## IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

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WILLIAM MANTLE,

Appellant,
vs.

JENNIFER BREKHUS,

Sup. Ct. Case No. 84821 Case No. CV22-00560 Dept. 4

Respondent.

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COMES NOW, Respondent JENNY BREKUS, by and through the undersigned counsel, and hereby files the following list of exhibits, attached hereto, for the April 20, 2022 hearing scheduled in this matter.

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1	3/13/2020	Declaration of the Existence of a Local State of Emergency	City of Reno proclamation of the existence of a local state of emergency	Hillary Schieve
2	5/30/2020	Declaration of the Existence of a Local State of Emergency	City of Reno proclamation of the existence of a local state of emergency	Hillary Schieve
3	3/16/2020	Reno Mayor Orders Non-Essential Business to Close Amid Virus Outbreak	Online article published by Channel 2 News	Unknown
4	6/2/2020	Reno curfew in effect until further notice after George Floyd protests	Online article published by the Las Vegas Review- Journal	Bill Dentzer
5	3/16/2020	Reno to shut all 'nonessential' business by Friday	Online article published by the Las Vegas Review- Journal	Colton Lochhead, Bill Dentzer
6	3/16/2020	Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve clarifies closures of bars, restaurants and gyms	Online article published by News 4-Fox 11	Unknown
7	3/16/2020	Reno to shut down bars, nightclubs, gyms and restaurants to combat coronavirus	Online article published by The Nevada Current	April Corbin, Michael Lyle
8	5/30/2020	Reno mayor imposes curfew as demonstrators break into City Hall	Online article published by The Nevada Independent	Daniel Rothberg
9	3/16/2020	City of Reno orders non- essential businesses to start closing	Online article published by The Nevada Independent	Daniel Rothbnerg, Michelle Rindels, Jackie Valley
10	5/30/2020	Updates: Reno mayor declares a State of Emergency, desacribes some of damages to City Hall	Online article published by The Reno Gazette Journal	Amy Alonzo, Siobhan McAndrew, Benjamin Spillman

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11	3/18/2020	Reno restaurants fight	Online article published by	Johnathan L.
		to survive amid forced	The Reno Gazette Journal	Wright
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12	5/30/2020	Reno Police	Twitter post by the Reno	Reno Police
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#### **DECLARATION OF THE EXISTENCE** OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Reno Municipal Code Section 8.34, Emergency Management, empowers the Mayor of the City of Reno to proclaim the existence of a local state of emergency when the City is affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has been requested by the City Manager of the City of Reno to proclaim the existence of a local state of emergency therein; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor does hereby find:

There exists an occurrence or threatened occurrence with the City of Reno which constitutes a defined emergency under NRS 414.0345. The Emergency includes conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by the pandemic of the coronavirus (otherwise known as COVID-19), which includes but not limited to, extreme illness, and other potential and related events (collectively "Emergency"). The Emergency initiated in within the City limits. The Emergency commenced on or about the 13th day of March, 2020, at approximately 2:00 pm;

That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local state of emergency; and

That the United States President and the Governor of Nevada have each declared states of emergency regarding COVID-19; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local state of emergency now exists in the City of Reno; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the local state of emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the City Manager and the Emergency Services System of the City shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances and resolutions of the City and the City of Reno Emergency Operation Plan.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the local state of emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Mayor, Assistant Mayor, Reno City Council, or the Reno City Manager.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this declaration be forwarded to the Nevada Director of the Division of Emergency Management.

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# DECLARATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Reno Municipal Code Section 8.34, Emergency Management, empowers the Mayor of the City of Reno to proclaim the existence of a local state of emergency when the City is affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor does hereby find:

There exists an occurrence or threatened occurrence within the City of Reno which constitutes a defined emergency under NRS 414.0345. Specifically, many people have gathered in downtown Reno, Nevada and surrounding areas to protest George Floyd's death that occurred on May 25, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The protest in Reno turned violent and a large number of protesters have gathered outside Reno City Hall and other locations throughout downtown Reno and surrounding areas. The crowd, estimated at approximately 1000 people, has become violent and civil unrest has ensued. Local law enforcement agencies are unable to control the violent crowd. The Emergency includes conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within and outside the protest area caused by civil unrest relating to the protest of George Floyd's death. The large, angry crowds are, among other things, refusing to heed law enforcement commands to disperse, fighting with law enforcement officers and citizens, committing property destruction, starting fires (including fires inside Reno City Hall), throwing rocks, bottles and other objects, and committing other violent activities. Because of this activity, there are vandalized businesses, heavy smoke, fires, possible disruption of utility services as well as local and interstate travel, and other potential and related events (collectively "Emergency"). The Emergency began in the City of Reno, near the Reno Police Department at 455 East Second Street and progressed to Reno City Hall and Reno City Plaza on 1st Street between South Virginia Street and Center Street and has expanded to threaten businesses, homes and public property in the surrounding areas of the City of Reno. The Emergency commenced on or about the 30th day of May, 2020 at approximately 7:50 p.m;

That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local state of emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local state of emergency now exists in the City of Reno; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the local state of emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Mayor and/or City Manager and the Emergency Services System of the City shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances and resolutions of the City and the City of Reno Emergency Operation Plan.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the local state of emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is declared by the Mayor, Assistant Mayor, Reno City Council, or the Reno City Manager.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this declaration be forwarded to the Nevada Director of the Division of Emergency Management.

