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The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Nevada met in joint regular session with the Moapa Valley Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners, Clark County Water Reclamation District Board of Trustees, in full conformity with law and bylaws of said Boards, at the regular place of meeting in the Commission Chambers, Government Center, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada on Tuesday, the 3rd day of October 2023 at the hour of 9:05 a.m. The meeting was called to order at the hour 9:54 a.m. by Chair Gibson and on roll call, the following members were present, constituting all the members thereof:

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Absent:

Also Present: Kevin Schiller, County Manager Lisa Logsdon, Deputy District Attorney Lynn Marie Goya, County Clerk Tammy McMahan, Office Services Supervisor Michelle Hinkson, Deputy Clerk JIM GIBSON

Good morning. We welcome you to our board meeting. The meeting will come to order. Mister Schiller.

# **Commissioners'/County Managers Recognition**

**ITEM NO. 1** Present a proclamation to the Bellagio to commemorate their 25th anniversary and a proclamation to commemorate the 25th anniversary of "O" by Cirque du Soleil at Bellagio.

**KEVIN SCHILLER** 

Good morning, Chairman and Commissioners. First item on your agenda is to present a proclamation to the Bellagio to commemorate their 25th anniversary and a proclamation to commemorate the 25th anniversary of "O" by Cirque du Soleil at Bellagio.

**GIBSON** 

We're happy to have with us representatives from the Bellagio and from Cirque du Soleil and we appreciate them being here. It has been fun, it's impossible to believe that it was 25 years ago that all of this began. But what an incredible run. I have with me Ann Hoff who is the President of Bellagio and I'd like to have her introduce the members of both the Bellagio team and, well just the Bellagio team first, and then we'll have Eric talk about the Cirque, okay?

**ANN HOFF** 

Thank you so very much. It is such a pleasure to be here this morning with the Clark County Commission to mark Bellagio's 25th anniversary. And as mentioned, I do have some special guests with me here today. We have Shalondra Sawyer and Mark Sirota who are representing Bellagio's team with us today. Both Shalondra and Mark are day one employees and represent our other 1,300 day one employees of our 6,000 employees at Bellagio. They are the best of the best, and truly demonstrate what dedication and commitment is all about with their 25 years of service to Bellagio.

We're also thrilled to have our partners with Cirque du Soleil with us here today. They have and are truly excellent partners of ours and we're so grateful that they have been with us for 25 years, two and a half decades. You know, Bellagio is a unique destination. We don't often celebrate our anniversaries publicly, but we felt that Bellagio was unique in the impact that it has had in Las Vegas and in the market. People the world over know Bellagio. They know our fountains, they know our conservatory, they know our Chihuly sculpture, they know our culinary offerings and our accommodations. And they know if they come to Bellagio, they will have a wonderful experience.

Before I go on, I would like to turn over to Miss Shalondra to say a few words first.

SHALONDRA SAWYER

Hello, everyone. My name is Shalondra Sawyer, and I've been a cocktail server at the Bellagio for 25 years and counting. Working for the Bellagio still feels as surreal as the first day. I have had and continue to have many wonderful and memorable experiences, starting with my co-workers who have also become extended family.

Having the opportunity to meet some extraordinary guests from all over the world, it's always a pleasure to see them return year after year. I am truly honored to be a part of this beautiful event. Thank you. Now I would like to introduce my coworker and friend, Mark Sirota.

MARK SIROTA

Good morning, everybody. My name is Mark Sirota.

**GIBSON** 

Step up closer.

**SIROTA** 

My name is Mark Sirota. And I've been with the company for 34 years in the capacity of a baccarat floor supervisor. Baccarat is a game that Chinese people play. I do speak Mandarin Chinese. And in 2009 I was the supervisor of the year, and I've been blessed with very good genes in that I've never missed a day of work in 34 years. Thank you. I just wanted to say, I've been a tremendous part of this team, it's been an awesome experience and now I turn it back over to Ann Hoff.

**HOFF** 

Thank you both.

So we can build beautiful resorts with iconic amenities, but what we know is that it's truly our employees that bring Bellagio to life, day in and day out. They are the ones that create meaningful moments and memories for our guests, and they are truly the stars of the show. And for that reason, I'm so grateful to have been able to share this moment with some of them today. And to the Commissioners, thank you so much on behalf of our 6,000 employees and everyone at MGM Resorts. We appreciate so much your passion and dedication to our industry, and to the resort community of Las Vegas. Your work and your commitment of your teams, your dedicated teams and your partners in government have been essential to our success for the last 25 years, and for that we are deeply grateful. And look forward to much more to come.

And with that, I would like to turn it over to Mister Eric Grilly, who is the President of resident shows of Cirque du Soleil.

**ERIC GRILLY** 

Thank you, Ann. Good morning, Chairman Gibson and members of the Commission. Thank you very much for having us here today. It's an absolute pleasure to be here in this celebration.

The remarkable production of "O" has been a cornerstone of our commitment to excellence. It's more than just a show, it's an immersive experience that has left an indelible mark in the hearts and minds of over 19 million people, and who have been fortunate enough to witness it's 11,300 spellbinding performances.

For a quarter-century, "O" has been a symbol of innovation, creativity and artistry. Pushing the boundaries of what's possible in the world of live entertainment, has been a testament to the dedication and unwavering passion of our talented cast, crew and staff.

I want to also express our deepest gratitude to our invaluable partners at the Bellagio and MGM Resorts International. Their unwavering support has been instrumental in making "O" the iconic show it is today. Your belief in our vision and dedication to the world of entertainment is truly remarkable.

With more than 1,500 employees in Las Vegas, Cirque du Soleil is proud to call Las Vegas home. Thank you all for being part of our incredible journey. Today we celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary of "O", but we also look forward to many more years of Cirque du Soleil's extraordinary legacy, fueled by the support and collaborations of our partners in this incredible city.

And now I'd like to introduce you to some of our talented cast members.

(music plays while Cirque du Soleil cast members perform)

GIBSON Bellagio Resort and Casino is recognized as the resort that began an entirely new era

for Las Vegas as a luxury destination, 25 years ago. In addition to receiving the AAA Five Diamond distinction in 2001, and every year thereafter, they are also home to some of the world's most acclaimed chefs and artists. I am delighted to congratulate Bellagio on 25 years of providing outstanding hospitality and a luxury experience to

all who have the good fortune to visit. Ann? Thank you so much.

HOFF Thank you.

GIBSON Cirque du Soleil grew from a group of 20 street performers in Montreal, Canada into a world-renowned entertainment group thrilling over 400 million spectators across

a world-renowned entertainment group thrilling over 400 million spectators across 86 countries. Since 1998, 25 years ago, over 19 million Las Vegas residents and visitors alike have had the good fortune of being able to experience the stunning artistry of "O" by Cirque du Soleil. I'm absolutely delighted to congratulate Cirque du Soleil on 25 years of providing unparalleled entertainment on the Las Vegas

Strip. We're gonna stand back now and we're gonna take one big picture.

I was there 25 years ago, and I saw the very first performance. I've seen it a number of times since. What a remarkable place, and what a remarkable performance that is available to all. We invite all of you to go and see something that you'll never forget. Thank you so much for being here today. We appreciate you all very much. Thank

you very much.

GRILLY That was awesome. Thank you, thanks for being so helpful. Appreciate you.

HOFF Appreciate you.

**ACTION:** No action was taken by the Board.

**ITEM NO. 2** Present a proclamation to the Clark County Fire Prevention Bureau declaring the week of October 8 - 14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week.

SCHILLER Commissioners, Item 2 is to present a proclamation to the Clark County Fire

Prevention Bureau declaring the week of October 8th through the 14th, 2023 as Fire

Prevention Week. Commissioner Gibson.

GIBSON

The National Fire Protection Association, NFPA, has sponsored public observation of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire that began on October 8th, 1871, and caused devastating damage including 250 deaths, over 17,000 structures destroyed, and left 100,000 people homeless. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Cooking Safety Starts with You." Pay attention to fire prevention. Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires, and home fire injuries.

Throughout the month of October, the Clark County Fire Department will be providing fire safety education to reduce injuries and deaths caused by fires.

It is important every member of our community take some time during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to prevent fires and how to stay safe in the case of fire. This is something that is a priority to us. We know people, all of us, who have experienced the tragedy of fire. It's preventable and we encourage all to be really attentive to the things that happen in their own homes. Chief, we appreciate the work that you all do. You do so much all the time. You're not just

**GIBSON** 

another department of Clark County. You're especially important to us and we really appreciate the example you set in so many different ways and appreciate you being here with us today.

CHIEF JOHN STEINBECK

Thank you, Commissioner, and we really feel the support from this Commission all the time. They're really committed to public safety and I'm honored to be the Fire Chief.

I came up through the ranks of suppression, so fire suppression is obviously when we go to put out the fires, search and rescue, doing overhaul and that's all very important. However, the fact of the matter is that fire prevention has saved far more lives than fire suppression ever will. It is where our efforts need to be. This town's history of course, with the MGM and the Hilton fires in the early '80s were, those were terrible incidents. But they did mark a total change in not only the fire codes here, but internationally. And so, we set the standard here for safety in our resorts and in our commercial buildings and certainly in our residentials.

And so, we are focusing as Commissioner Gibson spoke to cooking fires. That is where the majority of - the largest percentage of our fires occur is from cooking in the homes and single-family and multifamily residences is where we get the most injuries and deaths now that we have. And where our focus is. So behind me right here I have Chief Kelly Blackman. She's our Fire Marshall, and also my Senior Deputy Fire Chief. And over on this side is Chief Wayne Dailey, Deputy Chief and he's going to speak a little bit about fire safety and cooking.

SENIOR DEPUTY CHIEF WAYNE DAILEY

Good morning. Fire Prevention Week is a special week for us. We actually are able to get out into the community and provide education to our community members focusing mainly on the young generation. Hoping that they'll take that message back to their families, so in the spirit of the Fire Prevention Week theme this year, with focusing on cooking safety, kitchen safety, so remembering to always be watching what we're cooking. Paying attention to what we're cooking. Setting a reminder timer so that we don't forget. Another important thing is to avoid injuries to our children. A lot of times we have our kids in the kitchen with us. Having that three foot safety zone around our stove will keep our children safe from being, burned.

And I'll also remind everybody this month, it's a great opportunity to also practice your exit drills in the home. And also check your smoke detectors. Make sure that they're functioning properly. With that, thank you, I'll turn it over.

CHIEF STEINBECK

Thank you and appreciate this very much, Commissioner. We did not set up a performance like the one we just saw. We were just talking about if we could come up with something, but sorry to disappoint. That was incredible. We're gonna have to be not quite as entertaining today but really appreciate the proclamation and the acknowledgement, and your commitment.

**GIBSON** 

Well, thank you very much. We'll give you a few minutes if you want to put a little something together. Let's take a picture.

**ACTION:** 

No action was taken by the Board.

**ITEM NO. 3** Present a proclamation to Clark County Water Quality recognizing the month of October 2023 as Stormwater Pollution Awareness Month in Clark County.

**SCHILLER** 

Commissioners, Item 3 is to present a proclamation to Clark County Water Quality recognizing the month of October 2023 as Storm Water Pollution Awareness Month in Clark County. Commissioner Jones.

JUSTIN JONES

Thank you. So, I have the pleasure to proclaim the month of October as Storm Water Pollution Awareness Month. Storm water pollution is an essential topic for every resident in Clark County because runoff that flows into our gutters and storms drains is not processed through a treatment plant before entering into Lake Mead, the valley's primary source of drinking water. Citizen participation is key to preserving our water quality for future generations. Clark County Water Quality collaborated with agencies across the valley on this initiative to support ongoing grant funded public outreach efforts.

John Solvie and Sara Gedo from Clark County Water Quality will be receiving the proclamation. We want to thank you for all your efforts here. I'll pass the microphone over.

JOHN SOLVIE

**JONES** 

Thank you, Commissioner Jones. In hindsight I'm looking back and wishing we would've invited some Bellagio characters to be up here with us, but. Anyway, I want to thank Commissioner Jones for sponsoring this proclamation and the entire Clark County Commission. Also, Sara Gedo from my team. Sara's the one that's been the brains and the brawn behind this entire campaign, and she leads up all of our public outreach, which is a key component to what we do. And also, special thanks to my team. My team performs thousands of inspections at facilities across the valley to confirm compliance and enforce compliance with Clark County Storm Water Code that preserves our watershed.

