### **Nevada League of Cities**

Presentation to the

Financial Crisis Inquiry
Commission

September 8, 2010

### **Local Governments are Hurting**

- We rely on same revenues as State (except gaming taxes)
- Our workforces are bare bone
- Program/services have been reduced or eliminated (preserving PS)
- We have not seen the bottom yet

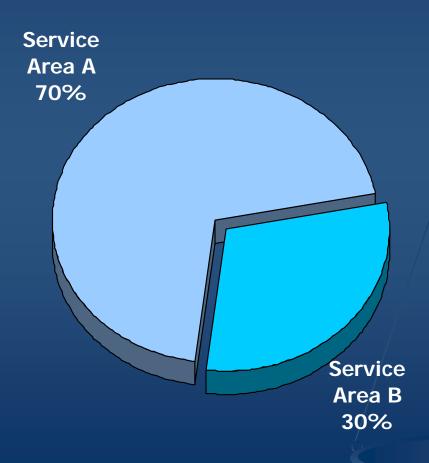
### Similarity in Local Government and State Revenue Structures

- Revenue structure heavily dependent upon growth activities
  - Sales Tax
  - Property Tax
  - Construction / Gaming Industries

# Similarity in Local Government and State Expenditures

- Between 75 80% of expenditures are attributed to salaries and related benefits
- Over 50% of State expenditures go towards schools
- Over 50% of local government expenditures go towards Public Safety
- Primary funding source for both is sales tax and property tax revenue

### Local Government General Fund Expenditures



#### Service Area A

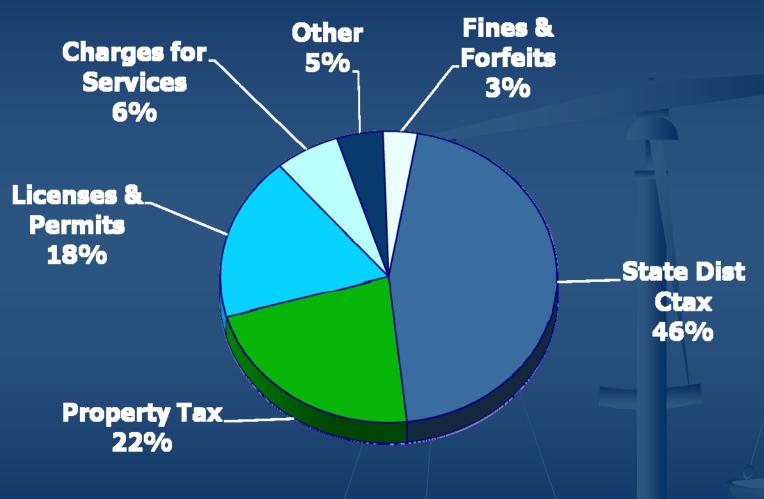
- Public Safety
- Judicial
- Public Works

#### **Service Area B**

- General Government
- Culture & Recreation
- Economic Development
- Other

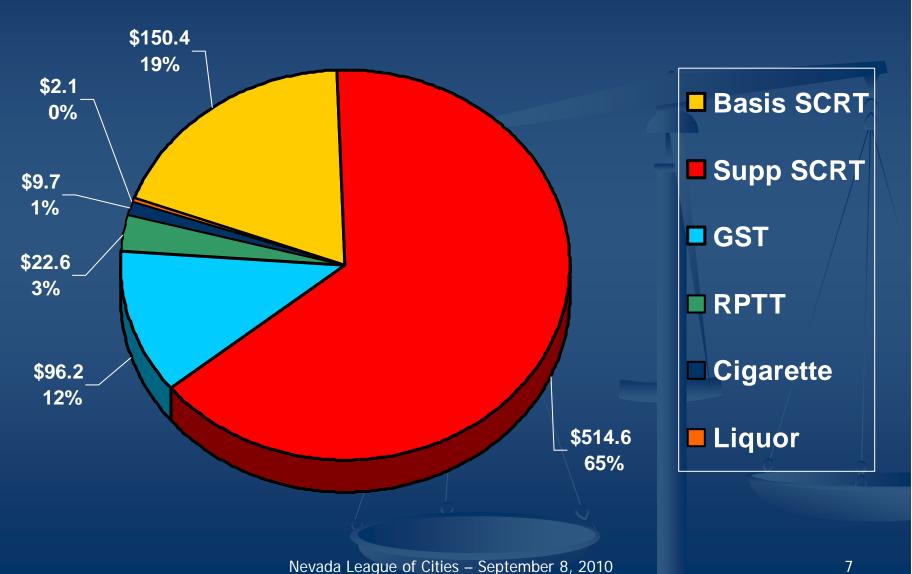
#### **General Fund Revenues**

(5 largest cities)



