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8 **GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS BOARD**

9 **STATE OF NEVADA**

10 HENDERSON POLICE OFFICERS)
11 ASSOCIATION, A NEVADA)
12 NON-PROFIT CORPORATION AND)
13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE,)
ORGANIZATION, and ITS NAMED AND)
UNNAMED AFFECTED MEMBERS)

14 Complainants)

15 vs)

16 CITY OF HENDERSON)

17 Respondents)
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CASE NO: 2025-017

COMPLAINT

19 COMES NOW, Complainants, HENDERSON POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
20 (hereby "THE ASSOCIATION"), a local government employee organization, and the
21 Associations' named and unnamed affected members, by and through their undersigned counsel,
22 CHRISTOPHER CANNON, ESQ., and ANDREW REGENBAUM, J.D., of the NEVADA
23 ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS (hereby "NAPSO"), and hereby complain
24 and allege against the CITY OF HENDERSON as follows:
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JURISDICTIONAL ALLEGATIONS

1. At all relevant times herein, HENDERSON POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION was, and is, an *employee organization* as that term is defined in NRS 288.040. The Association is comprised of active police officers who serve the community of Henderson, Nevada. The HENDERSON POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION's current mailing address is 145 Panama, Henderson, Nevada 89015.

2. At all relevant times herein, the Association's affected members were and are *local government employees* as that term is defined in NRS 288.050.

3. At all relevant times herein, the City was and is a political subdivision of the State of Nevada. The City is a *local government employee* of the Association's members as that term is defined in NRS 288.060.

4. The Government Employee-Management Relations Act was adopted by the Nevada Legislature in 1969, and is now embodied in NRS Chapter 288.

5. NRS 288.140(1) provides as follows:

It is the right of every local government employee, subject to the limitations provided in subsections 3 and 4, to join any employee organization of the employee's choice or to refrain from joining any employee organization. **A local government employer shall not discriminate in any way among its employees on account of membership or nonmembership in an employee organization.** (Emphasis added).

6. NRS 288.150 provides in pertinent part as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 and NRS 354.6241, every local government employer shall negotiate in good faith through one or more representatives of its own choosing concerning the mandatory subjects of bargaining set forth in subsection 2 with the designated representatives of the recognized employee organization, if any, for each appropriate bargaining unit among its employees. If either party so requests, agreements reached must be reduced to writing.

1 2. The scope of mandatory bargaining is limited to:

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3 (a) Salary or wage rates or other forms of direct monetary compensation.

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5 (j) Recognition clause.

6 (k) The method used to classify employees in the bargaining unit.

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8 (m) Protection of employees in the bargaining unit from discrimination because of
9 participation in recognized employee organizations consistent with the provisions
10 of this chapter.

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12 (o) Grievance and arbitration procedures for resolution of disputes relating to
13 interpretation or application of collective bargaining agreements.

14 (p) General savings clauses.

15 (q) Duration of collective bargaining agreements.

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17 7. NRS 288.270(1) provides in pertinent part as follows:

18 It is a prohibited practice for a local government employer or its designated
19 representative willfully to:

20 (a) **Interfere, restrain or coerce any employee in the exercise of any right guaranteed**
21 **under this chapter.**

22 (b) **Dominate, interfere or assist in the formation or administration of any employee**
23 **organization.**

24 (c) **Discriminate** in regard to hiring, tenure or any term or condition of employment to
25 **encourage or discourage membership in any employee organization.**

26 (d) **Discharge or otherwise discriminate** against any employee because the employee has
27 signed or filed an affidavit, petition or complaint or given any information or testimony
28 under this chapter, or **because the employee has formed, joined or chosen to be**
 represented by any employee organization.

 (e) **Refuse to bargain collectively in good faith with the exclusive representative as**
 required in NRS 288.150. Bargaining collectively includes the entire bargaining process,
 including mediation and fact-finding, provided for in this chapter.

1 (f) Discriminate because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or
2 expression, age, physical or visual handicap, national origin or because of political or
personal reasons or affiliations.

3 (g) Fail to provide the information required by NRS 288.180.

4 (Emphasis added).

5 8. This Government Employee-Management Relations Board ("Board") has
6 jurisdiction pursuant to NRS 288.110(2) to "hear and determine any complaint arising out of the
7 interpretation of, or performance under, the provisions of this chapter by the Executive
8 Department, any local government employer, any employee, as defined in NRS 288.425, any
9 local government employee, any employee organization or any labor organization."

10 9. This Board has further jurisdiction pursuant to NRS 288.080 to hear and
11 determine "any controversy concerning prohibited practices."

12 10. When a labor dispute arises, employees and recognized employee organization are
13 required to raise before the Board issues within the jurisdiction of the Board before resorting to
14 civil litigation. *Rosequist v Int'l Ass'n of Firefighters Local 1908*, 118 Nev. 444, 450-451, 40
15 P.3d 651, 655 (2002), overruled on other grounds by *Allstate Ins. Co. v. Thorpe*, 123 Nev. 565,
16 170 P.3d. 989 (2007).

17 11. The Association is the recognized bargaining unit for the members of the
18 Association. As such, committee members, officers, board members and other representatives
19 engage in collective bargaining negotiations with representatives of the City with respect to
20 contractual obligations and terms of employment. As part of this, these members of both the
21 Association and the City agree upon dates and times for these collective bargaining meetings,
22 and both parties are represented by legal counsel during these sessions.

23 12. The violations of state law and the "union busting" practices identified herein
24 have been an ongoing policy and practice of the City.

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1 22. That both police unions and the City agreed to select a mediator, pursuant to NRS
2 288, as the next step in the negotiation process, before resorting to fact finding and arbitration, as
3 designated in NRS 288.190.

4 23. For speed, judicial economy and to conserve costs for all parties, the Henderson
5 Police Officers Association, the Henderson Police Supervisors Association and the City of
6 Henderson all agreed to use the same mediator for both associations, *and all parties agreed to*
7 *waive the "fact finding" portion of the process.*

8 24. That the parties agreed to use Mediator Stephen Hayford for both of the
9 meditations, and that they would be held on consecutive days - August 11, 2025 and August 12,
10 2025 at the City of Henderson's City Hall campus. Each Association would have their own
11 mediation day - HPOA on August 11, 2025; and HPSA on August 12, 2025.

12 25. That on August 11, 2025, the HPOA and City met and with the assistance of
13 Mediator Hayford - attempted to negotiate the terms of the new collective bargaining agreement.

14 26. That during the negotiation with the HPOA, the City stated, in writing, that:
15 " HPOA and HPSA are advised and recognize that to fund the proposal (for
16 wages), the City plans to eliminate 7 vacant sergeant positions, 3 vacate lieutenant
17 positions, and 1 vacant captain position. Both HPOA and HPSA agree not to file
18 grievances, demands for decisional or impact and effects bargaining, unfair
19 practice complaints, or other challenges to the elimination of these vacant
20 positions"

21 27. That the City was aware that the HPSA was **not present for this mediation with**
22 **the City personnel, that these positions were covered in solely the HPSA's CBA, and that**
23 **HPOA did not have the authority to unilaterally agree to eliminate the positions.**

24 28. That the HPOA recognized that they could not agree to such terms and could not
25 advocate for such a funding agreement, without the participation of HPSA in these negotiations.

26 29. That the HPSA **was not aware, nor had the City contacted the Association to**
27 **let them know that such an offer was even being made.**
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1 30. That out of abundance of caution, and to avoid legal issues, the HPOA contacted
2 the HPSA and relayed the terms of the offer from the City of Henderson. The HPOA then
3 advised the City and the mediator that all the association officers/negotiating committees would
4 have to be present during the HPSA's designated mediation date (August 12, 2025) to discuss
5 this offer jointly. The City and the mediator agreed to such terms.

6 31. That on August 12, 2025, the day of the HPSA's mediation, the City again
7 improperly fashioned a counter proposal (as outlined in paragraph 26) - and stated that it required
8 *the support of both associations to be funded and be passed.*

9 32. That two separate counter proposals were passed by each association in response
10 to the City's proposal. The City rejected the counter proposals - declaring them as "ridiculous",
11 without addressing the separate requests of the counter offers.

12 33. That after recognizing that the City was negotiating in bad faith - by requiring that
13 both unions agree to terms that could adversely affect the other association, and any response by
14 the HPOA would require the HPSA to make concessions to achieve any financial benefit or gain
15 - both Associations rejected the City's offer and remained at impasse.

16 34. That also recognizing that the City was negotiating in bad faith by requiring all the
17 associations to make concessions together - thus effectively depriving each of their right to
18 bargain as its own association.

19 35. That in response to the rejection of the funding proposal by the HPOA, the City
20 refused to meet and negotiate with the HPSA **on any terms of their CBA, and stated that**
21 **without the acceptance of the funding terms, the City had nothing else to discuss with the**
22 **HPSA, effectively depriving them of their day with the mediator, costing them mediation**
23 **expenses and legal fees for their counsel to present for these mediation.**

24 36. That during the designated days of mediation, the chief negotiator for the City did
25 not appear, but instead the City was represented by outside hired counsel from Chicago.
26 Additionally, during mediation, the City advocated that they would now argue an "inability to
27 pay" for a new CBA, which was the first time that the City stated such a legal theory and such a
28 theory was not supported by any evidence presented to the Associations.

1 37. That the City resorted to such tactics in an attempt to coerce both Associations to
2 agree to their terms and deprive the Association's of their **individual right to negotiate for the**
3 **terms and conditions of their individual CBA, for their respective members.**

4 38. That the actions of the City was a **prohibited labor practice as outlined in NRS**
5 **Chapter 288.**

6 39. **Based on the foregoing,** the City of Henderson has committed unfair labor
7 practices in ways that included, but may not be limited to the following:

- 8 a. Interfere, restrain or coerce any employee in the exercise of any right guaranteed
9 under NRS 288, including engaging in bad faith bargaining by interfering with the
10 association's ability to collectively bargain and/or engaging in an unfair labor
11 practice.
- 12 b. Discriminate in regard to the terms and conditions of the members' employment
13 to discourage members to join the Association ("union busting") in violation of
14 NRS 288.270.
- 15 c. Engaging in retaliatory treatment against the Association and their officers for
16 exercising their rights under NRS 288.
- 17 d. Engaging in a concerted pattern of conduct to ignore contractual rights, rights
18 imposed by state and federal law, judicial orders for the purpose of coercing the
19 members of the Association to waive and/or give up their ability to enforce their
20 rights within the law.
- 21 e. Discriminating against members and leaders of the Association on the basis of
22 political or personal reasons or affiliations in violation of NRS 288.270.
- 23 f. Refuse to bargain collectively and in good faith as required by NRS 288.150

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19 Complainants,

20 v.