And we're also proud to say that we've got eight agency partners as part of the campaign this month. And it includes four county agencies which includes Wetlands Park, Department of Aviation, Water Reclamation District, and Clark County Regional Flood Control District. So, when you go home tonight, tell your families, tell your neighbors that if it goes in the gutter, it goes to the lake. So, thank you.

JONES Thank you so much. Sara, do you want to say a few words? Yeah? All good.

CHRIS ERICKSON Sara, turn the top of that proclamation forward.

**ACTION:** No action was taken by the Board.

**ITEM NO. 4** Present a proclamation to NV Energy recognizing the first Wednesday in the month of October 2023 as Energy Efficiency Day.

SCHILLER Commissioners, Item 4 is to present a proclamation to NV Energy recognizing the

first Wednesday in the month of October 2023 as Energy Efficiency Day.

Very good. If we could have our friends from NV Energy head on up.

Energy Efficiency Day is coming up on October 5th. I'm so excited to be joined by our friends from NV Energy today. Energy Efficiency Day's message is simple. Save money, cut pollution, create jobs. The goal is to share tips, tools, and stories that promote the multiple benefits of energy efficiency from lower costs to healthier homes. Energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest way to meet our energy needs, cut consumer bills and reduce pollution. Energy efficiency is also an economic engine supporting over two million jobs nationwide in manufacturing, construction and

**JONES** 

other fields, most of which can't be outsourced overseas.

There are many simple individual actions we can take all year long. Using LEDs in place of conventional light bulbs. Replacing old appliances. Not excessively speeding, and more.

I'm proud of our RPM team here in Clark County for prioritizing LED lights at our parks and along our roadways and proud of my colleagues for voting to support updating our International Energy Code recently. And now I'll pass the microphone over to Adam Grant, Director of Electrification and Energy Services.

ADAM GRANT

Thank you very much, Commissioner. We really appreciate the honor and the recognition here today. Energy efficiency is not a individual effort, it is a group effort, as you can see, which is why we brought our entire, well, not our entire team but a lot of our team, who puts on, runs these programs day to day for customers here in Clark County.

Energy efficiency is really an integral part of what we do at NV Energy, and we want to make sure that our PowerShift suite of program, products and services are available to everyone. We thank you again for the recognition and really appreciate the time. Thank you.

**JONES** 

Thank you so much. We'll give them a round of applause.

**ACTION:** 

No action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 5 Present proclamations in recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day in Clark County.

**SCHILLER** 

Commissioners, Item 5 is to present proclamations in recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day in Clark County. Commissioner Segerblom.

TICK SEGERBLOM

Thank you and Fredina will come up and then all the others that are here to celebrate with her, including our assemblywoman and Stacy, I think you're here too.

So, while we're coming up here Monday is going to be Indigenous Peoples' Day in Clark County. Very proud that we celebrate that instead of Columbus Day. Because truly the, when Columbus arrived, he didn't discover America, there were people already here. So, come on down a little bit, on the other side of me.

But we're so proud in Nevada to have such a great group of Indigenous Peoples from all around the state and, and here in Las Vegas, from all around the country. Fredina, who's, we're honoring today as part of this celebration is with the Department of Education, the State Department of Education, been there a long time. Did a lot of amazing things around the state with all the tribes, but also this summer brought a hundred students from around the state, to UNLV, stayed in the dorms, and started them on the process on how to learn to go to college. So, that's the next step.

We have, we have passed a law. I'm not sure if you knew this here or not, but this Legislature passed a law saying that Indigenous Peoples have free tuition at state colleges, so we're very proud of that and we're just so appreciative of what they've done and let us use their lands. So, you want to say a few words, Fredina?

FREDINA DRYE-ROMERO

My Quest. My name is Fredina Drye-Romero and I'm a Nuwu Southern Paiute. It's an honor to be here today and I also first want to acknowledge my people that come

#### DRYE-ROMERO

from this land. Just right down the street on the Las, what is now the Las Vegas Indian Colony, my grandmother was born, my great-grandmother is buried there and my great-grandmother. So, our people have lived here in time immemorial. And it's a great honor to be able to be here not, I'm sure they didn't even have the knowledge that I'd be standing here today to talk to you.

I've been at the Nevada Department of Ed for 17 years, literally yesterday. And I was born here in Las Vegas as was my mother, Aletha Tom. Fifty-two years ago, you can imagine the changes that have occurred even my lifetime, my mother's lifetime, my grandmother, and even my ancestors that came through here.

Education is so important and so vital to our native kids, and just as Commissioner Tick Segerblom said that it really does, it's so important for our kids. The atrocities faced upon my people through boarding schools, through all of the other things that occurred, to take land, it's very important. This morning we heard about water. Water is life. Water is what brings us here.

Our people lived in this desert. We are the turtles, we are strong. Our kids need warriors, so I'm very thankful for all the people here who are standing up here with me, my family, my aunt, my cousins, my colleagues who are here representing us, and thinking about those children that are coming up after us. It's so important. So, thank you so much for coming into Valley, coming onto our land and doing more than just the land acknowledgement, but really making something happen for our children who are coming to college. I was sharing this morning that of the last two years that we've been doing this with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the Clark County School District, we have already brought in approximately, probably less than five, but to me that's 100%. That's a lot, in the last two years. We have more that are coming right behind them who are already talking about going to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and going into the College of Hospitality. So, thank you to our colleagues at the University, for allowing us to be there. And thank you so much.

**SEGERBLOM** 

Great. Thank you. And since we have a politician here, we have to let her say a few words. Assemblywoman Shea Backus.

DRYE-ROMERO

Yay, Shea.

SHAE BACKUS

I just wanted to say thank you and congratulations and all the good work Clark County's doing. I think as the state we kind of have to follow suit. So, thank you.

DRYE-ROMERO

Short and sweet.

**SEGERBLOM** 

Thank you so much. And also, we want to thank the San Manuel Tribe who has given a great grant to UNLV and also has stolen from us Tammy Tiger, who helped us coordinate this. Thank you, Southern tribe.

**SHAE BACKUS** 

Thank you, (inaudible) I'm trying to get out of your way.

**ACTION:** 

No action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 6 County Manager recognition of newly hired Clark County employees.

**SCHILLER** 

Commissioners, Item 6 is County Manager Recognition of newly hired Clark County employees. I will have them stand at the end but want to welcome them to Clark

**SCHILLER** 

County and our Clark County family. Today, we have over 40 new employees that I will read and recognize.

In Administrative Services we have Chad Barrett, Willie Hallman, and Raymond Miller II. In Aviation we have Omar Cabrera, Cecilia Garay, Stephanie Gonzalez, Health Kingham, Jose Paz Villafana, Nathan Rios, Randy Sareana, Alfonso Sandoval Jr., and Carlos Santiago.

In the Clerks' office we have Lakeysha Brown.

In the District Attorney we have Jessyca Johnson, Jeanita Darensbourg, Kassandra Acosta and Dallin Albright.

In Elections we have, have Aurora Vazquez.

In Family Services, we have Queen-India Morgan, Kenia Guevara, and Kayleen Smith.

In HR we have Adrian Duarte.

In Information Technology we have Chung Lee.

In the Las Vegas Justice Court, we have Mari Long.

Public Works, Brandon Klusman and James Duren. Brandon Treich, Davon Walden, Marcos Ramirez Rincon, William Greppin and Carlos Carranza.

In RPM we have Luis Portillo and Carla Schwartz, or Schwanz, excuse me.

In Social Service, we have our new director Jamie Sorenson, Yeabu Conteh, and Leticia Foster.

And then in the Special - Public Defenders Office we have Michael Castillo.

And anybody who's here, I'd like to have them stand so we can give them a round of applause.

**ACTION:** 

No action was taken by the Board.

## ITEM NO. 7 Public Comment

**GIBSON** 

The next item on our agenda is public comment. This is a time when we invite people who have interest in commenting on any particular item that is on our agenda to come forward, tell us their name, please spell your last name for our clerk, and indicate to us which agenda item you want to speak to. Please keep your comments to three minutes. Item 39, which is the item that deals with sidewalk vending is actually a public hearing. You can either speak now during the public comment period or you can wait until Item 39 is heard. That is the only public hearing, so the only opportunity you'll have to comment on any other item will be now. Good morning.

DANIEL BRAISTED

Good morning, Mister Chairman. Daniel Braisted, B-R-A-I-S-T-E-D. I'm commenting on Item number 4, and number 5. You're talking about saving electricity, but I've mentioned many times the lights that are, the LED lights that are

BRAISTED on Paradise Road from Sahara all the way down to Twain, they're on during the day.

I don't understand why people don't see that. Today, driving in, there's about 50 tower lights, which includes about four lights on at the Spaghetti Bowl. I mean, I don't... you talk about these things, but you leave the lights on. In the Downtown Las Vegas, there's six bulbs that I have tried to turn off on 9th Street for four years. I don't understand it. You go into the state building over there on Washington, and the lights in the parking lot come on at 4:50, 4:45 p.m. I mean, you talk a good game.

And then I noticed on the native indigenous people, you have space in this agenda again, do they have any events? Why aren't they featured here? Mesquite, Jean, Henderson, all these other places in the County. Why isn't there a two-line item

featuring one of their events? I've mentioned that before. Thank you.

GIBSON Thank you. And I'd encourage you and others who are concerned about lights to

contact Nevada Power, NV Energy. They own many of the lights. The ones you

indicated are either owned by the City, by NV Energy, or by the State.

Are there any other people who would wish to speak during the first public comment

period? There being no one, Mister Schiller, we're ready to go into the agenda.

**ACTION:** No action taken by the Board.

**ITEM NO. 8** Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 5, 2023. (For possible action) (Available in the County Clerk's Office, Commission Division)

SCHILLER Chairman, Item 8 is approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on September

5th, 2023.

GIBSON I'll entertain a motion.

SEGERBLOM Move for approval.

GIBSON There's a motion for approval of the minutes. Please cast your votes. And the motion

carries.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the minutes be approved.

**ITEM NO. 9** Approval of Agenda with the Inclusion of Any Emergency Items and Deletion of Any Items (For possible action)

SCHILLER Item 9 is approval of the agenda with the inclusion of any emergency items and

deletion of any items. Staff is requesting that Item Number 15 under the consent

section, be deleted from your agenda.

SEGERBLOM Move for approval...

GIBSON There's a motion for-

SEGERBLOM -with the deletion of Item 15.

GIBSON There's a motion for approval with noting that Item 15 is removed from the agenda.

Please cast your votes. And the motion carries. Thank you.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the agenda be approved, with the deletion of Item Number 15.

CONSENT AGENDA: Items No. 10 through No. 38

SCHILLER Commissioners, we can now move to the approval of the Consent Agenda, which

consists of Item Number 10 through Item Number 38, which comprises the Consent

Agenda.

GIBSON If there are no changes to the Consent Agenda at the pleasure of the Board, I'll

entertain a motion.

SEGERBLOM (inaudible)

GIBSON There is a motion for approval by Commissioner Segerblom of the Consent Agenda

items Please cast your vote. Motion carries.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the Consent Agenda be approved.

**ITEM NO. 10** Approve the award of Bid No. 606595-23, for Katie Avenue from Tomsik Street to Cimarron Road, and Cimarron Road from Katie Avenue to Spring Mountain Road to the low responsive and responsible bidder, contingent upon submission of the required bonds and insurance. Staff recommends award to Tand, Inc.; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 11** Approve the award of Bid No. 606678-23, Contract for Electrical Services Countywide, to the low responsive and responsible bidder, contingent upon submission of the required bonds and insurance. Staff recommends award to DataPlus Communication Limited, dba DataPlus Communications; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 12** Approve the increase of funding to the Contract with Navitus Health Solutions, LLC, for RFP No. 604027-16, for Prescription Benefits Manager Services for Clark County's Self-Funded Prescription Drug Plan; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to issue purchase orders; subject to approved budget appropriations; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 13** Ratify and authorize the Chair to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the State of Nevada, for CBE No. 606791-23, for Nevada Statewide Victim Notification System; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 14 Approve the award of Bid No. 606662-23, for Annual Requirements Contract for Keys and Locks Countywide to the low responsive and responsible bidder, contingent upon submission of the required insurance. Staff recommends award to Intermountain Lock & Supply Company Inc.; and acceptance of withdrawal of the Bid received from Accredited Lock Supply; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** 

It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 15** Approve an Amendment to the Contract with Brightview Landscape Services, Inc., for Bid No. 606231-22, for 215 Bruce Woodbury Beltway Landscape Maintenance; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Amendment; or take other action as appropriate.

