Exhibit 7

Exhibit 7

Docket 72274 Document 2017-06445

		1
a		
I	REC'D & FILED	
	2016 AUG 23 PM 4: 30	
JOSEPH F. BECKER, ESQ.	ALL AN LEFRICHT THE	-
JOSEPH F. BECKER, 12178 Nevada State Bar No.12178 NPRI CENTER FOR JUSTICE AND NPRI CENTER FOR JUSTICATION		
CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION	BY DEPIITS	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 75 Canonic da 89509-2807		
t Tel: (75) 201-0225		10 m m
5 11 cicl(a)npriors	TTUE STATE OF NEVADA	2 1944 To
6 Attorney for Petitioner	r of the still	7
7 IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTID) Case No.: 16 OC 00161 1B	
ALL AND A) Case No.: 10000	
THADA POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUT) Dept. No. II	
10 vs.	M OF)	100
 11 vs. 12 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM 12 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM 13 NEVADA, a Public Agency; TINA M. LEISS, in her 14 NEVADA, a Public Agency; TINA M. LEISS, in her 15 NEVADA, a Public Agency; TINA M. LEISS, in her 16 NEVADA, a Public Agency; TINA M. LEISS, in her 17 NEVADA, a Public Agency; TINA M. LEISS, in her 	official)	1
12 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT 12 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT 13 NEVADA, a Public Agency; TINA M. LEISS, in her 13 capacity as Executive Officer of the Public Employee Re 13 capacity as Executive Officer of the Public Employee Re 14 capacity as Executive Officer of the Public Employee Re)	1
 NEVADA, a Fublic Officer of the Fublic Line capacity as Executive Officer of the Fublic Line System of Nevada; STATE OF NEVADA; 	$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$	
14 II Demondella	3	
	TO DISMISS PETITI	ON OR, THE
15 16 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17	VTS' MOTION AND EXHIBITS, OR IN	
16 17 17 18 19 19 19 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 19 19 19 19 19 10 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 19 19 19 10 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	DEFINITE STATEMENTE, INC. ()	nereinafter,
ALTENUM	CY RESEARCE	for Justice
18 19 19 19 19 19 19 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	eph F. Becker, Esq., Will FIBLIC EM	PLOYEES'
"NIPRI"), by and through its allow thereby O	pposes Respondents	on or, in the
of and Constitutional Dias	A M. LEISO S	tement. Inis
DETIREMENT STOLLAR	n the Alternative,	hed Affidavit
 Alternative, to Strike the Petition and Exmons, or Alternative, to Strike the Petition and Exmons, or Opposition is supported by the following memorar of Robert Fellner, the pleadings on file in this ac 	ndum of points and authorities, the Co	urt may deem
23 Alternative, to a	ction, and such other matters as the Co	
24 Opposition is off		
25 of Robert 1 chart		
26 appropriate.		
27 /////		1
28 /// Pr	age 1 of 6	1

This document does not contain the Social Security number of any person. DATED this 23rd day of August, 2016. NPRI CENTER FOR JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION JOSEPH F. BECKER, ESQ. Nevada State Bar No. 12178 NPRI CENTER FOR JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION 75 Caliente Street Reno, Nevada 89509-2807 Tel: (775) 636-7703 Fax: (775) 201-0225 cjcl@npri.org Attorney for Petitioner Page 2 of 6

.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

In response to Petitioner NPRI's July 6, 2016 Petition for Writ of Mandamus, on August 5, 2016, STATEMENT OF FACTS I. Respondents PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF NEVADA (hereinafter "PERS") and TINA M. LEISS (hereinafter "LEISS") filed a Motion to Dismiss Petition or, in the Alternative, to Strike the Petition and Exhibits, or in the Alternative, for More Definite Statement citing these legal

bases to justify dismissal:

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

25

26

27

28

1. The Petition should be dismissed or stricken for failing to comply with procedural NPRI should be required to provide a more definite statement in support of its Petition and

requested relief.

