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The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Nevada met in joint regular session with the Clark County Water Reclamation District Board of Trustees and the Clark County Liquor and Gaming Licensing Board in full conformity with law and bylaws of said Board, at the regular place of meeting in the Commission Chambers, Government Center, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada on Tuesday, the 1st day of February 2022 at the hour of 9:05 a.m. The meeting was called to order at 9:23 a.m. by Chair Gibson and, on roll call, the following members were present, constituting a quorum of all members.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS:

Jim Gibson
Justin Jones
Marilyn K. Kirkpatrick
William McCurdy II
Ross Miller
Michael Naft
Tick Segerblom

Absent:
None

Also Present:

Yolanda King, County Manager
Lisa Logsdon, Deputy District Attorney
Lynn Marie Goya, County Clerk
Paula Cook, Records Administration Manager
Susan Wohlbrandt, Senior Records Technician

CALL TO ORDER

JIM GIBSON

This is the time set for the regular meeting of the Clark County Board of Commissioners. The meeting will come to order. Um, Miss King, would take us through the items on our agenda?

ITEM NO. 1 Present a proclamation to Clark County Clerk Lynn Goya declaring February 2022 as Wedding Month in Clark County to coincide with “Five Million Love Stories, A Year of Celebration.”

YOLANDA KING

Good morning, Chair Gibson and Commissioners. Um, the first section in your, on your agenda are your Commissioner County Manager recognition items. The first item we have is Item Number One, which is to present a proclamation to Clark County Clerk Lynn Goya declaring February Two Thousand Twenty-Two as Wedding Month in Clark County to coincide with the Five Million Love Stories, A Year Celebration.

GIBSON

And that - (inaudible) and that, uh, proclamation will be pres- ... That proclamation is going to be presented to, um, Miss Goya and to Steve Hill, the, uh, President of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. So, Steve, would you come up too? (crosstalk) How many you got? So, if there are some folks here from the, uh, wedding industry who are in the meeting to celebrate all of this, we invite you down. While you're coming down, let me just introduce what we're about to do. In fact, I- Victor, would you play the videos that you have? Happy to recognize the incredibly hard work that the County, County Clerk's Office, the LVCVA, and the wedding industry itself has contributed to making Clark County and Las Vegas the wedding capital of the world. This globally recognized industry brings in four percent of the visitors to Las Vegas and generates two and a half billion dollars in economic activity each year throughout the County, employing eighteen thousand individuals and supporting hundreds of small businesses. Clark County issues more destination wedding licenses than any other known community on the planet. Clark County is approaching the issuance of its five millionth marriage license since the County was founded in Nineteen o-Nine. To mark this upcoming milestone, there are some fun and unique year-long celebrations to benefit both the local economy and our wedding couples. Thank you to the Office of the County Clerk, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority for emphasizing the focus, our local wedding industry owners and workers working with us, and to all of those who are wedded here. We hereby declare February Twenty Twenty-Two as wedding month in Clark County because forever happens here. (inaudible) And we're going to pose for a picture. And then we'll listen to a couple of brief comments. (laughing) (crosstalk) Okay, everybody stand still. So, we have all, uh, uh, those of us on this Commission and others, other Commissions have worked very hard with Lynn Goya. Lynn feels like she's been working us for a long time. (crosstalk) The reality is that, uh, we're all united in anything that will succeed in this community, and wedding industry has succeeded in this community. We recognize that. And so, Lynn, your thoughts.

LYNN GOYA

Thank you. I really appreciate, uh, y- the Commission declaring Wedding Month. It's gonna to be very exciting this month, as well as the rest of the year. Uh, weddings and entertainment have been the heart and soul of Las Vegas for

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over half a century, and we appreciate the LVCVA's help for this. We have a year-long celebration of tons of things that we're doing, including Wedding Month. We expect to issue the five millionth wedding license sometime in Jan-, or February. I'm sorry. Let me say that again. We expect to issue the five millionth wedding license sometime in February, and we have a great date coming up, Two Twenty-Two, Twenty-Two, that the industry is telling me may be one of our biggest dates of all time. And it's been with the help of the LVCVA, particularly Kelly and Ramon, um, and the wedding industry that we've been able to make such a huge party for this year in celebration of the five million couples that did make Las Vegas the wedding capital of the world. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you, Lynn. Uh, over the years, the LVCVA has been responsible for some incredible ad campaigns. The work that you've done this time on, uh, the wedding industry is really, very much appreciated by these folks who are here with us and all who work in that industry, but all of us because it really is an opportunity to underscore something we've figured out here. Steve, thank you for being here.

STEVE HILL

Mister Chair, uh, I just want to thank everyone here today. Um, th- there's no bigger proponent for this industry than our Clerk, Lynn Goya. Uh, she has been, uh, just diligent, uh, with all of us, uh, over the years, and h- has helped this industry happen. Um, but I really want to thank everybody with us here today. Uh, you are the folks who really make this industry work, uh, for Las Vegas, make it happen. Uh, it's great to be able to, uh, advertise this industry and, uh, show that it's such an important part of Las Vegas. But that wouldn't be the case if all of you didn't make that happen. So, uh, we really appreciate all of you and all of what you mean to Las Vegas. We're just, uh, proud to be a part of it. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you, Steve. To all of you ... Thank you. (crosstalk) (laughing)

ACTION

No Action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 2 Present a proclamation to John Sloan, founding member of the Southern Nevada Pickleball Club, in recognition of his commitment to growing the sport of Pickleball.

KING

Commissioners, next we have Item Number Two, which is to present a proclamation to John Sloan, the founding member of the Southern Nevada Pickleball Club in recognition of his commitment to growing the sport of pickleball.

GIBSON

Come on up here, John. Let me introduce him. John Sloan is the founding member of the Southern N-, Southern Nevada Pickleball Club. After a long career in law and banking, he planned on playing a lot of golf when he retired in Las Vegas in Two Thousand Five. But instead, he gravitated toward tennis, which in a roundabout way, is how he learned about pickleball in Two Thousand Eight. Come on down here. Right here. Be the center of attention. And a year later, he got the burn and was motivated to learn as much about pickleball as he could. He learned the sport was played principally by seniors who were having tons of fun at a couple of local rec centers. John saw this as a

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problem because younger worker, younger working people and school-aged kids in Las Vegas had limited options to play this great sport. The solution to the problem was outdoor public courts, and he set his sights on trying to make that happen in Clark County and the City of Las Vegas. He and the late Tom Reilly met with me in Two Thousand Seventeen. I will never forget that meeting. It left an, an enormous, uh, sense of responsibility to do something, and these guys knew how to dial up the pressure. They proposed a pickleball complex somewhere, and we started looking at Sunset Park. Through their tenacity and persistence, we opened the Sunset P- Pickleball Park Complex last May. I'm sorry to say that he has resigned as the president of the Southern Nevada Pickleball Club because without his vision and commitment, pickleball in Clark County would not be where it is today. Thankful for his foresight and continued perseverance in growing the sport he loves, and it's my pleasure today, on behalf of all of us up here on the County Commission, to honor you, John, and present this proclamation and recognition of your love of the game and your commitment to a community that has actually taken up pickleball.

JOHN SLOAN

Thank you.

GIBSON

Let's put that mic down, and let's take a picture first. (crosstalk) In fact, we need everybody in this picture. (inaudible) Yes.

SLOAN

Come on, Patti.

GIBSON

Patti? (crosstalk) You're just on your way, right? To the pickleball court.

UNIDENTIFIABLE

(inaudible) three.

GIBSON

Okay, John. If (inaudible) a couple comments.

SLOAN

Thank you very much, Commissioner, and thank you for this honor. Thank you, fellow Commissioners -

GIBSON

(inaudible)

SLOAN

I wish Tom Reilly was here to, uh, be recognized for this honor as well. He was very deserving. Uh, Tom left quite an impression, uh. A lot of people have followed in his footsteps, and many of them are here today. Uh, and I want to thank, uh, a few people here. Uh, my first thank you goes to the person that I played pickleball with for the very first time thirteen years ago, Gordon Johnson, at the downtown Henderson, downtown recreation center on Basic Road. That was my first time. Gordon taught me how to play the game. He was very welcoming and brought me into the, into the fold, and got the fire burning in my belly. The next person I want to thank is my wife, uh, Pat. She's here. Pat and I have been playing pickleball for twelve years, when we got it started in our c-, the community where we live, in Siena. And she's been my guiding force. Uh, she tells me to watch the ball and bend my knees every day when I go out to play. Uh, we've been playing for twelve years, more than twenty f-, uh, twenty percent of our married life. Be sixty years this year. Pat, thank you very much for bearing with me. There are a number of people that I'd like to thank that are here today, that people that are in the (inaudible) join

SLOAN me in the Southern Nevada Pickleball Club. Patti Chess. The ubiquitous Patti Chess, uh, who everybody knows. Uh, Earl Stitt, uh, who runs our veteran's program for the club. Uh, Earl, uh, uh, is doing so much with veterans. Angela Rozovics, Debbie Dempsey, Felton Hyche uh, who followed Tom Reilly in his footsteps in becoming the district ambassador and then regional ambassador. Felton's retired to enjoy pickleball. The Southern Nevada Pickleball Board has taken on some new members. Uh, Augie Costanzo. Augie is, uh, in Summerlin is noted for running two very popular tournaments in S-S- Sun City Summerlin. The Toys for Tots tournament, and the Assistant's League tournament.

GIBSON (inaudible)

SLOAN Pardon?

GIBSON Keep your microphone right -

SLOAN I got to keep this microphone up here. Uh, Augie is also going to be the tournament director for the Nevada Senior Games coming up this fall, which will be the tenth-year anniversary for pickleball in the senior games. Ryan Volketz, a new member of the club, Darla Christensen, John Williams, Jennifer Bradley, and Faruk "Fish" Williams. Faruk, or Fish as he's known, is a firefighter. I see a number of firefighters up there. I met Fish when he was playing pickleball at his fire house several years ago, and hopefully you guys and gals are playing pickleball up in your fire house. I mentioned Earl Stitt, who runs our veteran's program. Uh, Earl told me some time ago that pickleball was the best gift he ever gave to himself, and I want to echo that sentiment. And I think many of you who are here today will too. Over the last several years, Pat and I have formed some wonderful friendships solely because of pickleball. Pickleball has been the connecting force behind these newfound human relationships and have and having these good friends in our lives has added greatly to our well-being. For this, we are very thankful and grateful. Thank you.

GIBSON (inaudible). Thank you. Thank you, John.

SLOAN Thank you, sir.

PATTI CHESS I don't know if you know about this.

GIBSON If I know what -

CHESS Okay, so Southern Nevada Pickleball, John retiring, he snuck me in. But what John did, took a committee to do. We, we couldn't have done it without you, and I (inaudible).

SLOAN Thanks, Patti.

CHESS But also, Southern Nevada Pickleball could not have done it without courts, and thanks to Commissioner Gibson, we have twenty ... Sorry. Having issues here. Twenty-four courts at Sunset Park. And so, we don't give out golden

CHESS

paddles often. But we wanted to give you a golden paddle, and what it says is, "The pickleball community wants to thank you for your support in providing us with pickleball courts. It is because of you that the families of Clark County can enjoy the best sport in the world." We have a little display for you to hold the paddle. You can try using it. In fact, maybe at your Commissioners Cup, we can have all the Commissioners there playing too. That is one of our goals. But I, I do want to just really, sincerely thank you, and I want to follow up on what John just said about how pickleball changes lives. We just had an incident, um, at Durango Hills, where one of our players fell down and had a heart attack. Really emotional. One of our players was a fire, uh, person, who was able to give him CPR. They were able to get an AED from the YMCA, save his life, and he's home today. That happened Friday. He's home today. So pickleball would, would ... What's important about the story is this guy lives alone, has no family, so the only family was pickleball family. And everybody ... Every time I went to visit him in the hospital, there's a long line of pickleball players waiting to see him. And h-... So anyway, it truly saved somebody's life. So, thank you very much.

GIBSON

Well, thank you. And the vote to fund all that was seven to zero, just so you know. Everybody. Thank you very much.

ACTION

No Action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 3 Present a proclamation and certificate of appreciation to Searchlight Fire Station seventy-five for being awarded Rural Division Fire Station of the Year.

KING

Commissioners, next we have Item Number Three, which is to present a proclamation and certificate of appreciation to Searchlight Fire Station seventy-five for being awarded Rural Division Fire Station of the Year.

MICHAEL NAFT

Thank you, Manager. Thank you, Manager King. If, uh, if the men and women of Fire Station seventy-five could join me here. And I see, uh, we'll be joined in a moment by Chief Steinbeck and Chief Haydu. Uh, for those who don't know Station seventy-five responds largely, uh, in the Searchlight area. Uh, and it is an entirely volunteer driven station, um, which means that each of these men and women volunteer their time, uh, out, out of their day to respond to some of the most significant events in the area, a lot of high-speed car accidents, a lot of issues that otherwise would go, uh, would take much longer to respond to. What we're here today to recognize, I know each of us here, uh, each commissioner takes - takes great pride in our, uh, fire department, particularly our rural fire station program. Uh, but the men and women here have the distinct honor of being recognized as the Rural Division Fire Station of the Year by the Clark County Fire Department. And what that means, they responded to over three hundred events, um, in the last year. An incredible, uh, incredible number, particularly given, uh, their volunteer status. Could you join me in thanking and recognizing the men and women of Station seventy-five? F- ... Chief Steinbeck, I know you have a few words to share about these men and women.

CHIEF JOHN STEINBECK

Absolutely. Uh, thank you, Commissioner. Appreciate it. Very deserving group here behind me. Uh, we really count on our rural volunteer firefighters.

STEINBECK

They are amazing. They train on their weekends. They train in the evenings. They have other jobs. Um, they, they, they don't have some of the, um, some of the resources available to them that, that our, our, our full-time stations do. But they're still out there protecting everybody's families, running some very complex calls with reduced resources, and we can't thank them enough. Uh, really appreciate all, all that they do. I'd also like to ask, uh, Chief Haydu to come up as he's, he's their leader and continues to work for them every day. So, thank you very much.

CHIEF LARRY HAYDU

Thanks, Chief. Uh, one of the things I wanted to mention is when you think about volunteer firefighters, our paid firefighters very rarely ever respond to anybody they know. It's a very rare occurrence. Our volunteers respond almost every single call to somebody they know, a family member or a friend of the family. And that's really an, uh, an amazing fact when you think about that. The other thing is when you travel around C- Clark County and you leave the greater Las Vegas area, whether you're going to California, Utah, Reno, as soon as you leave greater Las Vegas area, you are in a rural division, and you are being responded to by our volunteers. So, for us, th- to recognize them as our Station of the Year, they ran the most calls in our division. We're really proud of them. They do a great job. Can't say enough about them. So, thanks, guys. You guys are great. (crosstalk)

UNIDENTIFIED

Uh, I'd just like to thank everybody that showed up. Thank you for, uh, showing us the appreciation for this. Uh, it's a community effort. So, thank you. I'm not really good at speeches in front of everybody.

UNIDENTIFIED

Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED

Thank you.

NAFT

Thank you very much. (crosstalk)

UNIDENTIFIED

Let them get- in-

NAFT

One more time for Station Seventy-Five. (crosstalk)

UNIDENTIFIED

Thank you.

NAFT

Battery's dying. (crosstalk)

GIBSON

Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED

Thank you, Chair.

GIBSON

We'll see you guys. Good job. (crosstalk)

ACTION

No Action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 4 Recognize outstanding citizens in District B in honor of Black History Month.

KING

Next, we have Item Number Four which is to recognize outstanding citizens in District B in honor of Black History Month

MARILYN KIRKPATRICK

Uh, thank you, Manager King. Uh, today's a pretty special day. We're going to recognize, and I'm the on-, first of many that are recognizing Black History, um, Day today, and for us, um, it's been pretty, um, pretty important that in District B we strive to include everybody. We want a Nevada where culture, history, race becomes what everybody lives to know to build our history. So, we, we encourage people to collaborate and to work together to understand and respect everybody's feelings, and uh, you know, their cultural things. So, for us in District B, we're constantly doing many multicultural events, and this is just really one, um, one of the things that, um, we're working hard to ensure that we have real conversations about. So, in honor of, of Black History Month, uh, we're going to start with a special, um, music, so people that know me know that anywhere I go, I have music and food because I believe that's comfort and something consistent that we can all talk about. So, this morning, we have, um, a performance by Darien Orr. He is a middle school band teacher, and if you know anything about being a band parent, which I was, that is the hardest job you could have, uh, trying to get them all to play together. But today he's going to play a song on his saxophone about heroes and, and really that's, that's who we are as Clark County. That's who we are in our community, and this song is by Mariah Carey, and I think, um, you'll enjoy it. And why he's playing, we're going to put a video. There are so many amazing people, um, that should be recognized uh, uh, during Black History, and this is only a piece of all of those folks. So please enjoy that, and then we have a special treat for some of our guests.

DARIEN ORR

(singing) ("Hero" by Mariah Carey on saxophone)

KIRKPATRICK

Thank you, um, Mister Orr for that great, um, music, and wish you luck with the middle school kids today. So, uh, uh, but thank you for all you do in our community, and music really is a way to help broaden education and bring people together, so thank you. So now we're going to give out some awards and, um, you know, Maya Angelou once described a hero as being somebody who's really any person really intent on making this place a better place, and that is what we as Clark County Commissioners do every single day. There's a reason that we get up, is to make it a better place for all of our constituents across Clark County. Um, so today we're going to be distributing a, uh, Kente cloth, um, to our District B heroes. Um, and a Kente cloth, for many that don't know, is a representation of pride, honor, and celebration, and we really like to celebrate people in District B every day, and all of the accomplishments that they make. So, our first one and our youngest one is Andre Battle. Um, if you could please come up. Um, please come up. Don't be shy. I've never seen you shy. So, Andre is a student at Shadow Ridge High School, which is the far northwest part of our district. Um, he's been a member of the ROTC Air Force Division since ninth grade. Andre is really somebody that's grown up in the YMCA. So, I s-, uh, have been a part of their leadership team that they have out in the northwest, uh, and really to watch these youth, um, to start today to talk about all of these different things that they're going and their aspirations. I just met with a group of them, and really, they want to know how to fix education, and their conversations were much different than ours, and I applaud them for thinking outside the box and really, uh, getting back into it. So, um, Andre, we wanted to recognize you because you are our future, and

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you're already starting by working hard every day and by speaking for the youth. So, we have a small token of appreciation as well, um, and we want to ask you to stay, um, but what you can you tell us about what youth are talking about and doing in your world?

ANDRE BATTLE

Um, today I s- ... Or on Thursdays, every ... At Shadow Ridge, we like to, um, meet up in this one classroom. It's Black Student Union, and we like to have a project for every time and to recognize our s-, or Black, um ... Sorry. Our ... I'm sorry, I-

KIRKPATRICK

Take a breath. It's good. So really, he's asking other students get involved, be part of the progress for the long term, and, you know, Shadow Ridge is in the far northwest, uh, and they really do a phenomenal job. So, thank you for taking that leadership role, and we appreciate you. So go ahead. I'm going to let you stand with some other groups.

So, our next person is Master Sergeant Sakeia Fullwood. Uh, Miss Fullwood is active duty for twenty-one years in the United States Air Force, and many of you know, uh, we are a big partner with Nellis. Um, so Nellis has about thirty thousand residents that live between Nellis and Creech, and, um, we do a lot of volunteer work. She is from Brooklyn, New York. She's a mom, she does outdoor activities, and she likes learning something new every day, and you can imagine, when she volunteered for us, boy did we put her to the test, and she succeeded with flying colors. But one, we'd like to thank you for your service, for all that you do, and while, while you're here you've made this your home and you're already giving back to the community. So, thank you. Um, would you like to say a few words?

MASTER SERGEANT SAKEIA
FULLWOOD

Happy to -

KIRKPATRICK

Don't be shy.

FULLWOOD

Happy to help and proud to serve. That's it. (Laughing), All right, that -

KIRKPATRICK

Thank you. There's a token, and so what we've done is engrave it on the back, because we know that, uh, plaques, you know, they add up, collect dust, so we tried to give you something that we really think you'll keep with you. So, thank you for your service and all that you do. And she never does complain. She's just like, "What's next? Let me, where do I do it?" And that is a mom trait if I've never seen one.

So, our next person is Mister Charles Watkins. He was born in Nineteen Twenty-Four, in Drakes Branches, Virginia. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at eighteen. He served four years during World War Two and was an MP that went after guys that went AWOL. He's a lifelong Teamster, and more importantly, um, for many of you seen, any time we put pictures, uh, with Cora Coleman, he is one of our great dancers at Cora Coleman. He always starts, starts the dance and ends the dance. At Ninety-Seven years old, Mister Watkins, thank you so much for all that you've done and for, how active that you stay. Go, Mister Watkins. And you know his specialty is the swing, and he's pretty good at it. So, you wanna say anything, Mister Watkins?

