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The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Nevada met in joint regular session with the Clark County Water Reclamation District Board of Trustees and the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada 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 6th day of December 2022 at the hour of 9:05 a.m. The meeting was called to order at the hour of 9:24 a.m. by Chair Gibson and, on roll call, the following members were present, constituting all of the members thereof:

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS:

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

Absent:
None

Also Present:

Kevin Schiller, County Manager
Lisa Logsdon, Deputy District Attorney
Jewel Gooden, Assistant Clerk, BCC
Keri Miller, Deputy Clerk
Robin Delaney, Deputy Clerk

JIM GIBSON

To our Board of County Commission Meeting this morning. The meeting will come to order. The first – uh - item on the - on our agenda is the – um – Man - County Manager Mich- uh - excuse me, Commissioners County Manager Recognition. And – uh - Manager Schiller, would you please then introduce each of these?

Commissioners'/County Managers Recognitions

ITEM NO. 1 Present a proclamation to recognize Crash Responder Safety Week.

KEVIN SCHILLER

Uh - good morning, Chairman and Commissioners, Item 1 is to present a proclamation to recognize Crash Responder Safety Week.

MICHAEL NAFT

And in the first – uh – uh - recognition is - is, Mister Schiller said, Crash Responder Safety Week and I'm gonna call up if they can join us here on the dais. From the Traffic Division of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Captain Jeff Coday; the Office of the Coroner and Medical Examiner, Clark County Coroner, Melanie Rouse; Communications Division of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Director Pollyanna Toney; Clark County Fire Department, Dep – uh - Deputy Chief of Operations Thomas Touchstone; Nevada Traffic Incident Management, Dave Strawn; and from the Clark County Public Works Roads Division, Assistant Managers Dean Mosher and Dave Pritchard.

Each of these individuals represent so many more – um - from their departments and agencies that play a critical role in responding – uh - to crashes. Each year on our roadways, 50,000 events occur that require these individuals to respond. And it may surprise some in this room that the number one cause of incidents of fatalities to first responders are crashes. So, this recognition serves as a reminder to everybody to - when you see the flashing lights to slow down, to pay extra attention, and really to give these individuals and the teams they represent an opportunity to safely respond.

Uh - I'd like to ask Mister David Strawn of the Nevada Traffic Incident Management Division to say a few words.

DAVID STRAWN

Thank you. And – uh -for all of us, thank you for – um - this honor as well as – um - it's just not us. It's many, many people are out there – uh - 24/7 facing – uh - the traffic and facing – uh - danger every single day.

Uh - I was asked to comment just a couple things on the Move Over law. The Move Over law is currently in place in Nevada, has been for some time. Many of you may think that the Move Over law only applies to emergency vehicles. And when we talk about the Move Over law, the best practices are to safely move over one lane if possible or to slow down while you're going through an incident. Those are for law enforcement, fire, medical, tow, NDOT – uh - freeway service patrol. But what you may not realize is also means, any vehicle - personal vehicle that has flashers on, that is part of the Move Over law. Um - I know for a fact that it is hard to enforce when you have a single trooper on scene, however – uh - Nevada State Police has done a wonderful job in enforcing this law and continued education and outreach is the only way that

STRAWN we'll continue to get this message out to – uh - the p - public who – uh - this affects greatly. Thank you.

NAFT Thank you, Dave. Would you join me in recognizing this esteemed group? Thank you very much.

ACTION: No action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 2 Present a proclamation to recognize Silverado High School football for winning the State Championship.

SCHILLER Uh - Commissioners, Item 2 is to present a proclamation to recognize Silverado High School Football for winning the State Championship. Commissioner Naft.

NAFT Thank you, Mister Schiller. Yes, so I'm gonna ask - this is gonna take a minute because the entire Silverado Football team is here. Would you all start making your way down those steps to your left? And of course, the reason The Silverado Skyhawks are here is because they are not only one-time but two-time State Champions for a State Football Championships. These are our State winners and we are just so proud, not only to recognize them, but for their achievements in this last season. And something that I'm particularly proud of them for is, not only their – uh - expertise and – uh – success – uh - i- in athleticism, but they are also being recognized for being the highest-achieving academic football program in the state.

They're joined today by Athletic Administrator Cindy Castro, Coach Ostalza – O – Ostolaza - uh - and this - and the – uh - the Skyhawk players. Um - in just a moment, we will hear from – uh - our quarterback, but I want to also point out that the Skyhawks outscored their opponents with an amazing 652 points, while only giving up 67 points, demonstrating incredible talent and ability on part of the offense, defense in particular, and special teams. Um – Bran - where's Brandon?

BRANDON TUNNELL Right here, sir.

NAFT All right. I'll turn the - turn the microphone over to – uh - Brandon Tunnell, Quarterback.

TUNNELL Uh - thank you everybody. My name is Brandon Tunnell. Um - first and foremost, I wanted to thank you all for inviting our team and for this great honor. We really appreciate it, and we really appreciate this recognition. Um - it's hard to describe how much these last two season have meant to me and our team, especially this last past year. Uh - and reiterating what he said, over the last two seasons, our team has gone 24 and 0, and we've defeated our opposing teams by a large margin of 1290 to only 195 points achieving back-to-back state championship wins.

And this season, our team has – uh - done the same and had the same success in the classroom – uh - becoming all academic champions. I am proud to say that I've been a Skyhawk all four years of my high school career. And I just want to say, thank you for your time and for this great recognition.

NAFT Well, Brandon you can tell how proud your entire community is of you and your entire team. And on behalf of my colleagues of the Clark County Commission, we get to declare today Silverado Skyhawks Football Day in

NAFT

Clark County. Congratulations.

And if - and if a State title wasn't enough, you're all walking away, we got some gift bags for ya. I'm not gonna give them out right here, but in the back, you'll get them and - and know how much we appreciate you and present this proclamation to you. If we could, I guess y'all stay where you are, and we'll just take a quick picture. Alright, one more time for Silverado High School! Thank you, thank you guys. Come here, thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Ain't that cool?

GIBSON

That is cool. Oh, I'm sorry. You were headed to him.

ACTION:

No action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 3 Present a proclamation to recognize Nevada Supreme Court Justice James W. Hardesty for all his service and contributions to the State of Nevada.

TICK SEGERBLOM

Justice Hardesty if you want to come up.

SCHILLER

Uh - Commissioners, Item 3 is to present a proclamation to recognize Nevada Supreme Court Justice James W. Hardesty for all his service and contributions to the State of Nevada. Commissioner Segerblom.

SEGERBLOM

By way of background – uh - I'm sure everyone's gonna wanna say a few words about Justice Hardesty because we've all dealt - worked with him, but – uh - just for the record – um - he's been a judge since 1998. Uh - 2004 became a Supreme Court Justice. Um - he's done - I mean, on so many committees, in addition to being a Supreme Court Justice, and - and Chair of the - of the - of the Chief Justice several times. Uh, he's been on every committee you can imagine; I think he created all of those committees - but he's - he's done -

AUDIENCE

(laughs)

SEGERBLOM

- guardianship reform, he's done criminal justice reform – uh - if you've been in the Legislature, you know. Oh, and during those four months every two years he spends most of his time over there - uh, - making sure that we do the right thing.

So – uh - honestly, I can say that – um - you know, he's been - he's one of the few people who are gonna make or – uh - who have made a huge change in Nevada's history, and he will go down in history as – as - as one of our top, if not our top Chief Justice. Um - if we would have an airport, I would've named - we would have named an airport after you. But the reality is -

AUDIENCE

(laughs)

SEGERBLOM

- we're gonna name the Supreme Court after Justice Hardesty, so - so that's pretty cool. But – uh - anyway, does anyone have - wanna say a few words?

JUSTIN JONES

Um – I – I – uh - uh, I'm so grateful for- for you recognizing Justice Hardesty. I got to know Justice Hardesty a decade ago – um - when I was in the Legislature. When he was working on establishing the Appellate Court which was a monumental change in – uh - our judiciary here in the State of Nevada. So – um - he's – uh - primarily responsible for leading the effort in that regard.

JONES

But I - I just wanted to point out that throughout the pandemic as we faced an eviction crisis, Justice Hardesty was on call after call, zoom after zoom – um - working with our court system down here with our Social Services – uh – leaders – uh - in order to make sure that we - we did everything possible to keep people on their homes. So – um – I – I there are very few people that I respect more than you Justice Hardesty, so thank you so much for all you've done for our State.

JAMES W. HARDESTY

Thank you very much.

WILLIAM MCCURDY II

Uh - I had an opportunity to get to know Justice Hardesty during my time in the Legislature as well, and I cannot thank you enough for your leadership when we had - you know, a lot of tough policies that were coming forward, you were the - the, you know, the sound voice in the room and also someone that we could depend upon to give us the sound advice to, you know, bring forward solid policy for the State of Nevada.

So, thank you for all that you have done, thank you for your leadership. And while we know a lot of the things that you have done, there are many things that we will have to dig into the archives to uncover to see what you've done as well. So just, thank you for your leadership and thank you for your service to the State of Nevada.