**ACTION:** Deleted from the agenda.

**ITEM NO. 16** Approve an Amendment to the Contract with Diona (US) Inc., for CBE No. 605583-20, for Mobile Software Modules; 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 Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 17** Approve the Contract with Resource Logistics, Inc., for RFQ No. 606374-22, for IT Tier 1 Professional Services, contingent upon submission of the required insurance; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Contract; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 18** Note for the record the following Town Advisory Board (TAB) and/or Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) Minutes: Enterprise TAB - July 26, 2023, and August 30, 2023; Paradise TAB - August 29, 2023; Spring Valley TAB - August 29, 2023; Sunrise Manor TAB - August 31, 2023; Whitney TAB - August 10, 2023; and Winchester TAB - August 29, 2023.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 19** Ratify the Clark County Parks & Recreation Director's appointment of Alexia Chen, At Large Professional Artist Representative to the Art Committee for a three-year term ending October 2026, with the option of reapplying for an additional three-year term. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation (including the ratification of Clark County Parks and Recreation Director's appointment of Alexia Chen, At Large Professional Artist Representative to the Art Committee for a three-year term ending October 2026, with

the option of reapplying for an additional three-year term) be approved.

**ITEM NO. 20** Accept a grant of permanent easement from Fashion Show Mall LLC (Marjorie Zessar, Authorized Signatory) upon Assessor's Parcel Number 162-16-112-011 for the maintenance of bollard improvements generally located on the northwest corner of Las Vegas Boulevard and Spring Mountain Road. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 21 Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Cooperative (local public agency) Highway Agreement No. PR525-23-063 between Clark County and Nevada Department of Transportation for the Rainbow Boulevard Widening project between Clark County 215 Beltway and Blue Diamond Road. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 22 Approve and authorize the acquisition by negotiation of portions of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 177-28-201-016 (Wigwam-Parvin Limited Partnership) and 177-28-201-017 (Khusrow Roohani, Trustee of the Khusrow Roohani Family Trust) needed for construction of the Pyle Avenue between Las Vegas Boulevard and Bermuda Road project; and authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign future escrow instructions and any pertinent documents necessary to complete the acquisition process. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 23 Approve and authorize the Director of Real Property Management or her designee to accept a reimbursement from Opportunity Village, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, for sewer charges related to the Lease Agreements for the Opportunity Village Campus and Betty's Village located on APN 163-34-201-013 and 163-34-201-029; and sign any other documents as necessary to complete the transaction and for management of the lease. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 24** Receive quarterly report on the Job Order Contracting (JOC) Policy per Senate Bill 67 of the 2021 Nevada Legislature. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 25** 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 Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation (including the adoption of Resolution No. R-10-3-23-1) be

approved.

**ITEM NO. 26** Approve the 2024-2025 funding allocation established by the Clark County Crime Prevention Act of 2016. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 27** Approve, adopt and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution making the findings required under NRS 286.523 to employ retired public employees to fill a position for which there is a critical labor shortage. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation (including the adoption of Resolution No. R-10-3-23-2) be

approved.

**ITEM NO. 28** Authorize the creation of seven (7) General Fund positions and two (2) Non-General funded positions for the Fiscal Year 2024. (For Possible Action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 29** Ratify the SAFER grant application submission to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the awarded amount not to exceed \$544,644.32 for purchasing structural PPE, hiring a part-time recruitment and retention coordinator, pay for EMT, AEMT, and paramedic training, pay for volunteer tuition and book/lab fees, pay for volunteers to attend fire conferences, pay for media/marketing literature, pay to hire a marketing contractor, and to

provide volunteer stipends; authorize the Fire Chief to sign any additional grant documents, sign the award documents; and accept any funds awarded. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 30** Ratify the SAFER grant application submission to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the awarded amount not to exceed \$378,672.63 for hiring an Assistant Fire Chief; authorize the Fire Chief to sign any additional grant documents, sign the award documents; and accept any funds awarded. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 31 Approve and authorize the submission of the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program application in the amount not to exceed \$51,091.25 for a new auto load gurney. Approve and authorize Fire Chief to sign the application and certified assurances; authorize the Fire Chief to sign the award documents; and accept any funds awarded. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 32 Approve the award of District ITB No. 240000, Biodiesel (B5) Fuel Blend (Ultra Low Sulfur #2 Diesel & Biodiesel (B100)) & Unleaded Gasoline, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, contingent upon submission of required insurance; or take other action as appropriate. Staff recommends award to Rebel Oil Company, Inc. DBA ROC/1954 (Dana Cason Teeper, Secretary/Treasurer). (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 33 Approve the award of District ITB No. 230009, Electrical Testing Services, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, contingent upon submission of required insurance; or take other action as appropriate. Staff recommends award to Electrical Reliability Services, Inc. (Robert Johnson, President). (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 34** Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the correction of the 2021-2022 thru 2023-2024 Secured and the 2022-2023 thru 2023-2024 Unsecured Assessment Roll AR-1003-23-18 and order the corrections to be made. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 35 Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Clark County and the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) in order to establish access for both parties to exchange information and data; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 36** Ratify the grant application submitted to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) under the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2023 [P.L. 117-328] in the amount of \$1,224,000 to fund mental health and substance abuse program support staff to serve girls who have been traumatized through sexual exploitation; accept funding and authorize the Director to sign any additional grant documents related thereto. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** 

It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 37** Ratify the acceptance of \$6,000,000 in State General Fund funding allocated to Clark County in FY23-24 by AB396 from the 2023 Nevada legislative session and authorize the Deputy County Manager to take any other action as appropriate. (For Possible Action)

**ACTION:** 

It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 38 Ratify the submission of the grant application to the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child and Family Services for the Youth Crisis Triage and Intervention Services in the amount of \$922,302.78, for proposed expansion of in-home Harbor Crisis Response Services; authorize acceptance of funds, if awarded, for the period of October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024; and authorize the Acting Director or designee to sign additional grant documents, as necessary. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** 

It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 39 Conduct a public hearing and approve, adopt, and authorize the Chair to sign an ordinance to amend Title 18 of the Clark County Code by adding a new Chapter designated as Chapter 18.03 to be entitled "Prohibition of Sidewalk Vending" providing for the prohibition of the sale of food, beverages and merchandise in certain areas of public sidewalks and pedestrian paths and providing for other matters properly related thereto. Commission District: All

**SCHILLER** 

Commissioners, it's past 10:00 a.m., so we can now move to the public hearing section of your agenda. Item 39 is to conduct a public hearing and approve, adopt, and authorize the Chair to sign an ordinance to amend Title 18 of the Clark County Code by adding a new chapter designated as Chapter 18.03 to be entitled Prohibition of Sidewalk Vending, providing for the prohibition of the sale of food, beverages, and merchandise in certain areas of public sidewalks and pedestrian paths, and providing for other matters properly related thereto.

**GIBSON** 

Morning, Mister Harwell.

MICHAEL HARWELL

Morning, Chair, Commissioners, Mike Harwell with Business License. I have a brief presentation of the bill.

Earlier this year, hard to believe it was still this year, but the Legislature adopted SB, Senate Bill 92, which approved local governments to regulate certain aspects of sidewalk vendors. It defines sidewalk vendors as anyone who sells food on a public sidewalk, where the pedestrian path, from a conveyance such as a pushcart, standard display. It also had restrictions on where they can sell. They cannot sell within 1,500 feet of a resort hotel. An event facility with a capacity of 20,000 people that's constructed for a combination of major/minor sporting team. A convention center operated by the County Fair and Recreation Board. That would be the LVCVA in our situation.

Or median of a highway, if the median is adjacent to a parking lot. These restrictions do not apply if it's in a zoned area that's exclusively for residential unless it's on the sidewalk. Also, currently, our code does not allow for sidewalk vending, but effective October 15th, the SB92 would make it, that provision, or that prohibition void if we do not do an ordinance. And that's what this ordinance is about, is setting up those restrictions similar to that. Currently GIS is creating a website that will show areas where sidewalk vending is prohibited. And we will have another

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ordinance probably sometime early next year to come up with other regulations regarding this. But this ordinance is just to try to meet that October 15th deadline to provide some sort of restrictions before our current prohibition is overridden.

**GIBSON** 

Do members of the Board have any questions of Mister Harwell before we open the public hearing? There being none, we'll ask you to stand by.

**HARWELL** 

Okay.

**GIBSON** 

This is a public hearing, which is now open. I'd invite anyone who wishes to speak during this public hearing to come forward.

VIRGINIA VALENTINE

Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Virginia Valentine, and I'm here this morning on behalf of the Nevada Resort Association. We want to start with saying how much we appreciate that all the work in the public workshops that many of you and your staff put in the preparation of this ordinance.

Top priority for us is the health and safety of our 40 million visitors a year. In addition to guests, there are hundreds of thousands of residents who come to the corridor, both for the entertainment and to work. All of that activity, of course, creates a lot of congestion on the public sidewalks. One of the really important things to us is that both residents and guests have a good experience. We want them to have a good experience. We want them to keep coming back to Las Vegas.

So, all of that activities means the sidewalks are congested. I think you've probably all seen that kind of congestion. We know that the congestion of sidewalks and sidewalks, remember, are designed for pedestrian activity. They're not designed for commercial activity, nor are they sized for commercial activity. Pedestrians need to be able to move freely and safety throughout the corridor. We know that congestion can create opportunities for crime. It creates challenges for people who have limited mobility, and of course, it makes it very difficult for public, first responders to respond when something does happen or when they are needed.

Commercial use of these sidewalks, as Mister Harwell mentions, is currently illegal. It's prohibited. While we appreciate the efforts in this ordinance, we know that the ordinance will only be as effective as it is enforced, and we would ask that you consider going forward, and your considerations and future ordinances, a very robust enforcement program for the ordinance so that we can maintain those sidewalks and those public areas for what they're intended and that is pedestrian movement. So, thank you again, appreciate your consideration this morning.

**GIBSON** 

Thank you. Are there others who wish to speak on this Item, Number 39?

**BRAISTED** 

Mister Chairman, Daniel Braisted, B-R-A-I-S-T-E-D. I live in an area where there's a number of these sidewalk vendors and all. I don't see any designation on their stand whether they are approved, whether the Health Department has told them. So will there be some, sort of a notification on the stand, just like you have in the restaurants, you walk in, and you see it on the wall, and I think that's part of the... as the lady mentioned, the enforcement. So that we patronize the people that are there under the auspices of government. Thank you.

**GIBSON** 

Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak during this hearing which is on Item 39? There being no one, the public hearing is closed. Are there questions or comments that we might address to Mister Harwell? Or are we ready to take action

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on this item.

MARILYN KIRKPATRICK

Mister Chairman, I just wanted to clear the record. So, first of all, this particular ordinance says nobody's allowed. But the second ordinance will address Daniel's concerns and the Health District is working too. And hopefully, this Board will say if they're in their neighborhood, there has to be some acknowledgments that they are operating under proper protocol.

But I wanna tell you that I've been to the Las Vegas Sign a few times in the night, in the last month. And it is... I can't wait to start enforcing it 'cause unfortunately, there's more than 10 there, any given night. And I don't think that was the intent for the Las Vegas Sign. So, I'm ready to make a motion to approve it so we can start enforcing it.

**GIBSON** 

So, this is indicated by Commissioners Kirkpatrick, this is the first in at least, two ordinances. The second ordinance will come in the near term. We're hoping in January of 2024, and that will be an ordinance that will give very specific direction and outline the way that the business needs to be conducted in real detail.

We've gone out into the community, each of us has held more than one town hall meeting, in an effort to make sure that people provide us with their feedback. And we've hoped to receive feedback, that feedback can still be received. We hope that anyone interested in doing business as a sidewalk vendor will make sure to participate in the information gathering portion of our consideration because we'll be coming back, hopefully in the next few months with an ordinance that will really bring regulation, and outline how the business can be conducted lawfully. So, I'll accept a motion at this point.

KIRKPATRICK

I'll reiterate my motion, (laughs), for approval.

**GIBSON** 

Okay, there's a motion to approve this ordinance. Any discussion on the motion? Please cast your votes. The motion carries. And the Code is amended.

**ACTION:** 

It was moved by Commissioner Marilyn K. Kirpatrick, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including the adoption of Ordinance No. 5073) be approved.

**ITEM NO. 40** 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.

**SCHILLER** 

Commissioners, we can now move to the business section of your agenda. Item 40 is to 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.

**GIBSON** 

Commissioner Kirkpatrick.

