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David Byerman is the 12th Director of the Legislative Research Commission. In this capacity, he oversees an agency of nearly 400 permanent employees, with an annual budget of \$63.2 million. His unique career path has spanned executive roles in both the private and public sectors. Director Byerman has a strong track record and an outstanding reputation with business, nonprofit, and government constituencies alike.

Before assuming leadership of the LRC in 2015, Director Byerman most recently served as Secretary of the Senate for Nevada. There, he developed a variety of innovations and became nationally known as an advocate for citizen involvement and participatory democracy. Secretary Byerman's accessibility (via his well-followed @NVSecSenate Twitter feed), coupled with the initiatives he implemented, earned him national recognition as the 2014 recipient of the Kevin B. Harrington Award for Excellence in Democracy Education by the National Conference of State Legislatures. This is the highest honor that NCSL gives to legislative staff. Secretary Byerman was also honored with the Jean Ford Democracy Award in 2013 from Nevada Secretary of State Ross Miller and the 2014 Liberty Bell Award from the Clark County Law Foundation.



In the private sector, Director Byerman has served in executive roles for several organizations, most notably for MGM Resorts International, a Fortune 500 company, where he served as a Director of Communications. In the public sector, Director Byerman has served on the senior staff for Nevada 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 U.S. Census Bureau, where he led the statewide Census effort in 2000 and 2010. Director Byerman has always been heavily involved in his community: he coached Little League baseball teams for seven years, has served as President and Chairman of the Board of a local Chamber of Commerce, and served three years as Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Participatory Democracy under then Secretary of State Dean Heller.

Director Byerman earned his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Redlands, with a double major in political science and history and graduated with interdisciplinary honors. He earned his M.G.A. (Master of Governmental Administration) at the Fels Center of Government at the University of Pennsylvania. He was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel in 2015 and will be a member of Leadership Kentucky's Class of 2017. He lives in Lexington with his wife of twenty three years, Caroline Byerman, and their two children Amanda, 16, and Will, 14. He can be found on Twitter @DirectorLRC.