GIBSON

I – uh - had a long discussion with – uh -Justice Hardesty when he was merely a District Court Judge when he decided to move on and – uh - in the Mayor's Office. Maybe you remember that meeting, maybe you don't. But it was heartwarming to talk about with someone who got it at least the way I got it. And – uh - that was a – uh - it's been an incredible thing because the way it's delivered has been precisely in accordance with the plan he laid out, even though I'm sure that there were a lot of things that came along over time as he discovered things that needed to change. Uh - it takes courage even in the judiciary, to make changes. And he's done that. Those changes have been felt, they've been - they've made their way all the way down to the bottom and every one of us in Nevada has been affected by so many of the things that he has lead on.

So, Mister Justice, thank you so much for your service. We really appreciate everything you've done for us.

HARDESTY

Thank you.

ROSS MILLER

Justice Hardesty, as some of us have had the - the pleasure of appearing before you – uh - all of us I think have been witness to your leadership in - in critical decisions that affected the State. Uh - well as Chief Justice along with other issues that you engaged in that may have been outside the immediate scope of- of the service of the Supreme Court.

MILLER

Uh - but perhaps most notably from me was when I got the opportunity to work with you on the creation of the Nevada Business Court – uh - which has just been completely transformative as - as we look to try to compete with Delaware. One of the major deficiencies that we had was the inability to quickly and efficiently resolve business disputes. It's obviously been transformative – uh - than - than on just within the last couple of months. Uh - sat and listened to Business Court Judges echo the - the vision that you had – uh

MILLER - and speak to the opportunities that that has brought to the State – uh - which has - it's been extremely significant. And this is one of the many things I know that you accomplished during your career, so we thank you for your leadership.

MARILYN KIRKPATRICK Uh - Judge Hardesty, I think that everybody said everything, so I'll just quickly say, thank you for your service to our - not only our community, but to our State. And as you go into retirement, I'm sure you'll be watching and – uh - still opining on many of the things that we do and h - helping us get to the right path. But I really thank you for what you did and I really hope that – uh - you retire and go fishing, go mountain bike riding, whatever it is that you like to do. Cooking - uh -

AUDIENCE (laughs)

KIRKPATRICK - but, just so that - because you've done well for our State and- uh - we really want to wish you the best in retirement.

NAFT Justice I - It's been alluded to, but you've really looked at your role not just in the confines of what the rule has been, but in the - in a way that, how can I make it something that helps people every single day? And we've heard about that. Commissioner Jones mentioned during the pandemic, and Commissioner McCurdy mentioned, "what will be uncovered" by the general public. What you've done is just beyond, I think, what the average person expects out of your role. And - and please know that – uh - we realize and see just how far above and beyond you went and the impact that's had on our residents in Clark County. Thank you.

HARDESTY Thank you so much.

AUDIENCE Applause.

SEGERBLOM So - so before I turn it over to Justice Hardesty, I just want to say that, you know, your life is not over. So now, it just begins.

AUDIENCE (laughs)

SEGERBLOM Jim - Jim and I can testify that – um - things get even better, so - (laughs) so anyway, we look forward to seeing you full-time working on all these policies and - and things you've created over the years. But please, say a few words.

HARDESTY Well, you don't want to give a judge a microphone.

AUDIENCE (laughs)

HARDESTY Um - I am humbled and deeply honored to be recognized collectively by the Commission, but mostly individually, by people for whom I hold great respect and love. Uh - each one of you are outstanding public servants and it has been my privilege to stand side by side with you on numerous issues, and numerous topics. Uh - and I'm so grateful for your service to the community. As a judge who came from northern Nevada and had the privilege of serving as a Supreme Court Justice, one of the unique experiences for me has been to make new friends, establish relationships with the wonderful people in Clark County, Nevada. Las Vegas is a beautiful place, and it has been my great honor

HARDESTY

to be able to work with all of you on so many things that you have all accomplished and are doing and are continuing to do for this community and quite frankly, for this State. It's such a privilege to be with you.

And I also want to recognize Kevin and Jeff and others on your staff, they're amazing people and they have been so helpful to the Judiciary in general and to all of us in the legal community in particular. I'm so grateful for their service too.

Thank you for this recognition. I am really honored and humbled – uh - and quite surprised frankly but thank you so much.

SEGERBLOM

Normally, I would say this is a get out of jail free -

AUDIENCE

(laughs)

SEGERBLOM

- proclamation, but I don't think you need that. Hope I encourage you to run.

ACTION:

No action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 4 Public Comment

GIBSON

The next item on our agenda is public comment. During this first period of public comment, we invite anyone who wishes to make comment on any particular item on our agenda to come forward, identify the agenda number. Please state your name, spell your last name for our clerk, and please – um - recognize and understand that we – uh - try to limit ourselves so that we can get as many people in, so you have three minutes to do that.

MARGARET ANN COLEMAN

Yes, good morning, Commissioners. My name is Margaret Ann Coleman, C-O-L-E-M-A-N. I'm here for a reimbursement check to take care of myself and my family. In the judicious staff - system, I have been placed to be the most hated person in the State of Nevada due to the fact they have to return and give back what is credit and due. My name is Margaret Anne Coleman. For 43 years in the State of Nevada, on leave of absence from an emergency from arsenic lead poison in the body system from the job, loss of my wound. Uh - suffocation of the bowel intestines giving me MSD, PID.

I came here, not to be a - a disappointing myself. I came to let you know I know who I am. I am Margaret Ann Coleman, to receive and be a receiver from a Civil Suit 204984 of my - for my workers compensation and my pension that was used by the Board of Commissioners and the staff.

There has been a – uh - ensured contract policy that was forwarded to make me a receiver as a working class that I won in the judicious system and being deprived and denied to be just pitied and in a society concerning the working class, on and from them.

After I was injured, I – uh - began to, uh, work on my living arrangements credited due, but never have received within the 43 years just waiting for the State to - uh - live up to the statue of limitation of compliancy – uh - with the Legislation rules codes and the laws of ethics, all that is said in the pledge of allegiance for us all.

I'm entitled to be a collect – uh – be – uh - a collector and a receiver from a job

COLEMAN

of an employment. I'm placed – uh - of disappointment and disgust. Placed in places that I know I should not be. I'm an owner to a home, 1316 Wizard, and many more that was robbed and connived by a check program that never - have never received from them. Just scammed to be placed anywhere just for pity and not consolvency. Whereas I don't ever have to come here, I can take care of myself.

So, I'm requesting your understanding again today. Let's stop mistreating me. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you, Miss Coleman.

Uh - a point of order here, Item 66 is an item that many people have submitted speaking cards for. Um - it is a public hearing, which means we're going to give an opportunity to au – uh - hear from the public – uh - when that item is called. So, our rule is, you can either speak now or you can wait and speak when Item 66 is heard specifically, but not both times. Please come forward.

PATRICIA REID

Thank you for that information because I unfortunately can't stay. (laughs) Uh - I'm Patricia Reid, 5816 Red Umber Ave.

GIBSON

Pull that right - yes.

REID

5816 Red Umber Ave. Good to see everyone again. This is my third time here about – uh - Item number 66 which has to do with the sale of animals in our county. And so, rather than just kind of repeat what I've – uh - told before, I want to hit the important points to make sure that you remember what we had talked about.

Number one, the fact that – uh - we are in a crisis saf - situation with the animals, and I brought this sign today to tell you that the animal rescue community is grieving. Uh - because of the abuse and neglect, and most recently with the dog that we're offering a \$20,000 reward for. This is just something that occurs which people don't necessarily know about. But the people that are in this room, they do all the work. I'm just here to support what they do. So, with that being said, we need to start somewhere, and I really do believe that this is a starting point with the crisis situation.

I had mentioned that there were 300 cities and counties across state- the country that have banned the pet stores, the fact that Mesquite, North Las Vegas, and Reno now have humane pet laws. We're trying to eliminate the puppy mill pipeline that's filled with dog brokers and dog transporters. Uh - we want to make sure that if a store is going to stay open, that they can help a rescue with selling pets and - and helping those find - helping them find homes without commercially breeding them for profit. Uh - the pet leasing thing that I had mentioned to you, the fact that they'll offer you a high interest loan to somebody and they can't pay it they take it back.

Uh - but what the - the biggest pushback that I receive from friends who have purebred dogs, and I want to point this out to you. They have a purebred, and they might have a rescue with them. They always have the two, but I ask them, "Okay, well where did you" - they never go to a pet store for a purebred, they go directly to an AKC licensed breeder. And they don't allow the people to come to them, they go and pull the surprise visit on the place that they're buying their animals from so that they can see the conditions that the animals are in, so

REID

that they can see. And 9 out of 10 times, they're licensed facilities, 9 out of 10 times they're families. It's not a store, it's not a commercially-bred facility, but the fact is that people that are saying they don't - they're not able to get commercially, or I shouldn't say commercially, but not able to get purebred animals, the fact is that they can, but there's a legal and a right way to do it. And with the number of animals that are being neglected, abused, something has got to happen. And I really do believe this is a contributing factor, because some people just don't care about how much they pay or what they get.

