

Governor Jim Gibbons



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GOVERNOR SEEKS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA

Carson City- Governor Jim Gibbons has written a letter to President Barack Obama asking President Obama to meet with Governor Gibbons. President Obama will be in Las Vegas in May for a political fundraiser.

Governor Gibbons wants key Nevada business leaders included in the meeting with President Obama so the President can hear first-hand about the difficulties Nevada's tourism economy is enduring. Earlier this year, the President told an audience in Elkhart, Indiana, "You can't get corporate jets. You can't go take a trip to Las Vegas or go down to the Super Bowl on the taxpayer's dime." That quote was seen by many as an insult to Las Vegas and as a message to companies across the Nation to stay away from Las Vegas for corporate meetings and conventions.

"I think a face-to-face meeting between the President, myself, and Nevada business leaders would do a lot to help overcome the perception that President Obama finds visiting Las Vegas somehow offensive," Gibbons said, "If President Obama can come to Las Vegas to ask for political campaign cash, he can certainly take some time to explore helping the people who live and work here, we are all Americans."

Governor Gibbons believes that President Obama should be encouraging Americans to consider America first when planning vacations or business meetings. "Nevada offers world class entertainment, state-of-the-art convention facilities, abundant outdoor activities, and the list goes on and on," Gibbons said, "The Obama Administration should be using their influence to help and support American cities like Las Vegas so we can stimulate the economy in Las Vegas and the economy of Nevada."

Right now, Las Vegas is facing an unprecedented downturn in tourism, gaming revenues, and job losses. Nevada also ranked last in several categories in per capita funding from the Obama Administration's Stimulus Package.

(Editors note: [Letter from Governor Gibbons to President Obama](#).)

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not against them." Governor Jim Gibbons

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