**KIRKPATRICK** 

Thank you. Sorry, I can't seem to get the right time to do my my issues on the video thing, so I gotta do them here.

So, at the Southern Nevada Water Authority this last week, we discussed moving forward with the regulations for the voluntarily septic conversion. So, there is an MOU that was put in place. So, the Water District will do all of the conversions and just notify the Health District when those septics are complete so that they can make

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sure that they are recorded and abandoned correctly. So, what you'll see in the next few weeks is the start of the regulation.

So, the legislation got a little messy. Sausage was truly made when they made it voluntarily because that was not the intent of the legislation. But, for that, the way that it works, and the way that the program was intended to be set up is that you had to pay into the system to get the 100% of the conversion. So, what we don't want to see happen is for people to pay 30 years, a high amount every year and, and finally get converted. So the Southern Nevada Health District will start the regulations. I encourage people to be included, but in order to get the 100%, they have to pay something into the annual fee, 'cause that's the way the system is set up. Or they can just apply for the 85%. So happy to help any of your constituents if they ask those things. But I just wanna be mindful that if you say, "Oh, I'm not going to pay the voluntary fee today." And then three years later, you wanna get converted for a 100%, you have to make up that difference 'cause that is how the legislation got written. That was not the intent it was supposed to be, but unfortunately, here we are.

Secondly, I wanna acknowledge Brianna Johnson, our Assessor. So, I attended NACo this week, Nevada State NACo in Elko, and it was an adventure to say the least, a little bit different than what I'd planned. But, however, I was very excited to see Brianna acknowledge for the honor roll, which is kind of a big deal in Nevada State, NACo, because that means that you've got integrity and ethics, and that you go above and beyond to help everybody across the state, and she did some heavy lifting during the Legislature. So, that was that.

I wanted to also... At the Health District, the Health District is rather busy right now and there's some things that are probably key components. We do, do the pop-up produce stand. So, it's at the Bonneville Transit Center. So, we encourage people to use that. We do, for some reason... there's some rumor out there that we don't have a mosquito abatement program. We do have a mosquito abatement program at the Health District and with Clark County. They partnered together. We are trapping thousands of mosquitoes. There are more this year than there has in the past, but you can call 759-1000 and we can send someone out to address the mosquito issue. So, we encourage people, we have a lot more mosquitoes in this year, but we do have an abatement program that works really well, and Clark County is the lead for the region and works directly with the Health District. So, I just wanted to put that out there because people been telling me that we don't do enough for mosquitoes. We do plenty, every year. So those are my emerging issues.

**GIBSON** 

Thank you. Are there others who have emerging issues? We'll move on then to the next item, Mister Schiller.

**ACTION:** 

No action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 41 Receive and accept a strategy development plan (action plan) for guiding the location and creation of an innovation district within Clark County to promote economic development and diversification and authorize the Director of the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) to take steps to begin implementation of the action plan. (For possible action)

**SCHILLER** 

Commissioners, Item 41 is to receive and accept a strategy development plan, action plan for guiding the location and creation of an innovation district within Clark County to promote economic development, and diversification, and authorize the director of the Office of Community and Economic Development to take steps to begin implementation of the action plan. I believe we have Shani Coleman and a

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presentation online.

SHANI COLEMAN

Good morning, Commissioners. Can you hear me?

**GIBSON** 

Yes, we can. How are you today?

**COLEMAN** 

Good morning, good morning, thank you. For the record, Shani Coleman, Director of Community and Economic Development. Last summer, the office of Community and Economic Development was tasked with looking to determine whether there was an appropriate location and feasibility to establish an innovation district for Clark County. An initial study area was identified. It was adjacent to the Las Vegas Beltway, the 215, and the general area was around Russell Road, Durango, Windmill and Decatur.

We began looking at land use zoning, any land owned by Clark County proposed development to determine what potential opportunities were. After we did some initial research, we looked across the country to understand what other communities in the nation and also internationally, were doing with innovation districts and one of the things became obvious, the intended study area initially identified was relatively large when we compare it to places like Silicon Valley, Triangle Park in North Carolina is relatively large, but other places like Kendall Square in Boston and Midtown Atlanta are these kind of, very small intimate locations.

And so, one of the things that we realized is that we probably needed to, kind of, pare this down, kind of, scale this down and look at a way that it could be a little bit more organic. So, we worked... we sent out an RFP to help us identify a consultant to help do a feasibility study, and then based on the outcome of that feasibility study, identify a potential action plan for this Board to consider.

HR and A Advisors was selected through that RFP process. And some of you may know them, they were also helping us work on broadband access analysis. And over the course of the past year, we worked with them. They have a number of sub consultants as well that have worked with us, and we had a number of outreach events stakeholder engagement, we've done outreach to the real estate community, tech community. A number of Board and Clark County leadership have participated as well.

And so, what we're presenting today is a culmination of all of that outreach, all of that work, and provide some clear goals should this Board want to move forward with this. In particular, this action plan speaks to our economic development strategy goals of cultivating a fertile environment for small business and entrepreneurs, accelerating economic diversification, promoting community centered design of our built environment, because as you will see, this action plan speaks to building potential campfires and also sustainability, And then ensuring equitable access to resources, part of this also addresses diversity and workforce development. And so, with that, I'd like to turn it over to our consultants, Bob with HR and A, and he will walk us through the presentation, and I'll be available for any questions afterwards.

**GIBSON** 

Thank you. Good morning.

**BOB GEOLAS** 

Thank you, Shani. Thank you, Chairman Gibson, Members of the Commission. It's a great privilege to be with you today, and it's been an enormous honor to work here in your community. Working with so many of the businesses here, the industries, and so much of your staff. Again, my name is Bob Geolas. I'm here with my colleague.

MARTIN LEITNER

**BOB GEOLAS** 

Good morning. My name is Martin Leitner. I'm with Perkins and Will. It's a pleasure to be here.

We will walk you through a relatively short presentation. We believe that you've received copies of this material and there's a much larger deliverable that we provided to the County and to the Staff.

Innovation districts are really economic development strategies. If you look across the country and around the world, whether the initiative for an innovation district was driven by an existing research park or science park, the idea is really how do you leverage your assets, how do you leverage your universities, your community colleges, your K-12 system? How do you leverage your entrepreneurial network? How do you leverage your industry partners? And how do you create a much more robust economic development strategy?

So that was really our charge by the County, was to look at ways in which we could build consensus around what an innovation district could look like here in Clark County. We did that work through two phases, but essentially, three different components. We began by looking at a feasibility study. This included looking at the physical feasibility of the site, as Shani mentioned, the initial site was very large. But we understood why that was the case. We wanted to bring together a variety of different partners.

We also looked at the existing industry within that site. Your higher education partners, your research campuses, your medical centers. What might be existing as well as in terms of an entrepreneurial community. As a part of that, we hosted a variety of visioning workshops that included stakeholders. Some of you participated, many of the County Staff as well as different community leaders participated. And now we're bringing forward an action plan, should you choose to move forward with this.

As I said, we met with a variety of stakeholders. This is a very important part of our work, because ultimately, the decision to move forward has to be a decision that you make as a community. It has to have a certain consensus around what the opportunity is, how you would like to move forward, what does that start to look like, what does success look like, how do you measure that success?

So having this broad series of conversations helped us bring it forward to a consensus around, yes, it's very important for Clark County, as a leading economic driver for the State of Nevada, to have a much more diverse economy and to leverage the resources that you have, particularly with small businesses, particularly, to take advantage of the cost of living here as compared to cost of living further west.

So, you have a number of people from other states to the west of you who are looking at Nevada and looking at Clark County as an opportunity for growth. So, there was a clear consensus to move forward with a strong plan. Looking at, and as a part of those conversations, particularly with your industry leaders, particularly with your higher ed and community college leaders was to think about what those sectors might look like. And innovation districts, are not necessarily built around one sole industry sector. Yes. You'll hear about some that are biosciences or life sciences, but the most robust districts in the country and around the world are really built around a variety of technologies and industries.

So, we identified your opportunities in general advanced manufacturing. The

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opportunity to really take advantage of your creative industries, which are tremendous here in the Las Vegas area. Information and communication technologies continues to be a growing area and one in which you have a clear opportunity to take advantage of. Business and financial services are also a big part of that. And we see that as really an opportunity to foster and grow a convergence of those industries within this innovation district sector.

So, in order to materialize that, we began to look at how would you implement the opportunity for that consensus around an initiative. And so, we come forward with looking at how would you govern that within your existing governance. How do you think about physical space and development? How do you program that? And what are some of the infrastructure issues that are involved? So, with that, I wanna turn it over to my colleague, Martin, to talk a little bit more detail around the physical aspects of the innovation district.

MARTIN LEITNER

Thank you, Bob. So, I think we all know that the pandemic taught us that if we so choose, we can work anywhere. But I think even more so it has reminded us of the importance to come together, that we need high quality places that attract talented people. That we best transfer knowledge and help others rise up if we meet in person. And that the whole environment around innovation, those chance encounters that lead to a partnership, that lead to a new idea becoming reality, happen best in physical spaces. And not just any physical spaces. High quality physical spaces where people come together, where there are things, activities happening at the ground floor, where you want to be, where you get together at that great restaurant for lunch and have that key meeting that brings your business forward.

So as Bob mentioned, we were looking at about eight square miles. So how do you tackle such a large area, from a physical standpoint where you're really thinking at a level of building sidewalks, squares and things like that.

So, we would propose really a framework that has three components. One is, the larger study area has still a lot of opportunity for growth and to think about what are the types of businesses and employment places that you would want to incentivize to be here, right? We know there is a competition for scarce land, so can you incentivize that? Then to say, can we create a bit more of a district core, a smaller part of this corridor where some of these physical connections happen, where we can tackle them on a scale, where you can either retrofit or build new. And then you want to connect all of that. Connectivity is so important. How do people get there? Do they all need to drive? Can they take a shuttle? How do they get from where they happen to be innovating in a lab to that after hour, happy hour with their colleagues that they want to go to?

What is key is that in this big study area, you have a lot going on already. I think most notably, the Harry Reid Tech Park with UNLV, that also Switch is such a key anchor, and a big number of other anchors and potential partners in this study area.

Now, this diagram tries to lay out the three points that I just mentioned. There's... Some have called this the amoeba-shaped diagram, but essentially, the larger area is your corridor where you incentivize these businesses and employers to come here and locate here. You connect it all through that dashed line and then you, kind of, create these cores around things that are already existing.

For instance, the tech park just north of the 215 and Durango. But then also there's this emerging cluster around Uncommons and other developments just south of 215

that are really interesting.

What are some of the big moves that within this framework you can then do? You have available land, leverage those assets that you have. Create that opportunities for such a physical place. Locate it in such a way that it is visible. I think we all, kind of, understand how Las Vegas works, and if you can't see it, sometimes it feels like it might as well not be there. So, visibility for your community in particular, I think, is key. Provide a program that generates activity. Different uses next to each other. Offices, places to eat, open spaces. Maybe specific types of residential that are specific to that community you don't already have. Make it a place that people want to be in. And make it dense, so that there are more people there that can get together and communicate and exchange. Connect it all through multi-modal means, so that people have different ways of getting around. And, really importantly, use sustainable design methods to create spaces that are comfortable year round, right?

So, what might this look like? This is an artist's rendering of what this might be. You see a number of buildings creating smaller spaces, buildings shade. There are larger footprints for bigger tenants, smaller footprints for small startups and anchors. There might be some housing in here for say graduate students or things like that. There's a mobility strategy that allows people to maybe drive here in the morning, but then take a shuttle for a meeting, or take a scooter for a meeting, and things like that.

And then most importantly, those spaces in between, where those buildings meet the ground plane, meet the street, that's where the, the life wants to happen, where the activity wants to be. One of my colleagues liked to say, "bumpability", where you bump into other people and have that conversation, and really take your idea to something that becomes reality.

Great. Thank you, Martin. And so, what Martin is demonstrating is the importance of physical space making, right? The importance of having places where people want to be that's going to attract talent. But within an innovation district, it's not simply the place, the real estate's important. The real estate needs to be developed. It needs to be successful. But innovation districts are more program driven than real estate driven. That means there's usually an entity that is responsible for getting up every day and thinking about the recruitment of that talent that's going to be within the district of retaining the talent. How do we find the industries? Where do they locate? How do we get them here? How do we market and brand this opportunity? How do we connect it to the community? How do we think about the relationships between industries? So, there's a day-to-day work that takes place in thinking about the district itself. So that's usually thought of as, kind of, the governance of the district.

