

Committee on Public Affairs

Senate of the Associated Students 87th Session
Agenda for Wednesday, September 25th, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
3rd Floor Joe Crowley Student Union President's Conference Room

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER***

2. **ROLL CALL***

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT***

Items heard under public comment may be for items either on or off the agenda. Action may not be taken on items raised under public comment. The Chair may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak

4. **MINUTES**

There are no minutes to be heard at this time.

5. **REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

The Director of Legislative Affairs will provide a report regarding upcoming projects, legislation, etc.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business to be discussed at this time.



Posted at the ASUN Offices in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Frandsen Humanities Building, the Pennington Student Achievement Center, Mathewson- IGT Knowledge Center, and online at www.nevadaasun.com.

If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact Senator Westerman at senatorwesterman@asun.unr.edu.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation from Director Feil

Director of Campus Wellness Claudia Feil will discuss the Home Means Nevada Campaign with the Committee and discuss possible additional questions for the Campaign Feedback Forms.

b. S. Res. 86- A Resolution in Support of Legislative Priorities

The Committee will discuss and consider favorably recommending the legislation.

c. S. Res. 86- A Resolution Advocating for Lights on Evans Street

The Committee will discuss and consider favorably recommending the legislation.

d. Senator Updates

The Committee will discuss ideas for legislation, any current topics or issues they may be possibly advocating for on a city or state level, and progress on current legislation.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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9. ADJOURNMENT

10. NOTES

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all items are action items upon which the Senate may take action. ASUN supports providing equal access to all programs for people with disabilities. Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons desiring to attend the meeting. Please call the Speaker of the ASUN at (775) 784-6589 in advance so that arrangements may be conveniently made.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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2019-2020

S. R. 87-

A Resolution Advocating for the Installation of Street Lights on Evans Street and Enterprise Road

In the Senate of the Associated Students

September 15, 2019

Submitted by Senator Murphy and Senator Doyle to the Committee on Public Affairs

**A Resolution
Advocating for the Installation of Street Lights on Evans Street and Enterprise Road**

1 *Whereas*, according to the University of Nevada, Reno Master Plan, the goal of the University
2 is to be “providing a safe and secure pedestrian experience in and around campus [which] is essential
3 to improve the overall learning, discovery, and engagement experience of students;”¹

4 *Whereas*, Evans Street and Enterprise Road do not provide “a safe and secure pedestrian
5 experience” in times of dark lighting,

6 *Whereas*, Evans Street borders the east side of the University of Nevada, Reno and Enterprise
7 Road borders the Northeast side of the University;

¹ University of Nevada, Reno Master Plan:
https://www.unr.edu/Documents/business/NLI/Conferences/Sep%202015/The_University_of_Nevada_Reno_Master_Plan_Part_2.pdf Accessed 9.17.2019

1 *Whereas*, on the west side of Evan’s Street, there lies the University and on the northeastern
2 part of the street, where Enterprise Road is located, there lies three of the most popular student
3 housing apartments;

4 *Whereas*, the Republic and Ponderosa Village line Evans Street and the YOUnion, the
5 Republic, and the Highlands Apartments line Enterprise Road;

6 *Whereas*, thousands of University students live in these apartments and many of them opt to
7 commute to campus by foot or by bike, Evans Street and Enterprise Road being one of the most
8 popular and direct routes;

9 *Whereas*, , there are currently only four street lights on both sides of the street combined
10 between Ponderosa Village and the intersection of Evans Street and Enterprise Road, an
11 approximate distance of 0.4 miles;

12 *Whereas*, between the intersection of Evans Street and Enterprise Road, to the property
13 entrances of the Highlands and YOUnion, an approximate distance of 0.35 miles, there is only one
14 street light on one side of the road;

15 *Whereas*, many students park their cars on this darkly lit road [approximately 60 cars from
16 both sides combined] resulting in loss of property and vandalism;

17 *Whereas*, the City of Reno Master Plan states a priority of, “[incorporating] street trees,
18 lighting, public art, street furniture, and other amenities to create a unified streetscape character and
19 comfortable environment for pedestrians,” within the University District section of the Plan;

