

Good morning. I am Nevada Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner. And I have standing beside me, renowned victim's rights Attorney Gloria Allred.

We are here today because we have just finished meeting with the Nevada legislative Counsel Bureau and I am proud to say that this Bill Draft Request (hold up BDR) was ~~just~~ filed which proposes a new law that will require a Nevada Parole Board to take into account an inmate's history of domestic violence when making their decision to grant or not grant an inmate's request for parole.

This issue comes up now, because O J Simpson is scheduled to be released from prison on October 1st.

Last month, before voting to release O.J. Simpson from prison after nine years, the Nevada parole board discussed in detail the robbery that put him behind bars and his conduct as an inmate. But one piece of Mr. Simpson's record escaped the notice of the board.

During the hearing on July 20, members of the Nevada Parole Board believed that before his 2008 conviction for the robbery in a hotel in Las Vegas, Mr. Simpson had no history of a criminal conviction. **That was incorrect.**



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As the world knows, Mr. Simpson was acquitted in 1995 of the murders of his former wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. But what some people may not know is that in 1989, he pleaded "no contest" in Los Angeles to misdemeanor domestic battery of Nicole Simpson.

The Nevada parole board did not consider that 1989 conviction against OJ Simpson for domestic battery when they deliberated their decision to grant or not grant parole to OJ Simpson.

This Bill (hold up) will specifically require that the Nevada Parole Board take into consideration an inmates history of domestic violence, convictions of domestic violence or a pleading of "no contest" to a domestic violence charge, as one of the many factors in deciding to grant or not grant parole to a prisoner.

This Bill will also make it mandatory that all persons who come before the parole board sign a statement under penalty of perjury that the information they give to the parole Board either orally or in writing, is truthful.

So that an inmate in the future will not be able to tell the parole board that they have led "a conflict free life", when in fact they have a prior conviction for domestic violence.

New laws are not made for light and transient reasons.

The members of the Nevada Legislature and the people who live in Nevada care about victim's rights

- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.<sup>1</sup>
- Unfortunately, Nevada consistently ranks as one of the worst states in the nation for domestic violence fatalities.
- Out of all states, Nevada has the second-highest rate of women murdered by men

This is a non-partisan issue and I will be inviting every member of the Nevada Legislature to sign on to this bill as co-sponsors.

A person who commits an act of domestic violence upon another person must be held accountable for their actions by legal consequences.

Victims deserve justice

We must never forget or minimize the pain and hardship that a victim experiences.

Thank you.