21 CITY OF HENDERSON,

22 Respondent.

CASE NO.: 2025-017

**RESPONDENT CITY OF
HENDERSON'S ANSWER TO
COMPLAINT**

23 Respondent City of Henderson (the "City"), by and through its undersigned counsel of record,
24 hereby submits its answer to Complainants Henderson Police Officers Association ("HPOA" or
25 "Association") and its named and unnamed affected members' Complaint ("Complaint") by
26 admitting, denying and alleging as follows, and further declares its Affirmative Defenses below:

27 **JURISDICTIONAL ALLEGATIONS**

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1. The City admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Complaint.
 2. The City admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Complaint.

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3. In answering Paragraph 3 of the Complaint, the City admits that it was and is a political subdivision of the State of Nevada. The City denies that it is a local government employee of the Association's members. However, the City admits that it is a local government employer of the Association's members as defined in NRS 288.060.
4. The allegations in Paragraph 4 of the Complaint are not asserted against the City and state legal conclusions, not factual allegations, such that no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the City denies the allegations.
5. The allegations in Paragraph 5 of the Complaint are not asserted against the City and state legal conclusions, not factual allegations, such that no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the City denies the allegations.
6. The allegations in Paragraph 6 of the Complaint are not asserted against the City and state legal conclusions, not factual allegations, such that no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the City denies the allegations.
7. The allegations in Paragraph 7 of the Complaint are not asserted against the City and state legal conclusions, not factual allegations, such that no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the City denies the allegations.
8. The allegations in Paragraph 8 of the Complaint are not asserted against the City and state legal conclusions, not factual allegations, such that no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the City denies the allegations.
9. The allegations in Paragraph 9 of the Complaint are not asserted against the City and state legal conclusions, not factual allegations, such that no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the City denies the allegations.

10. The allegations in Paragraph 10 of the Complaint are not asserted against the City and state legal conclusions, not factual allegations, such that no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the City denies the allegations.
11. The City admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of the Complaint.
12. The City denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of the Complaint.
13. The City denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of the Complaint.
14. The City admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of the Complaint.
15. In answering Paragraph 15 of the Complaint, the City admits that the City selected its negotiation team and designated a lead negotiator for negotiations. The City further admits that both parties reserved the right to change their representatives during negotiations. The City is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of the Complaint and on this basis denies the same.
16. The City admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of the Complaint.
17. In answering Paragraph 17 of the Complaint, the City admits that the City designated Carlos McDade as its lead negotiator for the purposes of negotiations.
18. The City admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of the Complaint.
19. The City admits the Union declared an impasse following the parties' bargaining sessions referred to in Paragraph 18 of the Complaint. The City is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 of the Complaint regarding what the Union "noted" after the bargaining sessions and on this basis denies the same.
20. The City admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 20 of the Complaint.

- 1 21. In answering Paragraph 21 of the Complaint, the City admits that the Henderson Police
2 Supervisors Association ("HPSA") declared impasse with the City of Henderson in June of
3 2025.
- 4 22. The City denies the allegations in Paragraph 22 of the Complaint, as the Association originally
5 requested to skip mediation. After the City declined to skip mediation, the parties agreed to
6 select the same mediator for both the HPOA mediation and the HPSA mediation.
- 7 23. The City admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 23 of the Complaint.
- 8 24. The City admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 24 of the Complaint.
- 9 25. The City admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 25 of the Complaint.
- 10 26. In answering Paragraph 26 of the Complaint, the City admits the Union selectively quotes one
11 portion of the City's proposal in mediation without the surrounding context. The City admits
12 that it contemplated a creative offer that required agreement by both the HPOA and HPSA,
13 and that to fund the offer it would require the elimination of vacant positions that would be
14 represented by the HPSA if the positions were filled. To avoid any potential disputes, the
15 City required that both Associations "agree not to file grievances, demands for decisional or
16 impact and effects bargaining, unfair practice complaints, or other challenges to the
17 elimination of these vacant positions."
- 18 27. In answering Paragraph 27 of the Complaint, the City and the mediator understood that only
19 HPOA was present when it introduced the offer and that the HPOA could not agree to the
20 offer on the HPSA's behalf. The mediator suggested that the HPOA and HPSA meet together
21 the following day to further discuss the City's proposal prior to starting the designated
22 mediation day with the HPSA, and all parties agreed to this suggestion. At no point did the
23 HPOA or HPSA object or state that meeting jointly would be a violation of either
24 Association's rights under the law.
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- 1 28. The City is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the
2 allegations contained in Paragraph 28 of the Complaint and on this basis denies the same.
- 3 29. The City is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the
4 allegations contained in Paragraph 29 of the Complaint and on this basis denies the same.
- 5 30. In answering Paragraph 30 of the Complaint, the City admits that it agreed with the mediator's
6 suggestion that the HPOA and HPSA meet together the following day to further discuss the
7 City's proposal prior to starting the designated mediation day with the HPSA. With regards
8 to any remaining allegations in Paragraph 30 of the Complaint, the City is without sufficient
9 knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in
10 Paragraph 30 of the Complaint and on this basis denies the same.
- 11 31. In answering Paragraph 31 of the Complaint, the City admits that a condition of the City's
12 supposal offered at mediation included language requiring both Associations to waive their
13 right to challenge the City's decision to eliminate vacant but funded positions that would be
14 represented by the HPSA if the positions were filled; the elimination of the vacant positions
15 is what allowed the City to fund the generous supposal to the Associations. The City denies
16 that this supposal was improperly fashioned.
- 17 32. In answering Paragraph 32 of the Complaint, admits that the HPOA and HPSA presented
18 counter proposals, which the City reviewed and, communicating through the mediator,
19 declined to accept. The City denies any and all remaining allegations contained in Paragraph
20 32.
- 21 33. In answering Paragraph 33 of the Complaint, the City admits that the HPOA and HPSA
22 declined to accept the City's supposal presented at mediation. The City denies any and all
23 remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 33.
- 24 34. The City denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 34 of the Complaint.
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1 35. The City denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 35 of the Complaint.

2 36. The City denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 36 of the Complaint.

3 37. The City denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 37 of the Complaint.

4 38. The City denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 38 of the Complaint.

5 39. The City denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 39(a-f) of the Complaint.

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7 **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

8 Respondent, the City, asserts the following non-exclusive list of defenses to this action. These
9 defenses have been labeled as "Affirmative" defenses regardless of whether, as a matter of law, such
10 defenses are truly affirmative defenses. Such designation should in no way be construed to constitute
11 a concession on the part of the City that it bears the burden of proof to establish such defenses.

12 **First Affirmative Defense:** The Complaint fails to conform to the requirements of NAC
13 288.200(1)(c) and should be dismissed as it fails to include a clear and concise statement of the
14 facts constituting the alleged practice sufficient to raise a justiciable controversy under chapter
15 288 of NRS.
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17 **Second Affirmative Defense:** The Complaint fails to state facts that support a claim for bad faith,
18 interference with the administration of the Association, union busting, or retaliation.

19 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

20 WHEREFORE, the City of Henderson prays for judgment against Plaintiff as follows:

- 21 1. That Complainants take nothing by virtue of their claims against the City of Henderson and
22 that the Complaint be dismissed with prejudice;
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- 1 2. That Respondents be awarded attorneys' fees and costs incurred herein; and
- 2 3. For such other and further relief as the EMRB may deem just and proper.

3 DATED this 16th day of September 2025.

4 CITY OF HENDERSON

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14 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

15 I hereby certify that on the 16th day of September 2025, the above and foregoing,
16 **RESPONDENT CITY OF HENDERSON'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINANTS' COMPLAINT,**
17 was electronically filed with the EMRB (emrb@business.nv.gov) and served by depositing a true and
18 correct copy thereof in the United States mail, postage fully prepaid thereon, to the following:

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City of Henderson (Respondent)

Motion to Dismiss

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**RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO
DISMISS**

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19 Respondent City of Henderson ("City"), by and through its undersigned counsel,
20 hereby submits this Motion to Dismiss the Complaint filed by the Henderson Police Officers
21 Association ("HPOA" or "Union"). This Motion is made pursuant to NRS Chapter 288 (the
22 Employee-Management Relations Act), NRS Chapter 233B and NAC Chapter 288 and based
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1 upon the following points and authorities, the pleadings and documents on file with the Board
2 and attached to this Motion.

3 Dated this 16th day of September 2025.

4 CITY OF HENDERSON

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14 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

15 **I. INTRODUCTION**

16 HPOA attempts to throw every possible argument at the wall to see what will stick.
17 Despite the barrage, the Union never successfully articulates an actual, and actionable, claim
18 under NRS 288 in the at-issue Complaint. More specifically, HPOA claims, without much
19 specification, that the City engaged in coercion and bad faith bargaining, discriminated against
20 them by "union busting," retaliated against them for exercising their rights, discriminated
21 against them, and engaged in coercion. However, despite this list of purported terribles, the
22 factual allegations fail to adequately explain or support their legal conclusions.

23 As often happens with public sector negotiations, the City has been negotiating with
24 multiple bargaining units for successor contracts simultaneously. Here, in relevant part, the
25 City has been bargaining with both HPOA and the Henderson Police Supervisors Association
26 ("HPSA") at the same time. And, as is also frequently the case, the amount of money the City
27 can dedicate to one unit has a direct impact on the amount of money it can or cannot dedicate
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1 to another unit. Such is the reality of collective bargaining in the public sector with finite,
2 taxpayer funded resources. As such, during mediation, when HPOA was yearning for a more
3 lucrative contract than the City had been offering, the City was in a bind. Any money the City
4 gave HPOA would directly impact the HPSA negotiations. After searching for a creative
5 solution, the City issued HPOA a much richer contract proposal, and to avoid any potential
6 litigation from HPSA based on their litigation history, the City's proposal required support
7 from HPSA as well. Cooperative bargaining is not a new concept and has been accepted by
8 the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) for decades. Nevertheless, both HPOA and
9 HPSA balked at the proposal. Each Union tendered its own counter-proposal. The City
10 understood the unions' positions, considered their offers, and as is the City's right, it did not
11 agree to either HPOA's or HPSA's counterproposal. None of this rises to the level of bad-
12 faith bargaining. At most, this represents the ordinary search for common ground that takes
13 place during good-faith negotiations.

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16 As fully explained below, the Complaint on its face fails to contain sufficient
17 allegations demonstrating that the City engaged in anything close to bad faith bargaining.
18 Moreover, HPOA's Complaint fails to contain a sufficiently detailed explanation of their
19 arguments against the City which, by definition, is a fatal flaw. While HPOA alleges a series
20 of facts and then a series of conclusions, HPOA does not adequately tie the two together.
21 Given the significant deficiencies in HPOA's above-captioned Complaint, the City
22 respectfully requests that the Board dismiss this Complaint in its entirety.

