

Governor Jim Gibbons



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GOVERNOR APPOINTS THREE TO NEVADA ECONOMIC FORUM

Carson City— Governor Jim Gibbons announced today that he has appointed John Restrepo, Linda Rosenthal, and Cathy Santoro to the Nevada Economic Forum, which is responsible for providing forecasts of the state's general fund revenues for each biennium budget period.

The Economic Forum consists of five appointed members who cannot be employees of state government, including publicly supported institutions of higher education. Three members are appointed by the Governor, one member is appointed by the Senate Majority Leader, and one member is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly to serve for a two-year term.

"The Economic Forum consists of experts who provide a critical analysis of state revenues. They have been an asset to the state since their inaugural meeting in 1994 and I am confident that John Restrepo, Linda Rosenthal, and Cathy Santoro will serve the state well in this capacity," said Governor Jim Gibbons.

John Restrepo is a resident of Las Vegas and currently serves as the Principal for Restrepo Consulting Group LLC. He is currently the 2008 President of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Louisiana, Lafayette, and a Master of Arts in Economics and Latin American Studies from the University of Louisiana, Baton Rouge.

"I want to thank Governor Gibbons for the confidence he has in me by appointing me to the Economic Forum. I am incredibly honored that I have been provided the chance to give back to the people and State of Nevada who have afforded me so many opportunities in the nearly 20 years that I have lived and worked here," said John Restrepo.

Linda Rosenthal is a resident of Reno and currently serves as the Director of Treasury Operations for International Game Technology (IGT). She joined IGT 11 years ago as a Senior Tax Analyst. She was promoted to Corporate Tax Supervisor in 1999, Corporate Tax Manager in 2000, Manager of Treasury Operations in 2001, and Director of Treasury Operations in 2005.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Science in Commerce from Santa Clara University and is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Treasury Professional.

“I am honored to have been chosen to serve as a member of the Nevada Economic Forum. I would like to offer my congratulations to the other appointees. I am looking forward to working with them and the current members of the Forum,” said Linda Rosenthal.

Cathy Santoro is a resident of Las Vegas and currently serves as Senior Vice President and Treasurer of MGM MIRAGE. In this role, she is responsible for managing the company’s overall treasury operations and is involved in all capital market processes and related financing activities and transactions.

Prior to joining MGM MIRAGE in August 2004 as the Assistant Treasurer, Santoro was a Vice President for Wells Fargo Bank in the Gaming Division. She began her career with Deloitte & Touche and is a Certified Public Accountant, licensed in the State of Nevada.

Santoro earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Boston College and both a Master of Arts in Economics and Master of Business Administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

“It is an honor to be a part of such an important advisory committee. I look forward to assisting the Governor in this capacity,” said Cathy Santoro.

These appointments replace outgoing members Paul Cary Fisher, Bill Martin, and Deborah Pierce whose terms expired on January 31, 2008.