

Opinion: Thinking regionally will improve overall economy

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When it comes to revitalizing the economy, the Reno-Sparks area can't go at it alone. Neither can Carson City, Minden-Gardnerville, Lyon County or Storey County.

We are all in this together, and we will all have to work together to rebuild an economy devastated by the recession of 2008, which still lingers in Northern Nevada.

That was a warning from a panel that was part of the Gazette-Journal's Reno 2020 project earlier this year. And it was confirmed by the report of Brookings/SRI, released on Monday in response to Assembly Bill 449 of the 2011 Legislature.

It's imperative that the development authorities and the myriad other organizations that work to attract new businesses to the area and expand existing businesses strengthen their relationships with each other and work together on the common goal of creating more and better jobs for the residents of this area.

The days of isolation for the communities of Northern Nevada ended many years ago. The boom of the 1980s and '90s demonstrated that we all rise together; the recession has demonstrated that we all fall together, too.

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