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Current Occupation/Position: Public and Government Affairs Consultant

Candidate for: Assembly 31

Campaign Manager: Nathan Emens

Political Party Affiliation: Republican

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Do you have any Building experience or Builders participating in your campaign?

Not yet

What endorsements have you received for your candidacy? So far: Retail Assoc of NV, Keystone Corporation, NV Motor Transport, and Nevada Medical Association. Most others are waiting for after the primary. In the past I have been endorsed by ABC, the Chamber, and other business organizations.

1. What are your thoughts concerning mandatory fire sprinklers in all new construction?

I oppose them in any non-commercial building.

2. What are your main concerns or issues you hope to address during your term?

Getting Nevadans working again! I will work to keep Nevada a tax-friendly state to attract manufacturing, logistics and other industries to help us diversify our economic base. I will push for improving education through more competition (charter schools, empowerment schools, virtual schools, and magnet schools.) I'd like to see how we can consolidate school districts across county lines. And we need to streamline and reduce school administration. I want to reform PERS and PEHP to reduce the looming unfunded liability. I will seek to implement any and all SAGE recommendations that will reduce the size and cost of government. I support opening NRS 288 to address collective bargaining and binding arbitration.

3. Last session the adoption of AB 148 forced all construction workers to attend a 10 or 30 hour OSHA course, if elected, would you support a repeal of this law?

Yes. Worker safety is important, but mandatory training for ALL workers seems unreasonable. Federal legislation seems adequate to ensure that construction supervisors receive adequate training, but not for all construction workers. The cost for such training has to be onerous to business.

4. What are your thoughts on how Chapter 40 construction defect law can be improved?

Besides just repealing it? I support the items you outline in your legislative manual: meaningful tort reform, removal of automatic attorney fees, reduction in the statute of limitations and statute of repose in bringing claims forward, etc.

I received a "solicitation" letter from a law firm that had pictures of a home that they said had "defects" in our development. The letter invited me to a seminar to discuss a class action suit against the builder for construction defects. The letter was deceptive and included such broad descriptions of "defects" that a naïve home owner would think they could get things fixed for free. Such "phishing" should be illegal.

5. Do you support new taxes or fees on the development of land?

No. It seems the current fees charged by the state, county, and city for development is adequate.

6. Are you in favor of incentivizing or mandating Green Building?

Not really. If I have to chose, I'll take incentivizing over mandating. But I'm not sure if the cost/benefit ratio is really there. I do support doing all we can do lessen our impact on the earth, but I think programs like LEAD are more PR hype than anything. I would support such programs if they prove to make good economic and environmental sense.