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Reno City Council  
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To Mayor Schieve and the Honorable members of the Reno City Council:

I write to you today in support of a resolution banning wildlife killing contests in Reno.

These contests are decidedly not a part of Nevada's heritage. In fact, quite the opposite; wildlife killing contests are an affront to outdoor enthusiasts and traditional, ethical hunters. Opposition to wildlife killing contests is growing rapidly. New Mexico and Vermont abolished coyote killing contests in 2019 and 2018, respectively. The California Fish and Game Commission banned the awarding of prizes for killing furbearing and nongame animals in 2014. Local governments in Arizona, New Mexico and Wisconsin have condemned the events. Most recently, the Clark County Commission passed a resolution condemning animal-killing contests and urging our state to take "immediate action to ban" the practice in Nevada.

I was not aware until recently that these contests occur and was dismayed when someone shared a photo of dead animals piled up after one such event. These animals are not eaten or utilized in a civil manner, but simply and tragically wasted. The recent, increased knowledge of wildlife killing contests in Nevada are raising public concerns, undermining the public's view of ethical hunting, and could jeopardize the future of traditional hunting.

Our wild places and animals are not only valuable in their own right, but also bring much needed contributions to our economy through tourism opportunities. Sustainability and stewardship are good for business and our communities. I thank you for considering my support for a resolution that would ban wildlife killing contests in Reno.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Kate Marshall".

Kate Marshall  
Nevada Lieutenant Governor