When we were having conversations with you and staff and others, what we realized is you already have a strong governance model here. You already have your County government. You already have your role as Commissioners. We do think underneath you, reporting to you, it would make sense to have an internal steering committee. This would be a committee that would be appointed by the Commissioners that, would make up of a variety of existing employees within state - within your County government, excuse me, within your County government could include others. But it's the committee that really thinks about and is responsible to you for setting the strategic plan, the business plan, the financial plan. It's the committee that's responsible for laying out the metrics for success.

And then what we would advise is a series of advisory boards. Some would be temporary. Some might be around for three to six months. Some might be long

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standing. But these boards would provide an opportunity for community engagement, and involvement at a variety of levels. This creates that sense of ownership that you want to have within a project like this.

The key successes of the internal steering committee really need to be around some authority that would be granted by the Commissioners, that would allow the internal steering committee to have a certain amount of authority to make important executive decisions on behalf of the County government. There needs to be... as a part of the internal steering committee, it needs to be equipped with a certain budget. They need to be able to hire, whether it's a startup staffing team, or a long term team to think about actually getting out there every day, making these development deals work, identifying the infrastructure needs, doing the community engagement.

And one of the first tasks, that this internal steering committee would have would be developing a project roadmap that would include key milestones like a business plan, financial plan, community engagement plan. I mentioned the different potential opportunities for advisory committees. We would definitely see that those would look at everything from real estate diversity and equity inclusion industry partnerships, partnerships among universities, community colleges, as well as broad community engagement.

So again, beautiful physical spaces, but those spaces alone without programming and engagement won't really work. So, a part of that staffing team that would need to exist as a part of the internal committee, would be working on programming and activation. So, there's general activation, there's innovation programming, and there's workforce development programming. These are all very important to what really makes an innovation district a value proposition. "Why am I going to choose to be there? Why am I gonna choose to locate my company there, build a company there? Why am I gonna choose to be hired and be a part there?" One is this kind of general activation. We heard something about that when Martin was talking about places where people could bump into each other, general "bumpability", thinking about green space, how is it activated? Community spaces on the ground floor with buildings. Thinking about everything from community runs to craft fairs, all the things that make a community fun and special.

Then you have innovation programming, and this is the program that's really geared toward the value proposition. That might be a special speaker series, a special demonstration program. It might be a special granting initiative for entrepreneurs and innovators. It might be a hackathon. It's more linked to specific programs that would support the innovation companies, whether they be big, whether they be small, as a part of what's happening here. And I would say that being in a city like Las Vegas, where programming and particularly the opportunity for innovation showcase is really huge. You have an opportunity to attract people from around the world. What if what they were seeing when they got here was the best, the most exciting, the most innovative opportunities? It becomes a part of their being in the Las Vegas experience. So, I think that's a really, really exciting part of what you can do here. And then I would say there's the workforce development program. So, you have existing talent here in your county that need to be trained for some of these jobs.

Some of that work can be done through the community college. Some of that work can be done through the university. But there can also be special programs that can be set up to help move people more quickly from where they are to where they want to be in career opportunity and development. So, this would really be about setting up very specific programs for workforce development, would be done in

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combination with the state, would be in combination with the educational and research partners that are here. So that's what creates the excitement, the industry, the brand, the awareness of what makes these kinds of projects work.

So, for next steps, that's where we would like to leave you. What would be your next steps should you choose to move forward with this? One of the first things you'd want to do is set forward that structure of who's responsible, who's accountable, what person or entity is set up, who is responsible for making sure that the project moves forward in an accountable and measurable way. We need to think about branding and activation. We need to launch it. It needs to have a clear brand. It needs to be exciting. Again, you're in a community where branding and marketing and presentation are everything.

So, this is really an opportunity to blow the doors off in terms of creating a brand that has a real national, if not global impact. We obviously have to think about place. We have to de-identify specific real estate opportunities, and we have to think about the strategy for making those work. All of that is tied together by an accountable funding stream, an accountable business model. This can be done in a startup model, very lean. It can be done in a way that gives some early flexibility so that you have the opportunity to pivot and move as you see how the initial project is coming together with the concept that it might be more stabilized by years five and seven. You've gotta have time for these things to really get up and moving and built out. And with that, I'll end my presentation. You have plenty of appendix material, I know, to review. Again, it's been an enormous honor to work with you and a great privilege. So, thank you all very much.

Have you informed yourselves as to the ownership of the land within the area that is, that you're talking about?

Yes. We have.

What does that look like? Is there a mix of-

You wanna take this, Martin?

Is it -

A little bit. It is a mix. Yeah. It is a mix. The County, there is some property, and Martin can maybe speak to this a little more clearly than I can. There is some property that is sort of public property. We understand there are some commitments and obligations on some of that property. Other property we know at the Harry Reid Tech Park, for instance, is there already has a really interesting, an engaging aspect to it. We have a lot of residential in the area. We have a mix of other private developments. We have a hospital, so we have a real mix of property. That's okay. Actually, that's great because you want that kind of mix of ownership to really be able to build a strong sense of community and a strong dynamic market-driven project.

Now what you would have to do, of course, is create through this governing entity, a way in which they can participate, might be a funding opportunity for them to participate, might be a marketing opportunity. You really wanna create that buy-in for them to be a part of the plan. And we might start even with identifying a small parcel. I think Shani mentioned the term "campfire." It's the term I use a lot. Create a find, let's find a small parcel that we could begin building up this first initial

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GEOLAS innovation site. Martin, did you have anything else to add to that?

LEITNER Yeah, just to add, and I might get some of the terminology wrong, but we do

understand that there is land that some of which is in a disposition process. So, to the

extent that there might be opportunities to look at what is still in that pipeline-

GIBSON Entitled. Yeah.

LEITNER ...and how that might be used for this purpose, I think would be a really good

additional next step.

GIBSON Are you aware, maybe Shani, you're on the phone, are you aware of anything like the

internal steering committee that has been recommended that we currently have in

place in Clark County?

COLEMAN Not at this time. I personally have worked on these types of projects before and have worked with these types of steering committees before. But as mentioned, they really

function under the purview of the County Commission, with guidance from the County Commission on how we move forward and making sure that we gather those things that are important. But, with an eye towards the goal of developing out a

robust district for this type of growth and opportunity for our communities.

GIBSON Commissioner Jones or Naft, which one of you'd like to go first?

MICHAEL NAFT I guess I'd just offer this originated from a realization of what's organically already

happening in the area and the fact that you have two real institutions and point of opportunity that sort of bookend this area and how we can plug in, fill some of the holes in between and really maximize those investments that have already been

made. So that's kind of the plan that's been presented.

I think one of my priorities, and maybe you can help us figure out how we get here, and I know there's a slide on this, but it seems like, I guess to the Chairman's point, the, our Planning Department's gonna have a significant role in this, right? And how do we move forward to that next step, including the Planning Department? Does there need to be an overlay identified through Planning? What comes next as far as

that's concerned?

GEOLAS There may be, there may be a need for that. I would say part of the steering

committee role... The reason we call it a steering committee, is to give it some flexibility. I think that what we want is obviously accountability back to you, the Commissioners. But we also recognize we're gonna have to bring a variety of different agencies and partners to the table to have robust conversations about how this works. And that obviously includes the Planning Department, the Planning Commission, and others, to be a part of those conversations. That's why it's a steering committee. So, we can begin to lay those goals and objectives out, find where we have consensus, create an initial project that we can focus on and find success. Now, we may find in three or four years as this project takes off and begins to get some real legs, and it's showing some success that you might wanna move to a different model at some point down the road. That's why it's a steering committee. It's an opportunity to explore and to bring these different partners together. It's not to

exclude anyone. Martin?

LEITNER I think, and you used the word what's organically happening already.

GEOLAS Yeah.

LEITNER Right now, pretty much everything there is very much market driven. I think

especially on this larger corridor scale. There's the question, should there be a little more intentionality about land use? If this is truly the goal, could Planning in collaboration with the steering committee start looking at land use and how maybe priorities get set to further this strategy and make sure that those employers and the right fitting types of businesses have an opportunity to locate here a little more

regardless of where the market cycle is right now?

KIRKPATRICK May I ask a question?

GIBSON Commissioner Jones?

JONES I just wanted to say I appreciate all the work that's gone into this. I think we need to

have an internal, whatever we call a task force steering committee, cross-

departmental. But also you did a lot of work in getting out with the stakeholders last year, and I think that we also, as we move forward, need to immediately reengage all of them. Because if there's not more buy-in from all of those that are along the corridor, then we're wasting our time. So, I think we need to really get back to that

priority quickly.

GEOLAS I agree with that.

GIBSON Are there others that have comments? Commissioner Kirkpatrick.

KIRKPATRICK And I just have a question for Shani. So, don't mistake my boldness or directness as a

thing, I just wanna know. So, Shani, is this then something that requires a full-time consultant, or is this something that you can do within your office? Or what does this require? Because I heard three to four years, I heard we gotta evaluate all these things. I know that we'd probably have to give Planning a couple more people. So, what is the thought on what it takes to put this together, Shani, just going forward, so

we have an idea?

COLEMAN Yeah, so these types of initiatives are long-term strategies. They, as mentioned, they

take time. And to be the most, or to give them the most opportunity for success, you want to have some type of dedicated team, focused on them. There, should be at a minimum- at least one person where this is their sole responsibility is focused on

coordinating and or implementing steps for the action plan.

Now, as it grows, that team will probably need to increase, but at an initial phase, I would suspect that we would want to have at least one full-time dedicated person focused on this. And then, as we progress, we would add people as necessary.

So, you didn't answer my question. So, you currently have yourself and a couple staff, so can you do this? But I mean, does everybody else's stuff fall by the wayside,

or are you saying that you're gonna need a couple people?

COLEMAN I-

KIRKPATRICK

KIRKPATRICK ... going forward?

COLEMAN Should the Board move forward, I believe that we could probably do some of the

initial. I will state that one of the things we did earlier in the year that the Board

**COLEMAN** 

approved is that we did apply for a grant through the EDA. They have a program called EDA Tech Hubs. And while these things are not connected, they do align. And so, depending on the outcome of that grant, some of the initial work parallels and there could be an opportunity there.

Some of this initial work, to your point, we would have to figure it out. We were allotted some supplemental positions, so hopefully we'll be bringing on some new staff. And so, I believe some of the initial, we could handle, but most definitely as we get more into this, we would need to hire.

**GIBSON** 

I think that what we've heard, suggests, Mister Schiller, that we need you and the senior management team to take a hard look at this and make some recommendations to us based upon this presentation and the input from Shani and others so that we... because it doesn't look to me like this can be purposefully done unless there really is somebody who is charged with a responsibility to analyze it and move it forward.

And we are not in a place right this minute where we could give our Director of Planning another assignment. Right now, we're killing ourselves trying to improve the timing and the responsiveness of our County departments to applications that are filed in the ordinary course.

So, it's important that we not only are purposeful as we analyze this opportunity, but we need to be purposeful in the way that we structure ourselves so it can get the attention that it would require. And we, I think we very much need for your team to come back to us and help us understand what you would recommend, if we were to move forward. Commissioner Naft.

**NAFT** 

Yeah, I absolutely agree with everything my colleagues have said, and I would just emphasize two things. One, this is not one of those district specific projects. If there's support for doing this, this is a regionally significant project in unincorporated Clark County. And I think there has to be a realization and an expectation of that. This is not like some pet project. This is a big, regionally significant project if the Board decides there's appetite for that.

The second thing I would say is I agree that there are aspects of this that will take a long time, but I think the County is often making a mistake that some of our neighboring cities don't do, which is only looking at the long term. Let's also realize the things that we can do in the short term. And largely that's some marketing things that don't cost a whole lot of money, right? We have, within a couple miles of here, we have three or four different districts in the City, all of which took very little investment, but have had a significant impact with recognition nationally. So, I think we should realize that, and that should be included as well. I don't know what the appetite of the Board...

**GIBSON** 

Go ahead.

**NAFT** 

Oh, yeah.

**SEGERBLOM** 

I just wanna make a comment. I think this idea is great. I would just like to say that if we're gonna create something like this, could we look also maybe the East Las Vegas as a other area where we could develop something like this?

**GIBSON** 

Anything further? Commissioner Naft, do you wanna try and synthesize what the...

Sure. I-**NAFT** 

**GIBSON** -direction is. I think that it's clear we've got to have an expanded consideration by the

leadership on the management side in order to really understand where this would rest, how would we approve it, what are the resources that we feel we can free up in

order to move it.