CHARLES WATKINS

Sing? Say, do I wanna sing?

KIRKPATRICK

You could sing, you could sing if you'd like. Do you wanna sing, do you wanna dance? What do you wanna do? How about just say something to the audience?

WATKINS

I'd rather dance (laughing). Thank you, all. I'm glad I'm still here with you. Five more months and I'll be ninety-eight. But, on- only one thing about it... I'm going to be seventy-eight.

KIRKPATRICK

Seventy-eight? Oh, that's right. You're as young as you feel. There you go. Thank you, Mister Watkins, and come out any time, and thank you to Corps Coleman staff that came out today. Our seniors really do phenomenal work, and Mister Watkins usually gets our dance parties on, so I'm assuming we're getting a big birthday party for you, and it's gonna include all dancing. So, the next, uh, person who's a long-life, or been a resident of District B for a long time, is Misty Houston. Uh, she's not only a local businesswoman, she is, uh, owns and operates a tall clothing store, and a digital printing company, with her husband, uh, Mister Houston-Garner. Uh, she's a registered notary, she's an Avon lady, she's a mother of six, she's active in the church, and really what I'll tell you is, um, Miss Houston is a great mother to, to Mister Covington.

Uh, but all by herself in District B she stays behind the shadows and she's always helping and doing the little extra, and when I called her, she's like, "No, no, no." And I'm like, "Yes, yes, yes," because we need to recognize all that we do in District B, and we appreciate, um, all that you do for the community, not only our community but across the board, and, um, we just wanted to say thank you.

MISS HOUSTON

Appreciate it.

KIRKPATRICK

Thank you (crosstalk).

HOUSTON

I appreciate this so much. Thank you. I have to be-

KIRKPATRICK

She's shy today (laughing). She's not shy in the mornings. She'll bring you an iced tea when you stop by, she really takes care of us. So, thank you again.

HOUSTON

Thank you.

KIRKPATRICK

Uh-huh. So, uh, our last one, and my favorite one, and, uh, Commissioner McCurdy, I know that he actually technically lives in your district, uh, 'cause it's a half a block away, but I run past his house on a regular basis. Um, is, uh, the former Commissioner Weekly, but my friend, and why, I'll tell you that this really means a lot. So, Commissioner Weekly and I go way back to Western High School, which, by the way, I have another Western High School person up here... Miss Houston is Western High School, as well... but we go back to the eighties at Western High School, and, um, all the fun things that he did. He was a front parking lot guy, I was a back parking lot girl, so, uh... but we have continued that friendship on for so many years, and we played basketball on the legislature, we've been to Nashville to speak on behalf of things that impact Clark County. Uh, but more importantly, um, I wanted to do

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a couple things. Uh, but more importantly, um, I wanted to do a couple things. One, I wanted to say goodbye, because COVID hit, and we didn't really get to have the proper goodbye that he deserved, for all the things that he did. Uh, but two, now in his new role he is, uh, working specifically in District B to help me help my constituents, uh, make sure that they understand the importance of community college and what they can, uh, do for our community. So, Commissioner technically, you don't, you don't live in my district, but I run past your house, um, tennis will forever be in my brain because of you. Watching... He was up all night the other night watching the Australian Open, four AM. Uh, but I just wanna say thank you for what you've done, where you've come from, and what you continue to do to shape folks like Andre; and to make our community a much better place. So, as my friend, thank you very much.

LAWRENCE WEEKLY

Thank you -

KIRKPATRICK

And please give him a round of applause.

WEEKLY

Thank you, everybody. Commissioner, thank you so much for the acknowledgement to be here on this. Uh, panel with these amazing men and women here. I'm so very grateful. I give all praise and honor to God. Um, thank you, uh, to all the commissioners that are standing here today. You know, I'm so grateful to, uh, Doctor Carter G. Woodson, who saw fit, uh, to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Africans and African Americans in this country. You know, it wasn't until, uh, fifty-two years ago, when former president, uh, Ford nationally recognized, uh, Black History Month, and he urged all Americans to acknowledge all of the successes and accomplishments that have been made in this country. Um, although, um, African Americans have been in this country for the beginning of time, it's only been fifty-two years, since Nineteen Seventy-Six, that we are celebrating Black History Month. And so, to all of the innovators and the pioneers, and those who are laying the foundation for our future, um, we thank you, because we are standing on the shoulders that make it possible for us to be here today. And so, with that, God bless you all, and thank you. Thank you, Commissioner.

KIRKPATRICK

Alright. Thank you for that and thank you for all you do and will continue to do, and Mister Watkins will be at your birthday party. Miss Houston, I'll stop by for that iced tea. Miss Fullwood, volunteer, we're there. Andre, he's your guy, 'cause you're going to college, 'cause I know it, and, uh, (inaudible) Commissioner, we'll see you again. So, thank you very much.

WEEKLY

Thank you for those pickleball courts, we love em (laughing) (inaudible)

ACTION

No Action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 5 Receive a presentation recognizing Black History Month.

KING

All right, Commissioners, the- the next item we have, is Item Number Five, which is to receive a presentation recognizing Black History Month, um, from Commissioner McCurdy.

WILLIAM MCCURDY II

Uh, thank you, uh, Madam Manager and, and Mister Chair. As you all know, uh, February is dedicated to Black History Month. Uh, former Commissioner Weekly gave us a little bit of the history, but this is a time where we honor or recognize the contributions of African Americans in this country who have made significant contributions, not only to this country, but all across our world. Uh, but before we get started with our presentation, I would like to invite up Mister, uh, Deante Riley of Mojave High School, who is going to sing the Black National Anthem.

DEANTE RILEY

Hey, guys. I'm seventeen years old, and my name is Deante Riley. I will be singing the Black National Anthem. (Singing).

MCCURDY

Uh, let's give, uh, Deante Riley another round of applause for singing the Black National Anthem. So, I'd like to take some time, uh, to spotlight just a handful of local and national leaders, uh, who have made an impact on their communities in the world, and I'll start with our local leaders. Uh, please run the B roll. Senator Joe Neal was the first African American state senator in the State of Nevada. Harvey Munford is a gentleman that we have honored and recognized here during one of our commission meetings. He is a former Nevada Assemblyman, teacher, and someone who represented Assembly District Six from Two Thousand Four to Two Thousand Sixteen, the seat that I also had an opportunity to represent. Miss Ruby Duncan is a Las Vegas activist who fought for welfare rights. Miss Duncan is also the co-founder of Operation Life, and President of the Clark County Welfare Rights Organization. Mister Woodrow Wilson was a civic leader to former President of the NAACP, my relative, and also the first African American to serve in the Nevada Assembly. Lawrence Weekly, the former Clark County Commissioner of District D, but also the first representative of Ward Five on the City Council. We can't thank him enough for his contributions to all of Clark County. Dina Neal was the first black woman to serve in the Nevada State Legislature, former assemblywoman, and also senator for District Four, which is also the seat held by her father. Mister Wendell Williams, who we also recently recognized here for his contributions to the Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Committee of Las Vegas, the annual Dr. King Parade. Along with the founder of this organization, he is also a former assemblyman, and a trailblazer in the Black community here in the State of Nevada, as well. Doctor William Pearson was a former Clark County Commissioner for District D, and the first African American to serve on the Las Vegas City Council. Misses Brenda Williams is a former Las Vegas City Councilwoman, who inspired a book about her experience as a student at the historic West Side school, which built, which was built in Nineteen Twenty-Three, and was closed in Nineteen Sixty-Seven, with the end of desegregation... with the end of segregation, excuse me. Yvonne Atkinson Gates, again, who was just recognized as a former Clark County Commissioner of District D, as well as a former member of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees. Missus Atkinson Gates also served with the Democratic Nationalist Committee, the Black Caucus. And, moving into just a few of our national individuals, many of the familiar faces you will see, and some you may not know, but I'll begin with Malcolm X, who was a human rights activist, and who was also a prominent figure during the Civil Rights movement. Malcolm X is also an advocate for Black empowerment. Marcus Garvey was a civil rights activist who founded the Negro World Newspaper, a shipping company called Black Star Line, and the Universal Negro Improvement Association. Missus Rosa Parks, many of you

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have seen her, know her and her story. She was an activist in the Civil Rights movement, who was best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery Boyce, bus boycott. Mister Frederick Douglas, an escaped slave, also a prominent activist, author, and public speaker who became a leader in the Abolitionist movement. Mister... Dr. Martin Luther King Junior, who you all know, many of you all know him for his "I Have a Dream" speech, but he had many more speeches than that. He was a social activist, a Baptist minister, who also played an extremely key role in the American civil rights movement and led to the many of the freedoms and also the rights that we have today. We would not be here, where we are, in this building, had it not been for his courage and his leadership. Barack Obama, who is the Forty-Fourth President of the United States, and also the first African American in history to hold this prestigious position. As we all know, representation is important. You can be whatever you can see. I would also like to recognize Kamala Harris, the first Vice President and the highest-ranking female official in United States history, also the first Black and Indian woman to represent this role. We want all our youth to know that there is no limit in what you can be. All you have to do is be intentional with your actions, have discipline, dedication, and I promise you, you will accomplish everything that you set out to accomplish in this life. We are all leaving footprints on this life, and whatever we do within this life will be tracked and followed with the actions that we make each and every day. It is my honor and my privilege to serve as a representative for District D, a role that I do not take lightly, but I want everyone to know that Black history is American history. We must talk about it, we must speak about it, we must make sure that the current children and the lives of future generations never forget the accomplishments of Black people in America: where we came from, how we got here. The obstacles, but also the opportunity that we have ahead of us. That is my presentation. I thank you, and, um, happy Black History Month. We look forward to seeing you later.

ACTION

No Action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 6 Present a proclamation to recognize Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton for all of her accomplishments and contributions to the State of Nevada.

KING

Commissioners, the next item we have is Item Number Six, which is to present a proclamation to recognize Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton for all of her accomplishments and contributions to the State of Nevada.

SEGERBLOM

Maggie, if you can come on up. Um, while she's walking up here, I just want to point out that there's probably, I think all of us have worked with Maggie. She's either told us what to do, lectured us, inspired us -

KIRKPATRICK

Only you.

SEGERBLOM

(Laughing) And, and, um, really made sure we... I'm sure, Ross, you had to feel her wrath a little bit with, uh, so, anyway. Um, Maggie Carlton has been in the legislature for twenty-four years. She's had to, um... We'll, we'll make it real short... but, uh, you know, because of our term limit she is now... This, this is her last year, so I wanted to honor her for what she's done. No one will ever serve in the Nevada legislature longer than Maggie. Um, she started out, she was a waitress at Treasure Island, I think; decided she wanted to run for office, started in the Assembly, spent twelve years there learning the ropes,

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went to this... I mean, started in the Senate. Excuse me. So, started in the Senate, served there twelve years, then went to the Assembly, uh, and in the last few years she's been head of ways and mean. Every penny that's spent by the State of Nevada goes through her hand and watches very closely. We keep begging her for more money, and she keeps saying, "Well, we're not sure." But, but she's also... We're, coming to us now, so it's kind of the payback, a little bit. But anyway, Maggie, uh, I don't wanna spend too much time as a politician talking about a politician, so we'll let you talk about yourself. Thank you.

MAGGIE CARLTON

Okay, thank you. Thank you so much, Commissioner, and, and thank everyone. It's, it's been an honor and a privilege to, uh, be a public servant here in the State of Nevada, and I've served with almost all the people up here or worked with them very closely for a very long time: the Secretary of State, and the Assembly, my Madame Speaker. Um, all the good work that's been done, I would be remiss if I didn't mention my husband. We don't ever do this without the support of our spouses, so for twenty-four years out of our forty-year marriage, he's been right there with me. So, I appreciate everything that he's done, and I look forward to working with you all in the future. We have got a lot of work to do in Clark County to get working families back on their feet and successful, and I especially wanna thank, um, the former Chair of the Commission for all the hard work that she did during the pandemic. This county is much better off, and I'm sure the current comm-, chair will continue that work, so I wanna thank you all very much.

KIRKPATRICK

So, so I, I wanted to say something to Maggie, 'cause a lot of people don't know. So, she was in the Senate, she was in the minority for a long time, and if you're ever in the minority, you don't really have a seat at the table. However, Maggie always had a seat at the table, and she always was the woman that was, surrounded by all the men, and you know, worked on commerce issues, and energy issues way back before we were all talking about this, and when she came to the assembly and, um, I called her and I said, "Maggie, I really need you to serve on, uh, Ways and Means," she said, "Nope, not doing it. Not my ball of wax, I'm not, I'm on a cruise, I don't really care about Ways and Means right now. And, uh, uh, I'll call you later." So, I said, "But, Maggie, it's a great spot for you," and I will tell you that her first term as the Chair of Ways and Means... 'Cause I feel like you've been there about four... um, she really dug in, and if you know anything about the state budget, there's hundreds, if not thousands different things that you have to constantly be watching, and Maggie really became the person that we as a legislature could lean on, 'cause she knew all the details, she had to be able to move us through our deadlines. So, although she says, you know, she didn't do a lot, she had amazing work, she was responsible for many state employees getting pay raises, first time in ten, twelve years, commerce issues that she's done. So, I wanna thank you, Maggie, and I hope that you continue to do great things and be around, but you really are, um, what Nevada is, where you can start small, start serving coffee, and go all the way to the top and truly make a difference, so thank you. And, and thanks for being my friend.

CARLTON

Thank you. Very welcome.

SEGERBLOM

I think we can all share a personal story, Ross.

CARLTON (inaudible) As long as you're going (laughing).

MCCURDY Yeah, no. I, I just wanna, you know, I concur with everything that's been said. Uh, Maggie, you've been an inspiration to me since I first started in the legislature. I was twenty-six years old, in Two-Thousand Seventeen, and, uh, you taught us the ropes, and, um, it's... My privilege is standing here with other Commissioners today to recognize you, so thank you and, uh, we love you and we appreciate you.

CARLTON Thank you very much.

JUSTIN JONES Uh, I just wanna say, I served, uh, in, in, the, uh, Senate for only a short time, and, uh, everybody knew that, uh, the first person you had to go through was Marilyn; the second person you had to go through was Maggie. So, I, I, I agree that they are forces of nature, and I appreciate your tremendous, uh, service to our, our state. So, thank you.

CARLTON Thank you very much.

GIBSON Thank you so much, Maggie. As a mayor, we all knew where we had to go, (laughing) and I appreciate your response, too. It wasn't always what we hoped for, but it was a leadership perspective that made a big difference, so congratulations to you, and thank you so much.

CARLTON Thank you.

SEGERBLOM Uh, I just wanna say, everybody knows how rich politicians get in Nevada. So, Maggie spent twenty-four years, um, half of that when you're in the Legislature, she didn't get paid, and her retirement today, after twenty-four years, is four-hundred and eighty dollars a month. So, spend it wisely.

CARLTON Thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you all very much.

SEGERBLOM Get a picture (crosstalk).

CARLTON Get the, (inaudible) glare. There we go. You guys got this down to an art (laughing).

GIBSON Great thing is we can talk about we're having our picture (inaudible).

CARLTON Yeah. You still have to smile, because your eyes smile. Thank you all very much.

SEGERBLOM Thank you. A round of applause.

ACTION No Action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 7 Recognize National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, created to raise awareness about human trafficking and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime.

KING Commissioners, the, uh, last item on Commissioner and County Manager

KING

Recognition is Item Seven, which is to recognize National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, created to raise awareness about human trafficking, and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime.

NAFT

Thank you, Manger King, we are, we are fortunate to have many advocates in our community, uh, uh, several of which are here today. If you're here on this item, would you please join us up here. Uh, January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, dedicated to raising awareness about human trafficking, and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent the crime. Uh, as I mentioned, in our community we have so many working on this important issue. Uh, in particular, we're joined today by Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, RISE: Resources and Integration for Survivor Empowerment, the Embracing Project, the Clark County District Attorney's Office, Department of Homeland Security, Nevada Department of Public Safety, uh, the Warren Group, and of course, Signs of Hope. Uh, uh, specifically, Danielle is here to speak, uh, on behalf of Signs of Hope and the work... We can kind of make two rows here. Danielle, don't go far (laughing). Uh, and I wanted Danielle to, to highlight a little bit of why this is so significant, why the work of everybody up here today is so important for our community. Danielle?

DANIELLE STAPLE

Thank you so much, Commissioner Naft. Um, we were actually meeting on another issue, and I mentioned it was Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness Month, and he said, "Oh, we should definitely do recognition." So, thank you so much for taking that ball and running with it. Um, I just wanna recognize all the amazing work of all the partners that format the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force. Um, Signs of Hope and our RISE team are the victim service partner in that effort, um, with Metro as our main law enforcement partner, and... Where's Elan? Elan Green, our task force coordinator. Um, and this is literally a twenty-four-seven, three-sixty-five, never goes away, never stops, never sleeps issue, um, and without these amazing men and women that are up here that are part of this partnership, um, there would be no victim services, there would be no prosecution of the traffickers, there would be no identification of people that are purchasing our family members, our loved ones in this community, um, and it's something that has to stop. And so, um, it's something that takes all of us... it takes every single person in this community, supporting our school, supporting our young people, so that that isn't something that they are vulnerable to be groomed into; and, um, it also takes everyone working together to support all the victims and survivors, to get them out of that situation, and all the resources that they need to be successful in those efforts. So, um, yeah, just wanna really thank everybody. Um, and January was a really busy month, so we're kind of happy it's February First (laughing). There was a lot going on, um, and, Elan, I don't know if you wanna share anything on behalf of the task force. Okay. (Laughing) All right, thank you so much.

NAFT

Thank you. We have a proclamation to present. Um, but, but, but just before I do that, if someone needs more information, who do they call? Who do they turn to? Is there a website, is there a phone number? How do we spread that word?

STAPLE

Absolutely. So, you can follow the task force on, um, Facebook, on social media. You can also go to Signs of Hope's website, at SOHLV.org. We do

STAPLE have a specific page on our human trafficking program, on RISE, um, and get involved with the Embracing project. Um, you know, if you're a young person that's interested in going into law enforcement, or working with the District Attorney's Office, going to law school, again, it takes everyone in all these different realms to be successful in combating this issue, so there's, there's not one single person in our community that doesn't have a role to play. All of us except, um, all the nonprofit organizations use a lot of volunteer service, so it's something you can, um, become a volunteer and support. Um, donate to organizations, um, if you don't have time to volunteer. So, everyone has a role to play.

NAFT Thank you. One more time for the men and women here, helping to fight human trafficking.

ACTION No Action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 8 Public Comment

KING (Inaudible) Chair Gibson, uh, the next section of the agenda, uh, is your public comment. This is the first portion of the meeting for, um, dedicated to public comment.

GIBSON We invite those who wish to comment today on a specific item on our agenda to come forward. Tell us what item you're here for, and, uh, remember that we have a rule that allows you to speak for three minutes. We'd ask you to state your name and spell your last name for us.

PAULETTE HENRIOD Hello. My name is Paulette Henriod... Last name is spelled H-E-N-R-I-O-D... and I'm at Ten Seven Seven Nine Hobbiton, here in Las Vegas, and I am commenting on agenda Item Sixty. Um, I am the Environment Sustainability Specialist with the Nevada Chapter of Mormon Women for Ethical Government, and we add our su-, our voice and support of the proposed Avi Kwa Ame National Monument. We see the potential this special land has to stimulate economic growth, to reduce impacts of climate change, and to honor the indigenous history and stewardship of this land. National monuments are key contributors to local economies, especially rural communities. The town advisory boards of Searchlight, and Laughlin, and the Boulder City Council have all voted in favor of the monument, which will attract visitors, support local jobs, and drive economic growth. Communities with protective federal lands experience faster job growth and higher wages per capita with per capita incomes averaging about four thousand dollars higher than counties without protected public lands. Protected public lands promote long term sustainability of Earth's ecosystems on which human life depends. Natural habitats, such as the Mojave Desert absorb carbon and other greenhouse gases. In fact, a study done in the Mojave Desert by the Desert Research Institute, and other scientists found that arid landscapes absorb an unexpectedly large amount of carbon as levels of carbon dioxide increase in the atmosphere. So, this vast area of Avi Kwa Ame in its natural state, has the potential to help with our climate crisis. We are also experiencing a biodiversity crisis driven in part by fragmentation of habitats. This crisis affects the wellbeing of humans too. The proposed monument would provide an unbroken chain of protection for a unique and critical ecosystem. And this is why scientists have warned that we must preserve thirty percent of our lands and waters by Twenty Thirty. We are

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grateful to the Clark County Commission for unanimously voting to support a Thirty-by-Thirty resolution last year. And that will help make Clark County a leader in this movement. With the national monument design, we also honor Native American stewardship and cultural heritage of the special area by extending the protections that the, the Moj-, the, the Fort Mojave Indian tribe has advocated for over many years. We thank you again for considering this resolution in the Clark County Commission, and we hope that you'll vote in favor of this support of, uh, of resolution. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you.

