1 Suellen Fulstone Nevada State Bar #1615 2 MORRIS PETERSON 6100 Neil Rd., Suite 555 3 Reno, NV 89511 (775) 829-6009 telephone 4 (775) 829-6001 facsimile **Electronically Filed** Attorneys for Appellants Mar 08 2011 08:54 a.m. 5 Tracie K. Lindeman 6 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA 7 8 9 VILLAGE LEAGUE TO SAVE INCLINE Case No. 56030 ASSETS, INC., a Nevada non-profit corporation, 10 on behalf of their members and others similarly situated; MARYANNE INGEMANSON, Trustee 11 of the Larry D. and Maryanne B. Ingemanson Trust; DEAN R. INGEMANSON, individual and 12 as Trustee of the Dean R. Ingemanson Trust; J. ROBERT ANDERSON; and LES BARTA; on 13 behalf of themselves and others similarly situated, 14 Appellants, 15 VS. 16 STATE OF NEVADA ex rel State Board of 17 Equalization; WASHOE COUNTY; BILL BERRUM, Washoe County Treasurer: 18 Respondents. 19 20 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NEW AUTHORITY 21 The County Respondents have filed a Notice of New Authority citing Lowe v. Washoe 22 County, 627 F.3d 1151 (2010), for its "discussion" of the "unavailability of property tax-related 23 class-actions in Nevada's state court system." Notice of New Authority, p. 1, Ins. 19-21. 24 According to the County Respondents, Lowe "relates to this case in that it goes to the standing of 25 the Village League to Save Incline Assets, Inc., as appellant in this case 'on behalf of its 26 members and others similarly situated." Id., p. 1, lns. 22-24. The Court is advised as follows: 27 (1) The referenced "discussion" will not be found in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

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opinion because it does not exist. The federal court acknowledged the taxpayers'

argument and then decided the case on a different ground. The federal court made no ruling on the availability of class actions under Nevada law. The court's recitation of the taxpayers' argument does not rise even to the level of dicta.

- (2) There is no "standing" issue in this appeal. The district court dismissed the case below on the grounds that taxpayers had an adequate remedy at law. The district court made no ruling as to standing. Even if class relief were ultimately determined to be unavailable or unnecessary, the individual named taxpayer parties undeniably have "standing."
- (3) There is no "class" issue in this appeal. The "class" issues were not reached by the district court. Any ruling on whether class relief is available in equalization cases as opposed to valuation cases such as <u>Lowe</u> would be premature.

DATED this ____ 7th__ day of March, 2011.

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1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 2 Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of MORRIS PETERSON 3 and that I deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, a true copy of the foregoing addressed to: 4 Dennis Belcourt/Deonne Contine 5 Office of the Attorney General 100 N. Carson St. 6 Carson City, NV 89701 7 David Creekman 8 Washoe County District Attorney's Office Civil Division 9 P.O. Box 30083 Reno, NV 89520 10 DATED this ______ day of March, 2011. 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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