

City of Boulder City  
August 19, 2010



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I understand as a public official that any action of mine or my family is scrutinized by the public for adherence to the highest ethical standards. I also understand that appearance of impropriety can be as detrimental to the public trust as impropriety itself. There is no better example of this than a local broadcast a few nights ago which featured my husband's vehicle bearing Montana license plates.

I've been in public service for over 35 years and understand that transparency in government is not only what the public expects, but what it deserves. With this in mind, I would like to share the circumstances surrounding my husband's vehicle registration and why his car displays Montana license plates.

My personal vehicle is registered in Nevada and, until last January, every vehicle my family owned has been registered in Nevada. Not long ago my husband began exploring a potential business venture in Montana. After consulting with legal counsel he ultimately formed a limited liability corporation. In concert with the formation of this corporation he registered his personal vehicle in the corporate name, carefully following the legal process set out by his attorney.

The legality of my husband's actions are now under scrutiny and in question, and there has been considerable speculation and inference that he has violated Nevada law. Today, my husband consulted with a licensed and well-respected Nevada attorney to review his business licensure and the vehicle registration issue. After a careful and thorough review, the attorney's opinion is that the LLC was properly and lawfully created, and the Montana-registered vehicle does not violate Nevada law. Simply stated, my husband chose an alternative for the formation of his company that many Nevada residents choose. As a responsible businessman, my husband chose what he considered a sensible approach for business formation.

The above notwithstanding, as a public official I am held to a higher standard, and should be. Today, because of my husband's support and respect for me as a public official, he has taken steps to cancel his Montana registration and register his vehicle in the State of Nevada.

I vow my administration will continue to be a model of transparency and I invite any resident of our city to contact me directly at any time on issues of concern. I promise a speedy response.

Vicki G. Mayes, City Manager  
City of Boulder City, Nevada