What I'm asking, whatever it is that you come up with to protect the animals, please make it solid and don't do what the City of Las Vegas did in 2017. Uh - before people that oversaw that law and overturned it, we had something in order to go ahead and overturn the ban or to take care of that ban and then - there were four people, I'll leave them nameless on the City Commission, I thank you for everything that you're doing.

GIBSON

Thank you. So - so you're - you're probably gonna hear a lot of things you really agree with, you might even hear a few things you don't, but we'd ask you not to do that and - during our meeting, yes?

CHRIS RAMIREZ

Hi - uh - Chris Ramirez, 1307 Douglas Drive, lifelong Las Vegas resident, I've met with Miss Kirkpatrick before about film tax credits, job training. Uh - I've worked really hard as so many people do in this city and state - um - at, like, other things, like trying to create jobs, trying to bring movies here, trying to do whatever we do as, like, our daily life.

Now, I spend more time rescuing dogs than I do trying to bring jobs here, trying to ever talk about movies. Like, maybe I do one email a day with a guy trying to bring a movie here, I spend all day now rescuing dogs from shelters that are taking dogs out of the animal foundation, 'cause like tons of us just spoke at the City Council Meeting, for the animal foundation the root cause are pet stores. I mean, the shelters, the Animal Foundation, all of these places where these dogs are ending up - um - are causing so much time, cost too many costs for so many of your constituents. They could be doing other things; they would be doing other things. We are not just like, "Hey, we want to lay around and take care of dogs all day," but I would rather take care of dogs that need it than like, make movies. But if the dogs were not such a - a crisis problem, I could go back to my day job.

So, I know a lot of things have to do with economics here in the city, so I'm trying to just talk to that. Other people will talk to other things. There's a real opportunity cost to the crisis. And what's the benefit? A handful of pet stores make money? I mean, I don't know if they donate to campaigns or whatnot, I don't know what the benefit to keeping pet stores open are. Nobody needs 'em, nobody wants 'em but the people that own that are - that are benefiting from, and the people that buy from pet stores just aren't educated enough. Take the opportunity away from them and - and - and make them go get rescue dogs because that's what I spend my time doing, that's what so many other people spend their time doing. Um - and - uh - yeah, I think just - just on the economics, because other people speak to emotions. We would all rather be doing something else to help the city and the community than taking care of dogs just because people want to sell them in the mall or strip malls. We spend so much time, one or two people on one rescue dog, and then I drive down the street and I see a strip mall, "Puppies for sale!" And it's just like, I

RAMIREZ can't believe I'm spending so much time and there's just dozens of puppies coming out of that gross little place.

So, thank you all, great work, hope everybody else talks you into it.

GIBSON Yes, please come forward.

MICHAEL YEVTOVICH Good morning honorable – uh - Commissioners. My name is Michael Yevtovich. I'm a -

GIBSON Can you spell your last name for us sir?

YEVTOVICH Yes, Yevtovich, starts with Y, E as Edward, V as Victor, T as Thomas, O as Oscar, V as Victor, I as – uh -Iron, C as Charlie, H as Hotel. Yevtovich, Michael.

GIBSON Thank you.

YEVTOVICH I'm a constituent of District F and I was asking the office of Honorable Commissioner Jones to help me out at the beginning – uh - this regarding very bizarre ugly – um - eviction by the landlord at my room here at - the address is 3075 South Bronco Street, LV, NV 89146. And – uh – Missus – uh- Meggan Holzer was helpful at the beginning there unless uh - um, by the meeting of the Metro and the Building Department there where the Metro publicate - publicly made known the time whistle-blower and now due to that whole mess, uh, the landlord started retal - retaliating badly upon me.

And – uh - respectfully again, I was seeing 12 of them, foll - indeed followed chain of command, reached now the Manager's Office. But just – uh – again – uh - yesterday, last time I spoke to – uh - the cha - a lady at the your - Chairman's office is there, by name Susan, and she said – uh - "I'm going to contact to the Manager's Office," and I think a person by name Kevin is there who is going to call you and tell him make sure that he's called you back, which didn't happen.

And again, this process is taking over two and a half months. I'm almost on daily basis at the billing department there and here trying to clear my name. I'm not a fugitive run, I'm not a felon, I'm just a law-abiding person like everybody else in our beautiful state here and I just want to follow the court system, I want to follow the law, and I want to follow the chain of command.

I'm sorry for addressing for my case, but please help me out. Just, what's the next distance and place to go to and address more in details this question because Mister Michael Shannon just a few days ago hanged up on me and – uh - honorable Commissioner Jones office there, and I cannot go back and back anymore for any help. Please help me out.

GIBSON Yeah well, Kevin is Abbie -

YEVTOVICH Pardon me?

GIBSON Uh - someone from Abbie's office will pay attention to your entry - your concerns. We have your number, and we'll provide that to her so that there's -

YEVTOVICH

Well, Mister Chairman, I cannot wait too longer because I'm under pressure. I would like to follow the court system and I'm not able even to do that. And my car has been impounded - impounded but the landlord, I cannot move at all, I'm just a prisoner in my 10x10 room. For four years it's all the place that I was forced without bathroom to beg tenants next door just - uh - you know, to have mercy on me and - uh - uh, use the bathroom and tell them thanks for - the case is so ugly, and I'm embarrassed even to address to all of these people here because it's pretty much where you make ugly eviction. And only what I'm asking with your support, whatever fair that is, to be heard. Kindly - and have a chance to see a judge there. Thank you all.

GIBSON

Thank you.

DYLAN KEITH

Alright, good morning, Chair and members of the Commission, thank you so much. My name is Dylan Keith, Assistant Director of Government Affairs for the Vegas Chamber of Commerce speaking on Item 66. We would like to thank you for bringing this item forward. We encourage your support of it as the largest and broadest business-based organization in the state. We are happy to have - or happy to support this item and encourage your support as well. Thank you so much.

GIBSON

Thank you.

SHARON LEE

Sharon Lee, my address is 2485 West Wigwam. And I'm here -

GIBSON

Did you say your name is Sharon -

LEE

Sharon Lee. L-E-E.

GIBSON

Okay, thank you.

LEE

I'm here about the puppies, and I'd like to give a little background on this how they get to the puppies - um - stores. Um - there's over 10,000 puppy mills in this country. And of te - puppy mills put out about two million puppies a year. Uh - they're sent long distance and a lot of them die in transport. Uh - once they get there, they have about four months. After four months, they're too big. People don't want 'em anymore, they're gangly, they're large, and they're sent back.

Now, the puppy mills don't need any more puppies. They're not giving them away and they're not gonna sell them, they're too big. They want the tiny ones. So, these puppies are put down, they're euthanized the same way the males and females that have these puppies are. They're - the males and females are put in cages sometimes five, six, seven layers high, and the only thing that separates them is chicken wire, or bars and as they potty, it goes down and down and down and covers the dogs with feces and urine. It gets in their food, it gets in their water and because of that, um - most of them live with parasites. Their babies have parasites. Uh - they have no chance. Most females have about less than half a regular life of a dog does. It's, uh, probably five or six years. They're bred from the time they're six months old, first t - time they come in heat, and they're bred every time after that until their little bodies give up. And once those bodies give up, they don't need 'em anymore. They're just extra. So, they also kill those. And a lot of ways they do it, and it's not pretty, but it's the truth. They drowned them. They used - um - hammers, they use rocks and they get

LEE rid of these dogs. And I've worked with a lot of rescues. I had a grooming salon. I've had all of that. Veterinarians tell me this, it's not just (unidentifiable) true.

And no one cares. The only one that can care is y'all. And you've gotta stop it. You've gotta stop and give these babies a chance 'cause they have nobody. These are all pictures of - I didn't pick out the worst ones, I just picked out some. They also, as you can see, their eyes are white. By four or five years old, most of 'em start going blind from the lack of nutrition, vet care and everything else. Because of that, they lose their eyesight, they lose their teeth, and they die very early. Most of 'em are put in cages from the time they're born until the time they die. They're never touched, no one cares about 'em. And this is how they spend their life. And most of you probably have a pet and a lot of you got it from pet stores or breeders, whatever. And they all say, "Oh yes, this breeder's a wonderful person. He only does, you know, three dogs a year or whatever." It's not true. It's a - it's a puppy farm.

GIBSON Thank you.

LEE It's a puppy -

GIBSON Thank you.

LEE - puppy farm. So – um – they kill these dogs. Please give them a chance.

GIBSON Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak during the public comment period?

