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Washoe County District Attorney Chris Hicks Responds to Challenger Wes Duncan

RENO, Nev. (June 9, 2025) – Washoe County District Attorney Chris Hicks today responded to Wes Duncan’s recent announcement to run for DA, emphasizing the importance of experience, consistency, and community-rooted leadership during challenging times.

“Our community needs real leaders — individuals with deep roots here, proven experience, and a genuine commitment to public service, not politicians chasing titles and notoriety,” said Hicks. “I wasn’t surprised to hear Wes Duncan is once again campaigning — just months after being elected to a different office. That’s been his pattern. In the 11 years I’ve served as District Attorney, he’s held seven jobs and run for four different offices — often using one as a launchpad for the next.”

A career prosecutor, Hicks has served Washoe County for 23 years — the community where he was raised. He has dedicated his life to protecting local families, neighborhoods, and victims of crime, and views the role of District Attorney as both an honor and a serious responsibility.

“I stand firmly behind my experience, integrity, and record of results,” Hicks said. “There is still important work to do. In 2026, voters will face a clear choice — and I welcome the opportunity to stand on my record alongside Wes Duncan’s.”

Hicks also addressed inaccurate claims made by Duncan regarding public safety and law enforcement support.

Contrary to Duncan’s assertion, crime in Washoe County is down. According to Nevada Crime Statistics:

- **Burglary** is down 25% since 2021 and continues to decline in 2025.
- **Robbery** is down 24% since 2022, also trending downward in 2025.

“The facts are clear — our community is safer,” said Hicks.

In regards to law enforcement endorsements, Hicks clarified that Duncan’s support comes from a small group of police union board members — not the rank-and-file officers.

“I have never sought endorsements or financial support from police unions in any of my campaigns,” Hicks said. “There are serious ethical concerns when unions representing officers campaign for or contribute to a District Attorney candidate. The DA must remain independent and objective when evaluating law enforcement conduct. That independence is non-negotiable.”

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