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David Byerman is the 12th Director of the Legislative Research Commission (LRC). In this capacity, he oversees one of the nation's leading centralized legislative agencies, with an annual budget of \$70.3 million. LRC's permanent staff numbers nearly 400 employees, and with temporary staff grows to over 500 employees during legislative sessions.

Director Byerman previously served as Secretary of the Senate in Nevada. Byerman was appointed Secretary of the Senate in August 2010 before being elected to two consecutive two-year terms in 2011 and 2013. As Secretary, he brought a variety of innovations to the Nevada Legislature, in his quest to make the legislative process more accessible and understandable to the general public. These new policy initiatives earned him recognition with the Jean Ford Democracy Award from Nevada Secretary of State Ross Miller. He was also honored with the Liberty Bell Award by the Clark County Law Foundation, and with the Kevin B. Harrington Award for Excellence in Democracy Education by the National Conference of State Legislatures.



In the private sector, Director Byerman has served in executive roles for organizations as small as Clean Fuels Technology (a transportation sector start-up) and as large as MGM Mirage, a Fortune 500 company where he served as Director of Communications, a corporate communicator on environmental and sustainability issues. In the public sector, Director Byerman served on the senior staff for Governor Bob Miller, as Chief of the Program Development Division for the Nevada Department of Transportation, and as Chief Government Liaison for Nevada for the United States Department of Commerce. Director Byerman has always been heavily involved as a volunteer in his community. In Nevada, he served as a Chamber President, Citizens Advisory Committee Chair, and as Chair of the Advisory Committee on Participatory Democracy under then Secretary of State Dean Heller. In Kentucky, he was elected by his peers to the Board of Directors of Leadership Kentucky, where he continues his service today.

A graduate of McQueen High School in Reno, Director Byerman earned his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Redlands, with a double major in political science and history. He earned his M.G.A. (Master of Governmental Administration) at the Fels Center of Government at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of the Leadership Las Vegas program, Class of '007, and the Leadership Kentucky Program, Class of 2016. A resident of Lexington, Director Byerman has been married to Caroline for 25 years. They have two children: Amanda, 18, and Will, 16.