ED UEHLING Yes. My name is Ed Uehling, Ed Uehling. And, uh, I want to, u - uh, request that you pull Items 49, 50 and 51 and consider them separately. Um - I'm, t - this involves the transfer of about 100 acres of land to a corporation, a favored corporation – uh - by the County. Uh - I'm really – um - apologize for making these statements about the Majesty Company, which is one of the most decent companies that have gotten all this free land from the County. Uh - certainly a lot better than – than - much better than m- most of the people that have gotten the – uh - gotten the properties. But, um - w- where, uh, w- where is the contract here? What - what is the - what, the - I can't find, what's the price that they're buying it for? What's the price of the option that they're - that they're getting? What, how much have they paid since 2001 when they first got this contract for these hundred acres?

Um – uh - is, is there anything already built on the - on the property? Uh – you - you can pretty well figure out that 100 acres of land are worth around a - a couple hundred million dollar – uh – uh – uh - a couple hundred - well, how much (laughs)? \$200 million – I - I think \$200 million. Uh - and so t - this program, these leases that are done by the Airport are total giveaways to the richest people in the community, to big corporations that come – uh – um - come e - even from the outside and corporations that you get – uh - your contributions from – uh – h - here in the Valley. And – um - and t – this – t - this take, i - it's a total giveaway to rich people, while you go after every one of us here f - for every dime and every – uh - e - every penalty that you can assess to us. Um – and - and t - these people get a free gift of a - of a hundred million dollars, basically – uh - the way that this contract reads. The - the most offensive clause in this 130 page - 35 page contract is the one that allows them

UEHLING to deduct 11% for everything they have invested in the property. That's in essence the value of the property. That's a - all the rent. How can - how can you dream about giving an 11 - uh - percent - uh - value to the - to the ownership and allowing them to deduct it from a - any payments? Um - uh - and then the - the Airport refuses to collect the money that they could be collecting here and goes after the tourists for \$40 and causes additional traffic on I15 goes - uh - closes down businesses, local businesses. Uh - there - there -

GIBSON Thank you, Mister Uehling. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak during the public comment period? Then we'll move on. Mister Schiller?

ITEM NO. 5. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 1, 2022. (For possible action) (Available in the County Clerk's Office, Commission Divisions)

SCHILLER Commissioners, Item 5 is approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on November 1st, 2022.

JONES (Unintelligible)

GIBSON So, there's a motion for approval. Are you moving - uh - for approval? Nevermind. I'll ask that question in a minute. There's a motion for approval on the agenda. Any discussion on the motion. Cast your votes. The motion carries.

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

ITEM NO. 6 Approval of Agenda with the Inclusion of Any Emergency Items and Deletion of Any Items. (For possible action)

SCHILLER Commissioners, Item 6 is approval of the agenda with the inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items. Staff is requesting Item 47, 49, 50 and 51 under the consent agenda be taken separately. Staff is requesting that Public Hearing Item Number 68 and Business Section Item Number 74 be deleted from your agenda.

GIBSON Are there any other changes to the agenda?

JONES Move approval.

GIBSON There's - there's a motion - uh - for approval taking into account those changes. Please cast your votes.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Item No. 7 through Item No. 65

SCHILLER Uh - Commissioners, I need to go back - um - and do approval of the Consent agenda. That would be Items Number 7 through 65, with the exception of Items 47, 49, 50 and 51.

JONES Move for approval.

GIBSON

There's a motion for approval. The consent agenda as noted. Any discussion on that motion? Please cast your votes. Motion carries.

ACTION:

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

ITEM NO. 7 Approve the award of Bid No. 606372-22, for Annual Requirements Contract for Bulk Unleaded Gasoline 87 Octane and Biodiesel Fuel, to the low responsive and responsible bidder, contingent upon submission of the required insurance. Staff recommends award to Coronet Ceramics, Inc. dba Coronet Energy; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

ACTION:

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

ITEM NO. 8 Ratify and approve an Amendment to the Contract with FirstMed Health and Wellness Center, for RFP No. 604584-17, for Comprehensive Mental Health Services; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Amendment; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

ACTION:

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

ITEM NO. 9 Ratify and approve an Amendment to the Contract with Lisa A. Durette MD PLLC dba Healthy Minds, for CBE No. 603154-13, for Comprehensive Mental Health Services; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Amendment; or take other action as appropriate. (Previous Amendments and original Contract are available for public viewing at the County Clerk's Office, Commission Division) (For possible action)

ACTION:

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

ITEM NO. 10 Approve an Amendment to the Contract with Eagle Quest, for RFP No. 604609-17, to provide Comprehensive Professional Mental Health Services for the Juvenile Assessment Center; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Amendment; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

ACTION:

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

ITEM NO. 11 Authorize the Chair to sign Interlocal Agreement with Clark County School District Education Services Division, for CBE No. 606186-22, for Summer Education Services for Juvenile Detention and Spring Mountain Youth Camp; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

ACTION:

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

ITEM NO. 12 Authorize the Chair to sign Interlocal Agreement No. 137460-A with Las Vegas Valley Water District, for CBE No. 606414-22, for Fire Station No. 39; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

ACTION:

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

ITEM NO. 13 Ratify and approve the Master Contract and Contracts with Boys & Girls Club of Las Vegas, Inc. dba Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada, East Valley Family Services, and Olive Crest for CBE 606302-22 Differential Response, contingent upon submission of the required insurance; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Contract(s); or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 14 Ratify and approve an Amendment to the Contract with Help of Southern Nevada, for CBE No. 605322-19, for Intensive Case Management with Permanent Housing for the Chronically Homeless; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Amendment; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 15 Ratify and approve the Contract with Help of Southern Nevada, for CBE No. 606265-22, for Shannon West Homeless Youth Center Emergency Shelter, 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 Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 16 Ratify and approve an Amendment to the Contracts with Bob Barker Company, Inc. - Packages 1, 2, 3, and 8; Victory Supply - Packages 4, 5, and 7; and Tabb Textiles Co., Inc. - Package 6, for Bid No. 604349-17, for Annual Requirements Contract for Inmate Clothing and Accessories; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Amendment; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 17 Authorize the Chair to sign the Interlocal Agreement with City of Mesquite, for CBE No. 606049-21, for Emergency Response Public Facility Fire Station Equipment; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 18 Approve the Contract with Runbeck Election Services, Inc., for CBE No. 606250-22, for Equipment Service Agreement, 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 Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 19 Approve the award of Bid No. 606389-22, for Various Current Production Model Trucks to the low responsive and responsible bidder. Staff recommends award to Silver State Ford dba Gaudin Ford; and rejection of the Bid received from McCandless Truck Center for Line Item 16; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 20 Note for the record the following Town Advisory Board (TAB) and/or Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) Minutes: Enterprise TAB - October 26, 2022; Laughlin TAB - October 11, 2022; Lone Mountain CAC - October 25, 2022; Moapa Valley TAB - November 9, 2022; Paradise TAB - October 25, 2022; Searchlight TAB - October 12, 2022; Spring Valley TAB - October 11, 2022; Spring Valley TAB - October 25, 2022; Winchester TAB - October 25, 2022.

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

ITEM NO. 21 Ratify the submission of the grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(HUD) for the Southern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Project by Clark County Social Service (CCSS) in the amount of \$455,157 to provide planning activities toward implementation of the Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009; and authorize the Administrator of Human Services to accept any grant funds awarded; and authorize the creation of one (1) Full Time Management Analyst II (C29) or equivalent position. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 22 Ratify the submission of the grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Project by Clark County Social Service (CCSS) in the amount of \$122,822 and \$30,706 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) cash match from Nevada Housing Division to provide software and administration; and authorize the Administrator of Human Services to accept any grant funds awarded. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 23 Ratify the submission of the grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Rural Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Project by Clark County Social Service (CCSS) in the amount of \$92,741 and \$23,185 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) cash match from Nevada Housing Division to provide software and administration; and authorize the Administrator of Human Services to accept any grant funds awarded. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 24 Ratify the submission of the renewal grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Southern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Expansion Project by Clark County Social Service (CCSS) in the amount of \$120,000 to provide the current software system; and authorize the Administrator of Human Services to accept any grant funds awarded. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 25 Ratify the submission of the renewal grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Southern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Expansion Project by Clark County Social Service (CCSS) in the amount of \$860,154 to provide the current software system; and authorize the Administrator of Human Services to accept any grant funds awarded. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 26 Authorize the creation of (1) full time Limited Perm Family Services Specialist I/II (C28) or equivalent position to expand the Step-Up program to include Project Home which serves HIV positive youth ages 18-25. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 27 Authorize the Director of Aviation to amend the existing General Ground Transportation Automated Vehicle Identification System (AVI) Operating Permit (Permit) between Clark County and various authorized commercial

ground transportation operators at Harry Reid International Airport; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 28 Approve and authorize the Director of Aviation to sign the Lease Agreement between Clark County and Southwest Airlines Co. (Stephen F. Sisneros, Vice President-Airport Affairs) for the development and operation of an aircraft maintenance hangar facility at Harry Reid International Airport (Airport); or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 29 Approve and authorize the Director of Aviation to sign the Concession Lease Agreement between Clark County and The Chiroport Nevada, LLC (Mike Sikkink, Director of Operations) for the operation of a passenger service concession at Harry Reid International Airport; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

