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### IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

BOBBY LEN FRANKLIN, Real Party in Interest,

Petitioner,

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THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK; AND THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY C. WILLIAMS, DISTRICT JUDGE,

Respondents,

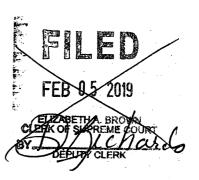
and,

WILLIAM R. URGA; D.J. LAUGHLIN, D/B/A BWD PROPERTIES 2, LLC, BWD PROPERTIES 3, LLC, BWD PROPERTIES 4, LLC; AND SHELLEY YOUNG, STATE BAR OF NEVADA,

Real Parties in Interest.

Supreme Court No.: 77825 - COA

District Court Case No.: A-18-779502-C



MOTION TO RECUSE JUDGE JEROME T. TAO FROM THIS CASE

Petitioner "Franklin" moves to recuse Judge Tao from this Case 77825 because he may have the following conflicts of interest on the described 80 acres of land in Laughlin Nevada.

The Memorandum of Points and Authorities, with the Exhibits attached, and the Proof of Service are attached herewith.

Respectfully submitted by,

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BOBLES FRANKER (pro se)

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### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

From 1989 to 2013, Nevada Senator Harry Reid was constantly sending his press releases to the Laughlin Nevada Times and the named others, to print his plans to legislate a law to transfer "Section 16" in Laughlin Nevada to Robert Bilbray, while they both new Franklin had and still has the First Title to 80 acres in 'Section 16'. See, Exhibit 1, pp 1-3 attached herewith.

From January 1999 to June 2001, Jerome Tao was Senator Harry Reid's "Legislative Assistant, Chief Speechwriter, ... negotiating legislation", as his "senior advisor". See, Exhibit 2, pp 4 - 6 attached herewith.

Up until 2013, Harry Reid and his son - Commissioner Rory Reid were brokering their \$5 Billion deal with ENN Solar Energy Corp from China, to transfer the 9,000 acres to ENN, which included 'Section 16' in Laughlin that runs about 200 feet parallel from the huge electric power transmission line towers. See, Exhibit 3, pp 7 – 11 attached herewith.

Thus, Mr. Tao may still have conflicts of interest against Franklin, and against the **80 acres** in 'Section 16' that Franklin still has the existing First Title to.

Respectfully submitted by,

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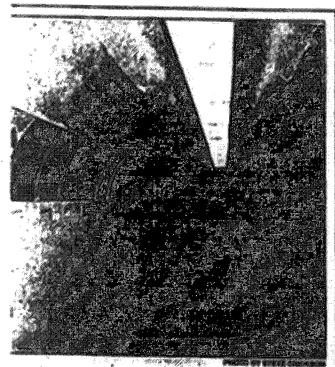
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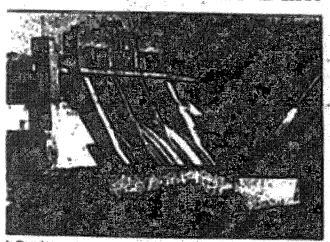
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# Reid urges transfer of Section 16

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### Bilbray named citizen of the year

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LAUGHLIN - A self-described 'occasional hot poker' seen to be a driving force in establishment of infrastructure here was named the 2001 Citizen of the Year by the Laughlin Town Advisory Board last week. Robert P. Bilbray, attorney, certified public accountant, developer, public works committee member, philanthropist and 22-year resident of Laughlin was honored by the board on Sept. 11. Lorraine Haywood, board chair, read the proclamation that announced all those accomplishments plus some others. "Bob chaired the public works committee of the town advisory board for many years," Haywood noted, "and helped to see Laughlin acquire a complete infrastructure to support growth." The chair lauded Bilbray for his most recent contribution of four acres of prime land on which the community's first equatic center is to be built. "Bob Bilbray has been a donor to all youth sports," Haywood continued, "has participated at fund-raisers for youth programs in the community, and has personally contributed (money toward) the medical expenses of children who otherwise could not afford such medical care. "Now, therefore, the commissioners do hereby grant, thank and applaud Robert P. Bilbray, 2001 Laughlin Citizen of the Year, and urge the citizens of Laughlin and Clark County to congratulate him for his many efforts in making Laughlin a great place in which to live, work and play." The price of progress has included controversy, a point acknowledged by Bilbray and Bruce Woodbury, the Clark County Commissioner whose letter prefeced the presentation. While Bilbray nodded emphatically, and many in the board chambers laughed knowingly. Haywood read from that

letter: "In attaining your goals you have always considered their impact on Laughlin. And although you have often felt the county's development procedures and bureaucracy have placed an undue burden on developers it is clear your intent has been to expedite the time and expense and not the quality of your projects. "Your service on the public works committee for many years helped to

build us a strong network of roads, flood control facilities and state-of-the-art water and sewer systems," Haywood continued to quote from Woodbury's letter. "If every town had people as determined, knowledgeable and outspoken as you, then every

determined, knowledgeable and outspoken as you, then every town could reach its full potential. "Congratulations on this well-deserved honor." Bilbray returned the praise toward the close of his comments, saying: "Commissioner Woodbury deserves

incredible support for his supporting us to the extent of \$300 to \$350 million worth of infrastructure that has this community front-loaded well beyond any community's wildest dreams." Building a

clean, compact and beautifully modern city out of the rugged http://news.mywebpal.com/news\_tool\_v2.cfm?show=localnews&pnelD=431&NewsID=17\_\_9/22/2001