23 24 **II. BACKGROUND**

25 Based on the contents of the Complaint, the factual allegations brought by the Union
26 are as follows:

27 HPOA represents a bargaining unit of City Police Officers; and the City and HPOA
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1 have been parties to a collective bargaining agreement dated July 1, 2021 – June 6, 2025. A
2 copy of the HPOA CBA is on file with the Board and is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The
3 parties have been in successor bargaining negotiations for a period of time. (Compl. ¶ 13). At
4 the same time, the City has been in negotiations with a successor agreement with the police
5 supervisor's union - HPSA. (Compl. ¶ 20). A copy of the HPSA CBA is on file with the Board
6 and is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. HPSA and HPOA negotiations are, by very definition,
7 tied at the hip. (Ex. B at Art. 5). The current status quo wage arrangement with HPSA is that
8 their members receive a flat percentage wage differential compared to the wages of the HPOA.
9 (*Id.*). Thus, while negotiating with the HPOA, particularly during their discussion of wages,
10 the City naturally had to consider the impact of its economic guarantees to the HPOA on its
11 HPSA negotiations. After six bargaining sessions without reaching a voluntary agreement,
12 HPSA declared an impasse. (Compl. ¶ 18-19). The parties proceeded to mediation. (Compl. ¶
13 22, 24).

16 During mediation, as the HPOA continued to propose increases the City couldn't
17 otherwise afford, the City came up with a creative proposal that could benefit both units.
18 (Compl. ¶ 26). But because the proposal would necessarily impact both units, the City
19 included a provision that would need both units to agree to the terms. (Compl. ¶ 26). For
20 whatever reason, the Unions balked at the concept and flatly declined the City's proposal.
21 (Compl. ¶¶ 33). The Unions counter-proposed individual proposals to the City. (Compl. ¶
22 32). The City declined both. (Compl. ¶ 32). According to HPOA, the City declined to meet
23 with HPSA further on the date in question. (Compl. ¶ 35). The Complaint contains no
24 allegation that HPSA requested any further bargaining sessions after mediation was
25 unsuccessful. (Compl., generally). The Union's Complaint followed.
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III. ARGUMENT

HPOA's Complaint is both unclear and fails to state a claim for relief. The Board may dismiss a complaint if it "determines that no probable cause exists for the complaint ..." NAC 288.375(1). To establish a viable complaint, the complainant **must** include a "clear and concise statement of facts constituting the alleged practice sufficient to raise a justiciable controversy under chapter 288 of NRS ..." NAC 288.200(1)(c). Parties in proceedings before the Board do not have the right to engage in extensive pre-hearing discovery; by extension, respondents are prejudiced by pleadings that fail to provide sufficient notice of the issues because they cannot adequately prepare to defend themselves. *See Coury v. Whittlesea-Bell Luxury Limousine*, 102 Nev. 302, 308 (1986). Additionally, failure to allege facts constituting a justiciable controversy equates to a lack of probable cause. *See Nevada Service Employees Union, v. Clark County Water Reclamation District*, Case No. 2024-030, Item No. 905 (EMRB, Dec. 17, 2024).

A. HPOA's Complaint Fails to Establish the City Bargaining in Bad Faith.

To the extent the City can identify the Union's claims, it seems that its main contention is that the City somehow bargained in bad faith in violation of NAC 288.270(1)(e). Whether an employer has violated its duty to bargain in good faith turns on the totality of its conduct and not on a single incident. *Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1245 v. City of Fallon*, Case No. AI-045485, Item No. (1991); *N.L.R.B. v. Insurance Agents' Union*, 361 U.S. 477, 49 (1960). Labor boards have repeatedly recognized that bargaining in good faith *does not require* the parties to actually reach an agreement, rather, it requires the parties put forth "a sincere effort" to do so. *City of Reno v. Int'l Ass 'n of Firefighters, Local 731*, Item No. 253-A, Case No. AI-045472 (1991). "In order to show 'bad faith', a complainant must present 'substantial evidence of fraud, deceitful action or dishonest conduct.'" *Juvenile Justice Supr.*

1 *Ass'n v. County of Clark*, Case No. 2017-20, Item No. 834 (2018). HPOA's allegations fail
2 to establish the City engaged in fraud, deceit, or dishonesty at the bargaining table.

3 As a threshold matter, there can be no bad faith bargaining here because the City had
4 no duty to bargain whatsoever. The EMRB has held, "there is no duty on the part of either
5 party to bargain after impasse is reached." *Clark County Classroom Teachers Ass'n v. Clark*
6 *County School Dist.*, Case No. A1-045302, Item No. 62, p. 9 ¶ 14 (1976), *cited with approval*
7 *in Las Vegas Fire Fighters Local 1285, International Association of Fire Fighters vs. City of*
8 *Las Vegas, Nevada Respondents*, Case No. A1-046074, Item No. 786, p. 8 (2013). In this
9 case, the Union accurately alleges that after six bargaining sessions, with sixteen unresolved
10 issues still on the table, the Union declared an impasse. (Compl. ¶ 18-19). The Union does
11 not allege that impasse was ever broken; to the contrary, the Union recognizes "the parties
12 remained at impasse." (Compl. ¶ 33). If there is no duty to bargain whatsoever after an
13 impasse, the City can hardly be accused of bad faith bargaining post-impasse.
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16 Assuming for the sake of argument there was any duty to bargain whatsoever, the
17 Complaint still fails as a matter of law. It appears that HPSA's main gripe is the format of the
18 City's bargaining proposal during mediation. The City is unaware of any case law establishing
19 that a single proposal that requires agreement from multiple bargaining units can support an
20 allegation of bad faith bargaining. In fact, the NLRB has frequently held that, absent
21 extraordinary circumstances, use of coordinated bargaining, such as in the instant case, does
22 not constitute a prohibited practice (or an unfair labor practice, using the NLRB's term of art).
23 See *N.L.R.B. v. Indiana & Michigan Elec. Co.*, 599 F.2d 185, 190 (7th Cir. 1979) (an employer
24 may not refuse to bargain with unions engaging in coordinated bargaining absent unusual
25 circumstances); *Imperial Outdoor Advert.*, 192 NLRB 1248, 1249 (1971) (holding employers
26 had right to collaborate as a group for their convenience). Here, one proposal to increase pay
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1 for both units in exchange for both units agreeing not to litigate against the City hardly
2 supports a finding of bad faith bargaining.

3 Even if the City's coordinated proposal was a permissive subject of bargaining, which
4 it should not be, that is still not enough for HPOA to establish bad faith bargaining. It is well-
5 established that merely proposing a permissive subject of bargaining is not, by itself, bad faith
6 bargaining. *City of Sparks vs. IAFF, Local No. 1265*, Case No. A1-045332, Item No. 103, ¶
7 8-12 (1980) (union's submission of permissive subject of bargaining regarding rules and
8 regulations did not constitute bad faith bargaining; although employer had no obligation to
9 negotiate over such proposals, the employer was required to discuss them).

11 Moreover, to the extent that HPOA takes issue with HPSA not being provided with
12 the proposal at the same time, HPOA does not have standing to challenge that matter;
13 moreover, the fact that the City gave the proposal to HPOA first, as opposed to giving it to
14 both units simultaneously, is indicative of nothing. The proposal clearly provides that it was
15 going to be issued to both HPSA and HPOA, and HPSA clearly received a copy of that
16 proposal. (Compl. ¶ 30-33). There was no secret or deceitful conduct here.

18 HPOA also suggests that the use of outside counsel was somehow improper. As HPOA
19 itself infers throughout its Complaint, parties have the right to select their own bargaining
20 representatives. The City simply exercised its guaranteed right; HPOA's dissatisfaction with
21 the City's decision is not an unfair labor practice. In fact, the exact opposite is true. It would
22 be a prohibited practice for the Union to coerce the City in its choice of bargaining
23 representatives. *See, e.g., N.L.R.B. v. Int'l Bhd. of Elec. Workers Loc. 1547, AFL-CIO*, 971
24 F.2d 1435, 1435 (9th Cir. 1992).

26 Lastly, HPOA contends, or at least seems to contend, that the City's rejection of its
27 proposal and its decision to end mediation (with another union) also constitute bad faith
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1 bargaining. At most, HPOA alleges that the City engaged in hard bargaining by being
2 dissatisfied by HPOA's counteroffer and not wanting to discuss things further without
3 addressing the funding issue. (See Compl. ¶ 35). But the EMRB has consistently held
4 "adamant insistence on a bargaining position or 'hard bargaining' is not enough to show bad
5 faith bargaining." *Las Vegas Peace Officers Association v. City of Las Vegas*, Case No. 2015-
6 034, Item No. 821 (2017); see, e.g., *Reno Municipal Employees Ass'n v. City of Reno*, Case
7 No. A1-045326, Item No. 93 (1980). Nothing in NRS 288 compels the City to accept any of
8 the Union's offers, nor is the City compelled to tender further counterproposals after the City
9 has put all of its chips on the table. That is precisely what the impasse provisions of NRS
10 exist to address. Therefore, HPOA failed to raise a claim for bad faith bargaining and those
11 positions of the Complaint should be dismissed.

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13 **B. HPOA's Complaint Fails to Establish the City Interfered with their Rights,
14 Discriminated or Retaliated Against them.**

15 In addition to arguing that the City engaged in bad faith bargaining, HPOA apparently
16 contends the City interfered with their rights, discriminated against them, and/or retaliated
17 against them. Absent any clear indication in the complaint, which is an additional basis for
18 dismissal as discussed in Section C below, the City presumes all of this relates to its proposal
19 to HPSA and HPOA. As a preliminary matter, the Union presents no facts or arguments
20 indicating how the City's proposal to further enhance bargaining unit employee wages and
21 benefits could be construed as discriminatory or retaliatory in nature. Thus, those arguments
22 are inherently defective. HPOA's interference argument comes slightly closer to the mark but
23 still fails to raise a claim under NRS Chapter 288.
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25 To establish a viable interference claim pursuant to NRS 288.270(1)(a), the Board
26 determines whether there are sufficient facts demonstrating (1) a reasonable employee would
27 view the actions as coercive; (2) there was protected activity; and (3) "the employer fails to
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1 justify the action with a substantial and legitimate business reason." *Billings and Brown v.*
2 *Clark County*, Case No. A1-046002, Item No. 751 (2012); citing *Medeco Sec. Locks, Inc. v.*
3 *NLRB*, 142 F.3d 733, 745 (4th Cir. 1988); *Reno Police Protective Ass'n v. City of Reno*, 102
4 Nev. 98, 101, 715 P.2d 1321, 1323 (1986).

