

Las Vegas, Nevada County, Sierra

In the auditorium of Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas, Nevada County Sierra; a lone microphone stand is placed with rows of folding chairs to the sides of and in front of it. As people conclude filing in for the event, JayArrrGee approaches the microphone stand and begins to speak.

“Thank you all for joining me this evening, and thank you to Bishop Gorman High School and the Diocese of Las Vegas for hosting this event this evening. I would like to address a major issue not only in Sierra, but in the country of the United States right now. This issue is an unemployment. Though this state is rich with several industries from tourism, to technology, to entertainment and retail, unemployment continues to plague us, and it has hit the city of Las Vegas very hard. This city is world-renowned, and hosts one of the biggest tourist industries in the nation. Yet, the unemployment rate here is 7%, which is 44% higher than the national average. When you go through the counties in Sierra looking at the rates of unemployment, it is staggering. Please let me take the time to read these percentages to you. It reads as: Nevada County= 4%, California County= 3.9%, Arizona County= 4.8%, New Mexico County= 4.8%, and in my home county of Alaska County= 6.2%. I don’t know about you, but it sickens me that we have such high rates of unemployment in a state blessed with so much prosperity.”
Crowd claps.

“This past session I authored the Sierran Rural Enterprise Expansion Act to combat this drastic issue. I hate to see my fellow Sierrans struggle to make ends meet. Growing up living in public housing I observed others struggling to make ends meet. And this experience is just one of many that has inspired me to be here, in front of you today. I want to continue fighting for the people that have to work two jobs, the people who are going home tonight wondering how they’re going to pay their bills and feed their family simultaneously. We must fight for more companies to employ Sierrans, encourage more organizations to come to Sierra to open businesses and franchise locations. We must also loosen employment restrictions for candidates in the State of Sierra.” *Crowd applauds and whistles.*

“If you send me back to Sacramento to lead my party this will be at the top of our To-Do List. We will work hard to bring more jobs to Sierra, for more Sierrans to not have to worry about employment and feeding their families. This is why I ask for the pleasure of your vote to send me back to the Assembly to do so. So, to the people of Nevada County, and the people of Sierra, send me back, because I got work to do!”

Crowd stands and applauds as JayArrrGee steps away from the podium and into the rows of chairs to shake hands and talk with the people in attendance.