TAMMI TIGER

Tammi Tiger. T-A-M-M-I T-I-G-E-R. I live at Eight Zero Five Hillgrove Court, (inaudible), Tammi Tiger. Choctaw Ohoyo, Muskogee cia. I am a citizen of Choctaw Nation and Muskogee Nations, and I am a guest here on Nawabi lands. Outside of my day job with Clark County, I support the Las Vegas Indian Center locally, statewide, I serve as a Commissioner with the Nevada Indian Commission, and I am an organizer with Native Organizers Alliance to support national movements in Indian country. I'm here to speak in support of Item Sixty. Thank you, Commissioner Naft for recognizing the longtime efforts of tribal nations in this area to protect Avi Kwa Ame and bring this proposed resolution to designate it as a national monument. The protection of sacred sites is not only paramount to indigenous people. It is significant step in protecting public lands and meeting our goal of preserving thirty percent by Twenty Thirty. It is only eight years away. Another important aspect of public land protection is proper and meaningful engagement with tribal nations. That takes place early in the planning process on both capital improvement and development projects. Free, prior and informed consent offers the opportunity for collaboration with tribes to share their indigenous knowledge of our na- natural reso- resources and protect lifeways for the next seven generations. Thank you, Commissioners, for your favorable consideration of this item.

GIBSON

Thank you.

CRAIG STEVENS

Thank you, Mister Chairman and Members of the Commission, for the record, my name is Craig Stevens. I'm here representing Cox, and I'm speaking today on agenda Item Fifty-Six. Now first, since we have not had chance to review the report that is being released today regarding the broadband needs of the county, I just wanna say we are excited about the opportunity and the focus that the Commission has in improving uh, high speed internet across the county. We at Cox, we are extremely proud of what we have done to help try and solve the problem of the digital divide that has been so highlighted by the needs of the Clark County throughout this pandemic. Cox was the strategic partner of the County and its efforts to successfully connect over fifteen thousand students over the Twenty Twenty-One school year. And we did this free of charge, not a single one of those students was charged anything for, for that internet. I also wanna share programs that are currently available, that Cox is offering to help families afford high speed internet. Prices ranging from nine dollars and ninety-five cents a month for families and stu-, for families and students on free and reduced lunch, thirty dollars a month for families on Medicaid, Social Security, TANF, and many other federal programs. And through the federal government, families can receive these services at no charge to them. There are no hidden fees, and they will not be charged for

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equipment. As you can see, Cox is trying to do everything It can to bring internet into everyone's home. And through strong partnerships that we know we can be successful. Cox has pre-qualified every single one of its customers who qualify for these federal subsidies. We believe that with your help in identifying constituents who are unaware of these types of programs, we can do even more. Now regarding the study though, again, we have not seen the results. It is our hope that when the county is looking to identify where help is needed, most you reach out to us within the community to help solve these problems. The current maps and other information that's currently available, simply do a disservice to the information that the county is really looking for. This is why Cox is so incredibly interested in working with you. So, the decisions that you will make are based on the most up to date information and come from the people who live and understand in this community. Cox looks forward to the continued work of this Commission in a hopeful expanded partnership to reach the goals you are gonna set forth with today. We know that together we can reach them and continue to make Clark County, the most connected community in the country.

GIBSON

Thank you.

JAMES ADAMS

Good morning, Commissioners. Uh, for the record, James Adams, I am a resident and council member for the city of Boulder City. I am happy to be here uh, in support of the designation of the Avi Kwa Ame lads- landscape as a national monument. This land in the southernmost part of Clark County, just south of Boulder City is worthy of the permanent protection that the designation would bring and aligns with Boulder City's consistent efforts to protect the surrounding desert landscape from want and development. In March, Twenty Twenty-One, the Boulder City, City Council unanimously passed a resolution supporting the national monument designation for Avi Kwa Ame and did so with the enthusiastic support of the public. The national monument designation would protect the diverse flora and fauna endemic to the region and protect cultural sites and artifacts sacred to many tribes. It would also still allow for recreation attracting more awareness, and with it bring economic benefits to the Southern Nevada community. We as Nevadans must support its preservation, so that future generations may enjoy and treasure the area as it is today, because it is the right thing to do. I thank you all for your consideration.

GIBSON

Thank you, Councilman.

ED UEHLING

Yes, my name is Ed Ueling. I wanted to speak on Item Number One, and Number Four, and Number Seven. Uh, first of all, I wanted to acknowledge uh, uh, in my previous tirade, I failed to acknowledge, uh, uh, commissioner Jones for the work that he's done to get water to, merely to get water to Blue Diamond. When the people of Blue Diamond came in front of the Southern Nevada Water Authority and asked to have water, they were ridiculed by the agency. And uh, don't think, Commissioner Jones was on the committee at that time. And uh, fortunately, the, the, the, the, the water authority said, "Oh, we can't build six, we have six thousand miles of, of pipes. We can't build another six miles of pipeline in order to get water to uh, to uh, Blue Diamond." Anyway, uh, se-, uh, commissioner Jones has taken a role in this and gotten water to, to Blue Diamond. Number, uh, number one, uh, Item Number One, uh, the best thing uh, this body can do, is, is prevent the, is give the money that

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was created by the, by the wedding uh, by the, by the Clerk's office, to the Clerk's office in order to promote uh, the uh, the uh, the weddings. Instead, half of the mo- half of that money was given to the LVCVA. The LVCVA has a budget of hundreds of millions of dollars to promote Las Vegas. It's only natural that they should promote the weddings here. And to st-, to actually steal that money from the Clerk's office and give it to the LVCVA, is, is, it shouldn't, it, you can correct that. This agency can correct that. Number Four, uh, one of the, well, it's just, I, I, I, I could start, I could start when I was a kid in a se-, in a segregated city, Boulder City, which had zero black residents. And, and the, when the first person had moved into Boulder City, who was black, he was unable to get a haircut in the city. Uh, this is, uh, and, and then uh, that was about the ti-, that was in the Fifties, about the time I went to college back east. And I drove through the south and saw the segregated water fountains and bathrooms, and so on. It's the gas stations, as you would pass through the Southern States. It's just amazing that we, we, we can, can im- imagine that people could be treated in this way. Uh, and I'd like to talk about number seven, but I don't have enough time.

GIBSON

Thank you, Mister Uehling.

JUDY BUNDORF

Judy Bundorf. That's B-U-N-D-O-R-F. Eighteen Hundred Sterling Point Court, Henderson, Nevada. I'd like to speak on Item Sixty, the proposed national monument of Avi Kwa Ame. I'm here representing Friends of Walking Box Ranch, a nonprofit that we created about two and a half years ago. And the purpose is to educate people, the history of the Southern Nevada area and the history of ranching in Clark County, as well as highlight the ranch itself, the property around it. The ranch was founded in about Nineteen Hundred. In about Nineteen Thirty, Rex Bell and Clara Bow Hollywood fame purchased it and really put Walking Box Ranch on the map. So, ninety years later, we are trying to preserve this ranch. And I think that the creation of the national monument will preserve this landscape around the ranch. It's in an amazing sight. Crescent Peak to the west, WEUM Joshua Tree National Wilderness to the north, Castle Mountains National Monument to the south, and Avi Kwa Ame or Spirit Mountain to the Southeast. Visitors to the ranch can step back in time and experience the silence and the flora and fauna untouched by indu-industrial development. This is also one of the very few places left in Clark County, where visitors can experience dark night skies. The proposed national monument would preserve these in perpetuity. I reque- hope that the commission will vote in favor of this resolution. Thank you.

GIBSON

Is there anyone else who wishes to speak? Come forward.

JIM STEANGER

That would be me.

GIBSON

(laughs).

STEANGER

Uh, Jim Steanger, S-T-E-A-N-G-E-R, Eighty Twenty-One, Kimwood Avenue in Vegas. I'm here representing Friends of Sloan Canyon. Uh, we're here to encourage you at the council to pass the resolution and support of Avi Kwa Ame. I'm sorry, this is Item Sixty. (laughs). Although our collabora- through our collaboration with uh, Friends of Walking Box Ranch in Searchlight, we've been spending a lot of time not just at the ranch, but in the surrounding

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areas, uh, like other parts of the Mojave, the uh, highland and south McCullough ranges, the valleys and hillside surrounding Searchlight are lands that are tough to appreciate from far away, right? When you're driving the highway, you just see sort of, you get a much different, uh, you get a much different view of the Mojave, of that area. And the, you would, if you get outta your car and off the highway and actually explore the lands, uh, when we do this, we see how- how rich and biologically diverse the region is. Uh, the wildlife, living in and around the area grew and adapted over a very long period of time. Protection wouldn't just mean protecting the wildlife that live there now, it would protect surrounding wildlife as well and provide habitat for that uh, a species can adapt into if they get pushed out of their current habitat in the years ahead with the climate change, other factors. Uh, in the short term, it protects migration corridors uh- for wildlife, between California and Lake Mead. And California and up into Sloan Canyon NCA as well. I'm sure you'll hear a bit later, there is a, its cultural a landscape worth protecting as well. Uh, uh, uh, there's a, the area is very important to local indigenous communities. Uh, they were the first settlers, and their voice should be heard definitely on how this area is managed. Uh, there are also stories to tell, uh, about early ranching, in Southern Nevada. Uh, local communities are supporting the designation and we are encouraging the council to support it as well.

GIBSON

Thank you, sir. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak during the public comment period? It appears there is no one else. We'll move on. Miss King.

ACTION

No Action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 9 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 4, 2022. (For possible action) (Available in the County Clerk's Office, Commission Division)

KING

Chair Gibson, we have Item Number Nine, which is to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January Fourth Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

GIBSON

Do I have a motion? There's a motion for approval of the minutes by Commissioner Jones. Please cast your votes. My screen has just gone dark. So, I'm gonna need a technician to come up here and record my vote as in the affirmative. This is my screen. Are we all down? Okay, then we'll do a voice vote. All in favor of the motion on the minutes, please indicate by saying aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Motion carries.

ACTION:

It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the subject minutes be approved.

ITEM NO. 10 Approval of Agenda with the Inclusion of Any Emergency Items and Deletion of Any Items. (For possible action)

KING

Item Number Ten is the approval of the agenda with the inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items. Uh, Chair Gibson and Commissioners, I do have uh, a couple of changes to make to the agenda. Staff is requesting that Items Numbers Fifty-Two and Fifty-Eight under your business section be deleted from the agenda. And those are all the changes I have.

GIBSON Thank you. Is there a motion on the agenda?

JONES Move to approve the agenda.

GIBSON Okay. There's a motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner Jones. All in favor of the motion, please signify by saying aye.

COMMISSIONERS Aye.

GIBSON Anyone opposed? The motion carries.

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the agenda be approved.

ITEM NOS. 11 THROUGH 47 – CONSENT AGENDA

KING Next, we can move to the consent agenda. Please note that items numbers Eleven through Forty-Seven comprise of your consent agenda. I do not have any items deleted nor do I have any items to be taken can separately at this point.

KING

GIBSON All right. On the consent agenda, are there any items that would - would be removed from the agenda for - for parti - particularly individually? If there are none then, is there a motion to approve?

JONES Motion to approve

GIBSON There's a motion to approve the consent agenda by commissioner Jones. Is everybody back up, but me? Okay, well then please cast your votes and mine should be recorded as an affirmative vote. And the motion carries.

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

ITEM NO. 11 Approve the award of Bid No. 606041-21, for Annual Requirements Contract for Repair and Replacement of Crash Cushions to the low responsive and responsible bidder, contingent upon submission of the required insurance. Staff recommends award to Nevada Barricade & Sign Company, Inc. for Package 1 and Package 2; and rejection of the Bids received from Amalgamated Safety Company; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 12 Authorize the Chair to sign Interlocal Agreement No. 139613-A with Las Vegas Valley Water District, for CBE No. 606065-21, for Silverado Ranch Park New Community Center; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 13 Ratify and approve an Amendment to the Contract with PGAL, LLC, for CBE No. 605300-19, for

Professional Architectural Services for Whitney Park: Aquatic Center and Splash Pad; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Amendment; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 14 Receive a report on emergency Agreements and Amendments required to support the Declaration of Emergency declared in Clark County, Nevada as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and ratify such Agreements and Amendments; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 15 Ratify and authorize the Chair to sign an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education, on behalf of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, for CBE No. 606052-21, for Facility Use License Agreement; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Amendment; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 16 Note for the record the following Town Advisory Board (TAB) and/or Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) Minutes: Enterprise TAB - December 29, 2021; Lone Mountain CAC - December 28, 2021; Moapa Valley TAB - December 1, 2021; Paradise TAB - December 28, 2021; Spring Valley TAB - December 14, 2021; and Winchester TAB - December 14, 2021.

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 17 Ratify the acceptance of funds from Community Care Health Plan of Nevada, Inc. dba Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Healthcare Solutions for the Landlord Engagement Project; and authorize the Administrator of Human Services or his designee to administer the project. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 18 Accept a non-exclusive grant of permanent easement from the Venetian Casino Resort LLC (George Markantonis, President and COO) upon Assessor's Parcel Number 162-16-311-009 for the maintenance of bollards generally located on Las Vegas Boulevard, south of Spring Mountain Road and west of Sands Avenue; and approve and authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign the grant of easement to complete the transaction. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 19 Accept a grant of permanent easement from the Saca Development, LLC, et al. and David J. Saca (David J. Saca, Manager) upon Assessor's Parcel Number 162-22-103-008 for access improvements generally located at 4211 Paradise Road for the Paradise Road Phase 3B between Harmon Avenue and Sands Avenue Improvement project. (For possible action). (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 20 Approve and authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign Supplemental No. 1 to the

professional engineering services contract between Clark County and Atkins North America, Inc. (Matthew Baird, Vice President) for contract time extension for the Traffic Signal Improvements at Various Locations project. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 21 Approve and authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign Supplemental No. 1 to the professional engineering services contract between Clark County and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Kenneth Ackeret, P.E., PTOE, Ph.D., Principal) for additional design engineering services and contract time extension for the Hollywood Boulevard between Lake Mead Boulevard and Cheyenne Avenue project. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 22 Approve and authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign Supplemental No. 1 to the professional engineering services contract with Horrocks Engineers, Inc. (Wayne Horlacher, Principal/Senior Vice President) for additional engineering services and contract time extension for the Frank Sinatra Drive between Russell Road and Twain Avenue project. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 23 Approve and authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign Supplemental No. 4 to the professional engineering services contract between Clark County and Atkins North America, Inc. (Matthew Baird, Vice President) to increase total funds and contract term extension for the Clark County 215 Bruce Woodbury Beltway between North 5th Street and Union Pacific Railroad project. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 24 Receive a notice regarding Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Las Vegas Paving Corporation for construction services for the Las Vegas Boulevard Improvements between Spring Mountain Road and Sahara Avenue project (Bid No. 605203-19). (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 25 Approve and authorize the County Manager or her designee to sign Supplemental No. 3 to the professional engineering services contract between Clark County and CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. (Ken Gilbreth, P.E., Vice President) for additional engineering for the Tropicana Avenue/University Center Drive Grade Separation project. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 26 Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Supplemental No. 1 to the interlocal contract between Clark County and Regional Flood Control District to increase total funds for the maintenance of flood control facilities in the unincorporated areas of Clark County for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 - Annual Maintenance Work Program. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 27 Approve and authorize the Chair or their designee to sign Amendment I to the Interlocal Agreement between Clark County (County) and the City of North Las Vegas (CNLV) extending the Agreement six (6) months due to construction delays whereby the County allocated funds for CNLV to refurbish and renovate various tennis & basketball courts in the valley; and sign any other documents necessary to complete the transaction. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 28 Approve and authorize the Director of Real Property Management or her designee to sign the Lease Agreement with Family-to-Family Connection for ±2,785 square feet of space at 3900 Cambridge Street, Suite 106, 107 & 108, Las Vegas, NV; and sign any other documents as necessary to manage the Lease. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 29 Approve the naming of the Baseball Field at the Sandy Valley Peace Park after Roy Shelton. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 30 In accordance with NRS 244.210 and 354.220 through 354.250, approve, adopt, and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution to authorize refunds as shown on Exhibit "A. " (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation (including the adoption of Resolution No. R-2-1-22-1) be approved.

ITEM NO. 31 Approve the claim settlement of the auto bodily injury claim of Ashley South. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 32 Approve the settlement of Corinne Higham v. County of Clark, Clark County Eighth Judicial District Court Case A-17-763978-C. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 33 Receive a quarterly report of donations received for the LAS name change from October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 34 Approve and authorize the obligation of \$862,487 in Coronavirus State and Local Government Fiscal Recovery Funds (Fiscal Recovery Funds) for general fund revenue replacement to fund government services and approve the allocation of \$862,487 in Clark County Community Recovery Outside Agency Grant (OAG) Funds; authorize the County Manager or her designee to execute the required grant resolutions per NRS 244.1505; or take other action deemed appropriate. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 35 Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution to increase the amount of the change bank used by the Department of Parks and Recreation. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation (including the adoption of Resolution No. R-2-1-22-2) be approved.

ITEM NO. 36 Authorize the creation of 29 positions for the Justice Courts, Public Defender, and District Attorney, as a result of AB424. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 37 Authorize the creation of four (4) permanent full-time Aquatics Assistant (C21) positions. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 38 Approve, adopt, and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution extending the letter of credit securing the County's obligations as a self-insured employer under the industrial insurance laws of the State; and providing for other matters properly relating thereto. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation (including the adoption of Resolution No. R-2-1-22-3) be approved.

ITEM NO. 39 Approve and authorize the Board of County Commissioners, the Clark County Water Reclamation District Board of Trustees, and the Board of Hospital Trustees of University Medical Center of Southern Nevada to submit the quarterly economic condition reports to the State of Nevada Department of Taxation pursuant to NRS 354.6015 and NAC 354.559 for Clark County. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 40 In accordance with NRS 354.6245, authorize the County Comptroller to advise the State Department of Taxation of a corrective action plan to prevent statutory violations included in the annual audit ending June 30, 2021. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 41 Approve the General Manager to issue purchase orders to DXP Enterprises, Inc. (Brock Tisdale, Vice President), the authorized sole source distributor, for the procurement of KSB Pumps, Mixers, Parts, and Products on an as needed basis, District CBE No. 220006; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 42 Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the correction of the 2021-2022 Secured and the 2021-2022 Unsecured Assessment Roll AR-0201-22-3 and order the corrections to be made. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 43 Approve, adopt and authorize Chair to sign the Resolution for the Sale of Surplus Property identified as one 2013 Ford F350 Extended Cab 4x4 Truck and one 2014 Ford F350 Extended Cab 4x4 Truck, VEH #s 15629 and 15785, to Pershing County in accordance with NRS 334.030; and authorize the Deputy County Manager or her designee to sign the Contract of Sale Agreement; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation (including the adoption of Resolution No. R-2-1-22-4) be approved.

ITEM NO. 44 Approve, adopt and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution adopting the Cooperative Agreement for the Chief Local Elected Official Consortium and the Establishment of Workforce Connections as a Joint Powers Authority for the Southern Nevada Workforce Development Area in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014; NRS 277.045; NRS 277.110; NRS 277.120; and NRS 277.140. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation (including the adoption of Resolution No. R-2-1-22-5) be approved.

ITEM NO. 45 Approve and authorize the submission of the Victims of Crime grant application to the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of \$6,000,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023; and authorize the continuation of 19 grant funded limited permanent positions: one (1) Social Work Supervisor (C30), two (2) Sr. Family Service Specialist (C29), one (1) Family Services Specialists II (C28), one (1) Youth and Adult Intervention II (C29), eight (8) Family Service Technicians (C25), two (2) Sr. Office Specialist (C23), four (4) Office Specialist (C22), and nine (9) Part-Time Youth and Family Assistants for the period for which grant funds are available; authorize the Administrator or his designee to sign any additional grant documents related there to; and accept funds awarded. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 46 Receive the report of donations accepted by the Clark County Department of Family Services (DFS), including the Southern Nevada Children's Assessment Center, from October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, for the use and benefit of DFS and the children and families it serves. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 47 Ratify the acceptance of the subaward Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant from the State of Nevada, Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public and Behavioral Health to provide services and efforts to detect and mitigate the proliferation of coronavirus in confinement facilities, amongst staff and juveniles; and authorize the Director or his designee to sign any additional grant documents as related thereto. (For possible action)

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 48 Introduce an ordinance to amend Title 13.04.260 of the Clark County Code, relating to explosives and fireworks and related civil penalties; and providing for other matters properly relating thereto; and set a public hearing.