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

ITEM 30 Approve and authorize the Director of Aviation to sign the Cost Reimbursement Agreement Number AJW-ON-WSA-23-WP-005631 between Clark County and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to provide funding for a phased airspace feasibility assessment for the proposed Southern Nevada Supplemental Airport (SNSA); or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 31 Approve and accept a grant of easement from CPLV Property Owner LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (John W. R. Payne, President) for traffic improvements generally located at 3570 South Las Vegas Boulevard (Assessor's Parcel Number 162-17-810-009); approve and authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign the grant of easement for traffic improvements. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 32 Approve and authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign Supplemental No. 1 to the professional engineering services contract between Clark County and GCW, Inc. (Tim McCoy, President) for additional engineering services for the Clark County 215 Bruce Woodbury Beltway between Charleston Boulevard and Craig Road Widening project. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 33 Approve and authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign Supplemental No. 1 to the professional project administration and construction management services contract between Clark County and HDR Engineering, Inc. (Craig Smart, P.E., Associate Vice President) for additional construction management services for the Desert Inn Road between Nellis Boulevard and Hollywood Boulevard project. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 34 Approve and authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign Supplemental No. 1 to the professional

surveying services contract between Clark County and J. S. & S. Inc. d/b/a Jemison Surveying & Services (Raymond Jemison, Owner-President) for additional construction land surveying services for the Las Vegas Boulevard Roadway Improvements between Interstate 215 South and Russell Road (Phase B) project. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 35 Approve and authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign a professional engineering services contract between Clark County and GCW, Inc. (Tim McCoy, P.E., President) for engineering services for the Bellagio Pedestrian Bridge project. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 36 Approve and authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign a professional engineering services contract between Clark County and Westwood Professional Services, Inc. (Randy Carroll, P.E., Director, Transportation Services) for engineering services for the Blue Diamond Wash Trail between Durango Drive and Hualapai Way project. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 37 Approve and authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign a professional project administration and construction management services contract between Clark County and Atkins North America, Inc. (Matthew Baird, P.E., Vice President) for construction management services on the project for Sunset Road between Hualapai Way and Clark County 215 and Traffic Signal Improvements at Various Locations #206. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 38 Approve and authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign a professional project administration and construction management services contract between Clark County and GCW, Inc. (Tim McCoy, P.E., President) for construction management services on the Harmon Avenue between Pecos Road and Boulder Highway project. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 39 Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Supplemental No. 1 to Interlocal Contract No. 1220 between Clark County and Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada to increase total funds for the Rainbow Boulevard between Blue Diamond Road and Clark County 215 Beltway project. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 40 Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Supplemental No. 1 to Interlocal Contract No. 3044 between Clark County and Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada to increase total funds for the Mountains Edge Rush Channel Pedestrian Bridge project. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 41 Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Supplemental No. 2 to Interlocal Contract No. 1261 between Clark

County and Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada to increase total funds for the Intersection Improvements Program: Traffic Signal Equipment Procurement project. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 42 Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Supplemental No. 2 to Interlocal Contract No. 3009 between Clark County and Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada to increase total funds for the Arterial Reconstruction Program - Clark County Maintenance, Various Roadways project. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 43 Ratify the Amendment No. 1 to Contract and License No. 18-07-34-L1952 between Clark County and the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, for construction of a new bridge crossing the Colorado River connecting Laughlin, Nevada, to Bullhead City, Arizona, to accommodate roadway improvements. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 44 Approve and authorize the Director of Real Property Management or her designee to sign Amendment I to the Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) between Clark County (County) and the City of North Las Vegas (CNLV) extending the Agreement twelve (12) months due to construction delays whereby the County allocated funds for CNLV to design and construct multi-use fields at Craig Ranch Regional Park located on a portion of CNLV-owned land at 628 West Craig Road, North Las Vegas, NV (APNs 139-03-102-007, 139-03-201-007, 139-03-201-008, 139-03-201-011, 139-03-201-012, 139-04-503-002 and 139-04-602-002) and any other documents to complete the transaction. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 45 Approve and authorize the Director of Real Property Management or her designee to sign Amendment II to the Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) between Clark County (County) and the City of North Las Vegas (CNLV) extending the Agreement twelve (12) months due to construction delays whereby the County allocated funds for CNLV to construct and operate a miniature train at Craig Ranch Regional Park located on a portion of CNLV-owned land at 628 West Craig Road, North Las Vegas, NV (APNs 139-03-102-007, 139-03-201-007, 139-03-201-008, 139-03-201-011, 139-03-201-012, 139-04-503-002 and 139-04-602-002) and any other documents to complete the transaction. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 46 Approve and authorize the Director of Real Property Management or her designee to sign Amendment I to Sublease Agreement (Sublease) between Clark County and Changing Smiles Pediatric Dentistry for ±3,971 square feet of dental office space located at 1750 Wheeler Peak Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89106 (APN 139-21-416-011) known as the Enterprise Dental Clinic; and sign any other related documents to complete the transaction and manage the Sublease. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 47 Approve the renaming of the building located at 601 N. Pecos, Las Vegas, Nevada to the Tyrone Thompson CASA Children's Center at Fortye Hall, which currently houses the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) function. (For possible action)

GIBSON

We apologize to you for the delay – uh - we're, this is a very important item to us so please don't get the wrong idea. And – uh – Mister Schiller, please read the item.

SCHILLER

Item 47 is to approve the renaming of the building located at 601 North Pecos, Las Vegas, Nevada to the Tyrone Thompson CASA Children's Center at Fortye Hall which currently houses the Court Appointed Special Advocate, CASA, function.

GIBSON

Thank you. And my understanding is that Mister Thompson's family is here with us today. We'd encourage and - and invite you to come forward. And we have a video.

JERRY WIESE

Good morning, Chairman Gibson, and – uh - other Commissioners. My name's Jerry Wiese, I'm the Chief Judge now at the Eighth Judicial District Court. We're here before you today on a very special moment in – uh - the long history of our CASA program. Before I turn it over to Justice Elect Bell and those that started this mission, I wanted to express my – the - the District Court's gratitude and recognition to you and the County Management team for providing critical funding and leadership so that we can perform this most important mission and support and express the best interest of our children in care. I'd also like to thank those – uh - the RPM team for the support and guidance on how to bring this important first step to a facility worthy of the CASA cause. Let me turn it over now to Justice Bell.

LINDA BELL

Thank you, Chief, for those kind words. Uh - for the record, Linda Bell with the Eighth Judicial District Court. Chair Gibson and Commissioners – um - I'm grateful to all of you for the support of our CASA Program. Commissioner McCurdy, I wanna thank you for meeting – um - with me last spring to, when we were planting the seeds of this idea. I'd also like to publicly thank retired – uh - County Manager, Yolanda King, for her support.

Um - there are also some members of our court family that deserve a shout out: Steve Grierson who has made CASA his mission and Sheila Parks our CASA Program Administrator who has worked with the CASA program for so long that she was actually – um - my supervisor when I was at CASA.

Um - today allows us a recognition of a life's work and – um - also to continue the efforts in our community to protect our children and work towards making sure that all kids have safe and loving homes. The CASA program is one way we can partner as a community to protect our most valuable and vulnerable kiddos.

Um - the County should be really proud of our CASA program. The name – uh - CASA, the Court Appointed Special Advocates, originates with our very own District Court Judge, John Mendoza. He came up with that name in the early 80s and we have one of the longest running CASA programs. Our amazing volunteers do so much for these kids in foster care. You may have seen that this year's 40th anniversary National CASA Advocate of the Year, Carolyn Muscari, is from Clark County and – um - that is – uh - really special. Which brings me to Tyrone Thompson.

Um - Tyrone was a long time CASA volunteer, over 17 years, and a great supporter of children in our community. And when Sheila and I were talking in

BELL the back just now, she said, "His heart was for all kids not just his CASA kids." And when I was thinking of Tyrone, I was thinking how he had this way of making everyone feel like they were his special, dear, cherished friends and – um - and I was very privileged to call myself one of those people. And how - what a wonderful gift that must have been for his CASA kids to have someone in their life who made them feel that important and special when, perhaps, the people that were supposed to do that couldn't be there for them for whatever reason.

Um – I - I wanna thank his family so much for being present here today but I don't think there's anything that I could say – um - as well as Tyrone himself. So, I'd like to show this little video of Tyrone talking about the CASA program and the importance of -

TYRONE THOMPSON (speaking on video) There were -

BELL - the CASA Program.