**NAFT** So, I guess what I would suggest is that my motion would be to accept the plan that's

> been created, but recognize that the Board probably needs maybe an MIR that outlines what the staffing requirements would be to actually get this done. And perhaps, from Miss Coleman, it could include what the benefits to other communities that have implemented such a district have been, so that we can fully understand what the potential is, and what the output of an economic investment would be.

Chairman, is that in line with your direction?

**GIBSON** I think that gets to it. I mean, at the end of the day, if we were to do something like this, it would have to be something we move on. Nothing is gonna happen 10 years from now unless we acted on it 10 years earlier. So, I know that in Henderson, as we looked at bringing the limited transition area into the city, that's the area that is typically called West Henderson. It required real purposeful activities inside the city

and at the leadership level that we're talking about here, in order to really focus us and get it going. So, I think that is and would be what we need to take a hard look at so that we can make the commitment, if that's the right thing to do.

Anything further? There's a motion to accept this report. We thank you very much for the work that you've done for this presentation. There's nothing further. Please cast your votes to accept the report. And the motion passes. Thank you very much.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Michael Naft, and carried by unanimous vote, that the report be accepted.

ITEM NO. 42 Receive a presentation by Lorena S. Portillo, Registrar of Voters, regarding Early Voting Sites for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Elections; and direct staff accordingly. (For possible action)

**SCHILLER** Commissioners, we can now move to Item 42, which is to receive a presentation by Lorena Portillo, Registrar of Voters regarding early voting sites for the 2024

presidential preference, primary elections, and direct staff accordingly.

LORENA PORTILLO Good morning, Lorena Portillo for the record. Clark County Registrar of Voters.

> Thank you for giving me this opportunity to present the early voting sites for the 2024 presidential election. I request for the approval at this time, but I also want to give a little bit about what this presidential preference is. It's a historical election. This is the first time in Nevada's history that we will be conducting this type of election. It will include seven days of early voting, which will begin January 27th, and it will run through February 2nd, and of course, election day being the 6th of

February.

We will be at various sites. We will continue to give voters the opportunity to vote in person and drop off their mail ballot, in person as well at any vote center. I want to also thank you for the support we are diligently in training mode, and therefore, we are working towards making sure this election is another successful election as well. I hope to receive your approval and if you have any questions for me, I'm happy to answer them. Thank you.

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GIBSON Thank you. Are there questions? Commissioner McCurdy?

WILLIAM MCCURDY II More so a comment. I just want to thank you and your team for the work that you've

been doing and the close communication that you've had with our office. And this is

an exciting time.

PORTILLO Thank you.

MCCURDY ... I think that the voters will see through the accessibility that has been provided, that

this office works hard and it takes into consideration how we're gonna get people to

and from voting locations. So, thank you.

PORTILLO Thank you.

GIBSON Commissioner Segerblom.

NAFT No, please go ahead.

GIBSON You get to go first this time.

SEGERBLOM Okay, thank you. So, I understand that what you're presenting here, and hopefully

you could add some as we get more. I know there are three locations in my District that have not, historical locations, that have not been accepted yet. UNLV has not accepted, which is incredible to me, so I'm pressuring them. The Boulevard Mall, another place that's historic. We need to do that. And Cardenas markets in East Las Vegas. So hopefully I can we'll bring those forward. But the ones you have are great.

Thank you so much.

PORTILLO Thank you.

GIBSON And you know, just for the record that our Registrar has proposed those alternatives,

they've just not been accepted.

PORTILLO Mm-hmm.

GIBSON And publicly, we encourage UNLV and the Boulevard Mall and the-

SEGERBLOM Cardenas.

GIBSON Cardenas? Cardenas Market to look favorably upon this opportunity to provide real

engagement by the public. Commissioner Naft.

NAFT Thank you. Not to muddy what's on the table today, but could you just lay out the

timeline when you'll come back for approval for the primary sites and then election

day sites?

PORTILLO Yes, thank you. Yes. The plan is to come back right after canvassing either the

second Board of Commissioner Meeting in February, or the very first in March.

GIBSON Any other...Yes.

KIRKPATRICK May I ask a clarification? So, yesterday I talked to you about the corridor along

Rainbow between Cheyenne and Lake Mead, there's nothing, and they're not going across the freeway to do it. So, if we approve this today, are we able to add sites if

KIRKPATRICK they come along?

PORTILLO Absolutely. We are looking into the site that was recommended. Commissioner, yes.

Thank you. And currently it's looking like it may not be available for the presidential preference primary but may be available for the regular primary and the general, but

we just reached out to them.

KIRKPATRICK It's not, it's not available on Friday? I mean, on February?

PORTILLO We're looking into that currently, yes.

KIRKPATRICK Okay. Mm-hmm.

PORTILLO Yes.

KIRKPATRICK Oh, my.

PORTILLO But we did reach out to them-

KIRKPATRICK Mm-hmm.

PORTILLO ...immediately, yesterday.

GIBSON Anything more?

KIRKPATRICK Oh, no.

GIBSON Anything further? Commissioner Miller.

ROSS MILLER I'd just ask you, how you feeling about resources that we've allocated as we continue

to transition towards increased use in mail ballots? How you feeling about the ability

to count the votes timely?

PORTILLO Well, number one, we're very grateful. Our team is extremely grateful for the

resources that we've been provided. Thank you. It has given us an opportunity to already come up with a plan to ensure that we bring in all the mail ballots from the different sites sooner than we have previous years, which is important. Because if you process them in not in a large amount versus a smaller amount, you're able to go through the different steps a little faster. So, we are anticipating that to happen. Of course, it's our first time, so it will be a trial although we will be evaluating this very carefully through the Presidential Preference Primary to make sure there's no adjustments needed for the subsequent election. So, we're really excited about that.

Thank you.

GIBSON Yes. Commissioner McCurdy.

MCCURDY Just one final thought. How are we doing with the volunteer recruitment? I know that

we're gonna need all hands on deck here. And how might viewers who are watching

now, get in touch with your office to become a volunteer?

PORTILLO We are doing well so far. We are currently working on the request for our fellow

County leads to come and work with us. So usually, we call out to departments to help us with team lead and assistant team lead duties on election day. We will start that this week. We haven't heard anything to do with any worries about not having

PORTILLO enough for the presidential preference primary. However, I know you've been, and

everyone here has been very supportive. When we need to reach out to additional organizations, community leaders, we work really close with them when we need

bilingual workers as well.

GIBSON Thank you.

PORTILLO Thank you.

GIBSON Thank you very much for your work. We, we recognize that a, an awful lot has been

done. I think that there are a couple of things that are noteworthy, not the least of which is that it doesn't matter really what side people are on, if they have questions, you are entertaining them in an effort to keep communication going. And there is great value in that. The hope we have is at the end of the day, no one even realizes that we we're short or we had a hard time getting people out, that the election results

are available quickly-

PORTILLO Mm-hmm.

GIBSON ... as opposed to drawn out over a period of days or weeks. And if it requires

additional resources, as you look harder at the process and everything that you have in place, then we would expect you would come back to us because this is something that requires a lot of attention, and there needs to be credibility around every single

piece of it. So, thank you very much-

PORTILLO Thank you.

GIBSON ... for what you're doing. And thank you for this report. You need, do you need then

us to approve these early voting sites?

PORTILLO Yes, please.

GIBSON Then I'll entertain a motion.

SEGERBLOM Move for approval.

PORTILLO Thank you.

GIBSON There's a motion for approval of the early voting sites that have been recommended,

If there's no further discussion, please cast your votes. And the motion carries.

Thank you very much.

PORTILLO Thank you. Have a good day.

GIBSON Same to you.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote,

that the Early Voting Sites for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Elections be

approved.

ITEM NO. 43 Receive an update on Formula 1 Las Vegas Grand Prix. (For possible action)

SCHILLER Commissioners, we can now move to Item 43. This is to receive an update on

Formula 1, Las Vegas Grand Prix. Just as way of intro, as most of you know, I've

**SCHILLER** 

been sending updates. We're doing weekly meetings between Formula 1 and our department heads. I think that progress is moving, that process has really engaged both sides. I want to essentially complement our department heads. They're working very hard in addition to their day-to-day jobs. So, I was in a meeting yesterday with them and as always very impressed with our staff in terms of understanding the details and collaborating. And with that, I'll turn it over for the presentation.

**GIBSON** 

Thank you. Good morning.

MICHON MARTIN

Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you again for having us. Michon Martin, president of R&R Partners on behalf of Las Vegas Grand Prix. And so, we promised you, we're just gonna come every time and keep giving updates as we get closer and closer to this extraordinary event. And so in the last two weeks, what we heard from you is how important it is to communicate to all of our hospitality workers, our neighbors, everybody around here, about just how to get to and from work, daycare, all of those things. And so, we've been working very hard. And again, I have to say thank you on the text messaging system that is the County's system. So, thank you for letting us use that. I was just saying to Jen, Jen, do you wanna give an update? I'm gonna do it because I'm just gonna brag about you.

So, it has been an extraordinary team effort to put this all together. And so, I wanted to give an update, a bit of a list, and then you can fill in, of everyone that we have sent this messaging to. And so far, that's been Metro, who sent it to all their employees, the Nevada Resort Association. I saw Virginia earlier, thank you, sent that to all their members. MGM, Caesar's has sent it out to their employees. LVCVA has also sent it to resort partners. So, we're trying to overcommunicate this thing. RTC has been wonderful, sent it to their subscribers. NDOT has sent it out. Las Vegas emergency incident Facebook group has 105,000 members. They've been posting it everywhere. We just found out late breaking news, Wynn and Venetian are also sending it to all of their employees. And so, we're really getting that word out.

And then the work that, again, Jen and your team did on the Spanish-speaking piece of it, there's still components of that that are in progress, but that there is Spanish language, social media posts that are going out from, again, thank you County. Flyers have been created in Spanish. The maps, late breaking news again, have just been updated in Spanish. So, we're getting that out. And I will say, on our part, we have been talking to Culinary because we really are inviting their members to be able to get all of this information real time. And so, what we have offered is we're happy to go to them and teach them how this text messaging system works, help them sign up and do all of those things. Chairman, you were so gracious last time explaining exactly how to do it. We may want to go through that again today, but we're still having a conversation with Culinary about the right time, and we're happy to do it. The F1 team and I, LVGP team, I keep saying F1, we will don some of our clothing, takes some waters and make sure that we're explaining how to do that messaging. So again, we're having conversations and hope to be able to do that very, very soon. Jen, what did I miss?

JENNIFER COOPER

Oh, I just wanna add from the RTC side, we are, Commissioner Jones, working to greater foster that collaboration, recognizing that while they like to communicate out to their riders two weeks in advance, we're not really in that position. So, we are putting some meetings together to make sure that Wednesday, following the resort partner update meetings, we are collaborating with RTC on what they need to push out to their riders. And then again, as Michon spoke to, just working across all of our partnerships within the region to push out the text, opting in as Spanish language

COOPER engagement, hopefully we will roll out this week. And we know that that's key for a

lot of those resort workers as well as our community in general. So, we continue to kind of chug away, and hopefully make some progress recognizing over the next coming weeks, that's really where we're gonna navigate the most kind of challenging

traffic impacts. So that's all I would add.

GIBSON Jen, tell us how people can gain access to the app and...

COOPER Of course, you're gonna ask me. You can text to F1LV at 31996.

MARTIN Mm-hmm.

COOPER And you...we have that both in Spanish language as well as English.

GIBSON Alright, thank you.

COOPER Mm-hmm.

GIBSON Commissioner Naft, do, you had-

NAFT Just real quickly, so how many people have opted in? We, I know we invited a lot of

people.

COOPER Over 5,000 have opted in-

NAFT Right. Okay.

COOPER ...at this point. Mm-hmm.

NAFT Thank you.

MARTIN So, traction but not enough. So, we will keep pushing that. Absolutely.

NAFT So, we probably need Culinary and other partners to really encourage it.

MARTIN And Chairman, through you, too Commissioner, I agree with you. So that's gonna be

so important. And I want our hospitality workers to be able to wake up every morning and know where to go, how to get there. So, I agree with you and if you have any further suggestions as to who we should be sending it out to, please let us know. But we'll continue to push that so we can get that number up in educating our

community. Thank you.

GIBSON One would imagine that the real number is higher than 5,000. If the Culinary is doing

what they said they were going to do, and they indicated to me that they would get it out to their members themselves. So, they might be reflected as a single inquirer, and yet they're sending it out. I hope that they're doing that because they've committed to

do that.