Commission District: All (For possible action)

KING Commissioners, we can move to section seven. Your introduction of ordinances. We have Item Number Forty-Eight, which is an ordinance to amend in title 13.04.260 of the Clark County Code relating to explosive and fireworks and related penalties uh- civil penalties and providing for other matters properly related thereto and set a public hearing. Staff is requesting or recommending that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 15th, 2022, at 10:00 AM.

GIBSON I'll introduce the ordinance and set the public hearing for Tuesday, February 15th, 2022, at 10:00 AM.

ACTION Commissioner Gibson introduced the proposed ordinance entitled and summarized as indicated on the ATTACHED agenda item (Amendment to ordinance Title 13.04.260). There being no objections, Chair Gibson set the matter for public hearing on February 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM NO. 49 Introduce an ordinance to amend Title 22 Chapter 22.02 of the Clark County Code to codify current practices related to simple permit fees, damage assessment inspections reports and fee reductions for qualified affordable housing projects, deletes the requirements for the submittal of hard copy documents with the permit applications, and clarifies and adds certain types of work that are exempt from the permitting requirements; and providing for other matters properly relating thereto; and set a public hearing. (For possible action)

KING Item Number Forty-Nine is an, is an ordinance to amend Title 22 Chapter 22.02 of the Clark County Code to quantify current practices related to simple permit fees, damage assessment, inspection report, reports and fee reductions for qualified affordable housing projects. Delete the requirements for the submittal of hard copy documents with the permit applications and clarifies and adds certain types of work that are exempt from permitting requirements and providing for other matters properly related thereto and set a public hearing. Staff is recommending that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February Fifteenth, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, at 10:00 AM.

GIBSON I'll introduce the ordinance and set the public hearing for Tuesday, February Fifteenth, Twenty Twenty-Two, at 10:00 AM.

ACTION Commissioner Gibson introduced the proposed ordinance entitled and summarized as indicated on the ATTACHED agenda item (Amendment to Title 22 Chapter 22.02 of the Clark County Code) There being no objections, Chair Gibson set the matter for public hearing on February 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM NO. 50 Introduce an ordinance to amend Clark County Code Title 8, Chapter 8.20, to allow restaurants, Category 2 restaurants, retail beer licensees, retail beer and wine licensees, retail wine licensees, specialty drink licensees and supper clubs to have a drive-thru and/or walk-up window with a liquor license under certain conditions; and providing for other matters properly related thereto; and set a public hearing. Commission District: All (For possible action) (Sitting as the Liquor and Gaming Licensing Board)

KING Item Number Fifty is an ordinance to amend the Clark County Code of Title Eight Chapter 8.20, to allow restaurants, category two restaurants, retail beer licensees, retail beer and wine licensees, retail wine licensees, specialty drink licensees and supper clubs to have a drive through and or walk-up window with a liquor license under certain conditions and providing for other matters

KING properly related thereto and set a public hearing. Staff is recommending that a public hearing be held or scheduled for Tuesday, February Fifteenth Two Thousand Twenty-Two, at 10:00 AM.

GIBSON So, I'll uh, introduce the ordinance and set the public hearing for Tuesday, February Fifteenth Twenty Twenty-Two, at 10:00 AM. Please cast your votes... no, there's no vote. I get to do that without a vote.

ACTION Commissioner Gibson introduced the proposed ordinance entitled and summarized as indicated on the ATTACHED agenda item (Amendment to title 8 Chapter 8.20 of the Clark County Code) There being no objections, Chair Gibson set the matter for public hearing on February 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM NO. 51 Identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Board at future meetings; receive updates on the activities of the various regional boards and commissions; and direct staff accordingly.

KING All right, next, we can move to uh, section eight of your agenda, which are your business items. We have Item Number Fifty-One, which is to identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Board at future meetings to receive updates on the activities of the various regional boards and commissions and direct staff accordingly.

GIBSON Thank you. Commissioner Miller, do you have any items? Commissioner Segerblom?

SEGERBLOM Thank you, Mister Chair. Uh, tonight at the Hollywood Recreation Center, uh, I'm hosting a free tax preparation service. So, if you make less than sixty thousand dollars a year, uh, they would be allowed to, to come and we have tax professionals there to assist you. On Sunday, uh, here at the Clark County Center, uh, we're help along with Assemblyman Nguyen, Assemblywoman Nguyen, uh, where I'm hosting the Vietnamese cu- uh, Nevada, cultural da-day in honor of the Vietnamese new year. And then, uh, I did wanna give an update since we had an earlier pick- pickleball presentation. I wanted to give an update, I'll give monthly for the next five years about, uh, the pickleball progress at the Hollywood Recreation Center. So, I just wanted... I think we have a little footage here of, of, of, some of the footage, but, but we-we've started the, the big park there in, in Hollywood and uh, we've, it's, it's a major terrain issue as far as ravines and we're having to, to level out the ground. But we're, we made tremendous progress. You can see the fantastic view that's gonna be from there and you can see right here, the Pickle Ball Courts are, are almost done. So, I just wanna give that update to everybody. Thank you.

GIBSON Almost done as defined by a politician. (laughs). Commissioner Kirkpatrick.

KIRKPATRICK Thank you, uh, Mister Chair. Uh, so this past week on Monday, our staff went out and we rode with the Northwest Area Command. Uh, as of redistricting, we have a lot more area. Um, so we're going to be establishing a pathway west. We have a pathway east, so that we can continue to help uh, many of those folks in their district. So, we wanna thank the COP team that took us out as well as Captain Coday, uh, Sergeant Roe, Officer, uh, Covert and Officer Clashman. And so, some of the issues uh, that we've seen in the newer parts of our district are the same, uh, generational poverty. So, we'll be working hard to

change that message over there and help those folks out. Uh, secondly, uh, as you heard today with Andre, uh, the YMCA Teen Changemakers visit. So, we had all the kids in, uh, and we had robust discussion about things that they wanted to see change going forward. Um, and it was very broad. So, YMCA, at least in the Northwest part of the valley does a phenomenal teen uh, opportunity and many of these kids start there in um, third, fourth grade and they continue to stay and make a big difference. And so, they're competing in a national challenge, uh, for five thousand dollars on uh, an idea, things they'd like to see changed. And so, I tried to... I don't know, I tried to get them to talk about water, because I think water's a big issue, but they kept wanting to go back to education. So, I said, I'd help them on education. (laughs). But uh, they really do a phenomenal job. And these kids in particular, they do trial by peers, they're out in the community doing tons of work. So, we're just thankful that. They're part of District B and they were able to articulate, have a debate and really stand by what they believed in and where they wanted to move forward. And I respect that because I'm one of those people myself. So, I just wanna thank uh, Jordan Sommaggio for introducing us and the students themselves, Dylan Hilton, Chase Starskinski, uh, Rachel Pope, uh, who by the way, Rachel was on vacation. And it was so important to her that she zoomed in uh, to be part of it. And Adanje, uh, for joining me.

Um, the other thing is, uh, Moapa Valley Economic Development, at virtual town hall we'll be doing that this week uh, on Thursday, we're encouraging people to get engaged. Um, the one thing that I can tell you is, um, the more we hear from you, the more that we can bring economic develop to our rural areas is really what we're looking for. We plan on doing some upgrades and we think at this time, um, we can incorporate them to a master plan. I can tell you, uh, in Moapa Valley we have six new businesses, which is the most businesses, uh, over the last fifteen years that are actually coming to the valley. So that includes a dentist, medical, new restaurant and um, you know, different things, uh, that we'll see. So, we encourage people to join in. For the Commission in case you didn't know, I worked with um, Clark County, uh. It must have been five years ago and we actually, they can get service out there and watch Channel Four. And many of them do, uh, with their TV station. So, um, we appreciate that. Tomorrow's our regular scheduled pathway meeting for our east side. The kids are working to design a, um, project in front of Nellis so that we can put it together so that we can beautify. It's their part of that, um, we'll be doing something for Earth Day, as I told you all before, but we are literally uh, making big changes on the east side and consistency is what's important.

Um, the other thing is Clothes for Comfort. You all know, I started this last year in the middle of the pandemic. We were able to collect with the help of the A Team and so many county partners over six tons of clothes last time. And they lasted for a very long time. So, we've started again. I know I dropped off my four buckets and I realized my grand babies have way too many clothes, so Nannas got a quit buying them close. (laughs). But anything that you can bring gently used or new socks, underwear, those things, they'll, they'll really go a long way to make a difference at our harbors across the valley. And then the last thing is, uh, you can drop those off. So, people have asked, "Where can you drop those off?" You can come to Clark County, the Government Center, you can go to any other Parks and Rec Centers or any of our Harbor locations across the valley for those clothes. Uh, and then the last thing is to remind folks that they can get a free at home test. I will tell you Commissioner Jones, and I had this discussion. He already got his, I ordered mine right after that. And, so, they come very quickly. They are free and it is

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very simple to do, but this is the website. You can go on Clark County, or you can go on the Southern Nevada Health District. There's a link and it prompts you and it goes right through it. So, I encourage people, you can get up to four uh, per household address. So, um, please, uh, take the opportunity to utilize that. So, thank you, Mister Chair.

GIBSON

Thank you, Commissioner McCurdy?

MCCURDY

Uh, thank you, Mister Chairman. Uh, last week I had an opportunity to moderate a conversation focusing on local black history, uh, entitled The Legacy of the History, celebrating Black History Month. It was special for me uh, to be able to ha- have an opportunity to moderate this conversation. I wanna give a special shout off to Clark County TV for making sure that we facilitated such a phenomenal experience, and the show will feature Claytee White, uh, Ramon Savoi, Brenda Williams, and Jackie Brantley. Uh, each of these individuals have had uh, an extensive amount of knowledge about the African American experience and the African American community. Uh, so I'm excited to share that with you and I can't wait for you all to, uh, to listen to it. And as you also know Black History Month is, uh, is among us, and tonight, uh, we're going to uh, turn the iconic Las Vegas sign, red, black and green in honor of Black History Month. And the night is gonna begin at four thirty and it's gonna go probably until five thirty. Uh, so I hope that you'll join us for this momentous occasion. And I also hope that you will join us on Friday, February Eleventh, uh, from five PM to seven PM for our representation matters, arts reception and community awards event right here in the Clark County Government Center, Rotunda. Uh, Representation Matters uh, is a black history exhibition focusing on identity through portraiture. Uh, work by eighteen local artists of varied backgrounds will all be displayed. And uh, a few really critical events are, matters that I wanted to speak to. Uh, one is in regard to uh, the rental increases that are happening. Um, I've received a lot of calls in our district about it, and I understand that it's frustrating, but I want to let everyone know that the county management team is aware of the issue and we're working on it. And can't wait to roll something out here soon. And uh, last but not least, uh, I just wanted, you know, take to- a personal point of privilege to, you know, to recognize uh, a tragic event that happened in our community, uh, within District D on Saturday. Nine people, including seven members of one family lost their lives due to uh, a vicious crash. Uh, and I would like to send my condolences to the individuals that perished in this crash. And I also wanna remind us, so please slow down, uh, take your time, plan ahead. I know that you're eager to get to your destination, but, uh, plan accordingly. And if, if, if you see any of those GoFundMe pages, uh, you know, please consider uh, contributing. Uh, it's devastating. Uh, a lot of people are hurting in our community, and you know, saying your positive vibes and thoughts and prayers to them, uh, because, uh, no one should have to die on our roads due to, uh, something of this matter and we are working on it. And I'm eager to work with our Office of Traffic Safety, uh, to make sure that we, you know, uh, just really work in a collaborative matter to address these issues on our roadways. You deserve the right to travel anywhere you like and and know that you're gonna make it home safely. So, I just wanta, you know, send our thoughts to the individuals who lost their lives, but also let you know that we're working on it. Thank you, Mister Chair.

GIBSON

Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Naft. Okay. Commissioner Jones.

JONES

Uh, thank you, Mister Chair. Uh, it was a busy week, uh, with, uh, Commissioner Naft last week. First off, we joined with our Spring Valley Area Command. Uh, there was a, uh, a tragic threat against a member of our AAPI community, um, hate crime. And so, we were able to, to join with Spring Valley Area Command and, and many, many partners out there, not only from the AAPI community, but frankly from every community, uh, in condemning this uh, violence. Uh, it is the second of, of two violent inci- incidents in the Chinatown area. And we wanna make sure that, uh, we make a statement to end Asian hate. We also were able to uh, join with, uh, help with Southern Nevada, Nevada Homeless Alliance. And I know, uh, my colleague uh, and his team were there also to support a homeless outreach event. Uh, we provided PPE, bus passes, gift cards and hygiene kits, uh, and also vaccines for COVID, flu, TDAP, hap-, and hepatitis, uh, at that event. Also showers. Uh, so happy to partner with those in our community who are continuing to provide those services to our homeless population. Uh, uh, in addition, uh, my, my colleague, Commissioner Naft was, uh, very kind enough to host an event in, uh, Inspirada. This is a part of my district, or at least part of it is part of my district as a result of redistricting, and, uh, helped me to introduce myself to, uh, folks in that community. And it was uh, well attended and I think very educational for, uh, the folks in, in, uh, Henderson area, uh, to learn a little bit more- uh, who represents them now, uh, in, in the, uh, South Valley. Uh, up, coming up this Sunday, we are really excited to, uh, have a spring festival at Desert Breeze Community Center from eleven AM to two PM. They'll be performances, arts and crafts, craft vendors, uh, food trucks, and, uh, would really just invite, uh, my colleagues on, on the Commission, um, and the public to, to come and join, uh, us at that event. I can tell you that, uh, the folks at Desert, uh, Breeze Community Center have been working on decorations and other parts of planning that event for weeks now, and they always do an amazing job. So please come on and vi- and join us.

GIBSON

Thank you. On, uh, January Nineteenth, I was pleased to be a panelist at the Henderson Historical Societies mayors past and present. There have been thirteen mayors in Henderson since its incorporation in Nineteen Fifty-Three. Uh, Henderson mayors in attendance, the only ones still alive, uh, included Mayor Debra March, Andy Hafen, Bob Groesbeck, and Me. We had the honor of having the incomparable Mark Hall-Patton as our moderator. He always keeps things alive. It was a good time. And, uh, we had about a hundred people out. And we were able to share experiences that we had working on issues of relevance in the City of Henderson.

On Saturday, I attended the grand opening of a new Smith's Marketplace at the Cadence Village Center. Now, in a lot of places like in Commissioner Naft's district and Commissioner Jones' district, it's not a big deal to get a new grocery store. But in the east side of Henderson, it has been a long time coming. But with the growth of the community, it was determined that it made all the sense in the world, uh, to, uh, the Smith Kroger folks to expand. And, uh, the Landville company has been working on Cadence, a very, uh, fast growing community in that area. And, uh, there were hundreds of people there, good experiences. This building is a hundred and twenty-five thousand square feet, uh, with just, uh, every imaginable thing you would want in it. And we, uh, had a good time there and we, uh, we salute the folks at Cadence and, and Smith's for making this decision. They're going to keep the other Smiths on Boulder Highway open, which was an important decision, I think, to all of us in the county and the, and the city.

Tomorrow, I'll be attending the NFL Green Wetlands Restoration Project, which is the NFL's community project while they're here for the upcoming Pro Bowl on February Sixth. The NFL and the Raiders will be, uh, presenting and will be a part of the entire event. Student and adult volunteers will be planting six hundred trees and six hundred plants. Lunch will be served to the volunteers. It all gets underway at about nine o'clock. I think it's important for us to recognize that, uh, the Clark County Wetlands Park is one of the most extensive created wetlands in the Southwest desert. It's home to more than three hundred forty species of birds, seventy species of other wildlife, including sixty species of pollinators, forty miles of trails, twenty-nine hundred acres of restored and created native habitat without having to drive out of town. We have a half a million visitors from all over the world that visit this park. 130 volunteers who do a tremendous job of keeping it up and keeping everyone focused. The importance of the wetlands can't be under- overstated. The vegetation there helps fil- filter out the pollutants from Las Vegas wash that flow into Lake Mead, which provides the community with 90% of our drinking water. And this will be an exciting event. We're pleased to be, uh, working with the NFL as we look forward to a long and, uh, successful experience with both the Raiders and the NFL over the coming months and years.

On February Tenth, Clark County Parks & Rec will be holding a walk-up, drive-up food distribution event at the Whitney Rec Center from nine AM to ten-thirty. We wanna thank the Culinary Academy for their continued partnership. Uh, all of us have worked with them and hundreds, if not, and surely thousands and thousands of pounds of food have been distributed to those who really can use it and need it. Um, the, we want you to recognize the, or understand how important the LVCVA work is. And, uh, Commissioner Naft and I are, uh, members of the LVCVA Board, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority Board. Uh, it, it's important to note that, uh, visitor volume is coming back, not all the way back, but back. The convention attendance, uh, it will con- is continuing and will continue to grow over the course of time. It's really important for us to understand that the limiting factor in terms of that kind of visitation to the county has been the effect of COVID everywhere where the people who come from would visit, uh, who, to visit us, um, live. And so, it's important for us to keep working on our end to give the impression and to make it a reality that Las Vegas and Clark County are safe. This is a place where people can come and do their business, particularly on the, in the context of the convention and, uh, business meeting side of the business. Citywide occupancy, um, uh, approached sixty-seven percent for the year. That's dramatically ahead of Twenty-Twenty, about twenty-five, twenty-six points ahead, uh, but below the eighty-nine percent level that we experienced before the pandemic, and our challenges are the same. So, we keep working on it, we're on our way back. The, one in the industry and all of us, frankly, in political office and as citizens, have a great interest in making certain that we do our part to keep the industry robust. Yearend ADR, that's the Average Daily Rate to rent a room, exceeded a hundred thirty-seven dollars, which is up from ninety-two dollars but down from a hundred and, uh... Excuse me. The tally before the, um, the ca- pandemic was about thirty dollars more than that. So, w- there's still work to be done. Uh, we appreciate all the work that they do. We're on calls regularly related to the COVID, the battle with COVID and the pandemic. We've encouraged the community to, to use and, uh, be responsible for practices that are safe that will get us all down the road that we want to, uh, travel. And we wanna make sure that all of us understand that even though Omicron seems to peaked, it's still with us, and

GIBSON we need to be careful. It's a catches thing, uh, out there. And some people are not all that fortunate when they catch it. So, let's be careful. Let's do the things we know to do to keep ourselves safe. And that I think is the end of our emerging issues. Ms King?

ACTION No action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 52 Approve and authorize the Chair to appoint Searchlight Town Advisory Board representative Sandy Yasenachak to the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) for a six-month term ending June 30, 2022. (For possible action)

ACTION Deleted from the agenda.

ITEM NO. 53 Appoint one qualified individual to serve on the Clark County Asian-American Pacific Islanders Community Commission for the remainder of a term ending June 30, 2023, from the list of following applicants: Carmen Gilbert, Alfredo Jaro and Jennie Kim. (For possible action)

KING All right, Commissioners. As a reminder, Item Fifty-Two has been deleted. We have Item Fifty-Three, which is to appoint one qualified individual to serve on the Clark County Asian American Pacific Islander's Community Commission for the remainder of the term ending June Thirtieth, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, from the list of applicants noted on your agenda.

GIBSON Commissioner Segerblom?

SEGERBLOM Mister Chair, I would propose that we appoint, uh, Jennie Kim to the, to replace, uh, David Kim who's the, um, head of the Korean American Association. She's head of the, the Korean Chamber.

GIBSON Okay. There's a motion on the floor by Commissioner Segerblom. If there's no discussion, please cast your votes. Motion carries.

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation (including appointment of Jennie Kim for the remainder of a term ending June 30, 2023) be approved.

ITEM NO. 54 Receive and accept the audit report for the fiscal year 2021 prepared by the accounting firm of Crowe LLP pertaining to Clark County. (For possible action)

KING Item Fifty-Four is to receive and accept an audit report for the fiscal year 2021, prepared by the accounting firm of Crowe LLP pertaining to Clark County.

GIBSON Good morning.

ANNA DANCIK Good morning. Uh, Anna Danchik for the record, Comptroller. Um, joining me today is Joseph Widjaja from the audit firm, Crowe. And he's here to read the results of the audit.

GIBSON Thank you.