THOMPSON (speaking on video) - many times, where I felt like – um - being a CASA I made a difference. Um - there were times where we reunified children with their families, which is a great feeling. Uh - there was times where kids were adopted and just to see those big smiling faces just warms your heart. But probably the best time when I knew that I had truly made a difference – uh - my first case was 15 years ago. I had – uh - two preteen boys – uh - and we finally reunified them. But 15 years later – uh - they're now my Facebook friends. And about six months ago – um - I received an in-message – um - from the youngest and he said – uh - "Hello Tyrone – um - just wanna let you know that, that my brother and I, we truly appreciate you. We really didn't know your purpose – um - many years ago and why you were there for us but – um - we truly knew that you were one of those good guys for us, a person that really wanted to stand by us, and – um - and we love you." I have like honorary grandchildren so to speak. They have four children between the two of them and – um - we keep in touch and, and they're doing really well. So, I'm very pleased with that.

BELL Thank you.

SONJA MASON Oh wow, that's touching and - first of all, I want to say thank you to the County Manager, the County Commissioners, and everyone here. This is such an honor - an honor for my family. My mother, who could not attend but she's very thankful and grateful and, of course, our family who's always there for support. But in the video, he talked about the two boys. I remember the two boys-

GIBSON (laughing)

MASON - because he did make 'em sp - feel special. The one occasion he had a party gathering for one of the, the oldest boy. We end up going to the Rainforest Cafe. At that time, the cafe was in the MGM, so that was a long time ago. But to see the love he gave them to show them they were special. He did that throughout his career with all youth, no matter who they were. He wanted them to feel special and to know they can do whatever they wanna do. Because he believed in the youth, he believed in people. That's who he was throughout his life. So, with that being said, we're so grateful, honored, and thankful to the Commissioners, to the County and that's all I can say from the Thompson

family. Thank you so much.

GIBSON

Well, thank you very much.

AUDIENCE

(Applause)

GIBSON

And we appreciate - we appreciate your enduring and waiting through the rest of the meeting. This is especially important on so many levels. Um - just before I turn the microphone over to Commissioner McCurdy for a moment – um - yeah it was, it was in the 80s. I'm giving up my age here.

MASON

Right.

GIBSON

It was in the 80s that I was appointed by Judge Mendoza to serve on the – um - Juvenile Court – um – I – I - think it was the Juvenile Court Advisory Commission. There were five - five of us I think that were on that com - committee. And John Mendoza was a taskmaster. He wasn't someone who just sat back and let you do whatever you decided you wanted to do. He told us exactly what he expected of us. And – uh - the CASA program was something that meant everything to Judge Mendoza.

MASON

Mm-hmmm.

GIBSON

But I don't think, as bright a man as he was, he could've ever imagined that it would become what it has become, and that we would have had the kind of volunteerism and impact in the lives of young people that we've. He could not have imagined it. So, I was there in the beginning – um - it was a - a proud moment but we had no clue. And I am so, so pleased, just personally, to have it come to this because Tyrone was an amazing man -

MASON

He was.

GIBSON

- who left a real – uh - im- uh - impact in the community. It's something that

GIBSON

we'll all strive to become more like, and we appreciate very much your, the family who always gets involved. When one of us ever in our families is really up to our eyeballs in something, everyone is likewise immersed. So, thank you so much for being here. Commissioner McCurdy.

MCCURDY

Uh - thank you, Mister Chairman. It is – um - it is an honor just to actually have an opportunity to hear Tyrone speak again. Uh - he was an amaz - amazing Legislator – uh - someone who always put community and families first and someone who just operated with a true sincerity – uh – and - and understanding that the only way that we can do better is if we all do better. And you can see that reflected with the policies that he brought forward – uh - while he was in the Legislature but also through his work – uh - within the community and right here in at Clark County.

Uh, so I - I thank – uh - the judge for, you know, her words and I thank you all for what you do – uh - with the CASA Program – uh - because truly our greatest investment are those that we make into our children. So – um - I'm just honored to, you know – uh - have an opportunity to speak but also to be able to work collaboratively to bring this into fruition. And – um - you know, I'll turn it over to other Commissioners if they would like to speak, but I - I can't think of someone more deserving than, than Tyrone – uh - for this – uh - facility to be

named after him.

GIBSON Are there other comments by the members of the Board? If not, then we're ready for a motion to really make this happen.

MCCURDY Move for approval.

GIBSON There's a motion for approval by Commissioner McCurdy. Please cast your votes. The motion carries. Congratulations and -

MASON Thank you.

GIBSON - thank you very much.

AUDIENCE (Applause)

MASON Thank you.

GIBSON I even clapped. I even clapped and broke my own rule.

AUDIENCE (laughing)

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner William McCurdy, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

ITEM NO. 48 Approve and authorize the Director of Real Property Management or her designee to draft and sign Amendment I to the Option Agreement to Lease Real Property between Clark County and Avantus Clean Energy, LLC., formerly known as 8minute Solar Energy, LLC. (Avantus), providing an extension to the time period for Avantus to sign the Lease Agreement and provide a thirty (30) day termination clause; and sign any other documents necessary in the management of this agreement. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 49 Approve and authorize the Director of Real Property Management or her designee to sign a Lease Agreement and any necessary documents between Clark County and Majestic EJM Arroyo III LLC, for the development of ±43.14 acres of County-owned land known as Assessor Parcel Numbers 176-03-302-014 and 015, 176-03-701-007, 008, 009, 011, 013, 015 and 017, and 176-03-703-005, generally located along Badura Avenue between Rainbow Boulevard and Buffalo Drive. (For possible action)

SCHILLER Commissioners, we can now move to items taken separately from the consent agenda. Item 49 is approve and authorize the Director of Rural Property Management or her designee to sign a lease agreement and any necessary documents between Clark County and Majestic EJM Arroyo LLC for the development of 43.14 acres of County-owned land known as Assessor Parcel Numbers 176-03-302-014 and 015, 176-03-701-007, 008, 009, 011, 013, 015 and 017 and 176-03-703-005 generally located along Badura Avenue between Rainbow Boulevard and Buffalo Drive.

LISA KREMER Good morning, Commissioners, Lisa Kremer with the Department of Real Property Management. Um - these items before you today – um - are a result of a lease and option agreement that was approved by the BCC in 2001. So, at this time, we are just administering the terms of those option agreements. And Majestic has partnered with Rainbow Beltway to take down – um - 100 acres

KREMER
R per what Mister Uehling had indicated. And we're just following the terms of the option agreement that were previously approved. If Mister Uehling has specific information that he would like to see – um - we can work with him separately to provide those documentations.

GIBSON Thank you. Any questions?

NAFT (unintelligible)

GIBSON Uh - there's a motion for approval by Commissioner Naft. Any discussion on the motion? Please cast your votes. The motion carries.

KREMER Thank you.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Michael Naft, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation by approved.

ITEM NO. 50 Approve and authorize the Director of Real Property Management or her designee to sign a Lease Agreement and any necessary documents between Clark County (County) and Majestic EJM Arroyo IV LLC, for the development of ±36.94 acres of County-owned land known as portions of Assessor Parcel Numbers 176-03-201-010, 176-03-301-003 and 004, generally located at the northwest corner of Badura Avenue and Tenaya Way. (For possible action)

SCHILLER Commissioners. We can now move to Item 50. Approve and authorize the Director of Real Property Management or her designee to sign a lease agreement and any necessary documents between Clark County and Majestic EJM Arroyo-

GIBSON Excuse me.

SCHILLER -for LLC for the development of 36.94 acres – um - of County-own land known as portions of Assessor parcel numbers 176-03-201-010, 176-03-301-003 and 004, generally located at the northwest corner of Badura Avenue in Tenaya Way.

KREMER Good morning, Commissioners, Lisa Kremer with a Real Property Management. Same comment as a previous item. I'm gonna meet separately with Mister Uehling to provide him with a documentation that he is asking for.

GIBSON Alright.

RANDALL TARR Commissioners, if I may as well. Uh – Mister Uehling has - has been up to Real Property Management over the years. He has looked at the files. I heard him at the end of the last vote, say, what about the numbers? He has looked at those. Um - I'd also like to point out this - this lease option that the - was started over 20 years ago, we have managed three large ones. Those financials have been available to him and to the public over the years. And just recently, the larger piece of the Majestic – uh - take down area, this is regarding EJM as well, where they've partnered up. The County was successful with the sale. So as the economy has gone up and down over the years – uh – there - there can be a lot of criticism of these, but they have been performing assets and it was a - I think a good land use move as well within the Airport environs to start these three areas. And I think that was the intent of the Airport Director over 20 years ago.

GIBSON And the – uh - the items are – the - the explanation – uh - of the items is

identical. I mean, 49, 50 and 51 are all the same.

TARR

Correct.

GIBSON

And I think we ought to call forward 51 as well. We'll hear - hear 50 and 51 or we'll vote on 50 and 51. Any questions, concerns? I'll entertain a motion now on 50. Oh, we need to read into the record.

ACTION:

It was moved by Commissioner Michael Naft, and carried by unanimous vote, that Item Nos. 50 and 51 be approved.