MARTIN And Chairman, again, we're here. We will continue to follow up because we believe

that's just gonna be so important. So, thank you.

GIBSON Thank you. Anything further of these? Okay. So, do you have any news for us?

Anything new for us, Mister Miller?

TERRY MILLER

Yeah, we have six weeks left.

**MARTIN** 

(laughs)

T. MILLER

Terry Miller-

**GIBSON** 

You know, we heard today a little bit about economic development, even international interest in Las Vegas. And this is gonna give us an opportunity on steroids to see people and reach people that are entrepreneurial in their own countries around the world, successful people. I hope that there is an opportunity for us to pitch to those attendees, opportunities here in Las Vegas because this would be an opportunity lost if we didn't figure that out.

I don't know, about a year, a year-and-a-half ago I had a conversation, I think it was Commissioner Jones and I were talking about is there a way to use the fact that the Super Bowl is gonna be in town to reach out to businesses and others and market our community? And we, there is something that we're doing now that will, is intended to do just that at the Super Bowl.

While I recognize that six weeks is a little short to start some kind of an international campaign, we'd like for Formula 1 to be thinking a little bit about all of their partners around the world and how we might reach some of those people because this is our first run at it. And our hope would be that we could not just market this incredible, well-lit and beautiful community that-

**MARTIN** 

Mm-hmm.

**GIBSON** 

... has as fun and exciting a racetrack as any in the world, but that there are other things here that have real value and can bring real value to them and to our community. Anything further?

T. MILLER

So, I think you hit upon an opportunity that we certainly see, and we are acting on relative to the international partners that are coming in for the event. But more importantly, this is a year after year after year event. So, it's just gonna continue to, to bloom and continue to blossom. So, I think we do have that in sight. But as we continue to work with those that are coming in from overseas as well as those coming in from different cities, it's a huge opportunity for us to show ourselves as we, as we always do.

**GIBSON** 

Yeah.

T. MILLER

So, with that, six weeks left this was last week, so I'll go past last week. I want to just give you a quick update on what we're doing in the next six weeks because we are not complete, but we are nearing completion for the final preparation for the event in November.

I also want to get on the on the bandwagon here relative to how many people are engaged in this, in this program, in this project. The team, the LVGP team is working with no fewer than 25, County departments, Clark County departments, public agencies. We're working with no fewer than 35 individual property owners around the circuit. There are a lot of people engaged in this beyond just the LVGP team, and the heavy lift that everybody has been doing is certainly appreciated. This is absolutely a valley-wide project, and we recognize that, and are looking forward to continued collaboration.

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This week, we are focused on doing the final race surface on Koval Lane, between Rochelle and Westchester. It's the final major track area that we are working on. We will be working in a couple of weeks on an intersection at Harmon and Koval, but this is the final major portion of the racetrack surface. We're also focused on putting in our light standards. We continue to develop the, put in, install the light standards around the entire circuit, and this will be the last week as we finalize our bridges over Harmon at Koval and Audrey.

Again, talking about what Jennifer was referring to, we do set with the communications team on every Wednesday, and we go through what you see on the image right now, in terms of the very precise, "Here's what's gonna happen in all these roadways," so that they can then take that information down, and put it into a text message to alert everybody what's happening in the roadways on day-by-day efforts.

Things change. For example, last week we adjusted our schedule, so that on the week of October 8th, we aren't offending the traffic situation for the G2E conference that's coming in. So, we were planning on putting track barriers in the roadway on Sands. We've now moved that's an additional week, so that we can accommodate what's going to happen G2E with Sand, with the Venetian Expo Center and Las Vegas Convention Center.

We will on the 10th be looking at our closure at Harmon and Koval for a few days in order to do the final approach to the finish line, at the pit building, but otherwise, it'll be night work that we're doing around the track still.

Then as we move onto the 15th, that's when we come back and start to put in the track barriers on Sands Avenue. The previous week we'll be doing barriers on Harmon. So now, we're gonna start to transform the streets into what we call the cold track. You'll see the barriers, you'll be able to drive past the barriers that will, in fact, be the racing circuit.

And then by the 22nd, we'll start to see... Excuse me, the week of the 22nd, we'll be building the Flamingo bridge, which again, has a closure associated with it at the Flamingo and Koval intersection, a five-day closure, a total ten-day build, but only a closure at that intersection for five days while we finish that fairly significant bridge. And on the 29th, the last week in this month, you'll see us finishing up some of the work that we're doing on the barriers around the track. But more importantly, now we're gonna start setting up our advertising, assuming that we go forward with an approved advertising, licensing agreement. We'll start adding the advertising over the track itself in certain areas around the entire circuit.

By the time we get to the first week in November, we'll pretty much be done with the setup of the track on the public roadways. And then we'll have the last week ahead of the event to start the final preparations.

What we're doing now is the next wave. We are now developing the same sequencing of how we take the track away after the race. That's just as important because there will be disruptions, obviously, as we take the tracks away. Not nearly as disruptive as what we've gone through here the last, well, four or five months, but we will be coming back to the Commission to update you and the properties on our Wednesday meetings to say, "Here's how we start to take the track down, so that you have the resort quarter back as it was."

T. MILLER

So, with that, I'll turn it back to Michon, and close it up.

**MARTIN** 

Perfect. Thank you, Terry. And so, Chairman, just to talk about what you brought up, the economic development piece, we do believe that's very important from the LVGP side. We actually had conversations very early on about what that could look like. We had some conversation at the state level, and so we would really like to be able to have these conversations with you, so we can start to build some real programming after this race. And again, we are trying to put the right folks together, let them see our amazing destination when they're here this time, but then have some real concerted conversations after this race. So that is our intention and thank you for raising that today.

But we'd love to hear more information about your thoughts specifically when we think about what would diversify this economy in the smartest way. I think we all have the intentionality of that, but having further conversation, I think, is gonna be very smart for us to do.

Also, community engagement. Pilar and I, obviously, with your history so committed to making sure that this community gets to also celebrate in this extraordinary event. So, I know we're having conversations. Those are going to continue, actually today, so hopefully, there will be something that we can share at the next meeting about what our community can expect, and what they can participate in. So that's what we're hoping to do.

The community benefit discussion is something that we're all anxious to be able to have as early as we possibly can, as soon as we can. There, I think there is an opportunity to invite the entire community to share in the positive side of all of this, and far more than we wish, have experienced the other side, and that's tough, and it's not been easy. We recognize that. We're very sorry for how it's affected, in an adverse way, the movement in the Valley.

We're challenged anyway. If we hadn't done the Formula 1 race, we still would have been breaking up Las Vegas Boulevard, and doing work underground, and then repaving the Boulevard. And there are other streets over the course of the next couple of year, that are part of the course, that would have been affected also, but never everything, like has happened. So, this has been very difficult for the community, and I think that the benefit to us from all of that will be evident, as we reveal some of the things that you're working on. And I know that my colleagues have all weighed in, and we're excited to get to a point where, where we can publish some of that.

Yes, we are very excited about it as well. And that's all I have today.

Alright, are there questions? That you're... Kirkpatrick.

KIRKPATRICK Yes, sorry...

GIBSON What a shock. She has a question.

KIRKPATRICK So... I know...

MARTIN I'm (inaudible)

**GIBSON** 

**MARTIN** 

**GIBSON** 

**GIBSON** 

Or a comment.

KIRKPATRICK

Shocking, shocking. So, Terry, as you start looking at the how do you break this down, one thing that I hope that we'll have a public conversation and after-action report on kind of things that if this becomes a long-term thing, I don't want to have to do the bridges every single time. Maybe that's something that you look at for a permanent, maybe there's ways to... Right, the first year is the messiest. That's what you've all been telling me. So, the second year won't be tolerated to be messy, but maybe when we have a public after action report to kind of figure out what we can do better, maybe it's engaging these people.

I mean, maybe it's the Convention Authority that has to engage all these employers of all these hotels, right? To start getting them on text messages. Maybe it's other people maybe. Just the car rental people, right? When you get in, here's your traffic thing for the day. I mean, that's what they do in other communities around the world. Even a thing they do, which we don't do, is we give people a cell phone when they come, so that they can only get Las Vegas stuff that's going on.

But I just hope that we'll have an open dialogue on things that we can do to streamline it, and it'll be important, at least for me and my District. The Rodeo is a big, big deal, bringing all those horse trailers and all those things, so it'll be important that they can actually get to the Rodeo. So, you won't get rid of me until sometime in January, I'm sure, so thank you.

T. MILLER

So, through the Chair to the Commissioner, you're after action report is spot on. We've talked to a number of departments, and I think the County Commissioner has a great venue for us to do an after action with all of the department heads. But then it goes the next step, in terms of understanding the impact on employees and the properties. Completely agree with you.

With respect to how we take it down after the race we are very cognizant of NFR. We're very cognizant of Cowboy Christmas. We know what we need to get done quickly, in order to get the roads back into the shape that they were before, so appreciate your comments.

**GIBSON** 

Commissioner Jones.

**JONES** 

Thank you, Mister Chair. I appreciate all the work that's been done over the last couple of weeks in order to really, hone in on all of the challenges for employees in the Strip Corridor. On the west side of the, the Boulevard, I know that's not been priority number one, but it needs to be dealt with. I know those conversations are happening this week.

**GIBSON** 

Mm-hmm.

**JONES** 

But gotta get people to those properties also, not just the ones that are inside the

track.

**GIBSON** 

Thank you, very much.

**MARTIN** 

Thank you all.

T. MILLER Thank you.

**ACTION:** No action taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 44 Go into closed session, pursuant to NRS 241.015(3)(b)(2), to receive information from the District Attorney regarding potential or existing litigation involving a matter over which the Board has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power, and to deliberate toward a decision on the matter, and pursuant to NRS Chapter 288.220, to receive a report on the status of ongoing labor negotiations; and direct staff accordingly. (For possible action)

GIBSON So that covers our agenda. There will be a closed session immediately following our

recess.

**ACTION:** Closed session was held. No action taken by the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** 

GIBSON This is the time for the final public comment period. If there's anyone who wishes to make comment to the Board on any item, please come forward, identify yourself,

spell your last name for our clerk, and please keep your comments to three minutes.

Mister Braisted.

homeless shelters.

BRAISTED Thank you, Mister Commissioner. I was looking at the agenda, and I see blank spaces that could be used to promote your Age of Chivalry and Renaissance in October. There are blank spaces where you could promote the Las Vegas Book Fair.

There's blank spaces where you could promote things happening in Jean, and Mesquite, and other places in the County, and I encourage you to consider it.

The big item I'm focusing on is this report on innovation, and it's great that it's there, but not once was there a mention of our trade shows. Because we don't go to them. We aren't aware of the free classes in these trade shows, that could be streamed to the east side, that could be streamed to the

Just by the way, those of you that were alumni of the CES prior, your deadline to renew is October 6th to do it for free.

There's communities that... The Indigenous group, we offering them free college passes. Why aren't we offering them passes that they could share to attend the different conventions? I mean, you know it's an asset that we have that we're not using.

The, just back up on the history, COMDEX was set up, and it used to be in November. And then Sheldon Adelson came in, and he built the Sands Expo Center, and then he brought in CES. And COMDEX just flittered away. COMDEX is a great opportunity for anybody that's talking about innovation for Las Vegas. They have classes on innovation, and they're either free or included. I encourage that if when you contact that group, ask them. The trade shows, you need electric carts, so that some of you could start at one end, and zip all the way through and out the other end and get a feel for the energy.

Take a look at all the, the free classes. NAB comes to town, and they always have free classes on computer programming. The National Hardware Show... Yes, they have hardware all around, but the inventing area, they have ongoing lectures, where

**BRAISTED** 

people are getting their ideas evaluated by Home Depot, by Lowe's, by big corporations. They, that could all be included into your innovation center. The National, they have ongoing panels and go on from there.

So, there's so much going on that report on innovation, it wants to build a whole new niche, and we have one of the best ones. They're people that have businesses in town because they know every top Fortune 100 CEO will be visiting the town. So, thank you.

GIBSON Thank you. Next?

TRISH SAVANNAS Good morning. Thank you for your time and attention. I'm...

GIBSON Will you speak directly into that mic for us? Just pull it down.

SAVANNAS Can you hear me now?

GIBSON You can just pull it down...

SAVANNAS Okay.

GIBSON -so it's more comfortable.

SAVANNAS Okay. Good morning. Thank you for your time and attention. My name is Trish Savannas, and my address is 7273 Alsop Court, Las Vegas.