DATED: MAY 30, 2020

Mayor

City of Reno

ATTEST

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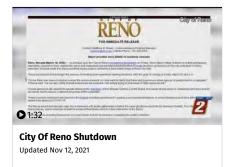
#### Reno Mayor Orders Non-Essential Businesses to Close Amid Virus Outbreak

Mar 16, 2020





City Of Reno Closure Updated Nov 12, 2021



UPDATE: The City of Reno has made some clarifications to the temporary mandatory closures order announced on Monday.

Officials said bars, nightclubs, gyms and restaurants, except takeout/delivery/drivethrough and pickup services will close until April 5 unless extended.

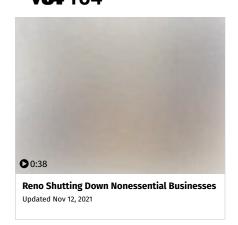
They said businesses should begin the process of winding down operations starting Tuesday, with the goal of closing by Friday, March 20 at 5 p.m.

Casino gaming is still allowed to operate following the directions of the Nevada Gaming Control Board, but casino dining areas in restaurants and bars should be closed. Room service is allowed for guests within properties.

"I know there was some confusion around the announcement, so I just want to clarify that these are businesses where groups of people tend to congregate," Schieve said. "Let me also clarify that all businesses are essential. I am simply trying to limit areas of high-exposure risk."

The City of Reno says there will be some additional services affected:

• All Reno City Hall floors above 2, with the exception of privately leased space on 10 and 14, are



closed to the public.

- The City Clerk and Community Development desks are closed; drop-offs are being provided for people who need to leave things behind.
- While the public may no longer file a report in person at RPD headquarters, they are encouraged
  to visit renopd.com or call 775-334-2175 to file non-emergency reports. Outward-facing public
  safety functions and related services such as police patrols and fire stations are otherwise
  unaffected.
- Sewer operations, traffic engineering, road/street repairs and closures conducted by Public Works will continue as usual.
- All City of Reno employees who are able to work from home or remotely have been instructed to do so.

Washoe County officials released a new statement on Tuesday morning in response to Mayor Schieve's address. These are the new guidelines:



For more information on Washoe County's new guidelines, visit: https://www.washoecounty.us/outreach/2020/03/2020-03-16-joint-statement.php

As for the City of Sparks, Mayor Ron Smith released this statement:

At this time, we have not decided to require any businesses to close in the City of Sparks. We are continuing to follow all recommendations set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Washoe County Health District. This is a fluid situation that could change, but for now, we are not asking businesses to close. We are continually updating our website with COVID-19 related information and ask that the community continue to practice social distancing, coughing and sneezing etiquette, stay home when they are sick, and to be kind and take care of one another.

The City has suspended all in-person services through at least April 30.

- Sewer payments can be completed by mail, by phone or online at www.cityofsparks.us/customerservice
- Business license applications and renewals can be completed by mail or online www.onenv.us
- Passport Services can be obtained at the US Postal Service 750 4th Street, Sparks.
- Building Permits and Development Applications are being processed by appointment only.

- All planning and development related meetings should be coordinated through the planner assigned to your case. Please call 775-353-2300 or email permitdesk@cityofsparks.us
- Public Records requests can be made online at www.cityofsparks.us/records-request. Please call
  the CityClerks office at 775-353-2350 or email cityclerk@cityofsparks.us with any questions.
- For all other inquires, contact customer service at 775-353-5555 or customerservice@cityofsparks.us

To facilitate community-wide restocking and delivery of goods and supplies in the Truckee Meadows in response to a recent spike in consumer demand driven by the COVID-19 pandemic event, the City of Sparks is temporarily suspending restrictions on delivery hours to local businesses.

Through at least April 30, 2020, the City is encouraging local retailers, suppliers, vendors and logistics companies to use this operational flexibility to replenish their respective inventories as best they can.

"Our goal is to help businesses in Sparks receive deliveries as quickly and efficiently as they can, reduce detention time for shipping companies so that they can get on to their next stop, and get shelves in Sparks filled with the products on which our citizens rely," said Mayor Ron Smith. "Combatting COVID-19 is a community-wide effort; making proactive temporary adjustments to the way we do business to better facilitate the well-being of individuals and businesses makes sense."