JOSEPH WIDJAJA

Thank you, Anna. Good morning commissioners. And for the record, Joe Widjaja, Audit Senior Manager with Crowe LLP. I'm here-

GIBSON

Would you spell your last name for our clerk? Would you-

WIDJAJA

Excuse me.

GIBSON

... spell your last name?

WIDJAJA

W-I-D-J-A-J-A.

GIBSON

Thank you.

WIDJAJA

I'm here today to present our audit results for fiscal year, Twenty-Twenty-One. And before I begin, just a quick reminder, in any audit, there is management's responsibility and auditors' responsibility. Management is responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements and the disclosure under generally accepted accounting principles or GAAP. We are responsible for expressing an opinion that the financial statements are in accordance with GAAP, and we're required to perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance where the financial statements are free of material misstatement. So, with that, uh, turning to our audit results. We're happy to present that for the audit of Clark County annual comprehensive financial report for fiscal year Twenty-Twenty-One, we have issued an unmodified opinion. So, the opinion states that the financial statements are fairly stated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. So, if that statement is unmodified, it's actually excellent news. Also, we're very pleased to report that we did not note any reportable deficiencies or material weakness in significant deficiencies of internal controls during our audit. So, in summary, a very good and clean report for the county this year. Before I, I open it up for any questions, I just wanted to take this opportunity to say that we're very much grateful for the county's management team, Anna Danchik, Jessica, Jessica Colvin, Colleen Boyle, Rachel Stevens, and the rest of the team for all of their help in getting this audit completed. That concludes my presentation. Happy to open it up for any questions. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Are there questions or comments by members of the Board? Let us just say, uh, Miss Colvin and to all those who work on the audit and in your department, uh, this is where it all rests, right? The last word. And thank you very much for the incredibly professional way that you do what you do, because we're really presenting the facts as it comes to the, uh, finances of Clark County. And they're vast, and it's a lot of work, and it's a credible and professional department. We appreciate the work that you all do. Please convey that message to all of the folks who work there. Thank you very much. Thank you, and... So, the, the action would be to accept the audit report. Is there a motion? There's a motion by Commissioner Jones to accept the audit report. Any discussion on the motion? Please cast your votes. The motion carries. Thank you.

ACTION

It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 55 Receive a presentation from representatives of the National Football League to present the plan for the 2022 NFL Draft to be held April 28 through April 30 (overall footprint, street closures, etc.). (For possible action)

KING

Item Fifty-Five is to receive a presentation from representatives of the National Football League to present the plan for the Twenty-Two NFL Draft to be held April Twenty-Eighth through April Thirtieth, the overall footprints, street closures, etcetera.

GIBSON

Thank you. Good morning.

ERIC FINKLESTEIN

Morning. (inaudible). Thank you.

STEVE HILL

Hi Eric. How have you been? Morning, uh, Chairman Gibson, uh, members of the Board. I'm Steve Hill, I'm the CEO of Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. Uh, it's a pleasure to be here today. It is Pro Bowl week in Las Vegas. Uh, we are excited to have the NFL with us. We are, uh, here to talk about the Draft, but obviously the Pro Bowl is this Sunday. Uh, so we really look forward to that and the, uh, the events this week that lead up to it. Um, in addition to that, uh, just, um, want to thank, uh, the NFL for, uh, their trust in our city and our ability to, uh, do a great job with their marquee events. Uh, we are the first city ever, uh, to host, uh, the Pro Bowl, the Draft, and ultimately what will culminate in the Super Bowl in just a couple of years. Uh, we are incredibly excited about that. There have been a lot of people, uh, who have made all of this possible. Um, certainly the NFL, um, and the Raiders. Uh, without them, uh, without Mark Davis' commitment to move to Las Vegas, this all would not have happened. Um, so many people were involved with, uh, the stadium, uh, including all of you, uh, and certainly your staff. And I wanna thank your staff for, uh, all they have done to make these events possible and so much more in this community. Um, and in addition to that, um, Organizations that you help oversee, uh, including the airport, RTC, um, Metro, Clark County Fire, uh, have all played a significant role in allowing us to, uh, do such a great job of hosting these events in this community. Um, so, uh, with that, it's, um, my, uh, honor and, uh, privilege to be able to introduce, uh, Eric Finkelstein, who is the Senior Director, uh, of Events, uh, Operations for the NFL. Eric?

FINKELSTEIN

Thank you so much, Steve. Uh, good morning, Commissioners. Uh, it's great to see you all again. Um, I will echo Steve's, uh, comments and wish you a happy Pro Bowl week. Uh, we're very excited, uh, for that, um, and, uh, all the festivities that will be before us, uh, this coming week. As all of, you know, we have, um, had discussions quite a lot over the years of trying to, uh, bring NFL events, major ones, uh, to Clark County, um, and really make Las Vegas, not only the entertainment capital of the world, but also the sports capital of the world. Um, and the Pro Bowl this week is certainly the kickoff to that as, as Steve alluded to. Um, and I know the last time that we presented in this forum, uh, Commissioner Segerblom, uh, predicted, uh, that the Super Bowl was gonna come here in Twenty-Two-Five. Um, well with the work of, um, so many, um, across the, the community and in the county, um, our, um, resort partners, the LVCVA, the Raiders, um, and of course this, this group of Commissioners, uh, we were able to beat that and actually announce the award of the Super Bowl, uh, to come here a year or earlier in Twenty-Four. So, uh, very exciting, uh, news for sure.

Um, but why we're here today, um, is really to talk about the NFL Draft. Um, we were planned to be here a few years ago. Um, and so we've had, um, numerous conversations, um, on the Draft, but we are excited, uh, that coming this April, uh, the, the will, will be here. Uh, a few things, uh, to, to note related to the event. Uh, t Draft is one of our largest and ever evolving events that we do every year. Ever since we moved from New York, uh, where we were for fifty years and started to bring this event across the country, to all of our fans, the event has really taken on a life of its own. And, um, you know, few highlights to, to point that out. Uh, a few years ago in Nashville, we had over six hundred thousand fans join us over the course of three days, uh, to be a part of that event on the streets, um, of that city. Um, our ratings this past year across NFL Network, ESPN and ABC, was over forty-million people tuning in, um, in, uh, this past Draft. And another key thing, and I know, um, Chairman Gibson mentioned this already with some of the, uh, activities that we're doing associated with Pro Bowl, it's very important for us to leave a legacy in the community where we are. Um, and so for all the events that we do, not only, uh, do we try, uh, to bring the lasting memories and all the excitement that comes with our event, but also do things in the community, uh, that will be here along, uh, past when we are here. Um, this past year in Cleveland, we donated thousands of trees for planting, um, very similar to, to the event that's going to be happening this weekend associated with Pro Bowl. Uh, but with that said, um, why don't we dig in a little bit, and I could show you a little bit of our plans and our thinking associated, uh, with the Draft, which will be upcoming here in April.

So, uh, as we look at our floor plan, what you're seeing here is really where our centers of gravity will be, uh, for the Draft in April. The, the box at the top of this drawing, uh, that red rectangle, represents our red-carpet stage with, um, which is, um... You know, what I like to say about the Draft is really, uh, what makes it so unique is that it's not a cookie cutter event. We don't just take all the components and place it in the same way that we did from one city to another, but we really try to highlight and take on the life of where we are. So, what better way to do that than actually build our red carpet and the red-carpet stage into the Bellagio Fountain itself. Um, so that will really, uh, kick off our event, and we're very excited for that. As you, uh, shift your focus, uh, down Flamingo over to where, uh, the new Caesars Forum is located, uh, that is where the hub of all of our activities will be located. This will include, um, our Draft experience, our interactive theme park, uh, where we will have, um, our, uh, partners activating for fans to be able to engage with all the various activities that will happen there, including, um, being able to see the, uh, the Super Bowl rings, the Vince Lombardi Trophy, uh, for photo opportunities and many other, uh, engagements that will happen, um, in that area. Um, moving over to the orange and red boxes that you see on this drawing, those are the location of where our main stage, where our theater will be located as well as the viewing area into that location. Um, and then of course, as you could see, there's many other colors and boxes. We will use every inch of space inside the Caesars Forum to really support our event from our player green room, uh, the media that will be covering the event from, um, around the world, uh, that will be coming as well as hospitality, uh, opportunities. All in all, we're talking over a million square feet of activated space that will be happening, uh, right by the Caesars Forum. Uh, taking you into the Draft event schedule just, uh, to, to, to give some perspective on what will be happening each day. First starting on, on Thursday, April Twenty-Eighth, our Draft experience at the Caesars Forum area will be opening at twelve noon. Uh, the important thing to

highlight here with all of the activities that we're doing with the Draft is they are one-hundred-percent free and open to the public to attend and be a part of, um, and we are opening purposely at noon, so we can accommodate as many folks as possible to be a part of the events.

The Draft experience will stay open throughout the day. Um, and we will have our red carpet, as I had mentioned, which will be happening over at the Bellagio, which will start approximately, um, after two PM. Uh, and then the main stage is really where, uh, the activity then shifts its focus starting at five PM on that Thursday, uh, when we will have the commissioner step to the podium and put the first team on the clock to make their Draft selection. Um, and we will run through the end of the first round. Um, after that's concluded, we will have a headliner act that will perform on that same stage. Um, and we will do that subsequently on the other two nights as well. Um, for Friday, April Twenty-Ninth, similar timing, uh, the one, uh, difference here is the Draft itself where we make our pick selections, will start an hour earlier. So that will begin at four PM because we have rounds two and three to get through. Um, and then again, a headline performer after that. And then Saturday is our longer day. And one unique thing that we have this year, this is the first Draft that will take place in, um, the Pacific Time Zone. So, we're gonna have a very early morning on Saturday. We expect to see all of you there. Um, but we will open our gates at eight AM, um, um, local time, with the first round that day, round four beginning, uh, at nine AM and running until conclusion, approximately four PM' uh, to be followed up by a headline act performance

Now, taking you into some of our renderings just to show you, um, how we are looking to bring all of this to life. Uh, as mentioned, uh, th- this is our red-carpet stage that will be, uh, built into the Bellagio Fountain. Uh, you can see, uh, just how we are looking, uh, to really embrace, uh, what is happening there, uh, along with the, the, the normal fountain show, uh, to really, uh, showcase, uh, where we are. This is a closer view, and what better way to deliver our prospects, uh, in a very Vegas way than by boats, um, as they, as they get to, uh, the, the red carpet itself. Um, from there, our prospects and fans will shift their focus over to, um, the, uh, the new Caesars Forum, uh, area where we will have all of our activations happening, um, as discussed earlier. Uh, one key thing that, that I'll highlight on here as you look at this, uh, this rendering, we also have a clinic field, uh, that will be set up here. We will work hand in hand with the Raiders, um, and the local community groups, uh, to, to run clinics, uh, that will happen, uh, while we are here, uh, throughout the time, um, and activate that clinic field, uh, that you could see, uh, right by the west end, um, in this rendering itself. This right here is an example of our forty-yard dash. So, this is a really fun event that's very popular where, uh, fans will get the opportunity to run against a forty-yard dash of a- of a player. Um, so you really get to s- get, get humbled to see just how slow you truly are, um, as you get smoked by, uh (laughs) by the NFL, uh, athlete that's gonna be running against you. Another fun thing is, uh, we will work, um, in partnership with the Raiders to really highlight their multiple Super Bowl trophies, um, and display them as, um, as something that the fans will get the opportunity to take photos with, uh, when we, um, as part of our experience set up. This right here is our Draft theater, um, and it is the largest theater that we will have ever, uh, built for a, the Draft, um, in history. It's a hundred and five feet wide, two hundred and eighty feet deep, um, that you are looking at right here, so that we can accommodate more people than ever, uh, to be a part of this event. And no, it's not an airport hangar. It, it is, it is actually a theater. Uh, this gives you, um,

a view of this from the Forum Plaza. So, if you're standing with a high roller right at your back, this is the view that you're gonna get, regardless of if you're inside the structure or not. And that will allow us to accommodate as many people as possible. Uh, you could see the, the network sets for NFL Network and ESPN, uh, that flank either side of the main stage. Um, and this is the main stage. Um, so it, it, it's, the, the cool thing about this is it's all LED. So, we have the opportunity to really take over and have it look like whatever team is selecting at that time, um, and do a lot of fun and, and cool things with the stage, like, uh, lean into our style guide look and feel, as you can see in this rendering right over here.

This is the Commissioner's perspective. So, when the Commissioner is standing at the podium, this is what he will be looking out. And it's very important and, and critical to us to really have a sense of place. And this really gives you a tremendous sense of place with the high roller, um, right in, in the, in the background, um, as, uh, we look out. This is one of the favorite shots of our networks as they cover, uh, this event. And this right over here is going to give you a little more detail as to how we're using all the various areas of space within this, uh, within our footprint. Couple key things to point out here. Everyone that attends the event, as I already mentioned, will be able to attend for free. But one key thing is that we have a perimeter that will be set up around the entire site. It's a controlled environment, and everyone that attends will have to go through airport-style screening, um, in order to get inside of the footprint in order to participate in all the various activities that will be happening that day. Um, we also are doing what we can to use every square inch of space possible, um, not only on the site, um, in the lots in between the Westin and the Forum, but also inside the building as well. So, it really is a, a controlled and managed, um, environment that we have here. Um, couple things that we've been doing in the lead up to this event is we've been communicating, um, on a regular basis, working hand in hand with the LVCVA, uh, with, with the various partners in the community, talking with them, going through our plans and, and really working together, uh, to make it work, uh, for everybody that's involved. We understand that when you bring an event of this size and the impact that it's going to have, you know, certainly there's, there's many, many positives, but there's also the reality that we have to work with, with everybody in the community to make sure that it works together hand in hand to allow daily life to also, uh, to, to, uh, exist around what we are doing. So, we will continue this communication, um, not only with, with those, uh, one-on-one conversations, but also with our ongoing communication plans that, uh, some of which are already up and live. Um, working with the LVCVA, we have created, um, a microsite off of their site, which is, um, on this, uh, um, you know, listed at the top here at, at bullet number one, um, where we will have information that will be constantly updated and provided as we get closer to the event.

We also on NFL.com have, um, a, um, an opportunity for fans that are interested in finding out more information about the event to sign up, um, as we currently, uh, speak, to get more information as we are ready to provide that as we get Pro Bowl and Super Bowl, um, uh, behind us. Um, NFL OnePass is another key thing. That is our app. So that is something that fans can sign up for, for free, um, and it will provide all of the up-to-the-minute information related to the event. Um, in addition to that, we have the ability to send, um, real time notifications to individuals that have that, to let them know, um, any details related to the event. Um, in addition, as with all events that the

FINKELSTEIN

NFL, uh, looks to produce, we will have a comprehensive media and communications plan, uh, working hand in hand with the LVCVA, uh, very similar to, uh, to your, uh, major events like New Year's Eve and the marathon. Um, FAQs is a critical piece of the puzzle here. That is something that we are constantly updating and providing, and we will continue to do so, um, and share, uh, with all stakeholders, um, as we get closer and closer to the event. And then, uh, we will continue with our direct communication with the hotel partners and stakeholders, uh, that are impacted, um, by us coming here, to make sure that they are able to provide the necessary information, uh, not only, um, you know, to the community, but also, uh, clearly to their staffs as well. Um, we are now going to, um, I'll turn it over to, uh, to Bethany Bartkus from C-three, uh, Presents, who, who is our, uh, production company that helps us to, to bring this amazing event to life, um, where we will, um, focus in on our road closures and other impacts that are gonna happen in the community. One thing, uh, before turning it over to her, uh, that I want to point out and make sure that, that is clear. When we last presented, uh, there was certainly some angst, um, for some of our road closures, specifically, um, around Flamingo. Um, and we were looking to install a arch, uh, to welcome fans, uh, to, to be able to, to bring them down to our site. Uh, we heard you. (laughs). We heard the concerns, uh, related there, uh, talking, um, also, uh, with Lieutenant Bell, your Public, uh, uh, your Public Works folks and others. Uh, and we have decided that we are not going to install that. So, we are going to, uh, reduce, um, the amount of impact and road closures in the days and weeks leading up to the event, um, in order to, um, limit it to the event days themselves. So, with that said, I'll turn it over to Bethany, who will give you a little bit more details about our overall plan. Um, and of course, we'll stay here for any questions as we, uh, get to that point.

GIBSON

Thank you. Bethany?

BETHANY BARTKUS

Thanks, Eric. Uh, yeah, as he mentioned, overall, the traffic plan is very similar to what it was in Twenty-Twenty. Uh, we've worked to reduce closures, as he said, Flamingo being the largest impacting one, um, which we will, uh, reduce. Um, as you can see here are the timeline of what our closures look like. Um, if you wanna slide? Um, we start with the two western most lanes of Las Vegas Boulevard, closest to the Bellagio Fountain, between Flamingo and Bellagio Drive. Um, we take those on four thirteen and give those back on five six. Um, and those are running twenty-four hours a day. We also look to take the third lane, um, on an as-need-basis basis between the hours of six AM and five PM. Um, for the event day closures, we take, uh, Las Vegas Boulevard between Bellagio and Flamingo. Um, and we look to give those back in the evenings, uh, between two AM and seven AM. We've been talking with the unions and the properties, um, communicating with them to make sure that their deliveries and all the traffic, uh, isn't impacted too much. Um, we've also been working closely with Las Vegas Metro PD and the fire department to ensure that these closures aren't impacting emergency vehicles and that they can still, uh, get the access that they need to. Um, and always, um, we have the ability to monitor and adjust in real time in NFL control should we need to adjust anything.

GIBSON

So, Bethany let's, uh... Commissioner Seg- or excuse me, Commissioner Kirkpatrick has a question or two.

KIRKPATRICK

Or three or four. (laughs) Uh, one I wanna say thank you. The NFL's really

been a true partner. Um, thank you for the partnership with all of our youth this week at Pro Bowl and everything that you're doing, the community service, it doesn't go unrecognized. So-

GIBSON

Thank you.

KIRKPATRICK

Um, you know, a lot of people had doubts, but you guys have, uh, uh, exceeded expectations and continue to, and I, I personally wanna say thank you. And you know, I'm now find myself watching football on a Sunday.

FINKELSTEIN

(laughs)

KIRKPATRICK

I don't know all the rules yet, but eventually I'll get it. (laughs) Uh, so thank you. I, I do... So, what I heard you say, what I heard you say was, uh, hopefully, or not too much, or here, here's my concern. So, I've been in the vendor world before, and there's logistically just sometimes that you, you can't get to those locations, right? So, for instance, today we already delivered to some hotels between two and five, just the produce, because that's how much produce that they use. You're really, in, in today's environment, the, you can't expect them to order a week ahead for the bulk of the stuff that they're going to need 'cause it's going to be more than and hamburgers and hotdogs. Because if what I'm hearing you say, there is going to be a lot of people here with big meetings and, and we're not serving them hamburgers and hotdogs. I promise you. So, I, I'm nervous for our vendors and our hotels because the last thing that we wanna do is have bad customer service, right? Because it's unique. It's bigger than what's been done in the past. We can do it, but we gotta have some timeframe. But, and then the other piece of that is the employees. I'm super concerned with the employees because, one, they're typically taking a bus from somewhere and I haven't heard anybody have a conversation. Are we shuttling them from, uh, one location? And I think that's important because even for New Year's Eve, we start telling them months and months in advance on what, how that's gonna look. So, I just, um, uh, do appreciate all you do, but at the end of the day, our job, our responsibility, our constituents gotta be able to, one, provide them amazing service that we, uh, is our brand. But two, I need to make sure that mom is not spending 10 hours on the highway, 'cause that creates other problems. Right? So, can you, is there a time, can I get a separate briefing? Because I just feel like I need to start prepping my constituents.

BARTKUS

So, we've been in conversations with Caesars about displaced staff parking and that type of thing. So, we're working with them, um, to, ensure that we have, uh, ways to reduce that impact and ensure that they're taken care of.

KIRKPATRICK

Okay. So, but here's the thing, they're not calling Caesars when they can't get home at night, they're calling my office and every (laughs) other commissioner office here. So is there a way that... And I'll call Caesars when we get done, but I g- I gotta be able to stand in front of a group of people. We talk to people a- every month, "Here's the expectation. Here's the thing." So, I, I just feel like I gotta know more detail so that my constituents can plan because maybe we start talking about carpooling for them. Maybe we start doing these. So, I, I just wanna, I just wanna meet the expectations and at the same time, until you've ever been stuck as a vendor or an employee on the strip on New Year's Eve and you can't leave, and you sit in the parking lot for hours on end because you've missed your window to get out, you wouldn't understand what I'm

KIRKPATRICK

saying. So, please can we to make sure that the employees themselves and we have that so we can share that information, um, 'cause I don't, I don't wanna wait till a couple days before. So-

BARTKUS

Y- yeah, we can definitely share that information. And we've been working with Kimley-Horn on a traffic plan, um, and Pat on the implementation of that. So, um, it's something that it's very close to being finalized and as soon as we have that, we can share it so that everybody can kind of start to make those proper, um, expectations for it.

