

Issues Affecting Growth

Regional Plan

The Washoe County population is expected to reach 670,000 by 2030. Growth requires that local governments and the public work together to reach a general agreement on important issues such as water, transportation and public safety. We must master plan so we do not end up with sprawl.

Quality of Life

Under current State law, the city can annex any property a willing landowner asks to be annexed and the county's hands are tied. However, what the county can do is provide the proper infrastructure like sewer and water treatment facilities, roads, highways and law enforcement to maintain the quality of life we all cherish. We must work with the city to provide the services we all need.

Water

Water is a finite resource that future generations will depend on. Ground water for individual home-sites with wells must be protected. It is important that new subdivisions have adequate sewer treatment facilities. The county is currently building several new facilities in Hidden Valley, South Truckee Meadows and at Longley Lane, all to guarantee pure ground water and to treat surface water.

Public Safety

Public safety comprises more than 30 percent of total general fund expenses, making it the largest single expenditure for Washoe County. For example, we're presently in the midst of a \$19 million expansion of the jail that the county is providing. David believes the County must maintain the highest quality police and fire protection for area residents. He contends that where it makes financial sense and where quality is not sacrificed, the cities of Reno and Sparks and the county can work together through consolidation of services or mutual service agreements to handle issues pertaining to county growth. In this next general election, there will be a ballot question to raise the sales tax 1/4 of 1% to provide police and fire personnel and essential equipment for maintaining public safety in the cities of Reno and Sparks as well as Washoe County. **Dave believes all major tax increases, including this one, should be placed on the ballots for the public to determine what they want to do.**

“I have worked with David Humke for nearly two decades. I know he shares my love of Nevada and Washoe County and does an excellent job in his role as a County Commissioner for District 2. I can always depend on him to assist me in my representation of Northern Nevada from Washington and I want you to know that he has my full support.”

Congressman Jim Gibbons

Elected Experience

- Past Chairman of the County Commission
- Vice Chairman of the Regional Transportation Commission
- David is expecting to become Chairman of the RTC next year
- Served the 26th District of the Nevada Assembly as a Republican from 1983 to 2002
- Assistant Minority Floor Leader, Nevada State Assembly
- Former Judiciary Committee Chairman
- Former member of Commerce and Labor, Government Affairs and Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining Committees.

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As a State Assemblyman, David worked with administrative agencies, private organizations and individuals from the cities of Reno and Sparks, Washoe County and the State. He has carried that on as County Commissioner. His public service has furthermore helped establish his reputation as a person who listens and understands the issues facing the people and has assisted him in identifying needs within the area's diverse and growing population.

Taxes

While David would place a high fiscal priority on issues pertaining to public safety, he believes that the government should learn to live within its means. As a Republican and a fiscal conservative, David, during the 1999 Legislative Session, introduced a bill that phased out the special motor vehicle privilege tax over a five-year period thus providing tax relief for motor vehicle registrants. David believes that the government should closely evaluate their spending before considering taxing the citizens.

Flood Control

In the flood of 2005, through the Flood Early Warning System and the emergency operation center, which coordinated efforts for sandbagging weak points and getting equipment and sandbags to the appropriate locations, we stopped unneeded damage and loss of property through a quick response. Dave also supported the funding of \$27.5 million to alleviate the flood problems facing our communities. We used that to buy sensitive lands and will continue to buy these lands as well as construct levies and other flood control features to help water pass through as quickly as possible and prevent any further damage from future floods.