Original Story: At a press conference on Monday, Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve ordered all non-essential businesses to shut down amid the ongoing worldwide coronavirus outbreak, until further notice.

She referenced what other cities are going through for making the "tough" decision. "I can't tell you how hard it is to make these decisions."

She added, "Lives are at stake."

Grocery stores and gas stations will remain open, but non-essential businesses like gyms and restaurants will shut down, except for delivery or pick-up. The closures also extend to casinos/resorts and college campuses.

Closures will start at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

"We're doing this to save lives."

As for the affected workers who may be out of work for an unknown amount of time, Schieve asked that those employees file for unemployment.

"We really want people to stay home....to avoid human contact."

Police Chief Jason Soto said that they are contacting all the affected businesses. "We're really taking this on a day-to-say basis."

Since her Friday press conference, five additional cases of coronavirus were confirmed in Washoe County, totaling now nine.

Meanwhile, the City of Sparks has declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus). The declaration will be submitted to the State of Nevada and will allow the City of Sparks to speed up the delivery of resources required to effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency.

"Declaring a State of Emergency is a tool to help us provide for our community during a time of crisis," said Mayor Ron Smith. "This makes it easier to respond financially by accessing resources that wouldn't otherwise be available."

In conjunction with the state's decision to close all Nevada K-12 schools until at least April 6, the City will be closing spring break and before and after school programming scheduled through City of Sparks Parks and Recreation

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# Reno curfew in effect until further notice after George Floyd protests



A damaged car is seen during a violent Black Lives Matter protest in downtown Reno on Saturday, May 30, 2020. (Colton Lochhead/Las Vegas Review-Journal)



By Bill Dentzer Las Vegas Review-Journal







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RENO — Mayor Hillary Schieve moved out of caution Tuesday to reimpose an overnight curfew in Northern Nevada's largest city,

three days after rioters and vandals swarmed downtown Reno, damaging, defacing and destroying buildings and other property.

The 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew will remain in effect until further notice, the mayor said in a statement released about 5 p.m.

No one other than law enforcement, military and emergency response personnel, government officials and authorized media are permitted on streets, parks or other public places "unless they have an essential reason to be out," such as for work, seeking medical care, or some other urgent reason.

The city's statement said there "are currently no known threats to the Reno community."

A peaceful afternoon demonstration Saturday in the wake of last week's death in of George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody, the trigger for ongoing riots across the nation, devolved as night fell into a destructive melee. Reno City Hall, the police station, and other public and private property were damaged and fires set by rock-throwing rioters. Police responded with tear gas and flash grenades, arresting about two dozen people on various charges before the violence subsided about 11:30 p.m.

The city imposed a curfew Saturday and Sunday night but not Monday. Late Monday evening, however, police issued an alert citing concern that an ongoing incident in Oakland, California, three-and-a-half hours away, was breaking up and that fragmented smaller groups might "be headed to our region."

The information later proved to be unfounded, police said. Authorites over the weekend said they suspected many of the participants in Saturday night's violence might have traveled to Reno from outside the immediate area.

With the reimposed curfew, the city did not intend "to prevent lawful and orderly protests and demonstrations or to curtail the right of the public to engage in free speech or lawful assembly," according to the statement, only to "protect the Reno community and those who engage in lawful protests and not to disrupt business and essential travel."

Residents were advised to expect "a strong police presence throughout the City," with the department "monitoring protests and demonstrations in the region."

Contact Capital Bureau reporter Bill Dentzer at bdentzer@reviewjournal.com. Follow @DentzerNews on Twitter.

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# Reno to shut all 'nonessential' businesses by Friday



Jessica Young, in white, carries the Olympic torch toward the Reno Arch, Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, in Reno, Nev. (AP Photo/Reno Gazette-Journal, Marilyn Newton)

#### By Colton Lochhead and Bill Dentzer Review-Journal Capital Bureau

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RENO — The city of Reno will order all bars, restaurants, gyms and other "nonessential" businesses to begin winding down operations starting at 10 a.m. Tuesday with the goal of shuttering them by Friday and keeping them closed through April 5, the mayor announced Monday.

It is the strongest action yet taken by a local government in Nevada to contain the coronavirus pandemic.

Grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations and other businesses considered essential will stay open, Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve said Monday at a news conference. She initially said non-essential businesses should all close Tuesday but later issued a clarifying statement providing a more gradual shutdown. Restaurants that serve takeout food could remain open, she said.

Schieve said she was acting on the recommendation of Washoe County health officials. But the Washoe County Health District said Monday night the county had made no such call.

"At this time, the Washoe County Health District has no mandate to close any establishments in Washoe County," the health agency said in a statement. "The Health District supports business closures and cancelation of large public events to reduce risk of transmission of COVID-19, but it is not mandatory at this time."