FINKELSTEIN

Yeah. So then-

BARTKUS

And I think that's part of the communication that... Yeah, that Eric was monitoring.

FINKLESTEIN

Yeah, absolutely mentioning. Yeah. And, and I think you're, we hear you're loud and clear and we certainly get the concerns and it's why we're here and why we will continue, uh, to have these conversations, not only with, with each of you, um, but also make sure that we are connecting with, uh, the, the groups that are impacted directly, uh, so that we can, uh, work together. Uh, it's, we do events, yes, a, a, a lot all over the place. Um, but we do, uh, take it very seriously to minimize the impact as much as possible, um, knowing, uh, the realities of, of doing something like this, uh, that, that does, uh, certainly, um, change the daily routine. And, and it's, it's our responsibility and our work, uh, to, to certainly work together, uh, with, uh, with, with all the key people, to get that information out, um, and provide that detail, you know, and not only in one-on-one conversations, but make sure that we are working, uh, together, uh, to, to find the right ways of doing things, uh, that, that make it, uh, work and, and minimize the impact as much as possible. You know, it's, it's certainly, you know, would we like to have an arch over Flamingo? Uh, does that make it easier for people to find and to get directed towards, uh, where our event is? But we understood and we're very sensitive towards the impact that that was going to have in the weeks leading up to the event, as well as post the event to install and remove that. And it's one of the reasons why we, uh, took that, uh, feedback, uh, so seriously, uh, to adjust our plans, um, and, and we will continue to do that. Um, everything that, that we are, uh, doing, um, is certainly not done in a vacuum and it has to be done, uh, co- collaboratively, um, in order to, to make sure, uh, that we, we work together, uh, to, to make it work and make it, uh, a tremendous, uh, opportunity. And, and, uh, as we bring the spotlight (laughs) once again on Clark County and, and really do this event, uh, the way that it needs to be done.

KIRKPATRICK

Thank you. And I'm very confident. I mean, the stadium today, it's less than an hour, either way to get in and out. You guys do a great job. I just, I wanna be able to explain to my constituents-

FINKELSTEIN

(crosstalk)

KIRKPATRICK

... because this is new for them. And, um, we want them to be engaged as well.

FINKELSTEIN

Completely.

GIBSON

We appreciate the, the things you've done to research all of this and the fact that you're working with professionals who do this every day in this city. That makes a big difference. And we know and you know, and I've heard in my briefings, uh, about the Draft, and I think even from the NFL personnel, that this is a unique destination because all hundred and fifty thousand rooms are within a stones-throw of one another. And in many cases, people drive miles, thirty miles, forty miles back and forth to their hotels. In this, in this destination, uh, there will be a lot of pedestrian travel, but there will be those who are coming in from out of the, outside the resort corridor, who are there for deliveries or for work. Uh, and we understand you get that. That's why this is, requires such a unique approach and our concern. We see, we do things all the time here. And, uh, we think we do them really, really well, but there is a way you learn a lesson and sometimes you learn a lesson the hard way. We'll, we'll be able to bring to you the benefit of all of the hard lessons when it comes to really c- congesting up the strip area in this area at Flamingo and Las Vegas Boulevard and Koval and Flamingo. We're excited to know that you've been working on this for as long as you have, because actually a little longer than most Drafts, right, because of the, the postponement. Um, so this is a thrill to us. We think this is one... Of course, the Pro Bowl is a big deal. Um, but this is probably the thing that kicks off in our minds, the NFL experience that we hope to have over decades into the future. In fact, what we think you're gonna learn is that there is no place like Las Vegas, and it's no secret that no one can do what we can do in this valley. So, we're excited to have you. Now, I, we've interrupted probably a bit of your, your p- your, uh, presentation. Are you, have you finished? Have you been able to give us the things you felt we need to have? Good.

FINKELSTEIN

I think so. I mean, I think, uh, that we, we certainly are, are happy to answer any other questions, but we're extremely excited to finally bring this to life and, and just appreciate all of, um, uh, the, the, the work and communication, you know, not only from each of you, but also, um, all those that you represent. This, the most successful Drafts that we've ever done are those when, uh, everybody gets behind it and really works together, uh, to, to bring it to life. And we're, you know, we're, we're just beyond ecstatic to, to be able to do that here finally in April. And we think it's going to be, um, really set the bar, uh, to an all-time high, uh, for, for this event. And, uh, we just can't wait for it. And, and one other, I think, plug I'll, I'll mention is limited tickets still do remain for the Pro Bowl. If anybody is interested in attending that amazing event as well. Um, (crosstalk).

SEGERBLOM

Ha- have two relatives that who would like to come.

GIBSON

Well, thank you very much for being here and thank you for the continued literal daily and hourly communications you've had with, uh, our staffs and so many others along the Boulevard and the consultants. This is a, an effort that we're all behind and it'll be successful. Thank you so much.

FINKELSTEIN

Thank you.

BARTKAS

Thank you.

ACTION

No action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 56 Discuss a County Broadband Internet Action Plan. (For possible action)

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Item Fifty-Six is to discuss a County Broadband Internet Action Plan. Uh, Chair Gibson, we do have a presentation and the presentation is a virtual presentation.

GIBSON

Thank you.

DANNY FUCHS

We are a company called HR&A Advisors, uh, joined by my colleague Simon Mettler, uh, who's been leading our work with you, um, with the County. Uh, I know has met with a, a, a handful of the Commissioners, um, in advance. Um, sorry that we can't be there in person with you today, but, uh, we appreciate the time, uh, to talk with you about this important initiative, uh, although perhaps, you know, maybe not quite as exciting as the NFL Draft. That, that, that, that does seem quite exciting. Um, uh, I look forward to booking my tickets. Um, first, uh, HR&A, uh, partnered with a company called CTC Technology and Energy on this. They've, um, I, I bring, um, more than seven years in, uh, broadband and, uh, government service. Um, in this we work, uh, uh, almost exclusively for, uh, government agencies from the State of California to Clark County, to rural communities across the country. Um, and CTC Technology and Energy has been doing this work for twenty-five years across the, the country. Um, we're here really talking about our broadband internet action plan. Um, as I said, CTC is a, is a broadband engineering firm.

We, we come from the world of economic development and public private partnerships, um, as well. I'll note that it's been a pleasure to support your team in, uh, this work thus far noting that Clark County is a bit of a, a bit of a head of the curve in terms of planning, um, th- which is to say that actually many other counties across the country are, um, behind the eight ball in terms of what they should be doing relative to more than sixty-five billion dollars coming from the federal government to states and municipalities to seek to close the digital divide. Um, we are working in a few counties across the country on this. You know, the purpose of this plan and a briefing today is really, uh, twofold. The first is to develop a common understanding of the current broadband access affordability and adoption conditions across Clark County. Uh, note that we'll present some data, uh, in, in this presentation today. And, uh, yet we'll note that data quality and accuracy and availability in the broadband space, um, can be hit or miss. Um, and we note that, um, sometimes private partners have different, um, views of where access is available, than public data, uh, may suggest. The second purpose of this is to really plot next steps, um, or that we recommend that the county take. To position the county to make the most of what is frankly, a historic moment in terms of the nation's investment in broadband infrastructure and to seek to close the digital divide. I'll just note before turning it over to Simon that this is an action plan. It's, it's, it's not an internet master plan. It is, does not have a specific vision for what the future of the county winds up looking like in this. It's rather designed to tee up some work that we think is, uh, important for, uh, the, the county's administration, uh, to take forward, um, across multiple different agencies, as well as to frame conversations with, uh, potential of private partners from, uh, internet service providers that, uh, work in the county today, uh, to community partners, um, across the county that may be supportive of, uh, programs like digital literacy ad- and, and, um, affordable connectivity program adoption. Um, we have not met with, uh, the private partner, uh, current, uh, internet service providers in Clark County, uh, uh, as

FUCHS of yet, but are, are sharing this based on data that's been available from the county and from publicly available sources, um, uh, to shape those conversations as well. Feel free to interrupt at any point, I will say terms of questions for clarifications in this, but otherwise I'll turn it over to my colleagues, Simon Mettler. (silence) Simon, we can't hear you. I don't think, or at least I can't, maybe the Commissioners can.

GIBSON Nor can we.

SIMON METTLER Thank you.

GIBSON Okay. That's better.

METTLER Thank you, Danny, for that intro. Can everyone hear me now?

GIBSON Yes, we can, we hear you here in the chamber.

METTLER Appreciate it. Great to, great to see you all again, Commissioners and, and appreciate the, uh, the time here. As, as Danny said, we are in a pretty unique moment when it comes to the sort of broadband ecosystem and broadband plans. Um, on the one hand, there is increasing awareness around the country about the importance of internet connectivity. And this was brought to light, of course, as part of the, you know, initial throws of the COVID-19 pandemic, when lots of activities that were previously in person moved online and meetings like this, that previously would've had to be in person are, are now able to be, um, online or at least partially online. And so of course, as a result of that, um, data needs for, you know, individuals and applications grew and continue to grow and, and will continue to grow over the next couple years. And so that sort of perfect storm caused by the initial throws of the pandemic, things moving online more, increasing digitalization in the economy, um, has been accompanied by increasing awareness, uh, throughout society of, uh, a divide between haves and have nots when it comes to internet access availability, and affordability. And so, while we are at this moment where the sort of awareness of broadband internet as, as both a, a need as well as, um, a, a thing that not everyone has equal access to, um, is growing and the need for better internet is continuing to grow as well. We're at a pretty unique moment because, um, unlike with many other issues, there's actually pretty significant federal and state funding available to address various parts of broadband internet and to improve broadband inter- infrastructure throughout the country. And so, you know, Danny has alluded to this, but, but we think we're at a pretty unique moment in, in, in history for Clark County and, and counties throughout the, the country, frankly, but Clark County really is kind of ahead of the curve when it comes to planning here, to shape the future of, of broadband internet and to make investments, um, leveraging some of those federal and state dollars that are available now that will reverberate, you know, not just for a couple years, but, but, but potentially for generations given the, the significant, um, importance of, of broadband internet and the, the potential impact that investments in, in broadband infrastructure and partnerships, um, with, with various providers and stakeholders, um, could, could impact here.

I wanna touch on, as Danny alluded to already, just, uh, a couple of different data points that, that, that touch on the various, um, sort of analyses that we've done, again, echoing the fact that what we've, um, used for most of our

METTLER

analyses here is, is, is publicly available data, which of course is, is, is, you know, subject to all the limitations that, that publicly available dataset generally are. We certainly don't want to draw sweeping or, um, absolute conclusions from, from any of the analyses we've done, but, but we do think that, um, some of what we, what we'll, we'll share here, um, at least gives sort of a, a directional sense of, of where we are at, in terms of the county's performance across access, affordability and adoption, so sort of the, the three points that Danny already mentioned that we use to analyze, um, where the county is and where we think there are opportunities to make investments and potentially make, make improvements that will, uh, impact broadband internet for Clark County residents. So just touching on, on a couple of those different points. Um, so we did do some, some analysis around speeds, um, showing that the kind of the, um, quality of the internet in Clark County on average is, is, is slightly lower than that, of some of peer counties, um, throughout the country. Um, similarly on affordability, we, we, we found that, um, again, you know, with limited data, but, but we did find indications that, that prices for, um, the average internet broadband plan in Clark County is, is quite a bit higher than the national average. Um, and then when it comes to the adoption side of things, in terms of the number of people actually taking up and using broadband internet plans, um, we did find that, that Clark County is not at the, the sort of bottom of the pack when it comes to its peer counties, but, but, but right in the middle, um, in hovering right around the, the sort of seventy percent adoption rate for, um, adoption or, or, or use of broadband internet plans. I will say that, um, I'll, I'll, I'll jump ahead to just a, a little more detail here on that adoption piece. Um, I will say that, that our, our, our data shows that, that the variation between adoption is, is, is pretty significant even within Clark County, um, with, with certain census tracts or neighborhoods, um, having, uh, reports of well over eighty percent of residents taking up broadband internet and, and, and, and, you know, using broadband internet frequently, whereas other census tracts, um, a significant number of census tracts or neighborhoods throughout the county are, are reporting less than fifty percent, um, take up of, of, of broadband internet. Again, you know, this is-

GIBSON

Excuse me, Simon. Simon, there's a question, Commissioner Kirkpatrick.

KIRKPATRICK

Sorry, Simon. I just, I wanna be clear and I think I told you this during the presentation. Although this is a bird's eye view, it's based on the FCC's current ruling, correct? And in some cases, it's probably much worse than this. Right?

METTLER

Correct. So, so Commissioner, I think you, you bring up a great point, which is that, um, as, as Danny alluded to, as well earlier, there, there's some significant limitations around some of the publicly available data and, and, and, and this provides sort of the, the best available view, um, leveraging data from the ACS and the FCC to government, to federal government agencies, um, that kind of report information about broadband internet. And, and, and you're correct in pointing out Commissioner that the, um, FCC has a definition of broadband internet, um, that defines broadband internet as a twenty-five download and three upload megabit per second speed. Um, we think that that definition is, is a bit outdated given, given modern kind of needs and, and, and modern applications on the internet. Um, but, but, but you are correct in, in, in pointing out that, that in a lot of cases, that is the, the best available data that exists because the federal government defines broadband accessibility or broadband access with that definition.

KIRKPATRICK

So, so can I ask this question. Um, so, you know, we've had this discussion, this was a pre-COVID thing that we started working on, right, when, um... We started working on this a long time ago, but on the national NACO level, so I, I sit on a committee where we're trying to get more detailed information 'cause across the country, there's tons of holes within the provider service. And I think digital learning kinda highlighted that. So, what would it take and, um, what is to, to kind of get a real time data? I mean, I feel like I need to ask all the providers to prove, prove this wrong or show me something different, but I, I will tell you that it's unfortunate that, uh, there's a lot of census tracts that are historical census tracts that have less than fifty percent. And, um, I think it's worse than that, to be honest. I just, I just think it's not telling the truth. And I wanna know what you think or where I should try and ask for the data 'cause I have no problems asking out loud, um, and expectations. And if people don't produce, then, you know, it's, can't complain if you don't, you know, share your sh- your resources. So, what, what should I be asking for? What is the right term? 'Cause I'm gonna send an email today and ask everybody in the valley.

FUCHS

Uh, appreciate that. I'll, I'll, I'll, I'll respond, uh, Commissioner with, with a few things. I think first, um, yes, the parties that have the most accurate data as to who is actually subscribing to service, um, which is, which is really what we're focused on is not where could service theoretically be made available without extraordinary measures, but rather, you know, who is subscribing to service at a household level. Um, that is really, um, only available from internet service providers today. Um, then the FCC is a- about begin embarking on an update to its maps and increasing the quality of that, but that will take some time. Recognizing that communities across the country have, um, often had di- have difficulty, um, getting household level information out of internet service providers because that at is proprietary data that internet service providers maintain. Um, uh, and there are, uh, uh, uh, in most places, I, I, I don't, I don't think there's any, um, means of compelling them, uh, legally to, uh, share that data with government. Um, local communities have begun on efforts, uh, pretty significant efforts to conduct new mapping exercises. Um, new mapping exercises, uh, are, are typically funded by government sometimes by states, um, and go to a, a household level information, um, through a series of means including, you know, user surveys, field surveys, and so on, to wind up getting down to household level availability data. That's a brief overview-

KIRKPATRICK

So, I, I-

FUCHS

... of the current state of the internet.

KIRKPATRICK

So, uh, I'd like to have an offline conversation 'cause I don't know what you just said, to be honest. I think, yeah.

FUCHS

Sorry.

KIRKPATRICK

I don't think you answered my question. I thought, I, I thought you were gonna give me some, like here's what I should be asking because if it, if it's me, I'm saying that I wanna ask how much internet is going through this apartment complex? How many people are currently getting the federal subsidy to provide cheaper service? And what happens when that goes away? Does, are those numbers fluctuating? I, I just think that there's a lot of variables. So, I

KIRKPATRICK

was hoping to get some specifics 'cause I'm gonna ask, prove it to me, apartment complex at a time. Because at the end, end of the day, you know, and I use myself as an example, I live in an older neighborhood, twenty-nine years, and I don't have a lot of options and I don't wanna spend the money to upgrade my system inside my home to make it better. Right? And, and I don't live in one of those census tracts that already don't have it. So, I feel like we gotta start asking those, all of those bigger questions of our partners to see what, what we have. And I get its proprietary information, but if you don't gimme anything different, I can't navigate the system.

FUCHS

Uh, a- absolutely. And I think your questions are exactly right. I think asking for a list of addresses that are served, asking each internet service provider for a list of addresses, that they are serve, that they are currently have subscribers in and what plan each household has. For example, does the, uh, a representative from one of the internet service providers, uh, earlier in this meeting, uh, said that there are nine-ninety- nine ninety-five, um, month, uh, per month plans for fifteen thousand, uh, Clark County residents. I don't, we have not seen for example, data where those fifteen thousand residents live. Um, we haven't asked for it, I will say. We have not discussed that with that internet service, service p- provider, but, uh, those are exactly the right questions, uh, a list of addresses, of subscribers for each internet service provider in the county and the plans that those subscribers are subscribing to.

KIRKPATRICK

Okay. Thank you.

FUCHS

And, and I will-

KIRKPATRICK

So, we interrupted your presentation. Do you want to just complete it?

FUCHS

We will complete it. Yes.

METTLER

Yeah. And I will, I will, uh, just add on that point and I think it's a, it's a good segue into our, our next stage here, but, um, all of the kind of, uh, broad recommendations and the action plan that, that, that, that we make, um, are based as, as, as Danny notes, on kind of best available data. And obviously, um, you know, this is not a list of - sort of recommendations that are, that are set in stone, like Danny said at the beginning, but, but rather, uh, a sort of, um, a set of recommendations that we are, are, are worth pursuing forth further and can inform the next steps that the county, um, can and should take here. And of course, um, something that would help kind of sharpen the pencils on all of those recommendations is, is exactly that Commissioners is, is having some of that more detailed data available, having some of that more granular data available, whether it's, you know, at the sub-tract level or at the neighborhood level or at the block level. Um, and, and, and we'd welcome any, any opportunities to, um, get as much of that data as possible as, as the, the planning processes here progress. Um, for now, I'll just, I'll, I'll, I'll, I'll make one more note here that the, the kind of previous page was about sort of the, the disparities in, um, adoption and, and the amount of people actually subscribing to broadband plans throughout the county, county and, and the data there. Um, wanna talk a little bit also about, um, sort of the access side of things and the different technologies or, or internet access technologies that permeate the county. And-

FUCHS

Simon, let me just, I'm gonna be conscious of time. And, and, and I think it's,

FUCHS this is an important slide, but the primary point that I think we wanna leave on, on this slide with is noting that there's, while the, the issue that we just talked about is current access and adoption, um, with the level of investments that is coming from state and federal sources now, um, this is a generational, uh, plan, an intergenerational plan. And when we look at the type of infrastructure that's available, fiber, as you can see from this table, you know, fiber- optic cables are really the core infrastructure that is future ready, um, for increased speeds, nearly ad infinitum, and only thirty percent of county households are currently covered by fiber service today. And, so, any plan should include a specific plan for, uh, expansion throughout the county.

GIBSON Commissioner Jones.

JONES Um, thank you for your presentation. For, for those of us who are naive, is it, if we were to expand the fiber network, is that something that cable providers, DSL providers, then hook into so they could perhaps contribute to us as we expand the fiber network?

FUCHS Yes. Fiber, um, f- fiber networks are, are, um, sometimes fiber all the way into the home, um, that certainly delivers the highest quality of service. Um, but there are also hybrid fiber cable network- Um, but there are also hybrid fiber cable networks. In fact, where there is fiber in the county today, um, a meaningful portion of that is a component of a broader cable network already.

JONES So, if we put fiber in our public rights of way in particular, as, as we've sort of proposed in some areas, then that would be beneficial, even if we're not taking it up to the front doorstep?

FUCHS Yes, absolutely.

JONES Thanks.

METTLER You're exact

GIBSON Commissioner Seger- excuse me, Kirkpatrick?

KIRKPATRICK Sorry. Uh, can I ask another question? Uh, so before you go into, what, what, what potential policies or initiatives we should look at? So, I'm getting a lot of questions and I don't know the answer. People are reading that three G is going away, five G, you're gonna be connected. And so, I'm concerned because, you know, when we went from antenna to whatever you have on your house, there was a lot of people that got left behind. So where, that is like, it came out of nowhere, and I feel like there was literally no national discussion about it. So where does that play? Because I can't have people without, I mean, you could literally hold up your phone today and go to a location in the valley that doesn't let you have five G. It only says three G. So, I, I think that's, I need to understand what the, that's, is gonna mean for a lot of people in my lower census tracks.