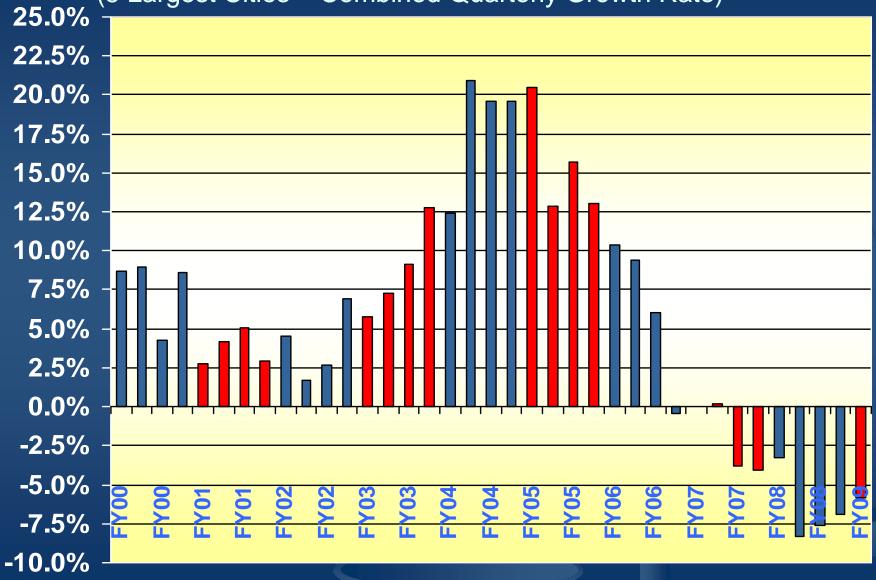
### **CTX Composition**

(Clark County Dollars in Millions for FY09)



#### **Historical C-Tax Revenue**

(5 Largest Cities – Combined Quarterly Growth Rate)

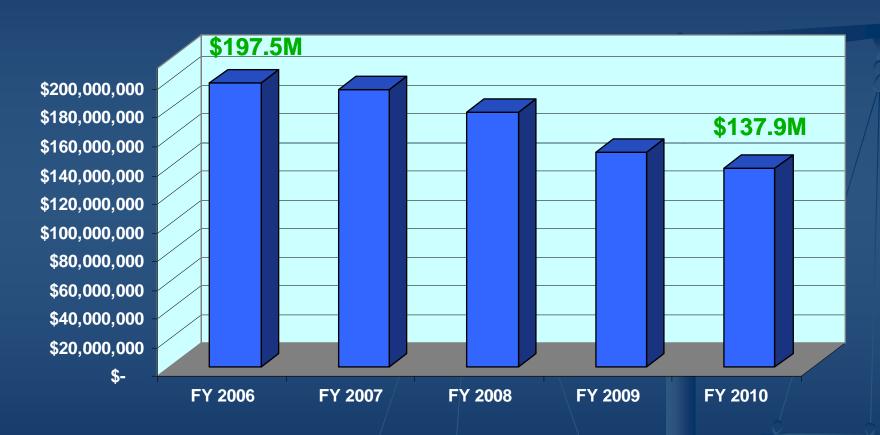


# Clark County CTX Analysis FY 2006 – FY 2010 (\*)



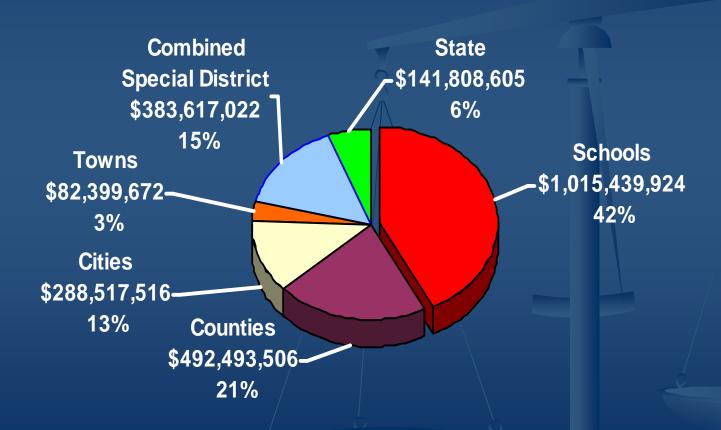
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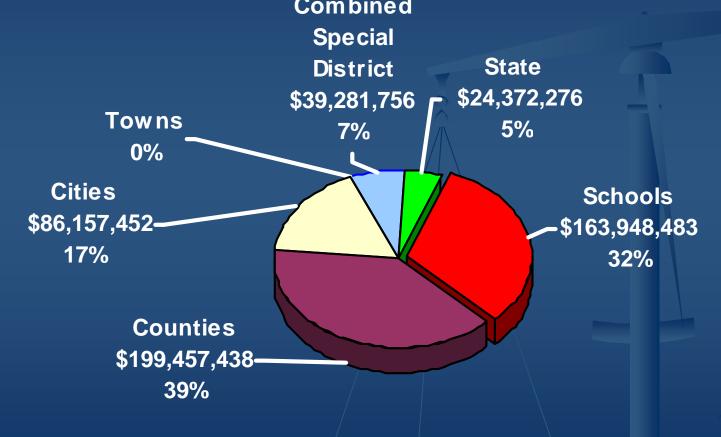
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# Clark County Overlapping Property Tax Revenues (FY 2009-10 Net of Abatement\*)



