoned, deteriorating properties are part of the reason home values have plummeted, and lower home values have been one of the main contributors to our economic crisis.

In our recent legislative session, we took action to do something about the problem.

On October 1, a new law, which I strongly supported, went into effect to require a person to maintain any vacant residential property he or she acquires through foreclosure. AB 140 requires the purchaser of the foreclosed home to comply with any local ordinances, to limit excessive growth of foliage, and to prevent trespassing, the growth of mosquitoes or anything else that could be considered a public nuisance.

This will not clean up our neighborhoods overnight, of course, but it is an important step forward. To report an alleged violation of this new law, please contact Clark County Public Response at 455-4191 or submit a complaint online at <http://dsnet.co.clark.nv.us/dsweb/complaints.html>.

Monitoring Economic Recovery Spending

If the federal economic recovery package is going to help our economy recover, the funding Nevada gets must be spent quickly to create new jobs.

That is why the legislature established a special subcommittee to meet when the legislature is not in session to monitor how these funds are spent. This subcommittee, which hears from state agencies charged with spending the money, has met twice since the legislature adjourned.

We believe accountability for this spending is critical, and that is why we are asking for regular reports from the Governor's office and state agencies. For information on this subcommittee and its meetings, you can visit the state legislative website at www.leg.state.nv.us. I will also keep you updated on this subcommittee, whose next meeting is on November 10, 2009.

For additional information about the federal economic recovery program, please visit www.recovery.gov.

Contact Me

Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss any issues or concerns. My home phone number is 702-898-5579 and my email address is kam15@msn.com.

Sincerely,

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