Neither the county as a whole nor the city of Sparks have made any decision about closing businesses, the advisory said.

In her afternoon announcemment, Schieve initially said all casino and resort operations should be suspended. She later clarified that casinos and hotels could remain open but shut down their dining areas. She said the operators should follow recommendations of the state Gaming Board as far as their gambling operations.

#### 'A critical time for us'

The goal of the closures, Schieve said, is to get people to stay home to contain the spread of the new coronavirus that causes the respiratory disease COVID-19. The number of Nevada cases rose to 45 Monday after health officials reported 19 new positive cases in Clark County as well as the state's first coronavirus-related death. The Reno area currently has nine cases, with another reported in Carson City.

"I felt like we needed to be as aggressive as we possibly can," Schieve said. "This is a critical time for us. That I cannot stress enough. Again, lives are at stake. Those numbers are going to jump considerably if we don't act now."

The city had been preparing to ask businesses to close voluntarily but moved for mandatory closures based on the recommendations of Washoe County health officials that she received just as her briefing began. She did not say how long the mandatory closures would last, saying her voluntary recommendation would have been for two to three weeks.

"As I got up to the podium, I received a text from Washoe County Health Department, saying we need to make it mandatory," she said, later adding: "We think that this is the appropriate measure considering the circumstances. And if this is what we have to do to protect this community from this virus, this is what we absolutely need to do."

The mayor acknowledged the hardships businesses would face because of the closures and noted that many businesses would not be able to pay their employees during the shutdown.

#### Impact on small businesses feared

"Many, many small businesses cannot," she said. "It's unfortunate, but I think you're going to see a lot of businesses that can't afford to do that, and that's what makes this situation so incredibly difficult."

Schieve said she had spoken to casino and resort owners and had their support.

"No one wants to do this. We don't want to do this but for the good of the community and for saving lives, everyone that I've spoken with has said, we support you," she said.

Ann Silver, CEO of the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber was not contacted before the announcement Monday but added that businesses "respect (Mayor Schieve's) concern for the health and well-being of Reno residents."

Still, she said the announcement left unanswered questions, such as what qualifies as an essential business, whether employees of closed businesses could file for unemployment, and what penalties business owners might face if they continue to operate.

"I respect the safety aspect of this decision, but it's the death-knell for small, local businesses that are looking to the community for financial support during this difficult time," Silver said.

The mayor said the city would also seek to halt all evictions in the city for nonpayment of rent. The city also will suspend enforcement of limitations on truck deliveries for transporting goods and services for retail outlets.

"This will obviously allow us to have food and supplies to reach stores and facilities much more easily. We think that 's really critical," she said.

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# Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve clarifies closures of bars, restaurants and gyms

by News 4-Fox 11 Digital Team Monday, March 16th 2020



Reno mayor Hillary Schieve orders bars and restaurants to shut down (Photo courtesy: Sky Vision drone team)

RENO, Nev. (News 4 & Fox 11) — Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve has ordered all bars, nightclubs, gyms and restaurants in the city to shut down in order to halt the spread of COVID-19.

Schieve said that some nonessential businesses should begin the process of winding down operations by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17 with the goal of closing by Friday, March 20 at 5 p.m. "These are businesses where groups of people tend to congregate," said Mayor Schieve.

The closure will go until Sunday, April 5, unless it is extended. "We need to come together as a community and this is highly contagious," expressed Mayor Schieve.

The city addressed that the Washoe County Health District called for

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Restaurants throughout the city can still offer drive-thru and to-go options. Gas stations, grocery stores, doctors' offices, and essential services will remain open.

Casinos will still be allowed to operate but restaurants and bars will be closed. Room service will still be available for guests.

The jurisdictions of Washoe County and the City of Sparks have not made a decision to close any businesses at this time.

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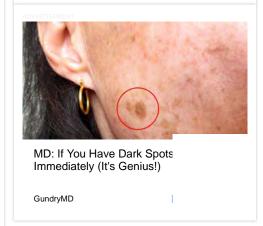
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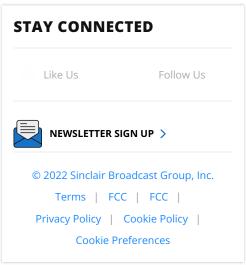
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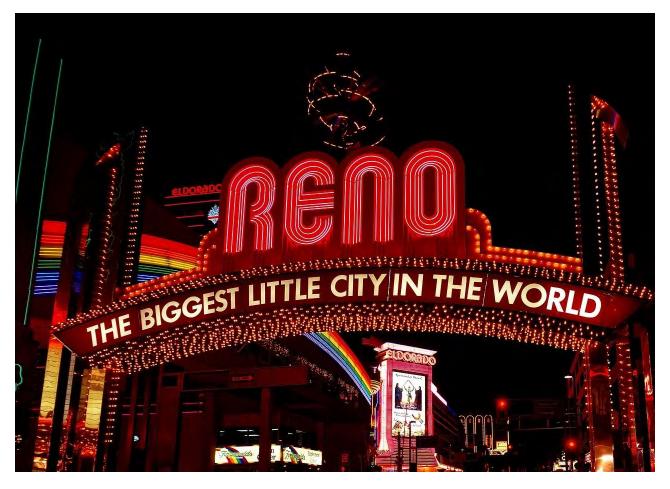