ITEM NO. 51 Approve and authorize the Director of Real Property Management or her designee to sign a Lease Agreement and any necessary documents between Clark County (County) and Majestic EJM Arroyo V LLC, for the development of ±25.24 acres of County-owned land known as Assessor Parcel Numbers 176-03-302-009, 176-03-401-011, 012, 013, 014 and 019, and 176-03-402-001, generally located along the frontage of Arby Avenue between Badura Avenue and Warm Springs Road. (For possible action)

SCHILLER

Yeah. Uh - Commissioners Item 51, approve and authorize the Director of Real Property Management or her designee to sign a lease agreement and any necessary documents between Clark County and Majestic EJM A- Arroyo V LLC for the development of 25.24 acres of County-owned land known as Assessor parcel numbers 176-03-302-009, 176-03-401-011, 012, 013, 014 and 019, and 176-03-402-001, generally located along the frontage of Arby Avenue between Badura Avenue and Warm Springs Road.

GIBSON

Good. Now we'll accept a motion as to 50 and 51.

NAFT

I move approval. And would just point out that the information provided to Mister Uehling and explained by Mister Tarr would be available to any member of the public – uh - if they were so interested.

GIBSON

And with that, there's a motion on the floor. Let's vote. The motion carries. Thank you.

ACTION:

It was moved by Commissioner Michael Naft, and carried by unanimous vote, that Item Nos. 50 and 51 be approved.

ITEM NO. 52 In accordance with NRS 244.210 and 354.220 through 354.250, approve, adopt, and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution to authorize refunds as shown on Exhibit "A. " (For possible action)

ACTION:

It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including the adoption of Resolution R-12-6-22-1) be approved.

ITEM NO. 53 Approve the reallocation of \$1,610,873 of appropriations from the Equestrian Center project (RP.B9B22014) to the Torrey Pines Multi-Use Center Kitchen project (RP.B0923060). (For possible action)

ACTION:

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

ITEM NO. 54 Approve the reallocation of \$1,033,214 of appropriations from the Equestrian Arena project (RP.B9B16003) to the Moapa Town Park Eastern Parking Lot Improvements project (RP.B9G23058) and the Moapa Town Park Pavilion/Playground Lighting and Water Fill Stations project (OP.B9G23027). (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 55 Approve the designation of \$5,900,000 of the Building Fund (5340) cash balance for future capital outlay. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 56 Approve and authorize the award of Project No. 19001, FWRC Support Facilities Phase I, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and authorize the General Manager to sign a contract contingent upon the submission of required bonds and insurance. Staff recommends award to Ryan Mechanical, Inc., (Torey Lee Mantor, President); or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 57 Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the Clark County Water Reclamation District (District) and the Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD) for potable water service for Project No. 19100, "Whitney Lift Station Rehabilitation"; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 58 Approve the agreements with Philips Healthcare and GE Healthcare for the Trauma Interventional Specials room, Adult ED Radiology and CT room project; authorize the Chief Executive Officer to exercise any extension options and execute future amendments within his yearly delegation of authority; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 59 Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the correction of the 2019-2020 thru 2022-2023 Secured and the 2021-2022 thru 2022-2023 Unsecured Assessment Roll AR-1206-22-22 and order the corrections to be made. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 60 Ratify the grant submission by the Clark County Office of Appointed Counsel for the Title IV-E Reimbursement Program for Legal Services Grant in the amount of \$3,004,888.00 for support of child welfare legal services retroactive from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023; authorize the Director or his designee to award documents as necessary; and accept any funds awarded. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 61 Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding between Clark County and the Eighth Judicial District Court; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 62 Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution setting compensation at \$125 per day, for members of the Board of Equalization who are not elected public officials, for their work in responding to public concerns regarding property assessment disputes. (For possible action)

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including the adoption of Resolution R-12-6-22-2) be approved.

ITEM NO. 63 Authorize the District Attorney's Office to commence an action or actions in the appropriate court to enforce and collect civil penalties from M.P. Trust and Michael Perry for violations of Clark County Air Quality Regulations. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 64 Ratify the submission of Scope of Work and Budget Narrative to the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Welfare and Supportive Services for a grant in the amount of \$4,827,924 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to provide community collaboration program for families and children in Clark County; approve and authorize the Administrator or his designee to sign the Notice of Subaward and accept the funds awarded; approve and authorize the creation of one (1) grant funded part-time position: one (1) Management Assistant; and one (1) Full Time Limited Permanent Eligibility Specialist (C24); approve and authorize the continuation of nine (9) grant funded part-time positions: one (1) Customer Service Assistant, two (2) Management Assistants, and six (6) Facilitation/Mediation Specialists positions for the period which the grant funds are available; and authorize the Administrator to sign any additional grant documents related thereto. (For possible Action)

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

ITEM NO. 65 Ratify the acceptance of the subaward grant in the amount of \$1,291,338 from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to provide post Adoption services effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; approve the creation of (2) full time limited permanent positions: (1) Youth & Adult Intervention Specialist (C29), and one (1) Social Work Specialist (C29); and authorize the Administrator to sign any additional grant documents related thereto. (For possible action)

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

ITEM NO. 66 Conduct a public hearing; approve, adopt, and authorize the Chair to sign an ordinance to amend Clark County Code Title 10, Chapter 10.04, Section 10.04.222 adding a definition for "offer for sale" and Section 10.04.253 amending the definition of "rescue organization", and Chapter 10.08, Section 10.08.140 - sale of animals, prohibiting the sale of dogs, cats, rabbits, and potbellied pigs by retailers; and providing for other matters properly related thereto. (For possible action)

SCHILLER

Commissioners – uh - is now 10:00 a.m. Um - Item 47 – uh - we're going to wait. Judge Bell is – uh - not here yet, so we can move to the public hearing section of our agenda.

Item 66 is to conduct a public hearing, approve, adopt and authorize the Chair to sign an ordinance to amend Clark County Code Title 10, Chapter 10.04, section 10.04.222, adding a definition for Offer for Sale and Section 10.04.253 amending the definition of Rescue Organization and Chapter 10.08, Section 10.08.140, Sale of Animals prohibiting the sale of dogs, cats, rabbits and pot belly pigs by retailers, and providing for other matters properly related there

too.

JIM ANDERSON

Good morning, Mister Chairman, members of the Commission, Jim Anderson with Animal Protection Services. I don't have a formal presentation on the ordinance itself – uh - but our office was asked to conduct a survey – uh - with some other agencies regarding this ordinance. The primary purpose of this ordinance is to address – uh - concerns over w - where pet stores obtain their animals, primarily concerned with – uh - puppy mills. Uh - secondarily to that – um - the ordinance is purported to assist with shelters and rescues, uh, to keep animals outta the shelters and to give them an opportunity to also showcase their animals in, in pet store environments.

And so, in the State of California, they passed this ordinance in 2017 and amended it in 2019 – uh - to ban the sale - retail sales of dogs and cats and rabbits. And so, our office reached out to – um - jurisdictions in California that are - their animal control offices also run the shelter. We were trying to get some good information from those agencies. And so, we reached out to 41 – uh - agencies in California throughout the state and received about a 32 respen- or 32% response from those agencies. So, what I'd like to do is, is cover the questions that we asked those organizations and then summarize – uh - their answers.

The first question we asked them, since the State law went into effect, have you seen a reduction in the number of dogs, cats or rabbits being brought into the shelter? So, from the responses we received – uh - t- the State law didn't show an improvement to the number of animals in this shelter. And in some cases, right now, there's shown an increase of animals in the shelter. But also, many of the agencies – uh - specifically pointed out that due to the pandemic, there's been an increase – uh - with animals. And that's also consistent with what we've seen here locally that those numbers have, have been on the rise lately – uh - as a direct result of that. So unfortunately to that im – impact – uh - we couldn't see – uh - directly from that.

The second question we asked was have you provided any of the shelter animals to operating pet stores for adoption? And if so, can you tell us how many or how frequently? So, we didn't get the numbers of how many or how frequently, but it was a common theme throughout most of the rescues and shelters that we talked to – uh - that they are providing animals to the larger retail pet supply stores and putting those animals available for adoption.

Uh - the next question we asked was, if you've not provided any animals to pet stores, are you aware of pet store operators obtaining their dogs, cats or rabbits from shelters or rescue agencies? And again, from those responses, it was also a common theme that a lot of - a lot of shelters and rescues are - are providing their animals to those large pet supply stores. We did see, in one case, one of the jurisdictions relayed to us that there was a pet store that was obtaining in their quote unquote rescue animals from a rescue in another state. Uh - and it turned out that that rescue was actually just a breeding operation. And so, once they found that out, they were able to go in and - and cease that activity. And those stores ended up closing down.

Um - the State of California amended their ordinance because of some loopholes like that. When this ordinance was written, we specifically were aware of those types of instances, and we did modify our definition of rescue

ANDERSON

organization to try to close those loopholes and not allow for that activity to be able to happen here in Clark County.

Do you have any statistics or additional information that can help us share regarding the effect of this - of this law? We did not receive any usable information from that.

