



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 16, 2022

**DATE:** July 28, 2022  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve and execute the Permit for Disinterment of Human Remains of Elizabeth Wishon from 435 Stoker Ave., Reno, NV, 89501, with a finding that the public health will not be endangered by such disinterment and removal, upon the application submitted by Madelyn Hendrickson, as allowed under NRS 451.050, Subsection 2. (All Commission Districts)  
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### **SUMMARY**

A request has been received from Madelyn Hendrickson, 21275 S. Lewellen, Beavercreek OR, 92004, to disinter and relocate the remains of Elizabeth Wishon, her grandmother, who died on January 29, 1977 in Washoe County, Nevada. Disinterment will be from Mountain View Cemetery in Reno, Nevada. The deceased will be transported by Mountain View Mortuary, Reno, NV, and the remains will be released to Sutton Funeral Home, Kingman, AZ. The remains will be reinterred at Mountain View Cemetery, Kingman, AZ.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Innovative Services.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

The Washoe Board of County Commissioners last approved a disinterment request at their October 6, 2021 meeting.

### **BACKGROUND**

NRS 451.050 Permit for disinterment or removal of human remains out of State.

1. Any person, company, association or corporation in this State who shall exhume or disinter, or who shall cause to be exhumed or disinterred, any human remains, or any port of such remains, which have been buried in the ground in this State, for the purpose of transporting the same to any other state or foreign country, except under the conditions provided in subsection 2, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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2. The boards of county commissioners of the several counties in which human remains are buried or interred, as provided in subsection 1, are authorized to grant and to issue written permits for the disinterment and removal of any such human remains referred to in subsection 1, whenever in their judgement the public health will not be endangered by such disinterment and removal; but no such permit shall be granted or issued under any circumstances or at any time where the person or persons buried or interred have died from or with any contagious or loathsome disease.

Based on the death certificate, this death did not result from a contagious disease that will pose a public health danger.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There will be no fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Washoe Board of County Commissioners approve and execute the Permit for Disinterment of Human Remains of Elizabeth Wishon from 435 Stoker Ave., Reno, NV, 89501, with a finding that the public health will not be endangered by such disinterment and removal, upon the application submitted by Madelyn Hendrickson, as allowed under NRS 451.050, Subsection 2

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Move to approve and execute the Permit for Disinterment of Human Remains of Elizabeth Wishon from 435 Stoker Ave., Reno, NV, 89501, with a finding that the public health will not be endangered by such disinterment and removal, upon the application submitted by Madelyn Hendrickson, as allowed under NRS 451.050, Subsection 2.