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6 As best the City can tell, the Union contends that by issuing a proposal that involves
7 multiple bargaining units was "coercive." But the Union also fails to acknowledge that
8 cooperative bargaining, as noted above, has been a legitimate bargaining tactic for decades.
9 *Imperial Outdoor Advert.*, 192 NLRB 1248, 1249 (1971). The legal question is whether the
10 City's purported actions stripped the Unions of their individual decision-making. *See Don Lee*
11 *Distrib., Inc.*, 322 NLRB 470 (1996); *Subject: King Soopers Safeway Albertson's*, No. Case
12 27-CA-19325, 2005 WL 545232, at *3 (Feb. 17, 2005). HPOA's own allegations and the at-
13 issue proposal demonstrate that each Union was free to agree or not to agree as they deemed
14 appropriate. Nothing in the Complaint suggests that the City was forcing the union to give up
15 its autonomous status. To the contrary, the Complaint alleges the HPOA presented its own
16 proposal (Compl. ¶ 32). The City considered and then declined that proposal. (Compl. ¶ 32).
17 The allegations do not support a finding that the City insisted upon anything.
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19 Additionally, the City had a legitimate reason for issuing a proposal that involved both
20 bargaining units. The current status quo with HPSA automatically ties the wages of both units
21 together. (*See Ex. A, Art. 5*). By extension, any agreement to provide wages to HPOA
22 automatically implicates wages for HPSA. Moreover, to adequately fund the proposal to
23 HPOA, and ultimately HPSA, the City needed certain concessions and guarantees. Namely,
24 the City needed to eliminate certain vacant supervisory positions to fund the additional
25 increases and wanted both units to agree to the elimination of those positions. (*See Ex. C*).
26 Why would the City agree to give both units more money than it could afford while also
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1 signing itself up for prolonged litigation?

2 The City's proposal was a legitimate, albeit creative, proposal that would have
3 benefited both units, while also being cost-effective. That HPOA is not used to seeing this
4 kind of proposal does not twist it into an unlawful coercive tactic. *See Juvenile Justice*
5 *Supervisors Association and Juvenile Justice Probation Officers Association v. County of*
6 *Clark, Nevada*, Case No. 2017-020, Item No. 834, pp. 12-13 (2018) (employer's actions while
7 bargaining in good faith did not "tend[] to interfere with, coerce, or deter the exercise of
8 protected activity by the EMRA"). Given that the City had a legitimate business reason for its
9 proposal and that it cannot be construed as coercive in any respect, HPOA's interference claim
10 also fails and this Complaint should be dismissed in its entirety.

12 **C. HPOA's Complaint Fails to Provide Adequate Notice.**

13 Finally, it is not particularly clear what the Union is alleging. HPOA, in a Complaint
14 substantially similar to HPSA's Complaint in EMRB Case No. 2025-018, details a series of
15 alleged acts and then a series of broad-spectrum legal conclusions; however, HPOA never
16 indicates which allegations belong with what conclusion. Certainly, the alleged facts are not
17 universally applicable to each category of alleged prohibited practices, and the City should
18 not have to engage in a guess game about what facts belong with what claim. To satisfy the
19 requirements of NAC 288.200(1)(c), HPOA needed to identify which allegations belonged
20 with each conclusion to put the City on sufficient notice of what was at issue. By failing to do
21 so, HPOA's Complaint is defective at the outset and should be dismissed on this basis alone.

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1 IV. CONCLUSION

2 Based on the foregoing, the City respectfully requests the Board dismiss the Complaint
3 for failing to provide adequate notice and failing to present a justiciable controversy under
4 NRS Chapter 288 for the Board's review.

5 Dated this 16th day of September 2025.

6 CITY OF HENDERSON

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16 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

17 I hereby certify that on the 16th day of September 2025, the above and foregoing,
18 **RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS** was electronically filed with the EMRB
19 (emrb@business.nv.gov) and served by depositing a true and correct copy thereof in the
20 United States mail, postage fully prepaid thereon, to the following:

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EXHIBIT “A”

**First Amended and Restated
Labor Agreement Between City of
Henderson
and the
Henderson Police Officers' Association
July 1, 2021– June 30, 2025**

**First Amended and Restated
Labor Agreement Between City of
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WHEREAS, both the CITY and its employees have a high degree of responsibility to the public in so serving the public without interruption of essential services;

WHEREAS, both parties recognize this mutual responsibility, and have entered into this First Amended and Restated Agreement ("Agreement") as an instrument and means of maintaining the existing harmonious relationship between the CITY and its employees, and with the intention and desire to foster and promote the responsibility of a sound, stable and peaceful labor relations between the CITY and its employees;

WHEREAS, the parties recognize that this Agreement is not intended to modify any of the discretionary authority vested in the CITY by the statutes of the State of Nevada;

WHEREAS, the parties have reached an understanding concerning wages, hours and conditions of employment and have caused the understanding to be set out in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the parties entered into the original agreement on July 1, 2021, but have since agreed to make amendments to Articles 19 and 35;

WHEREAS, this Agreement incorporates the desired amendments to Articles 19 and 35;

WHEREAS, the parties desire for the amendments to Articles 19 (Overtime) and 35 (Effective Date) to be retroactively effective as of July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, all remaining articles from the July 1, 2021 original agreement remain unchanged and are restated as set forth below in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties do agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. RECOGNITION:

The CITY OF HENDERSON (hereinafter referred to as the "CITY") recognizes the HENDERSON POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (hereinafter referred to as the "HPOA"), as the bargaining agent for the classifications listed in this Agreement for the purpose of collective bargaining as set forth in NRS 288.

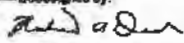
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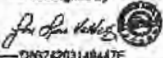
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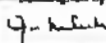
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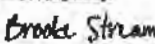
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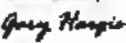
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EXHIBIT B”

**LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CITY OF HENDERSON, NEVADA
AND
HENDERSON POLICE SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION**

JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2025

**LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN
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PREAMBLE:

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WHEREAS, both the CITY and its employees have a high degree of responsibility to the public in so serving the public without interruption of essential services;

WHEREAS, both the CITY and the Henderson Police Supervisors Association (the "Parties") recognize this mutual responsibility, and have entered into this agreement as an instrument and means of maintaining the existing harmonious relationship between the CITY and its employees, and with the intention and desire to foster and promote the responsibility of sound, stable and peaceful labor relations between the CITY and its employees;

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ARTICLE 2. ASSOCIATION AND MANAGEMENT RIGHTS:

Section 1: The CITY and the HPSA agree that the City possess the sole right to operate the Department and that all Management rights remain with those officials. These rights include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Hire, direct, classify, assign, or transfer HPSA Members; except when such assignment or transfer is done as a part of the disciplinary process.
- (b) Reduce in force, demote, or lay off any HPSA Member because of lack of work or lack of money.
- (c) Determine appropriate staffing levels and work performance standards, and the means and methods by which operations are conducted, except for HPSA Member safety considerations.

- (d) Determine work schedules, tours of duty, daily assignments, standards of performance, and/or the services to be rendered.
- (e) Determine quality and quantity of services to be offered to the public and the means and methods of offering those services.
- (f) Determine the content of the workday, including without limitation workload factors, except for HPSA Member safety considerations.
- (g) Take whatever action may be necessary to carry on its responsibilities in situations of emergency such as a riot, military action, natural disaster or civil disorder.
- (h) Manage its operation in the most efficient manner consistent with the best interests of all its citizens, its taxpayers, and HPSA Members.
- (i) Promote HPSA Members and determine promotional procedures, as provided in this Agreement.
- (j) Educate and train HPSA Members and determine corresponding criteria and procedures.
- (k) The CITY shall have such other exclusive rights as may be determined by N.R.S. 288.150 and this Agreement.
- (l) The CITY'S failure to exercise any prerogative or function hereby reserved to it, or the CITY'S exercise of any such prerogative or function in a particular manner shall not be considered a waiver of the CITY'S rights reserved herein or preclude it from exercising the same in some other manner not in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement. Notice requirements set forth in this Agreement shall not be deemed as a limitation on the CITY'S right to exercise the prerogatives provided by this Article or the Nevada Revised Statutes.

Section 2: The CITY and the HPSA agree that the HPSA possesses those rights afforded to its members pursuant to NRS 288, NRS 289, State and Federal law, Departmental Policy, and the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3. CLASSIFICATION AND REPRESENTATION:

Section 1: The CITY and the HPSA agree that the following classifications are represented by the HPSA:

Police Sergeant
Police Lieutenant
Corrections Sergeant
Corrections Lieutenant

Section 2: Assignment Differential Pay:

- (a) For the period assigned, HPSA Members identified below shall receive assignment differential pay (ADP) as follows:

Specialized Assignments	ADP
Acting Pay	10%
Professional Standards Lieutenant	8%
K-9/ Tactical Response Lieutenant	8%
SWAT Sergeant	8%
K-9 Sergeant	8%
Motors Lieutenant	8%
Motors Sergeant	8%
CRU/PSU Lieutenant	8%
PSU Sergeant	8%
Narcotics/ROP/Intel Lieutenant	8%
Homeland Security Sergeant	8%
Homeland Security Lieutenant	8%
Narcotics Sergeant	8%
ROP/Intel Sergeant	8%
Investigations Lieutenant	8%
Investigations Sergeant	8%
Field Training Supervisor (per Section (c) below)	8%
Training Lieutenant	8%
Training Sergeant	8%
Support Lieutenant (Jail)	8%
Intelligence Lieutenant (Jail)	8%
Intelligence Sergeant (Jail)	8%
Technical Services Lieutenant	8%
Accreditation Sergeant	8%
IAB Lieutenant	8%
IAB Sergeant	8%
CRU Sergeant	8%
Administrative Sergeant	8%
Administrative Lieutenant	8%
PIO Lieutenant	8%
Special Programs and Services Sergeant (Jail)	8%
Special Programs and Services Lieutenant (Jail)	8%

If determined necessary by the Chief of Police that new specialized assignments are required and are eligible for ADP, a Sergeant and/or Lieutenant will receive the applicable ADP.

- (b) Assignment differential pay is a temporary monetary compensation paid to HPSA Members who are assigned to the assignment categories indicated above. ADP assignments are not promotional and therefore, no property rights exist. Employees shall only receive ADP pay for the duration of their assignment and the elimination of an ADP does not constitute a reduction in salary as defined in NRS 289.010.

The parties recognize that certain specialized assignments require

flexibility in work hours, locations and the sharing operational guidance during active enforcement incidents.