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In an effort to curb the spread of COVID-19, Reno is shutting down bars, nightclub, gyms and restaurants, Mayor Hillary Schieve announced Monday.

In an afternoon press conference, the mayor phrased the effort as a shutdown of "non-essential" businesses and said grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations and medical would remain open. Later, the city issued a follow-up statement saying the mandatory closures only apply to bars, nightclubs, gyms and restaurants. Takeout, delivery and drive-thru restaurants are exempted, though they must close any dine-in options. The statement also said casinos are allowed to operate their gaming but must

follow new restrictions set by the Nevada Gaming Control Board. Dining areas and bars within casinos must shut down.

The mandatory closures are in place until April 5 but may be extended, according to the press release. Businesses affected by the closure have been told to wind down operations beginning tomorrow and are expected to be closed by 5 p.m. Friday.

"I know there was some confusion around the announcement, so I just want to clarify that these are businesses where groups of people tend to congregate," Schieve said in a statement. "Let me also clarify that all businesses are essential. I am simply trying to limit areas of high-exposure risk."

"This is the appropriate measure considering the circumstances," said Schieve during the original press conference. "If this is what we have to do to protect this community from this virus, this is absolutely what we need to do."

During the original press conference, Schieve said Washoe County Health District made the call that closures be mandatory rather than recommended. However, the *Reno Gazette Journal* is reporting the county health district said they did not push for mandatory closure.

Reno's original decision came hours after the announcement of Nevada's first COVID-19 death, a

Clark County man in his 60s. It also came one day after several gaming properties in Las Vegas announced they are voluntarily closing their doors temporarily. MGM Resorts is closing all of its properties: Bellagio, Aria, MGM Grand, Mandalay Bay, Delano, Park, Mirage, New York-New York, Luxor and Excalibur. Wynn Resorts is closings its two properties: Wynn and Encore.

Jace Radke, a spokesman with the City of Las Vegas, said Mayor Carolyn Goodman "is not currently planning to ask local businesses to close."

Governors across the country have also been asking businesses to shut down. Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois governors have asked all bars and restaurants to shut down while New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, along with governors from Connecticut and New Jersey, asked gyms and casinos to shut down while bars and restaurants remain open to allow take out orders.

"As you know, the situation is rapidly developing and unfolding," Meghin Delaney, the spokeswoman for the Nevada Health Response Center. "The governor supports any businesses who make the difficult decision to close or limit services to customers. As he has done with other industries, the governor encourages bars and restaurant owners to do what they can to take care of their employees during this time.

This story has been updated with additional details about closures statewide and to reflect new statements from the City of Reno.

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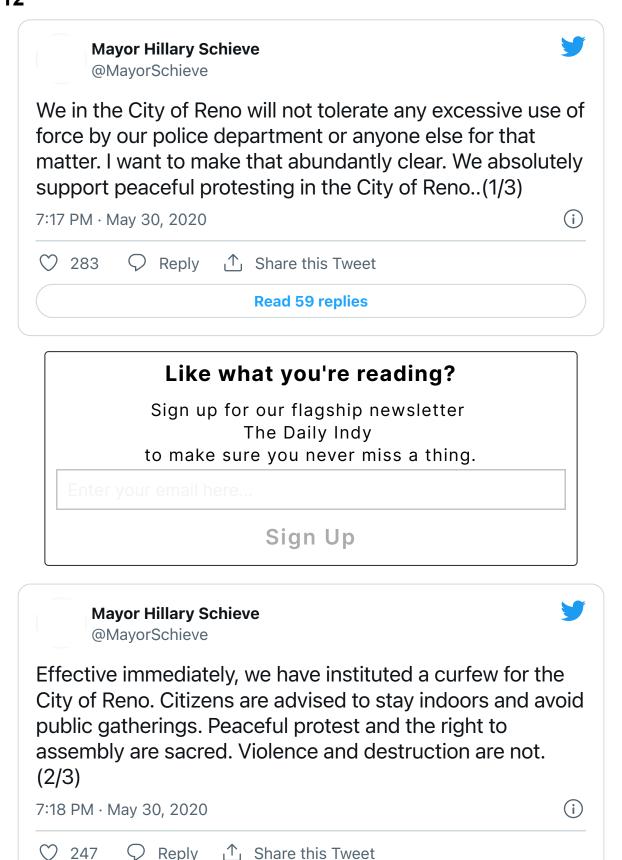




Black Lives Matter protest in Downtown Reno, Nev. on Saturday, May 30, 2020. (David Calvert/The Nevada Independent)

After protests that ended with demonstrators breaking into City Hall and starting a fire, Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve announced a curfew for the state's largest city in Northern Nevada.