I would like to address the council in regard to breeder and show permits for cat breeders in Clark County. And I would like to cordially request a longer meeting after this presentation to further discuss the issues.

So, I've been actively involved with the Purebred Cat Fancy since 2005. As a member of the International Cat Association, I've exhibited cats, educated people about purebred cats, assisted in running local cat shows, worked with our National Purebred Breed Rescue, and have lobbied to change laws to protect my own breed in other states. Purebred cats are not my hobby; they are my passion.

I am currently waiting on my permit inspection for my cattery. In case you're unaware, there are currently three main requirements for a breeder show permit in the County. First, all animals should be vaccinated against rabies. Second, all animals should be microchipped. Third, all animals within the kennel/cattery should be shown within the calendar year, in order to prove that the animal's up to breed standards.

Rabies vaccines and microchips are very basic requirements. They should be required of all pet owners. However, actively showing every cat in a cattery each year places an unfair burden upon cat breeders that doesn't exist for the dog breeder.

First, financially. Entries for a dog show starts at \$30 per entry. Entries for cat shows start at over \$100 per entry. There's a huge price discrepancy just for the basic entries.

Second, cats are not socially the same creatures as dogs. In order for a cat to be exhibited and to do well in the show hall, most cats need to start showing at four months, and to continue to show repeatedly throughout the year. Showing a cat once

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a year simply to obtain a permit puts the cat under undue stress, and it also puts both permit holder and the judges in the show hall at risk of a serious cat bite.

Just going to give you a quick example. I have a beautiful cat. He's, he's sweet. My son sleeps with him every single night. We showed him 12 years at a cat show. He was doing okay; he didn't really like it. He was doing okay. Another cat spazzed out, knocked all the cages down. My cat, bam! Went down with those cages. Ended up knocking himself on the head. He did not want to be shown after that. He hated the show hall. Was he a bad representation of the breed? No. Was he no longer breed standard? No, he was terrified. As the owner, I needed to pull him from that show. And I did, and I can never show that cat again.

The purpose of the breeder show permit is since your breeders are actively involved in improving the breed and to ensure more animals are not added to the burden of the local shelters. Instead of the yearly show requirement, perhaps we could require permit holders to exhibit in at least one cat show yearly, and even more, I would suggest cat breeders spay and neuter all their kittens before they place them.

I would like to just state what Susannah Shawn was going to state. Thank you.

Thank you. Both these microphones work, so you can pick one, and the other, the person behind you can position himself at the other one. When it's his turn, he can go.

Good morning. Thank you for allowing me to address the panel. My name is Susannah Shawn. I live at 7699 Comanche Canyon Avenue in Las Vegas.

I have been breeding top, award-winning international show cats for 43 years. I am an animal control compliant breeder, as well as a licensed International Cat Association judge. I travel all over the world, judging cats.

The reason I am here is in regards to the breeder show Animal Control permit requirements, which really are geared towards dog breeding and not cat breeding. We would like to change that, if at all possible. I would also kindly like to request a one-on-one meeting with somebody to discuss these permit requirements. Breeders are not licensing because the demands that you have to meet are, are simply unrealistic. They do not at all meet what cat breeding and cat showing is about.

Breeding animals of any sort is a labor of love when done properly. Exhibiting top examples is a link between pedigreed beed- breeders and the general public. We are here to educate people. It is a commitment to the welfare and preservation of registered breeds. Properly bred cats represent their breed in accordance to the legitimate Cat Association and a written breed standard. Breeding takes time. It takes money. It is not the misconception that breeders have 50 cats and are just pumping out kittens and puppies. A licensed breeder should never, ever be confused with backyard breeders or kitten mills. You know, we have nothing in common with them when we're breeding properly. Licensed breeders do not sell kittens before they are 16 weeks old. We spay and neuter everything that leaves our house. We sell with a contract. We stand behind what we sell.

I really, truly do understand all aspects of breeding cats, and I would be more than happy to work with anybody who would like to look at these requirements so that people come out of hiding and want to become Animal Control compliant. It protects licensed breeders. It protects buyers. It just is something that people would be more

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open to if the requirements fit what you're asking us to fit.

The current laws just do not deter the multitude of kitten mills, puppy mills, backyard breeders. Responsible breeders are being held to an unrealistic rule that, that are nearly impossible to meet. And I am compliant. I can easily meet these rules. I have two breeding cats. I've bred for 43 years. Quality and quantity are vastly different things.

There are several tiers to breeding cats and maintaining the Animal Control permits. You're asking us to show every cat, like Trish has said, but there are cats that are used for breeding that really do push breeds forward, promote the health, the wellbeing, the characteristic of the cat that should never, ever, ever be in a show hall. I'm a licensed judge; I know this. There is a value for breeding cats, but with the permit requirements now, you are saying that we have to show every cat that we breed. It just simply is not realistic.

So, I'm not gonna ramble on. I really, truly, I had to talk to the Animal Control officer. I would just welcome a meeting with somebody to look at these rules and make them more user-friendly, I guess. Thank you so much for listening.

**GIBSON** 

Thank you.

S. SHAWN

And I'm, I've got a lot of time, but I have nothing more to say.

DR. STEPHEN SHAWN

Well, good morning. Almost good afternoon. I'm Dr. Stephen Shawn. I currently work with the Southern Nevada Veterans Healthcare Administration, caring for veterans in our valley here. And I want to speak to the same issue that the previous two people spoke to. I want to point out one of the issues with the animal control rules and regulations, and then make us suggestions about how to correct it.

I've been a breeder for over 30 years and have shown cats during that time for the International Cat Association, the largest association in the world, which has shows and clubs in all through North and South America, Asia, Europe, and parts of Africa.

So, when I first...the issue I want to speak to is the issue of having to show a breeding cat every single year. When I first moved to Nevada 17 years ago, I had a beautiful Siamese cat named Buddy, and he was not really showable in the two largest cat associations because he had a small tail fault, so that's a disqualification. But he was a wonderful cat, beautiful form. Many breeders wanted him to breed their females to produce wonderful cats, and of course, to ped out those who had a tail fault. Now, that, I could not receive a breeding permit here because he was not showable. He was not in a cat show, so I had him neutered, and he was a pet for the rest of his life with us.

A second example is a cat, her name's Beatrice, and, uh- I showed her throughout the United States and few other countries. She was the International Cat Association's Cat of the Year, the number one cat in the world. Now, after her show season, I retired her, and we began to breed her. And so, she had three litters before she was also spayed. However, during that time, we could not receive a breeders permit because she was not being shown. It made no sense because she was pregnant. You're not gonna show. You cannot show a pregnant cat. And so that was something that made no sense at all.

So those are examples of the problems with the Animal Control rules and

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regulations. My suggestion is that a committee be put together to meet with Animal Control and work together to look at some of the issues that do not make sense in the rules and regulations, and then to strengthen some of the issues that I believe are too weak, that allow various backyard breeders and kitten puppy mills to exist. So, I think such a committee should also include members of the International Cat Association and the Cat Fanciers Association, the two largest associations in the United States, which have a strong presence here in Las Vegas. They have shows and so on. Here, they have clubs here. And I think that would really help modernize, bring up to date the rules and regulations that Animal Control is using now, some of whose employees would agree. Thank you.

**GIBSON** 

Thank you.

ANDY THOMPSON

Andy Thompson, 1157 Teal Point Drive, Henderson, Nevada. I'm gonna speak to the issue of election integrity.

And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off, for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth, and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey. And the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

Elections must be operated with the highest regard for accuracy, security, and transparency, without which a government will decline into a state of active defiance and rebellion against God, the Constitution, and we, the people. Nevada is not pursuing the highest regard for accuracy in its voter rules, signature verification, and counting. Nevada is not pursuing the highest regard for security in its use of mass mailed ballots and use of electronic equipment. Nevada is not pursuing the highest regard for transparency in its use of proprietary electronic equipment, hardware, and software.

When it certifies an election which utilizes critically inaccurate rolls to generate mass-mailed ballots, Nevada is operating elections having insufficient for accuracy. When it certifies an election which unjustifiably lowers the standards for signature verification, Nevada is operating elections having insufficient regard for accuracy. When it certifies an election in which the early votes and mail-in votes for both Washoe and Clark Counties' precincts are counted by algorithm, Nevada is operating elections having insufficient regard for accuracy.

When Nevada certifies an election which effectively mails legal ballots into the wind, destroying chain of command safeguards, Nevada is operating elections having insufficient regard for security. When Nevada certifies an election which uses exceedingly vulnerable electronic equipment to record and transmit votes, Nevada is operating elections which have insufficient regard for security.

When Nevada certifies an election which operates electronic equipment whose source code is concealed, hiding the exact and full process of how our votes are recorded, tabulated, transmitted, and reported, Nevada is operating elections having insufficient regard for transparency.

Independent and regardless of the intentions, perceptions, and past confirmations by any persons, Nevada elections remain in such a condition that falls short of the standard we, the people have right to. Elections must be operated in such a manner that indisputably shows forth the highest regard for the value of our vote. I urge this board to regard these words with the utmost exigency and pursue policy which

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**DOROTHY BARNES** 

places the accuracy, security, and transparency of our elections in the highest regard. Thank you.

Dorothy Barnes. For the record, B-A-R-N-E-S, that's my last name. I'm still homeless. I applied for housing upon me returning from Louisiana during the quarantine period of the COVID-19. I relocated back home for a year and a half. I lived back in Bossier City, Louisiana, which is right next to my hometown Shreveport. And I came back and transferred back to Las Vegas, and I put my name on the waiting list for housing 'cause I'm still caught up with them using me to sponsor fentanyl.

I did not vote for my ex-husband to use me to vote for fentanyl and hold at Overton Brooks VA Medical Center. That's part of the problem because I was a patient there, and my ex-husband was an employee. We both served in the military. He lied on me. I'm overloaded with lies constantly because my name is on the site program. I can't ride public bus transportation because they put people on the bus to lie to keep my name from being removed off the program, which I requested my name being removed some years ago, so I wouldn't be victimized and threatened by drug dealers. These people are fiending off me. They're toting me off like ants toting off sugar cookie. They're swarming me like bees on a honey nest, and I'm tired of being victimized.

When they lie, I can't get in public housing. I've been on the wait list over here. They sent me three letters saying, "You're at the top of the list for housing," and they steal the vouchers. Somebody's stealing those vouchers. I can't even get my wheelchair the doctor ordered for me, a motorized wheelchair. They're stealing that too. I found out that's what's happening to the motorized wheelchair. When the doctor put the order in, and I took the paperwork to the mobility people, they go up and over me. They have the advantage over me, and they say, "Don't tell her what to do. Don't tell her what to do because if you tell her what to do, our hustling game will be over."

These criminals know that they've used me to lure people into things, to run their patting off fentanyl community. And I'm victimized with them fiending off me and using me to get money to pay for their fentanyl injection. They live for their next injection. I'm nothing to them. My life is nothing. My health, my reputation is nothing to them. My ex-husband won't talk to me 'cause I want to question him, "Who are you working for?" Somebody's manufacturing this fentanyl. They have a fentanyl laboratory somewhere.

By now, law enforcement should be investigated. I've brought it to the attention of law enforcement in my hometown and in Bossier City, Louisiana, and the state police. They're running a fentanyl lab in my hometown. I can't go home because I go to work down there. Some of my family members are hooked on fentanyl. Everybody I know here, senior citizens, are hooked on fentanyl. I can't turn a corner. I go to the senior center for help, I can't get it. I've been to two senior centers for help. I can't get it.

I'm on the waiting list for over a year. They keep sending me letters saying, "You're at the top of the list." I don't want to be homeless and get ticketed for falling asleep. What? I'm a human being. I have to sleep some time, somewhere. Well, that's not sensible to let those people sit on Nellis Air Force Base, and (inaudible), and they tell me they're taking guns out there, cussing, and they've got more trouble on that military base than anywhere else. And that's...

GIBSON Thank you very much.

BARNES Thank you all. God bless you. Have a great day.

GIBSON Is there anyone else who wishes to speak during the public comment period? There

being no one, then this meeting will be in recess until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

And we have a closed session now. Thank you.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, at the hour of 11:58 a.m., Chair Gibson recessed the meeting to the hour of 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, for the Zoning agenda.

APPROVED: /s/ James B. Gibson

JAMES B. GIBSON, CHAIR

ATTEST: /s/ Lynn Marie Goya

LYNN MARIE GOYA, COUNTY CLERK