- (c) The number of required employees serving as Field Training Supervisors (FTS) will be based upon the number of projected promotions and the needs of the department. Those individuals assigned as an FTS will receive the appropriate PERS eligible ADP as defined in Section 2 (a) for the period(s) of time they are assigned and developing a Supervisor trainee, with a two (2) pay period minimum assignment. Extensions of the original assignment will be made on a full-pay period basis. Field Training Supervisors who are not assigned a trainee but who fill in as an FTS in the absence of a trainee's assigned FTS will receive the appropriate ADP as defined in Section 2 (a), on a day for day basis.
- (d) K-9 handlers will receive the equivalent of five (5.0) overtime hours of compensation bi-weekly per dog, for the at-home care, grooming, transportation, and feeding of the dog.
- (e) Police Sergeants and Lieutenants assigned to motorcycles will receive the equivalent of one and one-half (1.5) overtime hours bi-weekly for the off-duty maintenance and care of the motorcycle assigned to them.

Section 3: Shift Differential: For those HPSA Members whose 51% of the hours worked fall after 2:00 p.m. shall receive a 4% swing shift differential. For those HPSA Members whose 51% of the hours worked fall after 8:00 p.m. shall receive a 6% graveyard shift differential.

Shift Differential	4% swing shift
	6% graveyard shift

- (a) Upon re-assignment, differential pay would cease if no longer applicable. An exception to this policy would be in the case where an HPSA Member is injured in the line of duty, working modified duty, and whose normally assigned shift is other than days. In such cases, the HPSA Member will receive full salary, including shift differential.
- (b) Shift differential pay is a temporary monetary compensation paid to the HPSA Member who is assigned to the shifts indicated above. Employees working swing or graveyard shifts who are assigned to day shift to accommodate requests for temporary modified duty for non-occupational injury or illness will not receive shift differential for the duration of that accommodation. Shift differential shall continue to be paid during vacation leave, sick leave, and any other paid leaves, including administrative leave authorized by the Chief of Police or designee
- (c) Members assigned to swing, or graveyard shifts receive shift differential for all hours worked, including overtime. Conversely, day

shift employees do not receive shift differential when working overtime on swings or graveyard shifts. HPSA Members who receive overtime per the provisions of Article 3 Section 2 (d) and (e), will be paid shift differential for those hours.

- (d) Temporary assignments: HPSA Members that are assigned to a shift on a temporary basis through a written order from the Chief of Police, will be paid the applicable shift differential for the actual shift they work. For example: a dayshift employee assigned to a graveyard shift will receive graveyard shift differential and a graveyard shift employee assigned to day shift will receive no shift differential. Shift differential while on vacation or sick leave during this temporary assignment will be paid in accordance with the appropriate differential for the shift assigned.

Section 4: Bilingual Pay: HPSA Members who are eligible for bilingual pay must pass a City of Henderson approved Spanish proficiency examination at the City of Henderson's expense to receive a monthly payment of \$80.00 per month, beginning the first month after they have successfully completed the assessment. The payment will be received in the HPSA Member's paycheck. Once an HPSA member has successfully completed the mandatory assessment, they will not be required to complete another exam unless they voluntarily withdraw and then wish to re-enter the program. Should the HPSA Member demonstrate an unwillingness to utilize his second language skills for the benefit of the department, the department may remove the individual from the list and bilingual pay will cease for that individual.

Section 5: Acting Pay: Sergeants and Lieutenants who are directed via department Special Order by the Deputy Chief of Police, Chief of Police, or designee, to temporarily accept the responsibilities of their superior officer (Lieutenant or Captain) will be awarded acting pay. Acting pay shall be paid at a rate of ten percent (10%) higher than the HPSA Members current hourly rate and be in addition to any applicable shift differential and assignment differential if the elevated responsibilities are in a position eligible for an assignment differential.

Section 6: For full-shift absences where a Sergeant serves as Watch Commander, they will receive an eight percent (8%) premium for their shift. The Lieutenant designated as the Watch Commander will receive a 6% premium for all hours worked as the Watch Commander.

ARTICLE 4. HPSA MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1: HPSA membership shall be at the sole discretion of the employee.

Section 2: HPSA membership shall carry no validity in reclassification of an employee.

Section 3: The HPSA shall evidence in writing to the CITY all current officers of the HPSA representing employees under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5. WAGES:

Section 1: Lump-Sum Bonus

Each member will receive a one-time lump-sum payment of one thousand five hundred (\$1,500) dollars. This payment will be made within two pay periods following the approval of this agreement.

For the years between July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025, if HPOA members receive a lump-sum payment in lieu of wages, HPSA members will receive the same lump-sum payment under the same parameters as the HPOA payment. Notwithstanding the language in Article 36 or any other language in this Agreement, after the expiration date of the Agreement, which ends on June 30, 2025, HPSA will not be entitled to any lump-sum payments received by HPOA members as provided in this Section, and the City will not pay any other matching lump-sum payments. Subject to the provisions of (NRS 288 as amended), any lump-sum payment due to HPSA will be made in the same pay period as the HPOA payment.

Section 2: Wages:

Subject to the provisions of (NRS 288 as amended), and Section 1 above, effective the first pay period that includes July 1 of each fiscal year, the base wage of classifications covered by this Agreement shall be increased by the same general wage increase negotiated by the Henderson Police Officers' Association (HPOA). If the HPOA has not negotiated a wage modification by the beginning of the fiscal year, modifications to the HPSA wage schedule will occur on the same effective date of any subsequent HPOA wage schedule change.

- (a) This HPSA wage schedule reflects a twenty-five percent (25%) hourly wage differential between police and corrections officers and their respective sergeants. It also reflects a twenty percent (20%) hourly wage differential between police and corrections sergeants and their respective lieutenants. These percentage differentials will be maintained after each negotiation between the Henderson Police Officers' Association and the CITY.
- (b) The wage schedule for HPSA members covered by this Agreement is defined in Appendix B of this Agreement. The implementation details of this wage schedule and Step assignments for promotions after the effective date of this Agreement are included in Appendix B of this Agreement.

Section 3: Newly promoted HPSA members will establish and maintain a Step Increase Date that will mirror their promotion date and will not receive an additional Step increase at the end of their qualifying period.

- (a) Should subsequent negotiations between the Henderson Police Officers' Association and the CITY produce additional Steps above the current Thirteen (13) Step wage schedule, the CITY will add an

additional Step(s) to this wage schedule if a complimentary Step that reflects the 25% and 20% differential does not already exist.

- (b) Should subsequent negotiations between the Henderson Police Officers' Association and the CITY produce a wage schedule that increases the current five percent (5%) spread between each Step, the CITY will make the same change to the HPSA wage schedule.

Section 4: In the event of an employee's death, the CITY will help the beneficiaries fill out the necessary forms and ensure that they are properly signed in order to ensure that the beneficiaries will receive any monies due them.

- (a) A deceased employee's final paycheck, including wages earned and all payable leave accruals per this Agreement, will be distributed to the beneficiary(s) designated on the employee's COH Final Check Beneficiary Form, or the City-provided life insurance form if the Final Check Form has not been completed. If no such beneficiary(s) exist, the proceeds will be dispersed per NRS 281.155.

Section 5: The City will continue to make an \$118.28 contribution each pay period to a retirement health saving plan (RHS). This amount reflects the \$22 per pay period deduction per the provisions of the Joint Benefits Agreement.

ARTICLE 6. PAY DAY:

Pay day shall be bi-weekly and in no case shall more than five (5) regularly scheduled work days' pay be held back from the end of the pay period. All payroll-generated compensation will be made by electronic direct deposit to the HPSA Members' identified accounts, except for those circumstances where electronic deposit is temporarily unavailable to the Member. The Member should contact Payroll in advance if direct deposit is temporarily suspended.

ARTICLE 7. LONGEVITY:

In the event any other labor agreement with the City of Henderson incorporates and/or reinstates Longevity pay, the HPSA may request to reopen negotiations of the terms of Article 5 Wages and/or Article 7 Longevity, and such negotiations will commence no later than 30 days after the HPSA's request.

ARTICLE 8. CLOTHING AND PERSONAL EFFECTS ALLOWANCE:

Section 1: Effective the 1st month after City Council approval of this Agreement, the CITY shall provide a uniform allowance in the amount of One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month to each full-time HPSA member for the purchase and maintenance of uniforms. Such allowance shall be paid monthly and added to the HPSA Members' paycheck.

Section 2: Uniform standards shall be at the discretion of the CITY and as further specified in the Departmental Rules and Regulations.

Section 3: Upon any changes in the existing police uniform, including but not limited to the addition of clothing, equipment or related items, the party requesting the

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed and delivered this Agreement as of the effective date.

Date of Council Action: December 13, 2022

**CITY OF HENDERSON
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

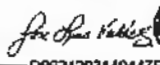
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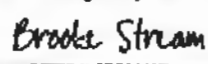
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12 NON-PROFIT CORPORATION AND
13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE,
ORGANIZATION, and ITS NAMED AND
UNNAMED AFFECTED MEMBERS

14 Complainants

15 vs

16 CITY OF HENDERSON

17 Respondents

CASE NO: 2025-017

COMPLAINT'S OPPOSITION TO
MOTION TO DISMISS

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19 COMES NOW, Complainants, HENDERSON POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
20 (hereby "THE ASSOCIATION"), a local government employee organization, and the
21 Associations' named and unnamed affected members, by and through their undersigned counsel,
22 CHRISTOPHER CANNON, ESQ., and ANDREW REGENBAUM, J.D., of the NEVADA
23 ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS (hereby"NAPSO"), and hereby submit their
24 OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS. This is Motion is made prusuant to NRS Chapter
25 288, NRS Chapter 233B and NAC Chapter 288, and based upon the following points and
26 authorities, the pleadings and documents on file with the Board.
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11 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

12 **I. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

13 The HPOA is the employee organization, as defined in NRS 288.040, which is
14 compromised of police officers who work for the City of Henderson (local government
15 employees), and is the sole bargaining unit for the line officers of City of Henderson Police
16 Department.

17 The HPOA has been active bargaining with the City in regards to pay and benefits and
18 crafting a new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the City. The City and the HPOA
19 conducted six meetings, but following those over sixteen (16) articles were still left open and the
20 parties were left at an impasse.

