

# P E T I T I O N

## **TO: LYON COUNTY NEVADA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

We the undersigned residents of Smith Valley, Nevada, do hereby petition the Lyon County Board of Commissioners to totally segregate the Smith Valley Cemetery Board (The Cemetery Board) from the Smith Valley Citizens Advisory Board (SVCAB).

Under the present system, each person appointed to the SVCAB also serves as a member of The Cemetery Board. Both Boards meet at concurrent times and meeting location. However, the Cemetery Board is a totally autonomous board from the SVCAB. Each Board has different responsibilities; and, therefore they should not be linked together in any manner. In fact, the Lyon County *Application to Serve on Board or Commission* lists the Cemetery Board and SVCAB as two separate boards. However, a person can not apply for an appointment to just the Cemetery Board. They must apply for an appointment to SVCAB also. The Park and Recreation Board is not linked to any other community board; neither should the Cemetery Board be linked with any other board. Each board has its own separate agenda since each Board has its own specific responsibilities and functions. These responsibilities and functions are completely different from one Board to the next.

We petition the Board of Commissioners to segregate the Cemetery Board from the SVCAB. The Cemetery Board will have five (5) members appointed by the County Commissioners from a list of qualified applicants. Each member will serve a two (2) year term beginning January 1 of each year. The Cemetery Board will represent the interests of the Hillcrest Cemetery before the Commissioners and coordinate and facilitate cemetery business and management with the appropriate Lyon County entities. The Cemetery Board will be governed by the Hillcrest Cemetery Rules and Regulations, as adopted February 4, 2004, and the Nevada Open Meeting Law, Twelfth Edition, January 2016.

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