



Nevada Commission for Women



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Claudia Hanson, AICP
Planning Manager, City Manager's Office
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Reno, NV

Re: Reno Suffrage Marker, National Collaborative for Women's History Sites,
National Votes for Women Trail

Dear Ms. Claudia Hanson:

I am a member of the Nevada Commission for Women appointed by the Governor. Our mission is "Advancing Women toward full equality in all areas." I write to support the installation of a historic marker by the City of Reno recognizing the essential work of the Nevada Equal Franchise Society and its strategist Anne Martin.

The Commission has been collaborating with Joanne Goodwin, Ph.D. (Professor of History, University of Nevada Las Vegas) who is a member of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites. Through this organization's National Votes for Women Trail, Professor Goodwin has worked with local communities to install four historic suffrage markers. We have assisted with the research and arrangements (verification of site, permission, installation, and promotion of markers) in Battle Mountain, Carson City, Tonopah, and Las Vegas. Previously no historic markers noted woman suffrage in the state and women's role in winning it.

We support the City of Reno's Historic Resources Committee plan to install a historic marker at the site of the Nevada Equal Franchise Society offices. This organization planned and implemented the successful campaign to achieve women's vote. These markers are an essential part of our plans to commemorate and celebrate the centennial of the federal Nineteenth Amendment and Nevada's campaign by joining Professor Goodwin and the National Votes for Women Trail in recognition of the women and sites important to telling the story of Women's Suffrage in the United States.

Sincerely,

Durette Candito, Vice-Chair
Nevada Commission for Women,
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