



Legislative Update

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Dear Neighbor,

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very happy and safe holiday season.

During the last legislative session, which ended in June, we made job creation our top priority. While we have a long way to go on our economic recovery and efforts to put Nevadans back to work, there is some good news that I want to share during this holiday season.

Here are some examples of recent job creation and other good economic news for our state—

- Since October, 2010, the hospitality industry in Nevada has increased payrolls by 14,700.
- Caesars, for example, is hiring 450 hospitality workers.
- Jobs in professional development over the past year have increased by 5.1%. These are jobs in technology and office work.
- In the past eight months, the City of Las Vegas has awarded 10 public works contract awards worth more than \$10 million.
- In the construction industry, Ivanpah Solar Project has employed more than 150 construction workers.
- First Solar Project is expecting to hire more than 250 construction workers.
- In Northern Nevada, at its peak, the Ruby pipeline provided jobs for 2500 Nevadans. It is estimated that Nevada Energy's ON Line transmission project will employ 400 workers at the peak of its construction in 2012.
- "School Works," a school repair and rehabilitation project in Washoe County is expected to employ 1000 construction workers to make critical improvements to older schools.
- The annual growth rate in statewide retail-specific categories was 6.4% for the year-to-date, a solid improvement over the past year, according to the Retail Association of Nevada.
- Taxable sales in Nevada in September increased 10.4% over September of last year, according to the Nevada Department of Taxation. This indicates increased consumer spending—an essential key to our long-term economic recovery.

While we continue to find ways to put Nevadans back to work *now*, we are also looking toward the future and our need to attract new industries and jobs to our state. That is why we enacted legislation to completely overhaul our economic diversification and development efforts to make our state more competitive for jobs in logistics and distribution, manufacturing, information technology and medical services. You can find more information on economic development in our state at http://www.brookings.edu/papers/2011/1114_nevada_economy.aspx.

If you, your family or friends are job-hunting, here are several websites that might be helpful:

Nevada Job Connect
www.nevadajobconnect.com

Nevada Department of Personnel
www.dop.nv.gov

Recruiting Nevada
www.recruitingnevada.com

Nevada Jobs
www.nevadajobs.com

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Veteran business owners can access important information and available workshops by visiting www.vboc-ca.org.

An important reminder---

Law enforcement will begin issuing tickets for texting or talking on a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device on January 1. Currently, they are issuing warnings for violations.

Here is how to get in touch with me--

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Sincerely,

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