The mandatory curfew, announced on Twitter, went into effect immediately, as of 7:18 p.m. In an interview, Schieve said that she spoke to Gov. Steve Sisolak and that the National Guard would be on hold to provide assistance to the city. A press release from the city said that there would be "a heavy police presence in downtown Reno throughout the night."

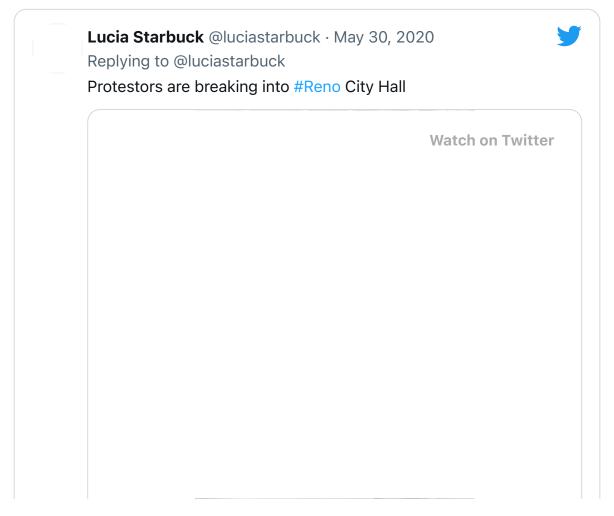


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The move comes after demonstrators broke into City Hall Saturday evening, where there were reports of a fire, according to multiple news reports. Lucia Starbuck, a reporter with KUNR, recorded video of the demonstration and posted it on Twitter.



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"We fully support and will protect every citizen's right to peacefully protest and exercise their Constitutional rights here in Reno," Jason Soto, police chief and acting city manager said in a statement. "Unfortunately, today we've seen the actions of a few overshadow what was otherwise a peaceful day of demonstration in The Biggest Little City. We will remain vigilant and focused on effectively serving the public safety needs of our Reno and Washoe County residents."

Protests against police violence erupted in cities around the country after George Floyd was killed at the hands of cops earlier this week in Minneapolis. Schieve said "there are no words to describe what" happened to Floyd. Schieve said her actions were to protect public safety.

"We can always replace property," she said. "We cannot replace people."

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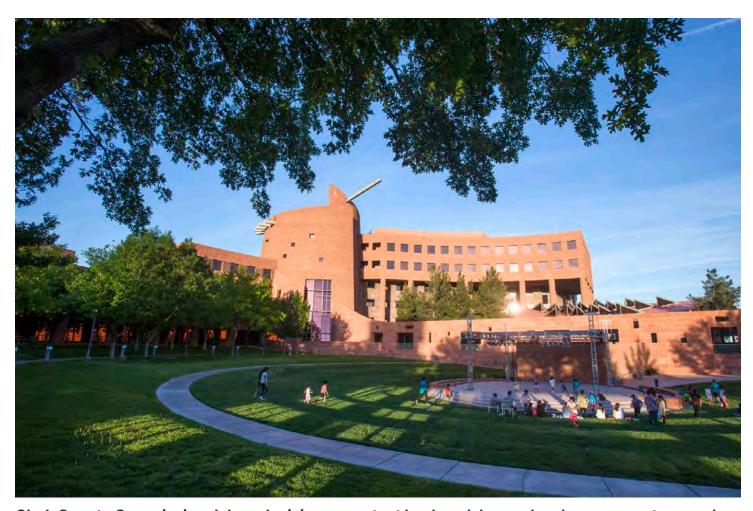
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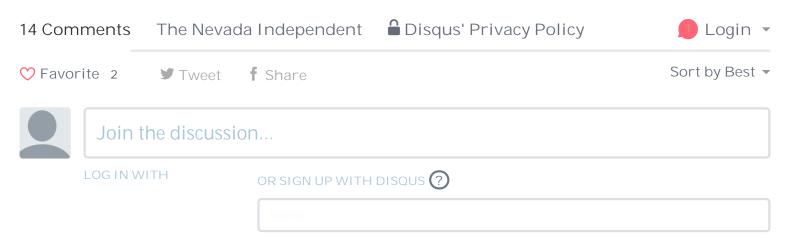




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Ok... I've never have heard of them being here! All of this bs riot'g just takes away from the reason for the protests! Destroying someone's business does nothing but piss everyone off & y'all lose what attention to the problem you had!!!! Grow up and stop being 2 yr olds! Act like adults and not spoiled brats!