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### (QUESTIONS 1 THROUGH 48)

### Personal Information

1. Full Name: Jerome T. Tao

2. Have you ever used or been known by any other legal name? Nickname "Jerry" (not a formal name), was identified that way on the ballot in 2012 and 2014

3. Work Address:

District Judge 8th Judicial District Court Department XX 200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89155

4. How long have you been a continuous resident of Nevada? Since 2001

5. Age: 46

### **Employment History**

6. Using the format provided in Attachment "A" please start with your current employment or most recent employment, self-employment, and periods of unemployment for the 20 years immediately preceding the filing of this Application.

Current or Last Employer: District Judge, 8th Judicial District Court for the State of Nevada

Phone Number: (702) 671-4440

Address: Department XX, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89155

From: January 20, 2011 To: Present

Supervisor's Name: N/A Supervisor's Job Title: N/A Your Title: District Judge

Specific Duties:

Reason for Leaving: Presently Employed

Previous Employer: Office of the Clark County Public Defender

Phone Number: (702) 455-4685

Address: 309 South Third Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

From: January 2010 To: January 2011 Supervisor's Name: Philip J. Kohn

Supervisor's Job Title: Clark County Public Defender

Your Title: Chief Deputy Public Defender

Specific Duties: Supervised/trained team of attorneys Reason for Leaving: Appointed to District Court

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Previous Employer: Law Firm of Ayala & Tao (known as Ayala & Associates prior to 2006)

Phone Number: (702) 893-2015

Address: 400 South Fourth Street, Las Vegas NV 89101

From: Fall 2005 To: December 2009

Supervisor's Name: Did not have supervisor; partner's name is Daniel P. Ayala

Supervisor's Job Title: Partner

Your Title: Partner

Specific Duties: Private law practice

Reason for Leaving: Dissolved law firm, I went to Public Defender's Office, partner went to larger

firm

<u>Previous Employer:</u> Office of the Clark County District Attorney

Phone Number: (702) 671-2500

Address: 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas NV 89155

From: August 2001 To: September 2005

Supervisor's Name: Stewart Bell, David Wall, Frank Coumou

Supervisor's Job Title: Chief Deputy District Attorney

Your Title: Deputy District Attorney
Specific Duties: Prosecuted criminal cases

Reason for Leaving: Formed private law firm with friend

Previous Employer: U.S. Senator Harry Reid

Phone Number: (202) 224-3542

Address: 522 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510

From: January 1999 To: June 2001

Supervisor's Name: Senator Harry Reid, Susan McCue (Chief of Staff)

Supervisor's Job Title: Chief of Staff

Your Title: Legislative Assistant. Chief Speechwriter

Specific Duties: Assisted Senator in researching, drafting and negotiating legislation, drafted

speeches

Reason for Leaving: Moved to Nevada to join District Attorney's Office

Previous Employer: Law Firm of Steptoe & Johnson LLP

Phone Number: (202) 429-3000

Address: 1330 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

From: 1996 To: Fall 1999

Supervisor's Name: David Roll, Gary Rinkerman

Supervisor's Job Title: Partner Your Title: Associate Attorney Specific Duties: Private law practice

Reason for Leaving: Offered opportunity to work on Capitol Hill for Senator Reid





## Clark County Courts

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Karen Bennett Chief Judge, Las Vegas Township Justice Court

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### Jerome T. Tao

Department 20 Eighth Judicial District Court

Term of Office 2011 - present

Paula Walsh Judicial Executive Assistant (702) 671-4440 Voice (702) 671-4439 Fax

Judge Tao was appointed to the bench by Governor Brian Sandoval in January, 2011, making him the Governor's first judicial appointment and the first Asian-American ever to serve on a District Court in the history of Nevada.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Tao served at various times as a Clark County Deputy District Attorney, Chief Deputy Public Defender, as a civil attorney in private practice, and was at one time a <u>senior advisor to U.S. Senator Harry Reid.</u> He has been active in a variety of community organizations including Leadership Las Vegas, Focus Las Vegas, the Asian Chamber of Commerce, AAG, and the UNLV Vice-President's Commission on Diversity.

Judge Tao is a graduate of Cornell University (1989) and the George Washington University (1992, with honors), where he served on the Law Review and the Moot Court Board.

# Harry Reid's Son Representing Chinese Solar Panel Plant in \$5 Billion Nevada Deal



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The son of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), Rory Reid, is the primary representative for ENN Energy Group, a Chinese energy company seeking to build a \$5 billion solar panel plant on a 9,000-

Exhibit 3, p7

### acre Clark County desert plot in Laughlin, Nevada.

ENN scored big when Clark County commissioners unanimously voted to sell the Chinese company the public land for just \$4.5 million, despite the fact that it was appraised at \$38.6 million.

