



## NEVADA FIREARMS COALITION

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Mr. Don Burnette  
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Dear Mr. Burnette:

After transmission of our letter to you on August 16, 2012, we have been informed that the requests by Commissioner Collins and Reid were replied to by METRO in a timely basis. Their reply to Commissioner Reid was dated November 3, 2010 and to Commissioner Collins on May 29, 2012. If the reply to Commissioner Reid had been shared with the other Commissioners and the public, the letter from Commissioner Collins would not have been sent.

All questions were answered, but the responses provide very little answers to the questions. As an example, from the response, it appears that no firearms were registered between November 3, 2010 and May 29 2012. Question 11 asked "Do you know how many firearm registrations are current?" The response to Commissioner Reid was "approximately 1,113,512. This information is from 1974 to current." Whereas the response to Commissioner Collins was "approximately 1,113,512. This information is form 1974 to current." We suspect that many firearms were registered from 2010 to 2012. These replies document the need for an independent performance and fiscal audit. Although the two replies were made, their responses do not address the original intent of either letter, which was an audit of the handgun registration program. I'm sure that we are all in agreement that the responses do not constitute the findings of an audit.

Because of the projected shortfall in METRO's budget, and the fact that the Sheriff may have to ask the legislature for more tax monies, we as citizens believe, that good stewardship of our tax funds is essential. Every public manger must run an effective organization and identify and eliminate programs that are not cost effective.

As the statewide association representing firearms owners in Nevada, we are respectfully requesting an independent performance and fiscal audit of the METRO Handgun Registration Unit and the handgun registration program established by Clark

County Code Chapter 12.04 sections 12.04.110 and 12.04.200. We are also requesting that the results of this audit be forwarded to the METRO Financial Committee and made public.

It is our opinion, based on feedback from both of these Commission generated inquires, that the Handgun Registration Program has no data to justify its continuance. There are no benefits for the public for this program. Cities within Clark County that participate in this program (Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Henderson) should also be advised.

The Nevada Firearms Coalition's position is that there should be one uniform set of firearms laws for all Nevada's Citizens. The Clark County Handgun Registration program is an ineffective imposition on Clark County Citizens and an expenditure of limited tax payer funds that could be more efficiently utilized to put more deputies on the street.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Sincerely,

*Don Turner*

Don Turner, President  
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Attachments

November 30, 2010 response to letter from BCC Chair Rory Reid  
May 29, 2012 response to letter from BCC Commissioner Tom Collins

cc: Clark County Board of County Commissioners  
Susan Brager, Chair  
Steve Sisolak, Vice-Chair  
Tom Collins  
Larry Brown  
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