### Washoe County Overlapping Property Tax Revenues

(FY 2009-10 Net of Abatement\*)



(\*) Source: Nevada Dept. of Taxation FY2009-10 Property Tax Rates

### FY 2010-11 Preliminary Segregation of the Tax Roll

(Clark County Assessors Office as of December 4, 2009)

| TAXING ENTITY   | 2009-10 FINAL<br>"REDBOOK" | ESTIMATED<br>2010-11 TAX ROLL<br>AS OF 12-4-09 | VARIANCE<br>FROM<br>2009-10<br>FINAL |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Clark County    | \$ 89,981,571,327          | \$ 65,082,130,243                              | -27.67%                              |
| Boulder City    | 675,629,306                | 473,554,689                                    | -29.91%                              |
| Henderson       | 12,969,946,316             | 9,600,970,957                                  | -25.98%                              |
| Las Vegas       | 18,289,314,192             | 13,450,962,341                                 | -26.45%                              |
| Mesquite        | 809,678,379                | 642,376,993                                    | -20.66%                              |
| North Las Vegas | \$ 6,660,944,839           | \$ 4,445,320,597                               | -33.26%                              |

### FY 2010-11 Preliminary Segregation of the Tax Roll

(Washoe County Assessors Office as of 01/25/10)

| TAXING ENTITY | 2009-10 FINAL<br>"REDBOOK" | ESTIMATED<br>2010-11 TAX ROLL<br>AS OF 12-4-09 | VARIANCE<br>FROM<br>2009-10<br>FINAL |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Washoe County | \$ 15,099,475,662          | \$14,042,512,366                               | -7%                                  |
| Reno          | \$ 7,043,707,442           | \$5,987,151,326                                | -15%                                 |
| Sparks        | \$ 2,471,777,303           | \$2,175,164,027                                | -12%                                 |

# Clark County Assessed Valuation Trend

(2010 Estimate - Assessors Office as of 12/04/2009)



# Washoe County Assessed Valuation Trend

(2010 Estimate - Assessors Office as of 01/25/10)



# FY 2010-11 Property Tax Revenue Preliminary Estimate

(Using North Las Vegas as an Example)

- Impact will depend upon unknown remaining abatement
- Severe impact to funds solely supported by property taxes

| Fund                           | Estimated Change<br>FY 2010 to FY 2011 |
|--------------------------------|--|
| General Fund                   | (\$ 4 to 6 million)                    |
| Parks, Street Maint, Fire Fund | (\$ 4 to 5 million)                    |
| Public Safety Tax Fund         | (\$ 9 to 11 million)                   |
| Library District               | (\$ 1 to 1.5 million)                  |
| Total                          | (\$ 18 to 23.5 million)                |

## Property Taxes Potential Areas of Concern

- Impact of foreclosures
- Impact of declining land values
- Impact of declining home values
- Impact of commercial properties
- Lack of new growth
- Increase in appeals to the State Board of Equalization-Commercial

### Actions Taken by Local Governments

- Hiring freeze / elimination of vacancies
- CIP project delays / eliminations
- Voluntary Separations
- Program eliminations / reductions

# Budget Reductions Already Taken by Nevada Cities FY 2009/10

- Boulder City \$2.0M
- Henderson \$86.0M
- Las Vegas \$120.0M
- North Las Vegas \$51.0M
- Reno \$29.2M
- Sparks \$1.5M

#### **Further Actions**

- Request discussions with bargaining units
- Continue to reprioritize CIP projects
- Reduce / eliminate services
- Pursue privatization/outsourcing
- Execute layoffs as necessary

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Presentation

**Questions?**