21 While it is true that the City was bargaining with multiple labor associations at once,
22 including the HPSA (the Association which represents the supervisory officers for the City of
23 Henderson), the City in this round of negotiations to initiated a "creative solution" (as referenced
24 in the City's Motion to Dismiss) by forcing the HPSA and HPOA to agree to eliminating
25 supervisory positions in the police department (those that are collectively represented by the
26 HPSA, with the exception of the Captain position) AND to restrain both Associations from filing
27 any type of legal challenges to this type of bargaining/offer.
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1 In fact, while this offer was presented, the HPSA was not given the offer directly, but
2 instead it was given to the HPOA. Both Associations were then encouraged to meet “together”
3 on the HPSA’s day of mediation to discuss the offer and propose any counter proposals, if
4 needed. When the Associations were brought together, each then proposed issues that were
5 *individual* to their own Association and needed to be addressed in their respective CBA.
6 However, the City rejected all the offers, called subsequent offers “ridiculous” and then ended
7 the mediation (which was designated for the HPSA) after only three (3) hours of negotiation. The
8 City refused to meet with the HPSA separately to discuss their issues or open articles, and
9 adopted an attitude of “all of you” or “none of you” - thus effectively depriving the HPSA of
10 their day of mediation.

11 In the outlined Complaint, which was filed by the HPOA, the factual allegations were not
12 legal conclusions but instead an outline of the prohibited behavior and bad faith bargaining that
13 the City of Henderson employed. The Complaint on its face provides multiple examples of
14 prohibited labor practices and the fact that the City fails to see how their behavior qualifies as
15 such demonstrates the myopic view that the City has taken on these negotiations from the outset.

17 **II. LEGAL ARGUMENT/STANDARD**

18 **A. THE MOTION TO DISMISS MUST BE DENIED BECAUSE THE HPOA’S** 19 **COMPLAINT ON ITS FACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THE BOARD TO** **CONSIDER.**

20 In evaluating a motion to dismiss, the Board must consider “all factual allegations in
21 [the plaintiff’s] complaint as true and draw all inferences in [the plaintiff’s] favor.”
22 *Limprasert v. PAM Specialty Hosp. of Las Vegas LLC*, 140 Nev. Adv. Op. 45, 550 P.3d
23 825, 829 (2024) (citing *Buzz Stew, LLC v. City of North Las Vegas*, 124 Nev. 244, 228, 181
24 P.3d 630, 672 (2008)). The Board cannot consider facts outside of the complaint. Instead,
25 a motion to dismiss tests the sufficiency of the pleadings. See *Brelant v. Preferred Equities*
26 *Corp.*, 109 Nev. 842, 846, 858 P.2d 1258, 1260 (1993) (“This court’s task is to determine
27 whether ... the challenged pleading sets forth allegations sufficient to make out the elements
28 of a right to relief.”)

1 The Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure instruct the Board to secure a “just, speedy and
2 inexpensive determination” of a complaint and/or civil action. NRCP 1. In order to serve that
3 purpose NRCP 12(b)(5) entitles the Defendant to seek dismissal of a complaint when the
4 Plaintiff failed to set forth a cognizable claim for relief.

5 There are two basis reasons for dismissal at this stage, Dismissal is proper where the
6 complaint is not founded upon a “cognizable legal theory.” *Balistreri v Pacificia Police Dep’t*,
7 901 F.2d. 696, 699 (9th Cir, 1988) (cited for this point in *Walsh v Green Tree Servicing, LLC*
8 Case No. 65066, 2015 WL 3370399 (unpublished order) (Nev. May 10, 2015). Yet, even of a
9 complaint does manage to articulate a cognizable legal theory, dismissal is still proper if the
10 complaint fails to allege adequate and sufficient facts to support the claim. *Id.*

11 Whether a complaint alleges a viable legal theory or not depends upon the facts as well as
12 the applicable law. *Cf Randazza v Cox*, No. 2:12-CV-2040-JAD-PAL, 2014 WL 1407378, at 7
13 (D. Nev. Apr. 10, 2014) (Dismissing common law claim for failure to state a claim where
14 “Nevada law does not recognize this cause of action”).

15 When considering a motion to dismiss, the Court should take any well pled factual
16 allegations in the complaint at face value. *Morris v Bank of America*, 110 Nev. 1274, 1276, 886
17 P.2d 454, 456 (1994). While NCRP 8 accommodates a generous notice pleading standard, a
18 complaint must still set forth factual allegations that are sufficient, if true, to support a viable
19 claim of relief. *Sanchez el rel. Sanchez v. Wal-Mart Store, Inc*, 125 Nev. 818, 823, 221 P.3d
20 1276, 1280 (2009) (explaining that, although the Court will accept the factual allegations in the
21 complaint as true, “the allegations must be legal sufficient to constitute the elements of the
22 claims asserted”). Conclusory allegations alone are inadequate to state a viable claim. *See Comm.*
23 *For Reasonable Regulation of Lake Tahoe v Tahoe Reg’l Panning Agency*, 365 F. Supp. 2d
24 1146, 1152 (D. Nev. 2005). Where the factual allegations in the complaint fall short of alleging a
25 viable claim, the Court should dismiss the complaint. *Danning v Lum’s Inc.*, 86 Nev. 868, 478
26 P.2d. 166 (1970).

27 The standard of notice pleading does not mean the complaint can rest on conclusory
28 allegation and devoid of factual substance. *State v Sandler*, 21 Nev. 13, 23 P. 799, 800 (1890)

1 (“To raise an issue before a Court facts must be stated, showing that there are real questions
2 involved”); *Dixon v City of Reno*, 43 Nev 413, 187 P. 308, 309 (1920); *Guzman v Johnson*, 137
3 Nev. 126, 132, 483 P.3d 531, 537, n. 7 (2021).

4 In contravention of these rules of law governing motions to dismiss, the City’s
5 response is rife with factual allegations that attempt to undermine Complainant HPOA’s claims.
6 Thus, the City is essentially endeavoring to convert their motion to dismiss into a motion for
7 summary judgment¹ without even attempting to follow the procedural requirements for doing so
8 or presenting facts that could meet their evidentiary burden ² on a motion for summary judgment.

9 The City is not entitled to dismissal just because it denies the HPOA’s allegations,
10 as factual issues cannot be resolved on a motion to dismiss. The City’s failure to recognize that
11 on a motion to dismiss, HPOA’s allegations do not require proof and must be taken as true, and
12 the City’s bizarre effort to rely on unsupported factual claims to obtain dismissal are fatal to its
13 Motion, which should be denied without further consideration. Even if that were not the case,
14 HPOA’s claims are cognizable, as detailed below and as the City’s own cited case law shows.

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16 **B. HPOA’S COMPLAINT ESTABLISHES BAD FAITH BARGAINING BY**
17 **THE CITY OF HENDERSON**

18 The City of Henderson acted in bad faith in violation of its duty to bargain in good faith
19 per NRS 288.270(1). It is a prohibited practice for a local government employer willfully to
20 refuse to bargain collectively in good faith with the exclusive representative as required in NRS
21 288.150. NRS 288.270(1)(e). The Act imposes a reciprocal duty on employers and bargaining
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23 ¹See NRCP 12(d).

24 ² See NRCP 56(c)(1); see also *Nev. Ass’n Servs., Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court*, 130
25 Nev. 949, 957, 338 P.3d 1250, 1255 (2014) (“Arguments of counsel are not evidence and
26 do not establish the facts of the case.”)
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1 agents to negotiate in good faith concerning the mandatory subjects of bargaining listed in NRS
2 288.150. *Ed. Support Employees Ass'n v. Clark County Sch. Dist.*, Case No. Al-046113, Item
3 No. 809, 4 (2015).

4 The duty to bargain in good faith does not require that the parties actually reach an
5 agreement, but does require that the parties approach negotiations with a sincere effort to do so.
6 *Id.* Adamant insistence on a bargaining position or "hard bargaining" is not enough to show bad
7 faith bargaining. *Reno Municipal Employees Ass'n v. City of Reno*, Item No. 93 (1980).

8 "In order to show 'bad faith', a complainant must present 'substantial evidence of fraud,
9 deceitful action or dishonest conduct.'" *Boland v. Nevada Serv. Employees Union*, Item No. 802,
10 at 5 (2015), quoting *Amalgamated Ass'n of St., Elec. Ry. And Motor Coach Emp. of America v.*
11 *Lockridge*, 403 U.S. 274, 301 (1971). "A party's conduct at the bargaining table must evidence a
12 sincere desire to come to an agreement.

13 The determination of whether there has been such sincerity is made by drawing inferences
14 from conduct of the parties as a whole." *City of Reno v. Int'l Ass'n of Firefighters, Local 731*,
15 Item No. 253-A (1991), quoting *NLRB v. Int'l Union*, 361 U.S. 488 (1970).

16 NRS 288.270(1)(e) deems it a prohibited labor practice for a local government employer
17 to bargain in bad faith with a recognized employee organization and a unilateral change to the
18 bargained for terms of employment is regarded as a per se violation of this statute. A unilateral
19 change also violates NRS 288.270(1)(a). *O'Leary v. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dep't*, Item
20 No. 803, EMRB Case No. Al-046116 (2015).

21 Under the unilateral change theory, an employer commits a prohibited labor practice
22 when its changes the terms and conditions of employment without first bargaining in good faith
23 with the recognized bargaining agent. *Boykin v. City of N Las Vegas Police Dep't*, Case No.
24 Al-045921, Item No. 674E (2010); *City of Reno v. Reno Police Protective Ass'n*, 118 Nev. 889,
25 59 P.3d 1212 (2002).

26 The City argues that once an impasse has been declared that the City **had no duty to**
27 **bargain whatsoever**. However, "Once. an impasse exists, a party is not required to engage in
28 continued fruitless discussions" See, *National Labor Relations Bd. v. American Nat. Ins. Co.*,

1 343 U.S. 395 (1952). *Thus*, the duty to bargain still exists, but the EMRB and NLRB would not
2 require the City nor the Associations to continue to set meetings and have discussions if they are
3 “fruitless”. *However*, the City continued to propose coercive offers - believing that being
4 “creative” would result in a CBA being agreed upon by all the parties. The simple fact that the
5 City continue to meet, entered into mediation, and arbitration demonstrates not only their *duty* to
6 bargain but also their willingness - at least to comply with the NRS and the terms of the CBA.
7 Therefore, the City’s position that they do not have a duty to bargain is nonsensical and should be
8 dismissed outright.

9 The City’s contention that their proposal was not coercive and would be considered
10 acceptable is also not supported by their own case law. Under the doctrine of coordinated
11 bargaining, the use of such bargaining is permitted *but it is the Union or Association’s choice to*
12 *use such a manner of bargaining, not the employer. In fact, the employer, if requested, cannot*
13 *refuse this type of bargaining. See NLRB v Indiana & Michigan elec. Co., 559 F.2d. 185, 190 (7th*
14 *Cir. 1979).*

15 Regarding the offer itself, the City prides itself on its creativity - to eliminate positions in
16 one bargaining unit to pay raises for both. However, this was a coordinated effort to bargain one
17 unit against another - with line officers being encouraged by raises and the supervisory unit being
18 concerned about losing positions. In effect, the “rob Peter to pay Paul” philosophy - and pitting
19 one association against another for the betterment of the City.

