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Reno Sparks Chamber to Present Agenda for Economic Vitality, Bipartisan SAGE Book, to Political Candidates

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For Immediate Release (04-01-2010) – The Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce, northern Nevada’s largest business group, has begun sharing the business community’s policy priorities with 2010 political candidates, in the form of two key resources:

- The Chamber’s newly-revised *Agenda for Economic Vitality in Nevada*. Written by Chamber members, it outlines public policies conducive to a strong economy and high quality of life. The agenda can be found at: http://www.renosparkschamber.org/pdf/AGENDA_FOR_ECONOMIC_VITALITY--2010.pdf.
- The insightful book *SAGE Nevada: Bipartisan Directions for Nevada’s Future*, which outlines \$2 billion in savings that Nevada can realize, as recommended by 14 prominent businesspersons (7 Democrats and 7 Republicans). Books can be purchased at the Chamber or on Amazon.com.

“The Agenda for Economic Vitality provides sound principles in the areas of taxes, transportation, education, efficient delivery of government services, economic development, health care, tort reform, resources, labor issues, and more,” explained Chamber CEO Doug Kurkul.

“Similarly, the bipartisan SAGE Commission recommendations offer a blueprint for delivering key state services in an efficient, effective, and sustainable way,” Kurkul added. “Before revenue increases or restructuring are considered, the Legislature should hold hearings on, and implement the SAGE recommendations and make serious changes to NRS 280 and 288, which govern the local government public employee collective bargaining process.”

“It makes sense to establish a sustainable spending structure, before building a new tax structure,” noted Tray Abney, the Chamber’s Director of Government Relations. “If we do not open up the public employee collective bargaining process to the light of day, our revenue streams will never be able to keep up with our expenditures.”

After delivering the Agenda for Economic Vitality and SAGE recommendations to candidates, the Chamber will then weigh candidates’ commitment to those principles, as well as the voting records of incumbent officials, when deciding which candidates to endorse in the upcoming elections.

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