



15 April 2013

Clark County Commission  
500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.,  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

Chairman Sisolak & Clark County Commissioners,

I wanted to first thank you for your expedience in setting a date for an appointment to Assembly District 17, and seeking our caucus' input to help facilitate your decision. As you know, diverse opinions, backgrounds, and life experiences are what make any group strong. Being able to sit down with the applicants for the Assembly District 17 vacancy prior to your appointment was helpful to us in determining whom we think may be a great fit for our caucus.

Each of the candidates brings a unique set of talent and abilities. When talking to each applicant, we developed a sense that any of them, should they be chosen, would bring a unique skillset to the legislature. That said, there were two candidates we were particularly impressed with. In our opinion, Odis "Tyrone" Thompson and Meli Pulido stood out in a crowded field with the best grasp of the issues important to Nevadans and with the experience to get to work immediately after first house passage.

I do not envy having to decide between such a capable group of applicants, but we look forward to your ultimate appointment to fill the vacancy in Assembly District 17. I am confident that whomever you appoint will be able to fill this void in the legislature for the duration of session and help us to continue to move forward and build a better Nevada.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Kirkpatrick  
President, Assembly Democratic Caucus