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WAKE UP, PEOPLE!

DFS is about to get a new Director. Are you ready?

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The Clark County Department of Family Services is getting a new Director, Thomas Morton. He was recruited in secret, with no opportunity for other candidates to apply. Judges, DFS staff and affected agencies were not consulted. There was no opportunity for public input and apparently no background investigation.

Should we be alarmed?

Morton was selected by County Manager Thom Reilly. Reilly is a former social worker who ought to know about these things. "This community is extremely fortunate to have someone of his caliber taking the lead in improving our child welfare safety net," Reilly said.

We are told that Morton helped repair the child welfare systems in Illinois, Alabama and New York, so maybe he can fix Clark County. He has been a consultant to child welfare

agencies for over 20 years. He is certainly well spoken, and he must be good if Reilly chose him.

Morton has never managed a public agency before, and maybe that's what we need: a maverick outsider to shake things up. "We need out-of-the-box thinking," said Reilly.

So why do we feel so uncomfortable?

It's not an important position is it? Actually, it is. The Director is our general in a time of war. Would you rather have Patton leading the troops or Richard Simmons? It does make a difference.

Of course, we in Vegas do things our own way. We meet someone special, and the next day we're down at the Chapel of Love sealing the deal.

If you know this person is Mr Right, like Reilly does, then why wait? He might slip away if we don't act fast.

But that ain't what your Momma



taught you, was it? Maybe you need just a little more time. We're not saying you should cancel the wedding, just put it off for a bit. Why not get to know this fellow a little better? Why not do your due diligence?

We don't mean to say anything bad about Mr. Morton. He's probably a very nice man. We just hate to see you get hurt. -GC

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