FUCHS Yeah. This, this is focused on, uh, broadband to homes and businesses, wireless broadband, which includes, uh, four G and five G, um, service is all, all the wireless service does feedback to a wire line back haul, what's called. And, and real five G, um, uh, does require meaningful fiber networks, um, to,

FUCHS to feed the wireless access radios. Um, the small cells and the macro cell sites that wind up projecting, uh, five G signals.

KIRKPATRICK So, so what, what did you just say, Danny? (laughs)

FUCHS Oh, Sorry.

KIRKPATRICK I'm like versed in this, so I'm just trying to-

FUCHS Right, right. What, what-

KIRKPATRICK ... so, I'm thinking that there's people there. I, I'm gonna give you an example. So, when I go to put in, uh, cameras and those things in my district, I gotta go through a bunch of challenges, which you've heard from me for a long time, that they're three G and I need to come up to the five G order to transmit it to the headquarters. So, I'm asking you, people are seeing on Facebook, which is the new gospel of what we pay attention to. Right? People are seeing in the paper with little, um, uh, meat and potatoes to it, that three G is going away and if you don't have five G you're SOL. So, what, what does that mean to my constituents? So, if you went back to my map and, or any map, you would see those people in the dark area, I promise you they don't have five G. So, what, what, where does that play into it? Or how do we keep that part of the conversation? Or when does that take place? 'Cause I've yet to see any of that. So, we just need to, I need to be worried. And I go back to when we switched from an antenna on everybody's TV, uh, old fashioned rabbit ears, which worked fine in most cases, except for windy days, and we switched, we had a couple years to do that, and a lot of people were prepared, and we worked hard, and TVs changed and all those things. So, what, where does that fit into this conversation?

METTLER I would note, just two, two things, Commissioner. So, so one is, um, and, and, and, you know, I think Danny alluded to this as well, but, but the, the, the thick of this report was focused on, on kind of, you know, home, home access and, and, and fixed line connections to homes. And so, we, we, we didn't analyze the sort of current plans that some of the various mobile, mobile providers may have around three G and four G, um, in, in, in great detail. But what, what I will say, and I think this is, um, where this plan ties in very closely to, um, the, the plans that any mobile providers will have on their networks. Is that any investments that are made, um, at the county level, or really even just within the broader area of Clark County into expanding, um, the fiber network, whether that be at the sort of back haul, um, which is the, the sort of bigger, bigger transmission lines, if you will, for, for, for internet connectivity that, that connect different stations, um, and different antennas, or whether it be at the, at the end user, um, level. Any of those investments will have benefits, um, at the downstream level for mobile providers. Will allow mobile providers to provide better four G and five G coverage throughout the county. Um, so while, while this is not a plan that's specifically focused on how to improve cell coverage or what the future of cell coverage may be, we do think there are, are some pretty significant co-benefits to, to anything that this plan will, will, will focus on for, um, for wireless carriers.

GIBSON We've had, uh, over the course of time, uh, challenges in different areas. I think most places have a similar a situation where signals are strong in some

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places, and not so strong in others. Where this focused itself for me, uh, even though I was in discussions long before the pandemic, was when we had a completing inability, at least at the outset, to serve up, uh, education experience in children's homes. Uh, and there were so, the gaps were so large and, uh, our, there were providers, Cox, uh, spoke earlier. There were others who worked hard to help get, uh, the service in the homes where the children were. But at the end of the day, um, the things that were done were not necessarily, well, surely, we're not permanent in every case. There's a lot of work that we have to do in order to bring this, uh, to bring a robust capacity to the community. And heaven forbid we ever have another time where we have to go through distance learning. We have to have learned from this experience and made up for whatever those deficiencies are, to the extent that's humanly possible. So, our focus has, a lot of our focus has been on neighborhoods and getting service into homes and being able to transmit at high levels and high speeds for children and the educational experience. We also have, uh, needs to ensure that we're competitive when it comes to the business marketplace, and we need to have the highest possible speeds and capacity, uh, there too. And it has been my sense, I, maybe when we're finished taking a look at all of this, uh, I'll have been proven wrong, but it is my sense that a partnership with the, uh, community that provides these signals and that services our, uh, broadband needs and the county and other governments, is gonna be absolutely necessary in order for us to make the kind of progress that we need to make and to, to treat everyone fairly. So, uh, I appreciate, uh, this report on where we are and, uh, some of the issues that, uh, need to be overcome. I understand, and I think all of us have understood. I don't know that we've understood. Surely, we haven't understood in the kind of detail that you're reporting out to us now, but we've all understood there's a big gap. It's too big. And in this day and time, we're so dependent upon this, the capacity of systems to transmit data that we can't any longer sit and wait. So, we're anxious to get started, we're anxious to digest the things that you've given us. It's gonna be critical to us to learn the rede- real detail affecting people in this community. We're gonna have to get after that and guidance you can give us to assist us in getting that kind of data, um, I, I would say today publicly that if you're, uh, one of the providers, please reach out to us and help us understand what kinds of data might be available to us, uh, without violating privacy laws, as much as we can possibly get it. Not so much consumer specific, but I think it may be neighborhood specific to get to the comment that the, that, uh, Commissioner Kirkpatrick made about apartment complexes. And what we found in my district for instance, is that there are significant gaps in certain areas. What was fascinating was it seemed to me, that the gaps that existed say, ten years ago, in built out portions of the valley, tend to kind of exist today. I mean, it's not like we've done a very good job of going back and retrofitting, what's in our, in our infrastructure. It may be that at new modem and upgrades to some of the equipment that is in our homes is improved and so we can do better that way, but when it comes to the infrastructure required to really carry the signal in and out, we've gotta do something. So, I, I appreciate the work you've done, I look forward to, I, some very specific recommendations as we reach out to, that will enable us to reach out to, our partners in this industry, uh, to make sure that our citizens are served the way they need to be served.

SEGERBLOM

Mister Chairman, can I just make a point? (crosstalk) I think this is probably the most critical thing that this Commission is gonna do because we're not gonna grow forever, but if we can put in a great fiber infrastructure in this community now in the next few years, take advantage of this money and

SEGERBLOM maybe bring our own money, uh, that will dictate how this community looks in twenty years and going forward. Um, people won't have to drive so much, people, it's just gonna really revolutionize us. So, I just, I just think this is so critical. I really support it.

JONES Mister Chairman?

GIBSON Yes. Mister Jones.

JONES Can I just ask perhaps this a more legal question? Is there any reason why, if we decide to make the investment in, in fiber that, uh, we couldn't say to any of the other providers that you can't hook into our fiber unless you, you provide us with the data we're requesting? I don't know if that's for the DA or for the consultant.

KIRKPATRICK Hmm. (laughs)

SEGERBLOM Right, right. What, what-

KIRKPATRICK I could tell you what the answer is-

LOGSDON Res- we'll research it for you.

JONES Okay.

KING Could I just-

FUCHS I would say that... Oh, forgive me.

KING No, go ahead, Danny.

FUCHS I, I would say that that, uh, the, the technique of, uh, incentivizing data sharing or other practices through public private partnerships or the private use of publicly funded infrastructure is precisely what government agencies are seeking to do in cities, counties and states of across the nation right now. Um, for example, the State of California is investing three and a quarter billion dollars in a middle mile network that the state of California will own. Um, and that ownership will give it the rights to determine the terms of service, uh, that internet service providers who use that network wind up, uh, uh, offering their customers. So, S- Simon has advanced here to, um, uh, you know, uh, a multi-pronged approach. There is no silver bullet really, with the, the digital divide here, uh, and or particular broadband equity. That is, uh, everybody in the county has, uh, equal terms of service of what's available to them. Um, you know, Simon on our team had developed different sets of policies and initiatives that the county might advance over time, including those focused on infrastructure, those programmatic solutions, um, like fostering the adoption of the affordable connectivity program, which delivers thirty dollars per month discounts to eligible households, um, regulatory initiatives, and then initiatives around how county government winds up organizing itself, um, to oversee the digital divide and ensure that data systems are delivered and maintained, um, and other initiatives across, uh, agencies wind up being coordinated, including partnerships with the private sector. So, we are recommending four specific near term actions. Um, one is going out to the marketplace, um, with both Clark County internet service providers and exploring internet service

FUCHS providers that may be interested in public private partnerships who are not in the county right now. Um, but maybe interested in meeting your public policy goals and developing a more competitive environment, um, for the county. Uh, the second is around prioritizing digital equity programs, including those affordable, um, uh, connectivity program adoptions, uh, which may create opportunities for partnering with community-based organizations, in addition to internet service providers. Um, third, uh, the need really for, um, cross-functional working group across within the county to identify specific changes, for example, to building codes or standards for affordable housing, um, or processes for the deployment of five G infrastructure, uh, to facilitate that world. Um, and then lastly is, um, some work, uh, related to that around governance and, uh, who, who maintains responsibility within the county administration for overseeing the digital divide. And the last, but, but very important point here is, um, a need to really have an active partnership, uh, and coordination with the state and, and its, um, uh, office on this, which will be the recipient of at least a hundred million dollars in federal funding, um, from the bipartisan infrastructure law, um, for new infrastructure investments across the state.

GIBSON Well, that's all, uh, the kind of thing we want to hear, and it's all ambitious. We need to continue pressing forward because time is not our friend here, because of the makeup that we must do. Um, now I, does that complete your presentation, uh, Danny? Is that it? We really appreciate-

FUCHS Yes.

GIBSON ... all of this. We appreciate the good work. There's a lot we understand, a lot more we don't understand, but it helps us focus ourselves and obviously we gotta get to our action plan so that we can begin to actually make a difference.

KIRKPATRICK S- so Mister Chairman, could I ask then, uh, in my understanding, um, when we started this conversation like four years ago, is that at some point we'd wanna direct staff to go out for a request for information to see who's out there, who wants to be our partner because not everybody wants to be our partner. Um, and, uh, start gathering some of that information so then we could put these things in place or are we, um, or we just doing nothing and saying we love fiber? (laughs) So I'm, I'm trying to understand in with the goal of today, the goal for me is we need to keep moving forward and we need to figure out who our partners are and who they aren't. We need to, uh, work with the county. You know, this is a budget cycle that's coming up so we can start structuring a team or a group, so we could be interactive. So, are we giving staff all of that direction that they need to keep moving forward?

KING So Commissioner Kirkpatrick, um, if, if what I'm hearing is that based on the recommendations that are provided, um, today, uh, if you are okay with us continuing to move forward with and exploring these recommendations, as well as, um, gathering the data that you've asked for at an address level, as well as the services that are provided at that address we can continue moving forward, um, with what's been presented today?

GIBSON Well, that's, that's critical and you'll have the guidance for the consultants as well. Thank you very much for the presentation.

METTLER Thank you.

FUCHS Thank you for your time.

ACTION No action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 57 Accept and approve the Business Impact Statement pursuant to NRS 237.090 for the proposed ordinance to amend Title 22 Chapter 22.02 of the Clark County Code to codify current practices related to simple permit fees, damage assessment inspections reports and fee reductions for qualified affordable housing projects, deletes the requirements for the submittal of hard copy documents with the permit applications, and clarifies and adds certain types of work that are exempt from the permitting requirements; and providing for other matters properly relating thereto. (For possible action)

KING All right Commissioners, next we have Item Number Fifty-Seven, which is to accept and approve the business impact statement pursuant to NRS 237.090 for the proposed ordinance to amend Title 22 Chapter 22.02 of the Clark County Code to modify current practices related to simple permit fees, damage assessment, inspection reports, and fees reduction for qualified affordable housing projects. Delete, uh, the requirements for the submittal of hard copy documents with permit applications and clarifies and adds certain types of work that are exempt from the permitting requirements and providing for other matters properly, um, related thereto.

GIBSON Good morning.

JERRY STUEVE Good morning. Director of Building of the Building Department now. Um, as was read, this code amendment modifies a lot of things, but in generally all we're doing is codifying processes, um, that we already do, and cleaning up some of the language and the document. Um, through the notice, public notice period, we only had two comments and they were just both clarifications. One was from the plumbers, pipe fitters and service technicians. And they were just clarifying where medical gas was and wasn't, whether it required a permit or not, and it does not. Um, and the other was with Southern Nevada Home Builders. And that was just a clarification when a new code cycle is adopted, when it would go eff- into effect. And the document as we did just caught basically is, is consistent with what we've done in the past.

GIBSON It, it was my sense as I talked to others about this, that people understood almost more easily than often is the case because it has been the practice to do much of what is, um, included in what is proposed bef-

STUEVE That is-

GIBSON ... today before us.

STUEVE That is correct.

GIBSON Do you have anything else you'd want to convey to us? Are there any questions or comments by members of the, uh, of the board? And Commissioner Naft has moved approval of the item. Any discussion on the motion? Please cast your votes. And the motion carries. Thank you very much, Mister Stueve.

STUEVE Thank you.

ACTION It was moved by Commissioner Michael Naft, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 58 Discuss amending the Clark County Code regarding the work card requirement to remove Child Care from this section of the code (Chapter 6.10.020 Section (c) (1). (For possible action)

ACTION Deleted from the agenda.

ITEM NO. 59 Discuss possible amendments to the Clark County Code regarding appointments to various boards, councils and committees. (For possible action)

KING Commissioners, Item Number Fifty-Eight has been deleted. Uh, we moved to Item Fifty-Nine, which is to discuss possible amendments to the Clark County Code regarding appointments to various boards, councils and committees.

KIRKPATRICK Uh, Mister Chairman, this is my item. And, um, as I was going through my notes and I was trying to check off my list of all the things I needed to do, this is one of the things that I wanted to do to be consistent, is I wanted to make all boards and appointments, um, at the discretion of the Commissioners, um, because things change, um, that is what we did for the board as the chair. I was the leading person on, on doing that. And so, I just think that this allows us to change our code, to be consistent across the board and, um, make sure that we have folks that represent us.

GIBSON So essentially, um, Commissioner, you're saying that we appoint and if an appointment doesn't work out, we have, we would have the authority, if we were to modify the code, to unappoint. Uh, to make sure that if people are unable to serve or, or working their best at it, but just can't quite do it, that we're able to remove them, or for any other reason, in the discretion of the appointing officer, is that essentially what you're saying?

KIRKPATRICK Yeah, yeah. And this would be for all Boards and, uh, Commissions. So, we're consistent throughout the County Code.

GIBSON So, you can work on something and bring it back to us.

KING Okay. Yeah.

GIBSON And Lisa, do you have a comment?

LOGSDON Yeah, just the DA's office will do a code review of it, make sure that all the sections are consistent and consistent with state law as well.

GIBSON Great

SEGERBLOM Could, can I make a comment? Um, is there a way to add or consider that we post, uh, positions or at least have one meeting ahead of time where the is, is, is notified? So, we don't just show up with a position that's already three people picked and we just choose one. So, we'd say that this, this, this vacancy is up and next meeting, we're going to appoint somebody. So, we have a little lead time?

KIRKPATRICK We have that process already, Commissioner. So, if I, I'm understanding what you're saying, so, and Jeff Wells in particular has most of the Boards that we

KIRKPATRICK do all those appointments with, (laughs) and, and state statute requires that we post the names now. Um, so we, we, we can always hold any of those items, but the code change I'm trying to make is to make it consistent across the board that they serve at our discretion, not as a timeframe for when they were put on it and have to wait for the next election to make a change. So, and the reason I did that, because when I first came in, to be honest, is, I had a town Board person that we were oil and vinegar and we seen different directions. And, um, I could not put someone else in that was going with my vision until after the election. So, I started to make all the changes and I just forgot that one piece. So, I just wanted to clear it up so that it's consistent because as people come and go on this Board, we also want them to be able to have a say in the people that represent the district for them. So, but I, I don't know what you're missing.

GIBSON -so it may, excuse me, Commissioner.

KIRKPATRICK No, no, I'm just saying, I, I don't know what piece that you're trying to get at.

GIBSON Well, it may be these are not the same. I mean, I, I understand that they affect appointments.

SEGERBLOM Yeah. I, I, I withdraw my request and, and think of that for a future suggestion.

GIBSON Yeah. I think if we do this, then we, we're accountable, more accountable if we appoint the people and they serve at our discretion. And I think it makes sense to, to do that, so...

MUCCURDY Mister Chair?

GIBSON Yes?

MUCCURDY I just want to put my comments on the record as I totally agree.

GIBSON Yeah. Thank you, Commissioner. So, it's clear? Good.

ACTION No action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 60 Discuss the adoption of a resolution in support of efforts to designate Avi Kwa Ame as a National Monument. (For possible action)

KING Our next Item Number Sixty, which is to discuss the adoption of a re of a resolution to support the efforts to designate Avi Kwa Ame as a National Monument. Commissioner Naft?

NAFT Thank you, Manager King. We have Jocelyn Torres here, um, from Conservation lounds, Lands Foundation who Mister Chairman, if, uh, it's okay, she'll begin a presentation.

GIBSON Welcome. Thank you.

JOCELYN TORRES Thank you for having me. Uh, good afternoon, everybody as, uh, Commissioner Naft said, my name is Jocelyn Torres, and I'm here today representing the Honor of Avi Kwa Ame, uh, Coalition. Honor of Avi Kwa Ame is an effort to designate public lands within Clark County as a national

monument. The effort is supported and led by tribal nations, local Clark County communities and environmentalists among many others. The goal of achieving a national monument designation, as you see in the resolution before you today, is to preserve the cultural areas, historic and natural wonders while elevating the visibility for local communities so they can increase ecotourism opportunities and preserve their quality of life. Uh, one of the first questions we get is, where is Avi Kwa Ame? Um, it is at the Southern tip of the county. Its closest neighbors are the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation, Searchlight, Laughlin, and Boulder City. The boundary that you see here before you, um, were carefully crafted in partnership with the local communities, as well as working with the Fort Mojave Indian tribe, who serve as the stewards of Avi Kwa Ame on behalf of, uh, themselves and also nine other Yuman-speaking tribes. The boundary creates connections between wildlife habitat while allowing individual movements now and for future generations, thereby increasing long term species viability.

Uh, the monument offers the opportunity to provide species in communities with space and interconnective-ness, they, uh, may need help to adapt, uh, for the climate, uh, change that we are expecting. And it also provides, um, important cultural protections. So how are, uh, national monuments created? I know we do have a, a few here, so I'm sure you all are familiar, but just recapping there's, uh, two processes. One is a legislative process in which, um, a member of Congress introduces a bill that goes through the process and is signed by the, uh, President or, um, Congress, you know, expresses their support and then the President, um, creates a national monument, uh, using executive order authorities. Uh, monuments are designated to protect specific values and objects. Um, values can be cultural, recreational, natural and specific objects could be petroglyphs or, um, the state's largest Joshua tree, which you actually see pictured here. Um, the Joshua tree is twenty-four feet tall. So, you can imagine four me's stacked up, um, that is the, the height of the tree there. And that, uh, Nevada's largest Joshua tree and the, the world's third largest is in the heart of the monument proposal. So, what value specifically, um, does the of Avi Kwa Ame National Monument, um, proposal preserve? Uh, as I talked about the Joshua trees, there is, um, a Joshua tree forest, part of the worlds largest. Um, it is also a hotspot of botanical diversity. Um, this includes twenty-eight species of native grasses, about half of which are rare. Uh, it includes habitat for the desert tortoise, um, the largest area of ha- high quality desert tortoise habitat in Nevada and may possess the highest desert tortoise population densities.