Breitbart TV

Sen. Reid has been one of ENN's biggest supporters, having recruited the company during a 2011 trip to China. According to Reuters, last month Sen. Reid tried to "pressure Nevada's largest power company, NV Energy, to sign up as ENN's first customer."

### Plan for Laughlin solar energy plant fizzles; Clark County regains control of land



Solar panels collect energy in this 2012 file photo. A big project planned south of Laughlin has failed to obtain power purchase agreements with utility companies, and the hopes have

### By BEN BOTKIN LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

June 14, 2013 - 5:58 pm

A China-based company's plan to build a solar energy plant south of Laughlin and create hundreds of jobs has died.

ENN Mojave Energy failed to obtain the necessary power purchase deal with any utility companies, Clark County officials said Friday.

The company informed the county Friday that it was unable to meet the terms of the agreement. As a result, the land will go back to the county.

"Unfortunately, the market will not support a project of this scale and nature at this time," Tim Carlson, the company's senior vice president, wrote in a letter to the county.

The announcement disappointed the county commissioner who serves the Laughlin area and the town manager, who had hoped to see their desert enclave transformed into an alternative energy hub that brought economic and population growth.

Carrying with them the strong support of U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, ENN's representatives persuaded county officials to approve the big land deal in December 2011 with promises of bringing economic development to the Laughlin area, about 100 miles south of Las Vegas.



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Commissioners had high hopes it would bring hundreds, if not thousands, of jobs and a billion-dollar solar farm and research park to Southern Nevada. Under the agreement, 9,000 acres in the Fort

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Mohave Valley were sold to the company for \$4.5 million.

At the time, the company predicted the creation of 590 to 2,222 permanent jobs in its first five years of development, and another 462 to 2,944 construction jobs. Its investment would have ranged from \$1 billion to \$6 billion for a photovoltaic power plant and solar-panel factory, according to the analysis the company provided commissioners. The company couldn't be reached Friday for further comment.

Reid, D-Nev., has strongly supported the project, lobbied hard to make ENN's plans a reality. He met with the head of ENN Group, the parent company, in 2011.

He also traveled to China in April 2011, with an eye toward site visits of American investments and clean energy projects, according to his office's statement at the time.

Reid pressured NV Energy to purchase power from ENN. In July 2012, he publicly said the ENN project would start "tomorrow" if NV Energy did business with ENN. At the time, the utility said it didn't plan to seek new requests for power until 2014 or 2015.

Reid's son, Rory Reid, was an attorney on the ENN project his father supported. The senator's office has previously said he didn't get his son's firm the work and that the two hadn't spoken about the deal. On Friday, a Sen. Reid spokeswoman didn't respond to a request for comment.

In hopes of getting the economic boost, the county sold the land for below its appraised value. Two separate appraisals had pegged the land's value at \$29.6 million and \$38.6 million.

But the agreement also hinged on the company's ability to negotiate a power purchase agreement with a utility company within 18 months, which failed happen. As a result, the land goes back to the county.

What happens with the land next remains to be seen. County staffers will give a report to commissioners on economic development ideas for the land at a July 2 meeting.

"Economic development and job creation must remain our focus," commission Chairman Steve Sisolak said in a statement. The project area is in his district. "I am grateful that ENN spent a lot of time and effort to move its project forward. I know they did what they could."

In an interview, Sisolak said the developer was unable to get the

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energy price down enough for potential buyers, noting that renewable energy is more expensive than fossil fuel-based energy.

"It's a disappointment, obviously, that this fell apart," he said.

As for future prospects, Sisolak said the land has potential for a variety of uses, including warehousing and manufacturing.

Shortly after the ENN deal was announced, he said, other developers inquired about the availability of land. Sisolak said he plans to get in touch with them and looks forward to hearing suggestions from county staff.

"When one door closes, hopefully three windows open up this time," he said.

An analysis examining the land several years ago identified potential uses that include distribution, software production, health care and an innovation services cluster with businesses offering legal, accounting, engineering and technical consulting services.

"It is a big letdown because we had hoped it would bring employment," said Laughlin Town Manager Jacquelyne Brady. "We need the employment and we've got all of this land that can be used for economic development so we were pretty excited. We don't give up, though. We do not give up."

As for how quickly another developer might latch onto the land, that remains to be seen. If ENN had built its plant, the addition would have greatly diversified the economy of Laughlin, an unincorporated community of about 7,400 where the bulk of jobs are tied to tourism and gaming.

"At this point, I really don't know because once ENN came in the door, we did not market that land anymore," Brady said. "We were not marketing for well over a year and a half, almost two years, so I'm not sure what has changed now in terms of people being interested."

Despite the failure of solar energy project, growth of utility-scale photovoltaic solar power installations continues nationwide. Utility installations of that power source in the U.S. grew by 670 percent from 2010 to 2012, according to a report released this week by the Solar Energy Industries Association.

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### PROOF OF SERVICE

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