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So, arrest the few.

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"We in the City of Reno will not tolerate any excessive use of force by our police department or anyone else for that matter. I want to make that abundantly clear."

So, the first words out of this mayor's mouth are to tell these, "protesters", she will be scrutinizing her police officers more than the left-wing anarchists who a blind man could see were going to initiate attacks on the police and civilians and destroy as much property as they could. That said, perhaps the mayor could enlighten us on what she deems, "excessive", force when rioters have broken into a government building, trashed everything they got their hands on, and set the building on fire.

This woman does not belong in office representing American citizens who want their police officers to take whatever action(s) necessary to protect themselves and the city.

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# City of Reno orders non-essential businesses to start closing







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Reno City Hall (David Calvert/The Nevada Independent)

The plan was changed at the last minute.

Going into a press conference Monday afternoon, Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve intended on requesting all nonessential businesses — mainly bars, restaurants and gyms — begin preparing to close on Tuesday in an effort to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus.

But shortly before the press conference, Schieve received information from the Washoe County Health District that led her to believe that the district favored mitigation measures with more urgency. And Schieve

said the closures would be mandatory, effective at 10 a.m. Tuesday, and they would apply to casinos. Businesses were caught off guard.

After the press conference, the city backed off, but only slightly.

The city <u>released a statement</u> clarifying that the closures applied specifically to bars, nightclubs, gyms and restaurants, excluding takeout, delivery and drive-thru. Casinos can keep their gaming operations, but their bars and restaurants have to shut down. Businesses can continue operating this week, the city said in the statement, but should aim to close by Friday at 5 p.m.

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They will have to stay closed until at least April 5th.

With the announcement, Reno became the first jurisdiction to announce the mandatory shutdown of businesses, placing more pressure on Las Vegas to do the same. It also placed added pressure on Reno's neighbors, Washoe County and Sparks, to close businesses.

"At this point, we have to make the decisions that are tough for the city of Reno," she said.

In an interview Monday evening, Schieve defended her decision to close bars and restaurants, saying the cost of not doing so would be far greater by allowing the virus to spread. She said the action, which states across the country have taken, has loomed over discussions about how to contain the coronavirus and that "everyone has been talking about it in a roundabout way."

"It has to be on everyone's mind," she said. "If you are an elected official, it has to be."

Schieve said that it was one action the city was taking under its **emergency declaration**.

"Everyone needs to do all they can right now," Schieve told reporters on Monday. "We are under some strict timelines when it comes to this virus. That's why we are taking the measures that we are. We are doing this to save lives. I think everyone needs to understand that first and foremost that we are doing this to save lives. If that's not enough, I don't know what is. I don't."

Essential businesses, including doctor's offices, gas stations and grocery stores, will be allowed to remain open. College campuses can also remain open for regular business, but restaurants on campus most close or transition to drive-thru and pick-up orders only.

During the press conference on Monday, Schieve said the Washoe County Health District had sent a text saying "we need to make [the closures] mandatory," a direction the city of Reno was already going in. But on Monday evening, the health district <u>clarified in a statement</u> that it had not called for

mandatory action, though it supported business closures and event cancellations.

Washoe County and the city of Sparks have not directed businesses to close.

Responding to a tweet Monday afternoon, the <u>city of Sparks said</u> that its "managers are in meetings and we are working closely with our regional partners to determine the best approach while following the recommendations by the <u>@WashoeHealth</u> and the CDC."

Small businesses could be hit especially hard by business closures.

Ann Silver, CEO of the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce, said she was torn when she heard the news because "the intent is very pure and sincere" but the fallout could be "astronomical."

"It is tragic in terms of the impact on small businesses that are desperate to stay alive," Silver said, noting that many small businesses cannot weather a closure if it extends for months.

Schieve said the decision was challenging, especially in a state like Nevada, where hospitality businesses often operate around-the-clock and employ a large percentage of the workforce.

"This is hard," she said. "We're not used to this. For a lot of us across the state, this is really challenging because we can go anywhere at any time of day, night and find just about anything you want here in Nevada. For us, to be restricted is even that much more challenging."

The leader of Northern Nevada's top economic development agency wasn't surprised by the decision, but he also didn't sugarcoat the financial toll it will wreak.

"Most small businesses, especially in the retail space, are in for some rough days," said Mike Kazmierski, chief executive officer of the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada.

Even so, Kazmierski said the region has a "vibrant economy" and should be able to weather this significant, albeit unexpected, situation in the long term. He said a company considering a relocation to the Reno area is still planning a visit this week.