Additionally, um, this population is contiguous with a large high-density area in California. So just keeping that connectivity across, uh, state lines. The monument land also serves as an important migratory corridor for the desert bighorn sheep, and the area has been designated by the National Audubon Society is an important birding area and the area contains one of the highest known densities of golden eagles in Nevada. There are of course a ton of recreational uses, uh, within the monument. I think one important note is that there are approximately five-hundred miles of already designated b- country roads, um, throughout the proposed site and which many people enjoy, um, you can go on any given weekend and see all kinds of folks, um, you know, parked or ready to go out on the roads or just meeting people along the trail as you explore. Um, there's also hunting opportunities, uh, within the monument, um, that's for bighorn sheep, deer. I, um, I know sometimes that amazes people that there's, (laughs) deer in the area, but there are, and, uh, smaller game

animals. And also, uh, I think it was mentioned earlier, um, from some of the commenters, but the dark sky quality of the monument is very outstanding, I think there's a dark contrast between, uh, being in this strip, right? With all the neon lights and bright lights and driving only, you know, an hour away and getting to see, uh, the Milky Way. Um, this increasingly valuable resource, um, would help and add upon efforts that the Nevada legislature took as well as the division of outdoor recreation to increase dark sky tourism in the state. And, uh, very importantly also are the sacred Native American, uh, cultural landscape that Avi Kwa Ame is. Um, the area is considered sacred, as I mentioned to ten Yuman-speaking tribes, as well as the Hopi and Chemehuevi Paiute. All the Yuman-speaking tribes track, um, their origin to of Avi Kwa Ame Spirit Mountain and the landscape is critical for, um, religious, um, traditional lifeways and practices. I'll highlight specifically, um, Spirit Mountain, um, itself is designated a traditional cultural property. Um, it was identified as, um, important and listed at that time. And there was a specific need for a boundary. Um, a- as part of that, uh, conversation, you know, th- there was an acknowledgement from the tribes that yes, they needed to create a small boundary for this traditional cultural property, but that the larger landscape really was what was associated with their religious beliefs and practices. Um, and sort of left it as like we're, this is a first step, but there's a lot more work to do here and here we are more than twenty years later, (laughs) continuing the work, um, that was started then.

I'll also mention that this builds upon efforts, um, on the California side of the border with, uh, national monument protections, as well as the Dead Mountains wilderness, um, which was designated in Nineteen Ninety-Four. Um, the Dead Mountain was not protected on the Nevada side of the border, really because it was a California focused bill. Um, and so that wasn't, you know, mixed up. But I'll note that this is, um, one of the few, if not the only wilderness area that specifically calls out the designation, um, to protect Native American values. Um, the area has some, uh, folks may be familiar with the Salt Song Trails. Um, I know they run through Commissioner Kirkpatrick's district, um, but they also do run through the Avi Kwa Ame, um, boundary proposal in various, uh, different sites. Uh, the Salt Song Trails for folks who don't know are part of, um, Southern Paiute tradition. And the Salt song trail traces the journey of ancestral people to historic and spiritual sacred sites and are used at memorial and other, uh, ceremonies. Um, all of these reasons are why, uh, you'll see, in your support packets that the Intertribal Coalition, um, or Council, sorry, of Nevada representing twenty-seven member tribes and the Intertribal Council of Arizona representing twenty-one member tribes have expressed their support for this proposal. I know we've all been here a long time, so I won't repeat the Walking Box Ranch history, which was, uh, talked by Judy Bundorf earlier today in the public comment.

I'll make a note of another historic site within, uh, the monument, and that is the historic Mojave Trail/Road. Uh, a section of that route was originally used by Mojave and other Native Americans to transport goods from the Southwest to trade with the coastal communities. That route later served for Western expansion, and it helps carry military mail. So, there's a lot of, uh, layers of history, I think, um, in, in the landscape itself and also, you know, in the various roads throughout the monument. I know I threw out numbers here of like twenty years of engagement. So, I wanted to really list that out, um, to showcase sort of all of that work over those twenty years. I'll say, you know, particularly calling out here the county's piece of this, um, which is the Multi-

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species Habitat Conservation Plan, and the investments made in this area over the years. Uh, the monuments production of lands within this Habitat Conservation Plan and the Paiute-Eldorado area of critical environmental concern, support the mitigation strategies that allow the county to develop and grow, um, and also allows for solar energy to be developed in the dry lake solar energy zone. Um, I'll say, you know, this has really been a piecemeal effort over the years. Um, if you really see in this timeline, you start with a small, uh, cultural property, you know, wilderness area here, wilderness area there, and this is really our chance to connect all of those pieces and ensure that there's consistent management across the landscape. And I know you've heard from a few of these supporters, (laughs) but I also did, uh, wanna highlight and, and list a few here, and specifically calling out, uh, the chambers and, and tourism organizations that have supported the effort. Um, and I think, you know, it's because of the economic opportunities that national designations bring to gateway communities, um, while continuing to preserve the rural character, which is so important to these communities, um, and also the quality of life for residents. Um, as you may know, uh, outdoor recreation ranks third and job sustained in Nevada, and that's behind only gaming, tourism and healthcare. Um, so big industry and a growing industry. And I'll say, you know, Clark County has time after time proven that conservation and economic development can coexist for the benefit of people and the little critters that we see here in, in the photos. And we ask that you, uh, continue that legacy by supporting the resolution before you today. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you very much.

NAFT

Thank you, Miss Torres. Mister Chairman, Commissioners, just by way of background, um, for, uh, you've heard this has been a twenty year, um, ongoing story. For me, it began three years ago. And I think much to the chagrin of several of the speakers here, um, who Mister O'Neill who's in the audience, who came to me my first week in this chair and asked me to carry this resolution. Um, the first thing I told him was, uh, "You have to hit the ground, um, in the areas that are actually impacted. Work with the tribal community, work with, uh..." In fact, I specifically tasked them with getting the support of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, the Searchlight Town Advisory Board, and the Boulder, Boulder City Council, which, um, I, I'm not sure that was achievable at the time, but somehow this group of advocates got it done, uh, including working with the OHV community, which is so, uh, Chairman and, uh, um, Commissioner Kirkpatrick, uh, you know, is such a, um, uh, well-versed and, uh, active community, particularly in this area. So, it, it was that coupled with the significant, um, role that the County's already played in this area. This body here has allocated almost four million dollars to, uh, preservation efforts in this specific area that we're talking about. Uh, and then, uh, this list of supporters here, but along with, uh, members of our congressional delegation, including Congresswoman Titus, who has supported, um, well, and has been the leading force behind so many of our, uh, national monuments and preservation areas, Gold Butte for one. Um, and now this. Uh, so that's what brought me to this point. You've heard the outdoor, uh, recreation community, uh, it's Forty- Nine thousand jobs in our state. It's, um, four billion dollars of economic activity attributable to that. Um, so those are the things that got me to this point. I've personally held, um, town halls in the impacted area and heard from my constituents, who are the ones impacted. I attended the Searchlight Town Advisory Board meeting where this item was heard and where, uh, unanimous support was given. Um, so I, I commend

NAFT those who are rising in support for not just, uh, uh, coming on day one, but seeing this thing through to today. Uh, and that's why I'm, I'm hopeful that we can, uh, uh, receive direction, provide direction to our staff, um, to support, bring back a resolution to this body. I know there's, Chairman, I know there's a lot of questions probably from this Board, uh, and I'll, uh, leave the decision to you, but there are some, um, uh, experts in the audience here who have waited until this point. Um, perhaps if there's questions, they could address, or maybe even open up the floor for a few moments, but I turn over to you.

GIBSON So maybe what we ought to do is see what questions or discussion there is here among Members of the Board. It's not a public hearing item, but I'm surely not, uh, here to, to cut off discussion. We wanna make sure that we've heard what needs to be heard and that we act in a way that's responsible. Are there questions or comments that any of the members of the Commission have?

KIRKPATRICK Mister Chairman my only questions, and I wanna thank Miss Torres. Um, supposed to call you back, but then I've seen the language and I'm very comfortable with the language. And my questions really were for the OHV community, it's not only about racing, but it's about families being able to go out and see some of those amazing petroglyphs and some of the other stuff that's out there. And sometimes that's the only way you can travel. So, I thank you very much for putting that language in on the bottom. And I didn't, I thought there was gonna be somebody here specifically that could talk to OHV stuff. And I, I just think that's important because we wanna preserve them, but, you know, we don't need big Jeeps going down there as much as some of these side by sides, um, the roads are already there and let's continue to showcase what we have. So maybe someone from the OHV committee wanted to, or the OHV -

NAFT I believe-

KIRKPATRICK ... group.

NAFT ... Ashley is here-

GIBSON Okay.

KIRKPATRICK ... can address OHV concerns.

GIBSON So then let's invite, uh, Ashley up and to put something in the record from the OHV community.

KIRKPATRICK They'll be thankful. (laughs)

ASHLEY LEE Good afternoon. Uh, Ashley Lee, last name L-E-E. Uh, hello, Commissioners. Um, I've led the Avi Kwa Ame coalitions outreach in the various off-road groups in the valley. I'm also one of the few female off-road navigators and drivers for the long-distance race in the United States that starts from the Northern boundary of Nevada and Tahoe and travels 10 days throughout the state in public lands, ends in, and ends up in Southern California. The off-road vehicle encompasses a wide variety of automotive interests, such as ATVs, side by side, side by sides, Overlanders, rock collars, and other recreational vehicles. The owners of these vehicles are joined by the shared love of the outdoors and the recreational use of our public lands. The Avi Kwa Ame

LEE monument is a treasure to us as a community. The designation would protect roughly five hundred miles of back country roads that are enjoyed by hundreds of visitors in the area. Any industrial development, including with infrastructure, winding roads or removal of the plants and animals would disfigure the land and devastate trails that myself and others have enjoyed. The coalition has been on these trails with the communities to listen and learn from them why recreating this monument is crucial to designate this area as a national monument. From the start of the process, the coalition has made it clear that the value of these existing back road infrastructures and wish to see it used for future use. The coalitions continued outreach to the off-road communities has included open invitations for recreational visits to the sites where participants can learn more about the history, ecology, and opportunities to learn about of Avi Kwa Ame's monument proposal. We have also published roots so that folks can explore sites on their own. Last month, we organized a tour with the back roads to include a camp s- a camp out and stewardship event, where we cleaned up and cleaned up the trash at Christmas Tree Pass. In the, in the coming months, we look forward to hosting a larger off-road outing and events to further build the community. I hope that commiss- I hope the Commissioners can recognize the beauty and accessibility of the back roads that myself and others in the automotive community enjoy and join us in calling for the protection of the monument designation that provides to the area.

GIBSON Thank you very much.

LEE Thank you.

GIBSON Now, Commissioner Naft.

NAFT Excuse me, Mister Chairman. I, I just wanted to point out and invite up if it's okay, one, uh, member of the audience who, uh, I'm really grateful would be here and, and sit through our entire meeting. Uh, Chairman, uh, Timothy Williams, uh, is the chairman of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, obviously the most impacted person, uh, here or anywhere. Um, and I just wanted to invite him to say a few words. Chairman.

TIMOTHY WILLIAMS Thank you. And thank you Commissioners for the opportunity to come and speak before you today. (Foreign language) The last part, my introduction, Timothy Williams, Chairman for Mojave Indian Tribe. Avi Kwa Ame (Foreign language). It's a matter that we're here for today. It lives within our heart. And that's what it's talking about. Avi Kwa Ame is in our heart. It's in our souls. It is the one thing that has remained consistent and persistent in these unprecedented times. It's the one place that we can go to, to receive refuge when it comes to our spirituality. And that's why it's so important for us to maintain its sanctity, to maintain its integrity, to maintain it and protect it as Mojave people. You see the Mojave trails, the Mojave Desert, we are the Mojave people, and we are still there. And what it takes, I've been a part of different processes. The DRECP in California, the Mojave Trails National Monument over there with Senator Feinstein and others. And man, alive has it been good working with this group because you don't see that. You don't see the OHV groups and the other entities out there, those other special interests, being able to come together and to sit at the table and to agree and disagree and come to a point to where we can actually present you with something that's tangible and that's a, agreed upon, my word. It's agreed upon among this

WILLIAMS coalition. I thank, uh, Nora McDowell, represented us and many a times, well before my time. And that's what it's coming down to, is to where we have something together. And you see the, the tribes from Arizona, you see the different interest groups. We all agree, and we agree upon the current borders. And so, we, would presented the premise that these are the borders that we all agree upon. So, if there was anybody else that were to come before you, and to say, "We should change anything now," oh, it's gonna be tough. It's gonna be difficult because, like I said, you have so many others that have this special interest and you have the same interest with one another. So, I thank you for the opportunity to come before you today. And man, it's a good day. And don't worry about the time. Believe you me, it is well worth it. We'll sit through another twenty-four hours or forty-eight hours or another two days.

GIBSON We won't. (laughs)

WILLIAMS We will. Mojaves will because we've been here s- since time immemorial. But the purpose of saying that is that it means something to us. It means something deeper than anything ever, anything else in our livelihoods will ever mean. So, I thank you for the opportunity to come before you. Thank you.

GIBSON Thank you.

NAFT Thank you, Chairman Williams. Uh, Chairman Gibson, I, I have nothing more other than to provide that direction to our staff.

GIBSON Okay.

ACTION No action was taken by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

KING Commissioner Gibson, um, this concludes the agenda for today. We can move to the second portion of the public comment.

GIBSON This is the time for public comment to conclude our meeting. We'd invite any who wished to offer public comment to come forward, stay within the three minutes, state your name, spell your last name. Um, and, uh, yes sir.

ALAN O'NEILL My name's Alan, A-L-A-N O'Neill O'-N-E-I-L-L. And I really appreciate the opportunity to, um, present comments to the, to the Commission. My association with the Avi Kwa Ame landscape goes back to the Nineteen-Nineties, when I served as superintendent of Lake Mead National Recreation Area. At that time, we in, we initiated a formal government to government consultation process over a three-year period with the ten Yuman-speaking tribes and the Chemehuevi Paiute and the Hopi tribes. This process led to the designation of Spirit Mountain as a traditional cultural property on the National Register of Historic Places. This designation was to formally recognize its religious and cultural importance. That listing took place in Nineteen-Ninety-Nine and was the first traditional cultural property in Nevada. During that TCP process, the tribes made it very clear that this larger Avi Kwa Ame landscape was connected to their religious beliefs, creation story and cultural practices as a living community, and that this landscape needed protection as well. I am sharing my experience to underscore that the importance of this landscape has been recognized for a long time. And I am so

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thankful that Clark County is in a position to support this and help us cross the finish line. That means so much to me, given my personal involvement on this. Over the past two years, I made countless trips to meetings in Searchlight, Laughlin and Boulder City to discuss the monument, the boundary and future of this region. And I am so grateful to the work by all those involved to come together as one, to secure agreements on the boundary and to support from all the gateway communities. I'd like to close by sharing an additional thought informed by my years as superintendent of Lake Mead National Recreation Area. The boundary for the monument would connect existing protected areas in the Eastern Mojave Desert and include critical migratory routes and elevational and transitional zones and niches. Through the monument, you are also essentially connecting the East Mojave Desert to the Colorado Plateau, providing an even larger connected landscape and a more resilient one as we face changes in rainfall and temperature regimes in the future. This benefits nature like our Joshua trees, the big horn sheep, but it also benefits all the people who want to recreate in a beautiful thriving ecosystem, which in turn benefits all the local gateway communities and tourism economies. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you, Mister O'Neill. Yes.

KIM GARRISON-BEANS

Hi, I'm Kim Garrison-Beans, a third generation Searchlight resident. Thank you so much Commissioner Naft for bringing this forward and listening to our community. Uh, thanks to all of you to listen. Uh, recently an article came out about Harry Reid's life and referred to Searchlight as a ghost town. We are not as grand as we were in Nineteen o'five perhaps, uh, but we are still very much alive down there.

GIBSON

(laughs)

GARRISON-BEANS

And, uh, our economy has taken a couple of hits over the years, uh, as mining and ranching activities have been curtailed in part because of some of the protections in the past for these lands. But on the upside, those decisions have also kept our amazing landscape pristine, and they've also always drawn new people to our area. So, we've been doing our homework for the past couple of years on this monument proposal. And I've personally been door-to-door all around Searchlight, Cal-Nev-Ari, Cottonwood Cove, and Nelson. And I've been amazed at how United our community is about this issue. We wanna keep the land, use the way it is and for our future generations. We also feel that this designation will bring us some gentle economic growth, but I wanna explain to you what that means in our town. It means that besides McDonald's and Denny's, there might one day be another restaurant for us to eat dinner at, or, um, we might be able to get some groceries at more than just a gas station. We need these things. And it means so much more to us like our young people, having more opportunities and more outdoor economy related jobs for our working families. And last but not least, a national monument designation might mean no more articles describing us as a ghost town. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Yes, sir.

JEFF ALBERT

Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Jeff Albert. I'm a resident of North Las Vegas. I'm not well-known here in the county, but I'm very active in North Las Vegas. I'm on committees, I do a lot of volunteers, I'm even on a county committee, and, um, they all know me in North Las Vegas. I just

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wanted to change the subject, talk about something different. About four or five years ago, I became interested in local history, and I started doing a lot of research. Um, what started me off was the beginning of Kyle Ranch in North Las Vegas. Hopefully you've been there. So, for about four, five years, I did a lot of research and I produced self-published my first book on the history, the entire history of Kyle Ranch. And then at the same time, I also researched the entire history of North Las Vegas and wrote my next book about North Las Vegas. It includes the entire history plus a chapter on each of the fifteen mayors over the seventy-five years since it's been incorporated and what happened during their administration. With COVID, I got motivated to do a third self-published book, and I spent hundreds and hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of hours during COVID doing research online, libraries, the usual routine. And I wrote a book about how Las Vegas got started. This one is called the Early Pioneers of Las Vegas. I delved into the lives of some men that have never been researched, people that came from far away to risk whatever they had to start a new life here, in dirt and dust and wind. And I cover merchants, doctors, pharmacists, builders, and it's an interesting book. My first two books, all the profits had been going to the libraries, I'm not making any money on these books. The libraries in North Las Vegas have three branches. The friends of the library are getting all profits. This latest book, the Early Pioneers, um, all the profits are going to the friends of the State Museum and Springs Preserve. I'm very active member with them. And I have written a long copy for each of you, free copy for you to read, to learn how our city got started, how our county got started, and who the people were behind the first buildings on Fremont Street, the first medical practices, and what was going on from Nineteen Oh Four to, into the Nineteen Thirties. So, I hope you enjoy it. And I have a copy for each Commissioner, and I also have one for a city clerk, Miss Goya, and one for our city manager. So, if staff could assist in distribution, um, I would appreciate that. And my email address is on the copyright page. If you have any suggestions, how these books can be placed out in the community, that would be helpful. Last week, I did go, go to the Centennial Commission meeting and the Historic Preservation Commission meeting in Las Vegas, and all the Commissioners received a copy. Thank you for your time.

GIBSON

Thank you, sir.

AL ROJAS

Yes, I'm next here. Uh, my name is Al Rojas. I live in, um, uh, Sunrise Manor. And, uh, it's first time I'm here. I wanted to say hi to Tick. I wanna say hi to William, and hi to Kirkpatrick. Uh, the reason I came is I wanted to, uh, bring attention to the Lake Mead eh, Boulevard, you know, over there by the Civic Center where the Pollo Loco is, and that street looks really bad. And I know that there's and some, uh-

GIBSON

Thank you.

ROJAS

... funds allocated nationally for infrastructure. Maybe some of the money can be channeled to clean up that road. I know that there's gotta be some funds because I'm, uh, I'm going on as a fifth year, uh, uh, Nevada resident, and Mount, uh, Hood Boulevard got really cleaned up. It looks really fantastic. And so did North Hollywood, uh, or I call it North Hollywood. So did Hollywood Boulevard. A fantastic job was done. It just really enhanced our city. And you know, a lot of people come off of Lake Mead to go to the Lake Mead Boulevard, to go to Lake Mead Lake. You know, we see all those boats

ROJAS

up there. So, it definitely is gonna bring a lot of positivity to Nevada and to our tourism and to our economy because we want to diversify. So, I don't know what it is. You guys are the powers to be. Somehow, maybe you guys, one of the things I heard from, uh, Arnold Schwarzenegger, who said at one time, one of the great things that he learned about being in politics is you gotta connect people. You can't try to do all the work yourself. And all of you guys being in the, in the decision-making process of the Nevada, maybe you guys can connect the right people to make that happen. But, you know, we have a lot of heavy traffic going through there. There's a big economy, there's big trucks, sixteen wheelers moving dirt around. I don't even know what they're doing, but that road, that Lake Mead takes a lot of, it takes a lot of traffic. The economy's probably there. And like I said, it's a representation of what Nevada and tourism is all about. There's just so much commerce, tourism, and people eat around there that it, it just looks really bad. That road, there should be money somewhere to fix those roads 'cause it looks really, really bad. Hope that's kind of what I wanted to just bring your attention to. Thank very much.

SEGERBLOM

Be sure and talk to Marilyn also.

GIBSON

Thank you, sir.

AUDIENCE

(laughs)

GIBSON

There being no one else who wishes to speak during the public comment period, this meeting will, we will recess this meeting until tomorrow morning at 9:00 AM for our zoning agenda. Thank you for your attendance today.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, at the hour of 12:37 p.m., Chair Gibson recessed the meeting to the hour of 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 for the Zoning agenda.

APPROVED:

/s/ James B. Gibson
JAMES B. GIBSON, CHAIR

ATTEST:

/s/ Lynn Marie Goya
LYNN MARIE GOYA, COUNTY CLERK