INTRODUCTION 11. 11

The Nevada Public Records Act ("NPRA") provides that all public books and public records of governmental entities must remain open to the public, unless "otherwise declared by law to be 12 confidential." NRS 239.010(1). The Legislature has declared that the purpose of the NPRA is to further 13 the democratic ideal of an accountable government by ensuring that public records are broadly 14 accessible. NRS 239.001(1). Thus, the provisions of the NPRA are designed to promote government 15 16

transparency and accountability. 17

In 2007, in order to better effectuate these purposes, the Legislature amended the NPRA to provide that its provisions must be liberally construed to maximize the public's right of access. NRS 18 239.001(1)-(2); 2007 Nev. Stat., ch. 435, § 2, at 2061. Conversely, any limitations or restrictions on the 19 public's right of access must be narrowly construed. NRS 239.001(3); 2007 Nev. Stat., ch. 435, § 2, at 20 2061. In addition, the Legislature amended the NPRA to provide that if a state entity withholds records, 21 it bears the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the records are confidential. 22 23

NRS 239.0113; 2007 Nev. Stat., ch. 435, § 5, at 2062. 24

The Legislature hereby finds and declares that: 1. The purpose of this chapter is to foster democratic principles by providing members of the public with access to inspect and copy public books and records to the extent permitted by law;

Page 3 of 6

2. The provisions of this chapter must be construed liberally to carry out this important purpose;

3. Any exemption, exception or balancing of interests which limits or restricts access to public books and records by members of the public must be construed narrowly;

4. The use of private entities in the provision of public services must not deprive members of the public access to inspect and copy books and records relating to the provision of those services.

NRS 239.001 (emphasis added) (The Nevada Public Records Act).

The Nevada Supreme Court has "therefore established a framework for testing claims of confidentiality under the backdrop of the NPRA's declaration that its provisions 'must be construed liberally' to facilitate access to public records, NRS 239.001(2), and that any restrictions on access 'must be construed narrowly.' NRS 239.001(3)." Reno Newspapers, Inc. v. Gibbons, 266 P.3d 623, 628

(2011). 12

> ARGUMENT Ш.

13 14

15

16

17

19

20

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

This Court Has Already Decided the Petition is Sufficient.

By the time counsel for PERS and LEISS raised allegations that NPRI's Petition for Writ of Mandamus was insufficient, this Court had already reviewed NPRI's Petition and found that "Petitioners have set forth issues of arguable merit and Respondents are ordered to file an answer."

18

This Court having already entered an order directing an answer, Respondents' suggestion that Order at p. 1.

Petitioner failed to satisfy some procedural requirement is moot.

NPRI's Relief Requested is Sufficiently Specific.

- The PERS record sought by NPRI, with respect to this this lawsuit, is sufficiently specific. **B**. 21 NPRI seeks PERS "actuary report" as it has customarily done and been delivered from PERS to NPRI in 22 past years. The contents of that report are identified both in paragraph 14 of the Petition as well as 23 clearly stated in the "Prayer for Relief in NPRI's Petition for Writ of Mandamus": 24 Issuance of a writ of mandamus directing Respondents to provide Petitioner a 25 record of retiree name, payroll amount, date of retirement, years of service,
 - 26

1.

increases.

