

Nolen Defends Position On Credit Union Grant

By George A. Burns

Las Vegas City Councilman Robert Nolen defended his position regarding the controversial Sarah Allen Credit Union grant, a stand which has caused both an uproar and a recall movement by some members of that organization.

Nolen, speaking on a taped interview on KCEP, discussed in detail what brought all the controversy on and his position on the matter. He said that the grant amount of \$260,000 requested by the credit union would not have had the full support of the city council nor was it recommended for funding by the citizens advisory committee. "To my knowledge," he stated, "no other credit union of its kind receives government funding. The Westside Federal Credit Union stands on its own." He said that the decision to block the request was due to the "mishandling and mismanagement" of recent Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds given to it the past two years. Last year the credit union received \$107,000 and about \$75,000 the year before.

On his decision to vote against additional funds, Nolen said, "I've made my decision according to the citizens committee advice and it's final. I have no intention to change my mind." He also noted that he'd been admonished and supported by even members of that credit union's board to "stand firm on that decision and not back down."

In regards to the Carlene Perkins telephone conversation, Nolen said that he was not rude to her. "I spoke with her three times concerning this matter and it wasn't until she became demanding and started yelling that I hung up on her. She called back and continued in the same type manner twice, even going so far as to yell at my 16-year-old son, and

that's something that even a public official should not have to tolerate."

The councilman defended his hard work and dedication to help "every segment of my district and not just Ward III. I've worked very hard to help bring more businesses and jobs to the Westside with the Jackson Avenue Merchants Association and the Nucleus Associates' help. Together, we're hopefully bringing about some positive progress, and I'm very visible. I'm proud of my record on the helping of this community, and I'll stand on it."

In discussing the recall movement which calls for a special election if enough signatures are attained, Nolen said that he'd fight to keep his job. "I won't be intimidated by it and by the actions of a small group of self-appointed leaders. Overall, I think that the community feels that I'm trying to work with it and do a good job."

NLV Suspects Arrested After Shot Fired

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