20 *Whereas*, the Master Plan also states that, “[the City plans to] provide adequate lighting as part
21 of community/neighborhood centers so as to meet public safety and aesthetic needs of centers,”
22 (City of Reno Master Plan, December 2017);

23 *Whereas*, ASUN No Walls 2025, a vision for the University of Nevada, states that, “bike and
24 ride share programs will be popular and many will skate, bike, and walk around a pedestrian

1 campus.²” The current status of Evans Street and Enterprise Road do not allow this vision to be
2 fulfilled by the year 2025;

3 *Whereas*, not only does proper street lighting increase driver alertness of pedestrians, but it
4 also increases the real and perceived safety and comfort of pedestrians (Pegrum, 1972; Freedman et
5 al., 1973);

6 *Whereas*, in 2013, 72% of the 4735 pedestrian fatalities happened at night;²

7 *Whereas*, in September of 2018, a student of the University of Nevada was hit and seriously
8 injured and died while crossing Evans and East Sixth Street at 6:30 at night;³

9 *Whereas*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada believes that if students feel
10 safer commuting from their homes to the University they will be inclined to study more on campus,
11 utilize campus resources more frequently, and be more interested in walking to and from Campus
12 Events;

13 *Whereas*, numerous complaints and concerns on behalf of students have become evident
14 regarding the negative impact the lack of lighting has on University students;

15 *Be it Resolved*, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno advocates for
16 the installation of street lights along Evans Street and Enterprise Road that will surpass the
17 minimum lighting requirements;

18 *Be it Further Resolved*, that the Department of Legislative Affairs advocate on students’ behalf
19 at the local level to ensure these installations take place in a timely manner;

20 *Be it Further Resolved*, that this resolution be sent to the Director of Legislative Affairs,
21 Director Callies, the Committee on Public Affairs Chairwoman Isabel Westerman, Reno City

² <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812124> Accessed 9.17.2019

³ <https://www.rgj.com/story/news/2018/09/13/18-year-old-hit-car-monday-evening-has-died-his-injuries/1293952002/>

⁴ <https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/nevadaasun/2015/01/No-Walls-2025-AStudentVisOnForTheUniversityOfNevadaReno.pdf>

- 1 Councilmember Neoma Jardon, Mayor of Reno Hillary Shieve, and Reno City Council At-Large
- 2 Member Devon Reese.

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S. R. 87-
**A Resolution in Support of Legislative
Priorities**

In the Senate of the Associated Students

September 10, 2019

Submitted by Senator Supple

A Resolution in Support of Legislative Priorities

1 *Whereas*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN), created legislative priorities
2 during the 86th session of the Senate;

3 *Whereas*, the 87th session of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada wish to maintain
4 legislative priorities to accurately represent the needs of the students;

5 *Whereas*, the legislative priorities have been deemed the main concerns of the students and the ASUN
6 should advocate for these priorities throughout the 87th session;

7 *Whereas*, senators should write resolutions based on the needs of their constituents;

8 *Whereas*, ASUN officers in the Department of Legislative Affairs should advocate to the local
9 government about the legislative priorities on behalf of the students of the University of Nevada;

1 *Whereas*, The Department of Legislative Affairs should also advocate to the Board of Regents on
2 behalf of the students on issues that pertain to these legislative priorities;

3 *Whereas*, the legislative priorities of the 87th session are, safety, transportation, sexual assault
4 prevention, affordable housing, and sustainability;

5 *Be it Resolved*, the 87th session of the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada,
6 write resolutions pertaining to the legislative priorities;

7 *Be it Further Resolved*, the Department of Legislative Affairs creates events and conducts outreach
8 pertaining to the legislative priorities of the 87th session;

9 *Be it Further Resolved*, this resolution be sent to Isabel Westerman, Chair of the Committee on Public
10 Affairs and Joko Cailles, the Director of Legislative Affairs for the 87th session of the ASUN.