There are currently nine confirmed cases of coronavirus in Washoe County, where officials have noted the occurrence of community spread. The Southern Nevada Health District has confirmed 35 cases but has yet to make a recommendation about the closure of bars and restaurants.

At a press conference Monday afternoon, Michael Johnson, a community health director for the health district, said an action could be likely but that it would be the governor's decision to make.

Las Vegas city spokesman Jace Radke said late Monday that the city continues to monitor the

situation but that Mayor Carolyn Goodman was "not considering a business shut down at this time."

In an email she sent to the "city family" on Monday, she expressed confidence that "our great scientists and medical professionals are working diligently on solutions which shall in time, prevail."

"As we assess the strange situation in which we are living at this time and with the day-to-day plans being dictated by others who are in positions of greater authority, please be assured that we in the City, too, are ever-vigilant in a time-sensitive manner, are being extremely cautious but are not being blinded by the fear and panic that is resulting," she said. "Now, we must continue to rely on each other to remain calm, wise, and be diligent bearers of what Las Vegas has come to be. This is our City, our home, our future, and one-by-one, all together, we will overcome."

Update: This story was updated on Monday, March 16 at 10:04 p.m. after the city and the Washoe County Health District sent out clarifying press releases.

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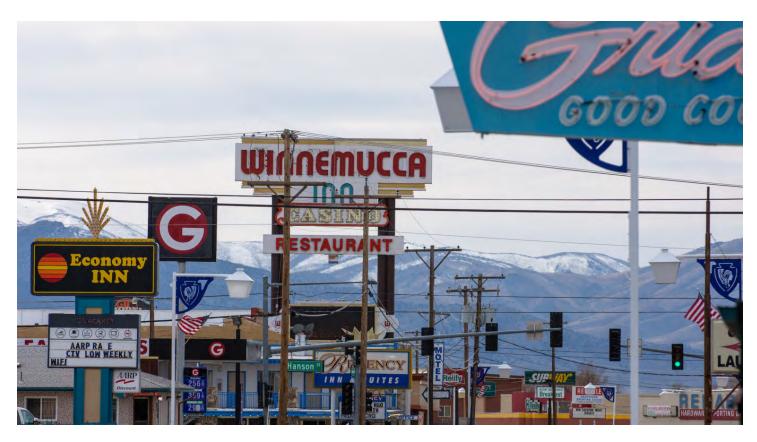
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Joe Simpson • 2 years ago

Well, here we go the communists continue to inject fear into the general public. PDJT bans travel from China, and that is deemed racist. Yet, these crony mayors that are forcing business to shut down, all across the nation, are met with no resistance from their blind sheep. Incredible. Wake up people! The government, state or federal, is really showing just how easily they will be able to control us when the time is right. Glad We The People are well armed, for now.

E. Thompson Mod • 2 years ago

Please see our just-published story on the front page. The governor will be mandating statewide shutdowns tonight. Details in the story.

Josh S • 2 years ago

How is keeping the gaming floors open, but

making smaller buisness close their doors fair, or safe!

They (casino's) are no better than a stationary cruise ship...

Seems to me that your sending the wrong message here. If your going to take steps like this then these half measures are the wrong way to go about it..

Randi Thompson • 2 years ago

The Mayor's unjustified and irresponsible statements have sent such fear into the community that employees don't want to come to work! Businesses can take steps to protect their employees and patrons, just as we do during flu season. 90% of the population won't be affected by this virus. There is so much hysteria around this that people are becoming irrational! So glad Schieve is term limited.

## Digital Duces • 2 years ago

So what's someone like me supposed to do. I done came here from out of state for a job at tesla to show up and not have a job. Done spent all my cash at an overpriced Siegel Suites and now sleeping in a car. Landed a job today at the casino and was supposed to start Thursday. If the casino is closed 2 weeks that means i wont see a dollar for at least a month. Better question where are homeless people such as myself supposed to go to use a bathroom? While people are showing their selfishness and greed by stockpiling its always the ones with nothing that always get forgotten about left to fend for themselves. How are people supposed to pay bills or pay rent if they cant go to work? More people die from cars why no outrage and banning of cars?

## Randi Thompson • 2 years ago

i will be glad to see the answer Elizabeth and her great staff come up with, as I kind of doubt in a Dillon's Law state she can do that. But I'm just asking.

Randi Thompson • 2 years ago

does she have the authority to do this?

We're working on answering the legal authority questions at every level (state, county, city). Will publish our findings ASAP.

Wolfie → Randi Thompson • 2 years ago

Yes, she absolutely has that authority, pursuant to the city charter.

No. The city charter has no such provision, and if it did it would be unconstitutional. Have you seen the "clarifications" made after calls to to the WCHD received the answer that they had nothing to do with the mayor's actions

and to call the City?

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Leon Bonta • 2 years ago

I'm glad Sparks isn't doing this stupidity.

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