27

28

Page 4 of 6

last employer, retirement type, original retirement amount, and COLA

		C. NPRI's Affidavit is Sufficient as is but the Affidavit of Mr. Fellner is attached.
1		C. NPRI's Affidavit is Sufficient as is but the subibits are information specific to Robert
2		C. NPRI's Affidavit is Sufficient as is but the exhibits are information specific to Robert Respondents PERS and LEISS contend that the exhibits are information specific to Robert,
3	F	
4		and has a set of the non-profit institute, and has a set
5	lь	chief Legal Counsel for the near restriction of the contents therein.
6		between NPRI's employees and other entities, and of the contents Even if <i>arguendo</i> , affidavit was somehow deficient, Petitioner now attaches hereto, an affidavit
7		Even if <i>arguendo</i> , affidavit was somehow deficient, realized as original exhibits to of Mr. Robert Fellner as Exhibit 1, the NPRI employee whose emails are attached as original exhibits to
8		the Petition.
9	11	
10		
1	1	
1	- 11	Petition or, in the Alternative, to Strike the Petition and Exhibits, etc. Statement must be denied and Respondents PERS and LEISS should be in compliance with this Court's
	3	Statement must be denied and Respondents PERS and LEISS energy energy of the statement must be denied and Respondents PERS and LEISS energy energy of the statement must be denied and Respondents PERS and LEISS energy energy energy of the statement must be denied and Respondents PERS and LEISS energy en
	4	1- 6000
	15	This document does not contain the Social Security number of a part
	16	DATED this 23 rd day of August, 2016.
	17	NPRI CENTER FOR JOB TION CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION
	18	
	19	0 r
	20	
	21	JOSEPH F. BECKER, ESQ.
	22	NPRI CENTER FOR LITIGATION
	23	75 Caliente Street
	24	Tel: (7/5) 050-7703
	2	cicl(a)npri.org
		Attorney for Petitioner
		27
		Page 5 of 6

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

1	employee of NPRI CENTER FOR
2	Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of NPRI CENTER FOR
3	TICATION and that on ule 25 day of the of
4	
5	a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petitioner's Opposition to a line and correct copy of the foregoing Petitioner's Opposition to a line a liternative, for More Petition Or, in the Alternative, to Strike the Petition and Exhibits, Or in the Alternative, for More
6	
7	Definite Statement, as follows: U.S. Mail – By depositing a true copy thereof in the U.S. mail, first-class postage prepaid
8	and addressed as listed below:
9	Joshua J. Hicks, Esq. Adam Hosmer-Henner, Esq.
10	I Demold Carano Wilson, LLF
11	100 West Liberty Street, 10 th Floor P.O. Box 2670
12	
13	1 / Dopa
14	
1	
1	6
1	7
1	8
1	.9
1	20
	21
	22
	23
	24
	25
	26
	27
	28 Page 6 of 6



241	
1	
1	JOSEPH F. BECKER, ESQ. Nevada State Bar No.12178 NEVADA STATE DE THE AND
2	NPRI CENTER FOR JULIGATION
3	75 Caliente Street
4	Tel: $(775) 636-7765$ Fax: $(775) 201-0225$
5	<u>cicl@npri.org</u>
6	IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF
7	IN AND FOR CARSON CITT
8	NEVADA POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.,) Dept. No. II
9	NEVADA POLICY RESEARCH Dept. No. II Petitioner,
10 11	VS.
11	EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF
12	NEVADA, a Public Agency; IIIVA With Employee Retirement
1-	System of Nevaua, Shiring of
1-	Respondents.
1	CONTRACTIONER'S
1	AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT FELLNER IN SOLLON TO DISMISS PETITION OR, IN THE
	7 AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT FEDMOTION TO DISMISS PETITION OIL IN THE OPPOSITION TO RESPONDENTS' MOTION TO DISMISS PETITION OIL IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO STRIKE THE PETITION AND EXHIBITS, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO STRIKE THE PETITION AND EXHIBITS ALTERNATIVE, FOR MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT 8 ALTERNATIVE, TO STRIKE THE PETITION AND EXHIBITS, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT
	9
5	20 STATE OF NEVADA) : ss.
	COUNTY OF CLARK) I, ROBERT FELLNER, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state under penalty of I, ROBERT FELLNER, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state under penalty of
	I, ROBERT FELLNER, being mist dury streng perjury, that based upon information and belief that the following assertions are true:
	 perjury, that based upon information and benef that die the state of Nevada, and a citizen of Clark 1. I, ROBERT FELLNER, am a resident of the State of Nevada, and a citizen of Clark
	24 1. I, ROBERT FELLNER, am a resident of the End
	 25 County. 26 2. I am an employee of Nevada Policy Research Institute, Inc. (hereinafter "NPRI").
	f Detitioner's Upposition to form
	 3. This Affidavit is made in support of Petitioner 5 511 28 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF NEVADA's and TINA M. LEISS's Motion to Dismiss
	28 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT STRICT OF THE COMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT STRICT
	Page 1 of 3

Petition or, in the Alternative, to Strike the Petition and Exhibits, or in the Alternative, for More Definite Statement.