20 Even more shocking is the City’s stance that their offer, and the clause that neither Union
21 would seek any type of legal remedy against the City, demonstrates that not only was the City
22 aware of the coercive nature of the offer, but the City wants both units to waive any judicial or
23 administrative review of their actions. In effect, waive their contractual rights under the existing
24 CBA, and any other type of third party review of the terms and the manner in which they
25 reviewed. *In fact, an agreement would effectively preclude any review by this panel and/or Court*
26 *in the State.* Yet, the City still maintains that it is not engaging in bath faith bargaining?

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1 In regards to the City's allegations that the HPOA took issue with the City use of outside
2 counsel, that is another example of the City simply throwing arguments at the wall as a
3 distraction of what the true issues are before them. The HPOA has never had any issue with the
4 City employing outside counsel or any negotiations, the HPOA has *maintained that the argument*
5 *advanced by their counsel (either inside or outside of the City's employ) was the essence of bad*
6 *faith bargaining.*

7 The City advanced the argument that they would pay increases to both associations - with
8 the amount to be determined in negotiation. However, throughout negotiation, into impasse and
9 into mediation, the City NEVER advanced an argument of "inability to pay". However, now into
10 mediation and before arbitration, the City is now advancing such an argument. The City has
11 offered no evidence, and the Association has provided financial analysis which has shown that
12 the City has sufficient funds for the requests that they have made, but yet the City now advances
13 that theory in regressive and coercive bargaining in mediation. It was done for the simple reason:
14 to coerce the Association to take a proposal that was lower than what was originally was offered
15 by the City (would be considered regressive, at least). Currently, the City still is stating that they
16 "may" or "might" advance this theory before the EMRB or arbitration, without evidence and
17 upon the condition *what the Association asks for in their offers. In essence, if the Association*
18 **asks for an amount deemed "too rich", the City will advance the inability to pay argument.**
19 **If not the City will consider and propose a counter offer.**

20 The City also takes no issue with the ending of the day of mediation, calling it hard
21 bargaining and stating that it never engaged in anything "bad faith" or prohibited. The City
22 argues that they are not compelled to accept any of the Association's offers *after "the City has*
23 *put all of its chips on the table"*. However, NRS 288.033 defines collective bargaining as the
24 method of determining conditions of employment by negotiations and entailing the mutual
25 obligation of the local government employer and employee organization to meet at reasonable
26 times and bargain in good faith. The obligation under the statute does not compel either party to
27 agree, to a proposal nor does not require the making of a concession. NRS 288.270
28 (1) (e) is the enforcing statute for this obligation and requires good faith negotiations process,

1 including mediation.

2 Here, the City - by their offer - required both Associations to be present for the second
3 day of mediation (which was designated for HPSA). The City sent over their offer - in regards to
4 pay - without addressing the Associations' individual needs (some which had nothing to do with
5 money). Once the Associations rejected the City's offer, the HPSA requested to continue to settle
6 other non-monetary subjects of bargaining (many which had been hindered because of the
7 monetary ones), but the City flat out refused, even causing the mediator to remark that the City's
8 position was coercive. Even if the City did not desire to continue to discuss the funding options,
9 they could have (and had designated that day to) address all outstanding issues before the
10 mediator. Instead, the City refused to participate in the mediation after three hours and refused to
11 meet with the HPSA in regards to their individual non-monetary contract issues. *Simply put, the*
12 *City wanted to punish the Association for not accepting the funding portion and shut down the*
13 *mediation entirely.*

14 The allegations advanced alone in the Complaint are sufficient on their face, and
15 accepting them as true, would require the Board NOT to dismiss the claim and allow the matter
16 to go to hearing for consideration and deliberation by the Board.

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18 **C. HPOA'S COMPLAINT ESTABLISHES UNION INTERFERENCE BY**
19 **THE CITY OF HENDERSON**

20 The Association brought the claim on discrimination and interference based on the
21 actions of the City. The Association has entered into these negotiations in good faith, and has
22 acted in accordance with all the terms of their CBA, NRS 288, and any ground rules that the
23 parties have agreed to. The City, while arguing that they were acting in
24 "good faith" has resorted to coercive tactics in their bargaining which has interfered with the
25 operation of the Association and attempted to deprive them of the rights granted under NRS 288.

26 There are three elements to claim of interference with a protected right: "(1) an employer's
27 action can be reasonably viewed as tending to interfere with, coerce, or deter (2) the exercise of
28 protected activity, and (3) the employer fails to justify the action with a substantial and legitimate

1 business reason." *Medec Sec. Locks, Inc. v. N.L.R.B.*, 142 F.3d 733, 745 (4th Cir. 1998); *Clark*
2 *Count Classroom Teachers Ass'n v. Clark County School Dist.*, Item No. 237, EMRB Case No.
3 A1-04543 (1989).

4 While the City insists that it has done nothing wrong in including both unions into one
5 negotiation - especially when it involves monetary issues, the NLRB case history would disagree.
6 It has held that "Change in the scope of a bargaining unit is a nonmandatory subject. When either
7 employers or unions which have in the past bargained in separate units begin, without the
8 consent of the other side, to bargain jointly as if bargaining for a single contract, they are
9 engaging in unlawful insistence on a nonmandatory subject. **"Neither an employer nor a union**
10 **is free to insist, as a condition of reaching an agreement in one unit, that the negotiations**
11 **also include other units, or that the terms negotiated in the first unit be extended to other**
12 **units."** (Emphasis added) *Utility Workers Union, Local No. 111 (Ohio Power Co.)*, 203
13 N.L.R.B. 230, 238 (1973), enforced mem., 490 F.2d 1383 (6th Cir. 1974).

14 Therefore, the analysis should concentrate on whether or not the Associations consented
15 to negotiate together as a collective unit. From the facts presented, the HPOA and HPSA **did not**
16 agree in purpose or substance to negotiate as one group. Both had separate meetings and
17 negotiations. Both had separate issues within the CBA that they wanted to address and improve
18 for their members. When they went to impasse, both Associations requested their own days with
19 a mediator to address their issues. The City has offered no evidence of consent or agreement to
20 bargain together.

21 The fact that the City insisted that the Associations jointly take the financial portion of the
22 offer, without consideration of the individual needs of each unit for their own CBA, and when
23 rejected - refused to meet and confer any further demonstrate the very essence of coercion by the
24 City. The City essentially changed the rules of the negotiation, coerced the Associations to agree
25 to the new terms and when the Associations would not consent to the terms - ended the
26 mediation.

27 In terms of the test outlined in NRS 288.270(1)(a), it is simple to see that a reasonable
28 employee would look at the City's actions as coercive. Both Association had over eight (8)

1 members present during this mediation and all objected to the manner in which the City grouped
2 the Associations together. These are seasoned officers with the Union and negotiation
3 experience, if they felt such a tactic was coercive, then a reasonable employee would do so as
4 well.

5 The "protected activity" would be considered the bargaining process itself and the
6 requirement that the Association each waive their legal rights to object if the City acted in a
7 manner which demonstrated "bad faith bargaining". The fact that the City unilaterally required
8 that both Associations consider the proposal - which adversely affected one Association's status
9 for the betterment of the other - and consider that proposal on the day of mediation dedicated to
10 the HPSA, and then refused to further bargain if that proposal was not accepted interfered with
11 the bargaining power of the Associations. Further, the fact that the City was then going to require
12 each Association to waive any and all legal claims and challenges - which have been granted to
13 them by the CBA, state and federal law is further example of the coercive and interference that
14 the City conducted against these Associations.

15 The simple leg that the City relies upon is that they had a "substantial and legitimate
16 reason" to bring the Associations together and offer this proposal. While the HPSA and HPOA
17 are intertwined by contract in terms of pay scale (as there exists a compression ration between
18 officers and supervisors), the HPSA does not bargain for pay under the CBA. Further the City
19 has the ability to eliminate or "defund" positions within the police department. The City has
20 routinely had positions that remain in the rank hierarchy that remain unfilled until the City
21 determines that there is a need to fill that position. The City has the right to eliminate positions
22 within the police department or create new ones, under "management rights". So why does the
23 City then feel the need to present these options to the Association for their acceptance, if they
24 have the right to do it without their consent? Because they wanted a coercive manner to provide
25 monetary funding for the CBA, and insulate themselves from any legal actions that might follow.
26 Otherwise, why did the City then ask for the "no sue/no grieve" clause? The City was aware that
27 their "creative" clause would be viewed as Association interference and attempted to shield
28 themselves from those claims with these actions.

1 There is no need to “twist” these actions into the appearance of a coercive tactic - as the
2 City suggests, the actions themselves are coercive.

3 The City has engaged in coercive interference with the Association, their bargaining
4 rights and their remedies. In looking at the Complaint and assuming all the facts are true, which
5 is required under a motion to dismiss, the Complaint on its face is valid and should not be
6 dismissed.

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8 **D. HPOA’S COMPLAINT PROVIDES NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS BY THE**
9 **CITY**

10 When considering a motion to dismiss, the Court should take any well pled factual
11 allegations in the complaint at face value. *Morris v Bank of America*, 110 Nev. 1274, 1276, 886
12 P.2d 454, 456 (1994). While NCRP 8 accommodates a generous notice pleading standard, a
13 complaint must still set forth factual allegations that are sufficient, if true, to support a viable
14 claim of relief. *Sanchez el rel. Sanchez v. Wal-Mart Store, Inc*, 125 Nev. 818, 823, 221 P.3d
15 1276, 1280 (2009) (explaining that, although the Court will accept the factual allegations in the
16 complaint as true, “the allegations must be legal sufficient to constitute the elements of the
17 claims asserted”).

18 Here, the HPOA has articulated, with sufficient specificity, allegations against the City of
19 Henderson that qualify as “bad faith bargaining” and “Union interference” constituting a
20 prohibited labor practice. The Association has met the standard established by both the EMRB
21 and Nevada Supreme Court, and full consideration should be given to their claims in a full
22 hearing before the Board.

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24 **III. CONCLUSION**

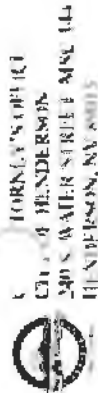
25 The Board should deny the Motion and should after consideration of the City’s
26 Answer — assign the matter to a full panel for review and deliberation on the merits.

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9 **STATE OF NEVADA**
10 **GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS BOARD**

11 Henderson Police Officers Association, a
12 Nevada Non-Profit Corporation and Local
Government Employee Organization, and Its
13 Named and Unnamed Affected Members,

14 Complainants,

15 vs.

