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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS URGED TO PRIORITIZE ETHICS EDUCATION AND COMPLIANCE

RENO, NEVADA (November 13, 2024) In a proactive effort to support newly elected officials in navigating Nevada's Ethics Laws, the Nevada Commission on Ethics is excited to announce its upcoming outreach initiatives aimed at facilitating compliance and promoting transparency. With the election season behind us, the Commission is committed to ensuring that new leaders understand their ethical responsibilities and file their acknowledgment forms in a timely manner.

Staff announced registration for the 2025 Ethics Briefing for Newly Elected Officers on Tuesday, November 12th, 2024 in an <u>article on LinkedIn</u> and corresponding posts. The article also covers the "5 Steps to Start Governing with Ethics" to guide those newly elected through the acknowledgment form process and introduce them to the Ethics Law.

The Online Ethics Briefing for Newly Elected Officials: Scheduled for January 13th, 2025, is a virtual, 45-minute session proving insights directly from Commission staff on ethical compliance expectations. Newly elected leaders can register <u>here</u>.

Also in January, the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) and the League of Cities and Municipalities are hosting a Newly Local Elected Officials training day on January 24th, 2025. Commission staff will present the fundamentals of the ethics law at this training.

In addition to these sessions, newly elected leaders can follow the Commission's X and LinkedIn feeds for helpful post-election resources including:

- How to request an advisory opinion, now permitted under new regulations before taking office.
- Information about the acknowledgment filing process.
- Details about the Ethics Briefing for Newly Elected Officials.

"Empowering our newly elected officials with the knowledge and resources they need to fulfill their ethical duties is crucial for maintaining public trust," said Ross Armstrong, Executive Director of the Nevada Commission on Ethics. "We are dedicated to providing comprehensive support as they step into their new roles."

The Nevada Commission on Ethics is committed to fostering an environment of accountability and transparency in public service. By equipping officials with the necessary tools and knowledge, the Commission aims to promote a culture of ethical governance across the state.

For more information on the Nevada Commission on Ethics and its resources, please visit ethics.nv.gov.

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