I am over the age of eighteen (18) years. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated within this Affidavit. If called as a witness, I would be competent to testify to these facts.

Based upon information and belief, among other things, NPRI maintains TransparentNevada.com, a website dedicated to serving Nevada's public by providing transparency as to state, county, and city governments' employee compensation data including but not limited to the affairs of Respondent, PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF NEVADA (hereinafter "PERS") under the Nevada Public Records Act (hereinafter "the NPRA").

On or about January 5, 2015, I, Robert Fellner, as an employee of NPRI, sent a request to PERS for PERS' 2014 "actuary report," a report which is customarily known both by PERS and NPRI to contain payment records of its retirees including retiree name, benefit payment amount, date of retirement, years of service, last employer, retirement type, original retirement amount, and COLA increases (all information which, for example, was contained in the 2013 "actuary report" as provided to NPRI). See Exhibit 2 to Petition for Writ of Mandamus. I made that request so I could publish the requested information to the TransparentNevada.com website, which is provided to the public as a free service by NPRI. The website is also intended to be a resource for public sector administrators, allowing easy comparisons across jurisdictions within the state for labor and other costs. Disclosure of the PERS actuary reports of its retirees would serve to advance this important public purpose of

On January 9, 2015, I received an email from PERS with the 2014 "actuary report" governmental transparency. attached. However, no retiree names were part of the report thus making the list of payment amounts

I learned, however, through additional communications with PERS officials, that largely meaningless. sometime subsequent to a 2013 Nevada Supreme Court opinion mandating that PERS release its "actuary report" to those then requesting it under the NPRA, PERS altered its recordkeeping methodology to attach only social security numbers to retiree payment amounts as the sole payee identifier, such that, when social security numbers are duly redacted (pursuant to the NPRA), the

Page 2 of 3

1

2

3

4

5

remaining records contain only payment amounts with no indication as to which payee receives any of those amounts.

9. I also learned, through communications with PERS officials, that PERS *does* maintain a separate record associating each name with its respective social security number.

10. In an email to me on January 16, 2015, PERS states that a report, such as the one NPRI requested, no longer exists, and that PERS is not required to create one. *See* Exhibit 2 to Petition for Writ of Mandamus.

11. To be certain that PERS' post-PERS v. Reno Newspapers Inc. recordkeeping methodology of excluding names from actuary reports has not changed back to pre-2013 methodology, in March 2016, I submitted a new request for the information detailed above, which was, again, met with the same denial of anything other than nameless payment amounts. See Exhibit 3 to Petition for Writ of Mandamus.

12. As of the date of this Affidavit, I have <u>not</u> received the requested information from

PERS.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT. Dated this 18th day of August, 2016.

ROBERT FELLNER

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this <u>18</u> day of <u>Access</u>, 2016.

NOTARY PUBLIC



Page 3 of 3

Exhibit 5

Exhibit 5

	والارتكافية المناج المتهولا ومناكر متهجوه والمتعاد والمستخر
	he ' ORIGINAL "C .
	REC'D & FILE3
1	JOSEPH F. BECKER, ESQ. Nevada State Bar No.12178 2017 FEB -1 PM 1:09
2	NPRI CENTER FOR JUSTICE AND
3	CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION 75 Caliente Street Reno, Nevada 89509-2807
4 5	Tel: (775) 636-7703 Fax: (775) 201-0225 Email: cjcl@npri.org
6	Attorney for Petitioner
7	IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
8	IN AND FOR CARSON CITY
9	NEVADA POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC., / Case No.: 16 OC 00161 1B
10	Petitioner,) Dept. No. II
11	vs.
12	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF)
13	NEVADA, a Public Agency; TINA M. LEISS, in her official) capacity as Executive Officer of the Public Employee Retirement) System of Nevada; STATE OF NEVADA;
14	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
1	Respondents.
1	
1	NOTICE OF ENTIRE OF STR
1	DEFENSION TAKE NOTICE that on the 24 th day of January, 2017, the Court in the above-entitled
1	The second second correct conv of that Order is attached hereto.
2 2	DATED this 20 th day of January 2017
2	NPRI CENTER FOR JUSTICE AND
	2 CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION 3
	IOSEPHNE BECKER, ESO,
	5 6 Nevada State Bar No. 12178 75 Galiente Street Reno, Nevada 89509-2807
2	Tel: (775) 636-7703 Fax: (775) 201-0225
	cjcl@npri.org