16 City of Henderson,

17 Respondent.

EMRB Case No.: 2025-017

**RESPONDENT'S REPLY IN SUPPORT
OF MOTION TO DISMISS**

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19 Respondent City of Henderson ("City"), by and through its undersigned counsel,
20 hereby submits this Reply in Support of its Motion to Dismiss the Complaint filed by the
21 Henderson Police Officers Association ("HPOA" or "Union") pursuant to NRS Chapter 288
22 (the Employee-Management Relations Act), NRS Chapter 233B and NAC Chapter 288 and

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1 based upon the following points and authorities, the pleadings and documents on file with the
2 Board.

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14 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

15 **I. ARGUMENT**

16 **A. HPOA Argues the Wrong Standard.**

17 In response to the City's Motion, the Union argues that the applicable standard for a
18 motion to dismiss is governed by the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure. (Union Response at
19 4). However, this is not the applicable standard. A union recently made the same mistake in
20 *Nevada Service Employees Union vs. Clark County Water Reclamation District*, 2024 WL
21 5265365, at *1. In that case, the union argued that "the Board must apply the same standard
22 as a motion to dismiss brought under NRCP 12(b)(5)." *Id.* However, "the Board is not subject
23 to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure because the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure do not
24 apply to administrative proceedings unless expressly adopted by the agency." *Id.* Reviewing
25 the applicable regulations, the Board concluded that the NRCP motion to dismiss standards
26 were inapplicable in motions to dismiss before the Board. *Id.*

27 The actual applicable standard was set forth in the City's initial Motion. In short, the
28 questions for the Board are whether there is probable cause and a clear and concise statement

1 of facts establishing a legal violation of the Act. *Coury v. Whittlesea-Bell Luxury Limousine*,
2 102 Nev. 302, 308 (1986); *see also Nevada Service Employees Union, v. Clark County Water*
3 *Reclamation District*, Case No. 2024-030, Item No. 905 (EMRB, Dec. 17, 2024). Thus,
4 HPOA's arguments regarding the appropriate standard for a motion to dismiss should be
5 ignored.
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7 **B. HPOA's Response Still Fails to Establish the City Bargaining in Bad Faith.**

8 Next, the Union's arguments contending that they have sufficiently alleged a bad faith
9 bargaining charge do little to support their case.¹ With respect to whether a duty to bargain
10 was attached to the at-issue mediation sessions, the Union attempts to address the City's
11 argument that it had no duty to bargain because the parties had reached impasse by referencing
12 a quote that does not actually appear in the case cited. Specifically, the Union quotes as
13 support for their argument that "Once, an impasse exists, a party is not required to engage in
14 continued fruitless discussions," and attributed the statement to the Court in *N.L.R.B. v. Am.*
15 *Nat. Ins. Co.*, 343 U.S. 395 (1952). However, this quotation does not appear anywhere in the
16 cited case. Additionally, the City has been unable to find a case that includes that exact quote.
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18 Regardless of what the standard under NLRB law may be, it is not the standard in
19 Nevada. The EMRB has held, "there is no duty on the part of either party to bargain after
20 impasse is reached." *Clark County Classroom Teachers Ass'n v. Clark County School Dist.*,
21 Case No. A1-045302, Item No. 62, p. 9 ¶ 14 (1976), *cited with approval in Las Vegas Fire*
22 *Fighters Local 1285, International Association of Fire Fighters vs. City of Las Vegas, Nevada*
23 *Respondents*, Case No. A1-046074, Item No. 786, p. 8 (2013). The Union fails to cite any
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27 ¹ In describing what constitutes bad faith bargaining, the Union includes the example of a unilateral
28 change to a mandatory subject of bargain. (Union Response at 6). As this argument is never developed,
and there is no allegation that the City made a unilateral change, this reference is irrelevant and should
be discounted.

1 case law demonstrating otherwise. By extension, the City cannot engage in bad faith
2 bargaining when it had no duty to bargain in good faith in the first instance.

3 The Union's remaining arguments fare no better. For instance, with respect to
4 coordinated bargaining, the Union argues without support that it is the Union's choice, and its
5 choice alone, to engage in coordinated bargaining. However, the Union again fails to cite to
6 any case law in support of its contention. While the Union cites to *N.L.R.B. v. Indiana &*
7 *Michigan Elec. Co.*, 599 F.2d 185, 190 (7th Cir. 1979)² noting that the employer cannot refuse
8 to engage in coordinated bargaining, this case has little impact on the at-issue analysis. Put
9 differently, this case does not suggest that the City's proposal that impacts two units is
10 indicative of bad faith bargaining.
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12 The Union also argues that the City engaged in bad faith bargaining because the City's
13 proposal pits one union against the other and requires them to waive their future bargaining
14 rights. Even if that is the case, which the City disputes, so what? It is commonplace for
15 employers to consider how their bargaining proposals impact other unit obligations and to
16 plan accordingly. That is especially true here, where the wages in the HPOA collective
17 bargaining agreement are explicitly linked to the wages in the HPOA bargaining agreement.
18 (Union Response at 11). Moreover, the Union does not cite any case that suggests the City's
19 type of proposal is indicative of bad faith bargaining. At worst, the Union contends that the
20 City's proposal seeks a waiver of its statutory rights; that is permissive, not illegal. *City of*
21 *Sparks vs. IAFF, Local No. 1265*, Case No. A1-045332, Item No. 103, ¶ 8-12 (1980) (union's
22 submission of permissive subject of bargaining regarding rules and regulations did not
23 constitute bad faith bargaining; although employer had no obligation to negotiate over such
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28 ² The Union incorrectly cites this case as 559 F 2d 185.

1 proposals, the employer was required to discuss them). Thus, the City's proposal, in and of
2 itself, cannot constitute bad faith bargaining.

3 HPOA also contends that the City's argument that it would be unable to pay is a new
4 argument, regressive, and coercive in nature. According to the Union, "if the Association asks
5 for an amount deemed 'too rich', the City will advance the inability to pay argument" and that
6 such a concept is improper (Union Response at 8). Under the Union's argument, whenever a
7 municipal employer points out that it cannot afford the union's proposals, the employer is
8 being coercive or engaging in regressive bargaining. Putting aside that such a conclusion
9 defies logic, simply being unable to afford a union's offer is not indicative of bad faith
10 bargaining. *See International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 5046 vs. Elko County Fire*
11 *Protection District*, 2020 WL 12602576, at *4, Case No. 2019-011, Item No. 847-A (2020).

12 Lastly, the Union doubles down on its argument that the City's alleged ending of
13 mediation for the day is indicative of bad faith bargaining. First, despite initially claiming that
14 the parties cannot rely on allegations/evidence outside of the Complaint allegations in a
15 motion to dismiss, the Union inserts numerous "facts" in its Response that are nowhere to be
16 found in the Complaint. If the Union did not feel it could include these allegations in the
17 Complaint, it cannot allege this evidence on the backend.

18 The best the Union can do is suggest that the City's purported decision to end
19 mediation for the day constitutes a refusal to meet at reasonable times and bargain in good
20 faith. In other words, the Union contends that canceling a single session is sufficient to
21 establish bad faith. But, canceling a single meeting without evidence of the City's refusal to
22 meet further is evidence of nothing. *City of Reno, vs. Reno Police Protective Association*,
23 2013 WL 6199645, Case No. A1-046096, Item No. 790 (2013) (finding canceling of two
24 meetings is insufficient evidence to establish bad faith). *If* the Union had suggested the City
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1 refused to meet with them ever again, the Union's argument could have merit. The Union did
2 not make such an allegation, because it would be wholly unsupported by the facts of the case.
3 Absent such allegations or facts, the Union's argument has no merit.

4 Therefore, HPOA failed to raise a claim for bad faith bargaining and those positions
5 of the Complaint should be dismissed.
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7 **B. HPOA's Complaint Still Fails to Establish the City Interfered with their**
8 **Rights, Discriminated or Retaliated Against them.**

9 Despite its attempts to support its interference claim, the Union's Response still fails
10 to establish a viable interference claim. Essentially, the Union's entire interference argument
11 is based on its premise that submitting a permissive subject of bargaining is coercive and,
12 therefore, illegal interference. More specifically, the Union claims that (a) the City's proposal
13 equated to a proposal to change the scope of a bargaining unit (which is permissive); and (b)
14 the City's proposal required the waiver of any legal claims (which, again, is permissive).
15 (Union Response at 10-11); *see Loc. Joint Exec. Bd. of Las Vegas*, 1995 WL 937191, at *6
16 (Nov. 30, 1995) (addressing waiver of statutory rights) and *the Herald Company*, 21 NLRB
17 AMR 31083 (addressing scope of the bargaining unit).
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19 The City is unaware of any case in which the Board has found that proposing a
20 permissive subject in the context of mediation is unlawful interference. If the Union's
21 argument was correct, every time a party made a proposal containing a permissive subject, the
22 proposer would be guilty of interference. Again, the Union does not allege that the City flatly
23 refused to bargain or insisted on any permissive subject to the point of impasse. The parties
24 were at impasse. The City made its proposal. The parties continued to bargain. The parties
25 remained at impasse. There are no allegations suggesting the legal conclusion as the Union
26 demands. The City simply came up with an idea that the Union did not like; that does not
27 constitute interference.
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1 The Union also contends the City refused to negotiate after the Union rejected the
2 City's proposal, but its argument is contradictory to the allegations in its Complaint. The
3 Union explicitly alleged the parties continued to negotiate that day but when the Union
4 responded with a proposal the City considered untenable, the City decided to end for the day.
5 So, how can it have refused to continue to bargain?
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7 The Union's argument that the City's reasoning behind its proposal was not legitimate
8 is preposterous. In its Response, the Union both acknowledges that the two units are
9 financially tied together and then states that the City can lawfully unilaterally slash positions
10 with impunity; therefore, why would the City need to secure the waiver of future rights? But
11 as the City noted in its original Motion, and as the instant Complaint is evidence of, the Union
12 is litigious. It is entirely rational, legitimate, and non-discriminatory in this instance for the
13 City to provide *a single proposal* to get all parties' acknowledgement that the City had the
14 right to not backfill positions to resolve negotiations.³
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16 The Union's arguments, even when considering the allegations in the Union's favor,
17 utterly fail to establish that the City's actions constitute actionable interference. Therefore,
18 this portion of the Complaint should be dismissed as well.
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26 ³ As with its bad faith bargaining argument, the Union sprinkles new "facts" in its Response that do
27 not appear in its Complaint. The Union cannot simultaneously argue that the Board is bound purely
28 by the Complaint allegations while also arguing that the Board should consider a litany of facts that
are not in the Complaint.

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