п			
		ţ	
		:	REC'D & FILED
1			2017 JAN 24 PH 2: 55
2			SUSAN MERRIWETHER
3			BY AN BEPUTY
4			O del p
5	IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT C	OURT OF THE	STATE OF NEVADA
7	IN AND FOR C		
8	-00		,
9	NEVADA POLICY RESEARCH	CASE NO.	16 OC 00169 1B
10	INSTITUTE, INC.,	DEPT.	2
11	Petitioner,		
12	V\$.		ANTING PETITION OF MANDAMUS
13	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT	FORMAT	
14	SYSTEM OF NEVADA, a Public Agency; TINA LEISS, in her official		
15	capacity as Executive Officer of the Public Employee Retirement System		
16	of Nevada; STATE OF NEVADA,		
17	Respondents.		
18		1	
19	PROCEDURAL		
20	Nevada Policy Research Institute	, Inc. (NPRI) fil	ed a Petition for Writ of
21	Mandamus seeking to compel Public Er	nployees' Retire	ment System of Nevada
22	(PERS) to produce information under t	he Nevada Publi	ic Records Act (NPRA).
23			
24	ISS	SUES	
25	Are the records NPRI requested confidential?		
26	Door PEPS have a duty to create a document that contains the requested.		
27	information?		
28	monitation		

Do the alleged cybercrime risks posed by the disclosure of the requested information outweigh the benefits?

If PERS is required to disclose the information is NPRI entitled to attorney's fees and costs?

1

2

3

4

5

6

28

FACTS

7 In 2013 the Nevada Supreme Court decided Public Employees' 8 Retirement System v. Reno Newspapers, 129 A.O. 88, 313 P.3d 221 9 (2013)(Reno Newspapers). In that case Nevada Newspapers requested PERS 10 produce "the names of all individuals who are collecting pensions, the names of 11 their government employers, their salaries, their hire dates, and the amount of 12 their pension payments." Id. 222. PERS opposed the petition on grounds very 13 similar to those asserted in the present case. The district court concluded that 14 neither NRS 286.110(3) nor NRS 286.117 declared the requested information 15 confidential and the privacy concerns did not clearly outweigh the public's right 16 17 to disclosure, and ordered PERS to produce a report containing the requested 18 information. The Nevada Supreme Court concluded PERS had not identified any 19 statute, rule, or caselaw that would foreclose production of the requested 20 information and upheld the District court writ except for the portion of the order 21 which required PERS to create new documents or customized reports. 22

In the present case PERS' Operation Director Cheryl Price testified that as
a result of the *Reno Newspapers* decision PERS "possibly" eliminated retiree
names from the report it sends its actuary. This Court understood this testimony
to mean PERS eliminated retiree names from the report it sends its actuary in

Page 2 of 10

part because of the *Reno Newspapers* decision. By eliminating retiree names
 from the report for the actuary, PERS can respond to requests for information
 that include a request for retiree names by stating no such document exists.

4 After PERS eliminated retiree names from the report it sends to its 5 actuary, NPRI requested PERS' FY 2014 Retiree Raw Data. PERS complied with 6 the request, but the FY 2014 Retiree Raw Data does not contain retiree names 7 because of the change PERS' made in its procedure after the Reno Newspapers 8 decision. Through email exchanges NPRI sought different ways of obtaining 9 information. On January 13, 2015 NPRI requested "reports or information that 10 could be provided that would contain the following pieces of information": 11 retiree name, years of service credit, gross pension benefit amount, year of 12 retirement, and last employer. Pet. for Writ of Mandamus, Ex. 2. Operations 13 Director Price responded that PERS did not have, and did not have a duty to 14 15 create, a report that contained the requested information. NPRI then filed its 16 Petition for Writ of Mandamus (Petition) to compel PERS to provide a record of 17 the information requested in the January 13, 2015 email referenced above, and 18 additional information, i.e., payroll amount, retirement type, and COLA 19 increases. Pet. for Writ of Mandamus, p. 6. NPRI did not request the additional 20 information in the January 13, 2015 email and therefore the request in the 21 Petition for that information is not proper because there was no specific denial 22 23 to produce that information.

PERS did not provide any evidence on the time or cost that would be
required to produce the requested information. Instead it focused on the time
and cost to match retiree names to the FY 2014 Retiree Raw Data.

27

28

Page 3 of 10

1	GENERAL LEGAL PRINCIPLES
2	A writ of mandamus is available to compel the performance of an act the
3	law requires as a duty resulting from an office or to control an arbitrary or
4	capricious exercise of discretion. Int'l Game Tech., Inc. v. Second Judicial Dist.
5	Court, 124 Nev. 193, 197, 179 P.3d 556, 558 (2008).
6	Chapter 239 – Public Records
7	NRS 239.001 Legislative findings and declaration.
8	The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:
9 10	1. The purpose of this chapter is to foster
11	democratic principles by providing members of the public with access to inspect and copy public books
12	and records to the extent permitted by law;
13	
14	purpose;
15	3. Any exemption, exception or balancing of interests which limits or restricts access to public must be
16	books and records by members of the public must be construed narrowly;
17	
1	inspection
1:	mloss otherwise declared by law to be
2	commental entity must be open at all times during
	1 2 3 4 5 5 5 6 6 7 6 7 6 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7
	prepared from those public books and public records.
2	NRS 239.0113 Burden of proof where confidentiality of public
2	book or record is at issue.
	26
	27 Page 4 of 10
:	28 Page 4 01 10

1	Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115, if:
2	1. The confidentiality of a public book or
3	record, or a part thereof, is at issue in a judicial or administrative proceeding; and
4	2. The governmental entity that has legal
5 6	custody or control of the public book or record asserts that the public book or record, or a part thereof, is confidential,
7	the covernmental entity has the burden of proving by
8	a preponderance of the evidence that the public book or record, or a part thereof, is confidential.
9	
10	NRS 286.110(3) Public Employees' Retirement System : public inspection of records;
11	records, other than the files of retired employees
12	are public records
13 14	NAC 239.867 No requirement to create public record that does not exist.
15	
16	of a public record that does not exist. a records
17	official or an agency of the Executive Department is
18	
19	
20	Are the records NPRI requested confidential?
2	
2	
2	The information requested in this case is substantially similar to the information
2	4 requested in <i>Reno Newspapers</i> . This Court concludes, as the Supreme Court did
2	
2	6 in <i>Reno Newspapers</i> , that PERS failed to cite any statute, rule, or case that bars
2	7
2	Page 5 of 10
	8

production of the information NPRI requested on grounds the information is	
confidential.	
Does PERS have a duty to create a document that contains the	
requested information?	
PERS cited NAC 239.867 to support its position that there is no duty to	
create a document. NAC 239.867 provides:	
No requirement to create public record that does not exist	
inspect, copy or receive a copy of a public record that	
Executive Department is not required to create a	
public record to satisfy the request.	
NAC 239.867 does not require an agency to create a public record, but	
neither does it does bar an agency from creating a record. PERS quoted in part	
Nevada Public Records Act: A Manual for State Agencies 2014 which states in	
part: "An agency is not required to organize data to create a record that doesn't	
exist at the time of the request." The part PERS left out from that sentence in the	
Manual is: "but may do so at the discretion of the agency if doing so is	and the second s
reasonable." PERS failure to indicate it was quoting only part of the sentence	
seems a bit deceptive.	
The Reno Newspapers Court did not cite NAC 239.867 but vacated the	
district court's order to the extent is required PERS to create new documents or	
customized reports by searching for and compiling information from	
individuals' files or other records. But two years later in Las Vegas Metro. Police	
Dept. v. Blackjack Bonding, Inc., 131 Nev A.O. 10, 343 P.3d 608 (2015)	
(Blackjack) the Court referenced Reno Newspapers and stated that case "did not	:
Page 6 of 10	
	 confidential. Does PERS have a duty to create a document that contains the requested information? PERS cited NAC 239.867 to support its position that there is no duty to create a document. NAC 239.867 provides: No requirement to create public record that does not exist. (NRS 239.008, 378.255) If a person requests to inspect, copy or receive a copy of a public record that does not exist, a records official or an agency of the Executive Department is not required to create a public record, but neither does not exist, a records official or an agency of the Executive Department is not required to create a public record, but neither does it does bar an agency from creating a record. PERS quoted in part Nevada Public Records Act: A Manual for State Agencies 2014 which states in part: "An agency is not required to organize data to create a record that doesn't exist at the time of the request." The part PERS left out from that sentence in the Manual is: "Dut may do so at the discretion of the agency if doing so is reasonable." PERS failure to indicate it was quoting only part of the sentence seems a bit deceptive. The <i>Reno Newspapers</i> Court did not cite NAC 239.867 but vacated the district court's order to the extent is required PERS to create new documents or customized reports by searching for and compiling information from individuals' files or other records. But two years later in <i>Las Vegas Metro. Police Dept. v. Blackjack Bonding, Inc.</i>, 131 Nev A.O. 10, 343 P.3d 608 (2015)

ľ

address the situation where an agency had technology to readily compile the requested information. Instead, when an agency has a computer program that can readily compile the requested information, the agency is not excused from 3 4 its duty to produce and disclose that information." Id. 613. (Internal citations 5 omitted.) The Blackjack Court did not discuss NAC 239.867.

1

2

27

28

6 NPRI tried to avoid the issue by arguing its request does not require 7 PERS to create new records because PERS produced a record with the requested 8 information in the past, and PERS would only need to collate data it already has. 9 The Court finds these arguments lack merit. The old report does not provide the 10 current information requested and collating documents would result in 11 something new and different than existed before – a new document. 12

UND)

Considering the purpose of the NPRA, to foster democratic principles by 13 providing members of the public with access to public books and records; the 14 15 legislative mandate that courts construe the NPRA liberally to carry out this 16 important purpose; the legislative mandate that any exemption, exception or 17 balancing of interests which limits or restricts access to public books and records 18 by members of the public must be construed narrowly; the lack of evidence that 19 producing the requested information, retiree name, years of service credit, gross 20 pension benefit amount, year of retirement, and last employer would require 21 unreasonable demands or costs on PERS; and the fact that PERS altered its 22 procedure in providing information to its actuary to eliminate the names of 23 retirees in part because of the Reno Newspapers decision, the court concludes 24 that PERS does have a duty to create a document that contains the requested 25 26 information.

Page 7 of 10

1	Do the alleged cybercrime risks posed by the disclosure of the requested information outweigh the benefits?
2	PERS' argument that the risk of cybercrime against retirees posed by
3 4	disclosure of the requested information outweigh the benefits, suffers from the
5	same fatal defect its argument had in <i>Reno Newspapers</i> – there is no convincing
6 7	evidence that the concerns are anything other than hypothetical and speculative.
8	The testimony provided by PERS did not limit the opinions to the information
° 9	requested in this case. Instead the opinions are based upon the inclusion of
9 10	information not requested by NPRI like sex, birth date, and address.
10	Like in Reno Newspapers PERS failed to provide sufficient evidentiary
11	support for its position that disclosure of the requested information would
12	actually cause harm or even increase the risk of harm to retired employees.
14	•
15	If PERS is required to disclose the information is NPRI entitled to
16	attorney's fees and costs?
17	Under NRS 230.011(2) if the requester prevails, the requester is entitled
18	to recover its costs and reasonable attorney's fees from the governmental entity
19	whose officer has custody of the records. NPRI has prevailed and is therefore
20	entitled to recover its costs and reasonable attorney's fees from PERS.
21	
22	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
23	
24	The information NPRI requested is not confidential.
25	PERS does have a duty to create a document that contains for FY 2014,
26	retiree name, years of service credit, gross pension benefit amount, year of
27	retirement, and last employer.
28	
	Page 8 of 10

1	The alleged cybercrime risks posed by the disclosure of the requested		
2	information do not outweigh the benefits.		
3	NPRI is entitled to attorney's fees and costs from PERS.		
4	Any arguments of the parties not addressed in this order lack merit.		
5			
6	ORDER		
7	IT IS ORDERED:		
9	The Petition for Writ of Mandamus is granted.		
10	PERS is ordered to produce the following information to NPRI within five		
11	business days:		
12	a) Retiree name;		
13	b) Years of service credit;		
14	c) Gross pension benefit amount;		
15	d) Year of retirement; and		
16	e) Last employer		
17 18	NPRI will file a memorandum of costs and an affidavit for attorney's fees		
10	that complies with FJDCR 15(13) within five business days.		
20	Under NRS 239.052 PERS may charge a fee for providing a copy of the		
21	ordered public record. The fee must not exceed the actual cost to PERS to		
22	provide the copy of the public record.		
23	January 23, 2016.		
24	Jamis Mulas		
25	District Judge		
26			
27			
28	Page 9 of 10		

1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE		
2	Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the First		
3	Judicial District Court of Nevada, that on this <u>A</u> day of January, 2017, I:		
4	deposited for mailing at Carson City, Nevada		
5	Joshua Hicks, Esq.		
6	Andrew Hosmer-Henner, Esq. 100 W. Liberty Street, 10 th floor		
7	Reno, NV 89505		
8	Joseph Becker, Esq. 75 Caliente Street		
9	Reno, NV 89509		
10	\Box caused to be delivered by messenger service		
11 12	□ faxed to: Joseph F. Becker, Esq. 775-201-0225; and Joshua J.		
12	Hicks, Esq. 775-788-2020		
15	a true and correct copy of the above order.		
15	Judicial Assistant		
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			
21			
22			
23			
24			
25			
26			
27			
28	Page 10 of 10		
1			

Joshua J. Hicks, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 6679 Adam Hosmer-Henner, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 12779 MCDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP 100 West Liberty Street, 10th Floor Reno, NV 89501 775-788-2000 – phone 775-788-2020 – facsimile

Electronically Filed Feb 24 2017 08:21 a.m. Elizabeth A. Brown Clerk of Supreme Court

Attorneys for Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

* * * * *

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF NEVADA,	Case No. 72274
Appellant,	ERRATA TO DOCKETING STATEMENT
NEVADA POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.	
Respondent.	

Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada hereby files this Errata to Docketing Statement to include file-stamped copies of Exhibit 5 and Exhibit 7 which inadvertently contained non file-stamped copies in the initial filing.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2017.

MCDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP

By <u>/s/ Adam Hosmer-Henner</u> Joshua J. Hicks, Esq. (NSBN 6679) Adam Hosmer-Henner, Esq. (NSBN 12779) 100 W. Liberty Street, Tenth Floor Reno, NV 89501

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am an employee of MCDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP and that on February 23, 2017, I served the forgoing on the parties in said case by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes with postage prepaid thereon in the United States Post Office mail at 100 West Liberty Street, 10th Floor, Reno, Nevada 89501 addressed as follows:

Joseph Becker, Esq. NPRI Center For Justice And Constitutional Litigation 75 Caliente Street Reno NV 89509-2807

In addition, a courtesy copy was mailed to the Settlement Judge addressed as follows:

Janet Chubb Kaempfer Crowell 50 West Liberty Street, Suite 700 Reno, NV 89501

I am familiar with the firm's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service.

The envelopes addressed to the above parties were sealed and placed for collection by the firm's messengers and will be deposited today with the United States Postal Service in the ordinary course of business.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct.

Dated: February 23, 2017

/s/ Jill Nelson Jill L. Nelson