Do you know what impact this law had on pet stores in your juri- jurisdiction? So, m - most of the pet stores did go out of business. Um - but again, there are the - is the availability – uh - to adopt out animals from those larger pet supply stores that are there.

And the final question we asked was, do you know how many pet stores were in operation prior to the State law going into effect and how many there are now? So most – uh - relayed to us that there was an impact. They had three to five pet stores – uh - that have closed down. Also, many of the jurisdictions that we talked to, they had a - a similar law already in place prior to the state law going into effect. Uh - and so they didn't see, uh, an immediate impact because some of those laws have been in effect for many years.

And so, while we haven't really been able to determine an impact on puppy mills, and we knew we wouldn't do that - that wasn't really the purpose of of this survey. Uh - we have seen that the activity – um - the availability of animals to be adopted out from this pet stores is happening in the State of California. And again, some of those other numbers, unfortunately – uh - due to that pandemic – uh - really had an impact on the, the availability to get good statistics on - on the impact it might have had on animals in the shelter. Uh - that concludes my presentation and I'm happy to ask - answer any questions you have.

GIBSON

Alright. Thank you very much Mister Anderson. This is a public hearing and we'd – uh - invite those who wish to make comment on Item 66 to come forward. Um - one thing that w - we might suggest, we have quite a number of you, so if you've heard a common theme repeated over and over and over, maybe you don't need to repeat it. Uh - we just encourage you to give us something so that we have a full breadth of your arguments one way or another. Yes, sir. Please come forward. State your name, spell your last name.

JOE SHAMORE

Uh – greetings. Greetings. Commissioner. Joe, 89117 Shamore, S-H-A-M-O-R-E. We are here today because we are concerned about all pets. The real question we need to ask yourselves is how are we addressing this? Set pride and ego aside, we need to unify instead of dividing and eliminating resources. Why aren't we in Nevada reinventing the benchmark for the US? Pet stores and their breeders are highly regulated, which is a part of the Animal Welfare Act, AWA. USDA, APHIS State and local law enforces AWA. The effort of banning regulated pet stores has already opened up the doors to unscrupulous backyard breeders and scams throughout the – uh - throughout our country. Banning pet stores has also reintroduced rabies distemper, and diseases throughout the US. AWA was created to ensure all animals are treated humanely. Banning pet stores reverses decades of efforts from eliminating any type of unscrupulous – uh - dealers.

Mills are on the rise again since the banning of pet stores. It's already happening from some rescue imports from other countries and unregulated

SHAMORE

dealers selling online. Banning a regulated industry is criminal towards pets and constituents. Why are we doing this? Working together means let's pet - let's pets being killed. Okay. I'm sorry. Shelter - Shelters and rescues should work with pet stores without eliminating pet stores regulated breeders, together we can stop euthanasia. Working together means less pets being killed. Constituents still have the right to choose to shop or adopt, and we can all accomplish more to protect pets. These solutions pertain to every single person in this room. Pet stores are not making six digit figures a year themselves like some, some 501(c)3 organization leaders do. Pet stores that specialize in live animals cannot stay open by selling products alone. This ban will also eliminate the opportunity for shelters and rescues to find pets a home.

The Animal Foundation needs our help, and we can help. I was told to my face by some shelters and rescues, they refuse to work with pet stores and would rather euthanize. I wish I had that recorded. I am publicly announcing to the shelters and rescues, we work together. Please stop rejecting our invitation. Debating back and forth is a waste of time when we could be saving pets from being euthanized. I oppose the banning of pet stores who work with regulated breeders, but I am in favor of legislation making it mandatory for shelters, rescues, and pet stores to work together. Let's do this for the pets and stop the nonsense.

Puppy mills are not a part of pet stores. Puppy mills do exist. Yes, I understand that. But that's what the whole purpose of a pet store is - is that we can stop them from coming in. We are regulated, we are constantly stacked with regulations. We have to abide by federal, state, local laws. We can't hide a puppy mill from anyone. You get a name, you get a breeder, and they can, and you can find, and you can find the - uh - information behind that. Thank you for your time, but I do appreciate you guys listening to me and I really am requesting we all work together, not divide each other up. Let's save the animals. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you, sir.

ZACHARY BILLOT

Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Zachary Billot. Last name B-I-L-L-O-T. I'm a current UNLV student, and myself and my two classmates here that are gonna give public comment after have both spent the past month and a half raising awareness for this ordinance on our campus. And although it was part of a group project that we were assigned in a class, it surely became something that we valued incredibly important to not only just becoming more civically engaged in our community, but also to raise an awareness for an important cause that not only the students at UNLV all found very impactful in a lot of our outreach, but also a variety of other individuals across campus did as well.

Beyond my capacity as a student at UNLV, I also serve as a student researcher at Brookings Mountain West. And what we often learn in policy research and policy analysis is that not only do you have to let the data speak for itself, you have to work with objective facts, but in addition, you also have to be proactive in your policy. And I think through a lot of the data and a lot of the action that we've seen, this policy just like we just heard, has been not only proactive in understanding how California law has not only had loopholes, but ways the individuals can escape the puppy mill practice and buying from those organizations. But this ordinance likely will have the ability to, again, if there's

BILLOT

problems in the future, work in those additional loopholes that might be exercised by backyard breeders, by puppy mills and a variety of other illicit activities. What I do wanna say is that public policy is obviously what's happening right here when we're passing all these laws.

But what's most important is that everything that you do has consequences. And whether or not they're foreseen or unforeseen, it's something that researchers, it's something that elected officials are tasked with on an everyday basis to create policy that minimizes as many of those unforeseen circumstances as possible. And I think that you've done an excellent job. And obviously the presentation just now about considering how this legislation has impacted California and a variety of other organizations and states across the United States, I think is going in - in the big step in the right direction and making legislation that will in the future not have to be revisited because there are a variety of unforeseen circumstances that are not only im - impact pets, but also the people of our Clark County and the State of Nevada.

GIBSON

Thank you.

SARAH RIVERA

Good morning, Clark County Commissioners. My name is Sarah Rivera, last name R-I-V-E-R-A. And today I'm gonna speak on behalf of the – um - pet store ordinance.

RIVERA

Um - just as Zac said – um - I'm here with my classmates and we did a project bring awareness to the pet store ordinance. Um - a lot of the UNLV students showed support for this. Um - but I would also like to speak on behalf of the people who – um - are part of our animal shelters and rescues. Um - after reading more about this ordinance and hearing what many have to say about it, the Humane Pet Store Ordinance will benefit not only animals in Clark County, but also many of our neighbors and friends directly contributing their time and effort to our animal shelters.

By now, you have heard that many animals sold in pet stores do not come from places that ethically breed their dogs. Reviews from Pepe alone have mentioned that puppies receive from their businesses are unhealthy and have some type of medical condition. Even if there are ethically bred dogs being sold, it is counterproductive towards relieving the stress of animals, animal shelters in our community. Many shelters around Las Vegas alone have taken in many pets. There's no reason to breed many animals when shelters are reaching full capacity. Further, we must think about volunteers and staff who work at our animal shelters and rescues. They do - they do their best to take care of and rescue many stray animals. We need to show them our support through this ordinance. Lastly, without animal shelters, there will be many more animals roaming the streets, which could be a concern for public safety and also health. Of course, this is also an issue for the animals and for the animal rescues who put in their time.

From the last public hearing, I've heard what has been said about animals being released into the streets. And unfortunately, last week as I was waiting to turn left at a stop light on Wigwam and Rainbow, there was a dog that appeared to be a Labradoodle who was laying on its side on the median. When I pulled over and called Animal Control, they reported that they had gotten other calls about the same dog and confirmed that this was - this dog was deceased. We need to start supporting the animals who are already in need of a home. We need to

RIVERA

keep sh - animal shelters from reaching full capacity. We need to think about the people who work very hard to find animals' homes and keep them safe. And all this ordinance will do more good than harm. And for the sake of animals and for our friends and neighbors in Clark County, I urge you all to support this ordinance. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next.

DAISY GONZALEZ

Um - so my name is Daisy Gonzalez and I'm also a student – um - at UNLV. And I also wanna support the Pet Store Ordinance. I believe that this is a great law that will save many, many animals. A majority of the animals sold in pet stores are from breeders and puppy mills. As has been said before, these animals are overbred and sold to pet stores without much concern for their health or wellbeing. Pet stores will take in these animals and are forced to euthanize them because of overpopulation. There are too many animals being bred and not enough people buying/adopting them. I strongly believe that the passing of this policy will significantly increase the number of pets adopted and given homes. The people working in animal shelters and rescues will also have a great burden lifted off of their shoulders as they will no longer have to euthanize perfectly healthy animals. And this is aside from like the mental impact of having to euthanize so many animals, as people that work in shelters love animals.

GIBSON

Thank you.

GONZALEZ

Uh - it is not fair to the animals to be brought into this world and killed for the same ignorant reason.

And as part is a, as part of our project, I did reach out to Hearts Alive Rescue, and I would like to let you guys know what they said about this pet store ordinance. So, they said that pet store puppies are born into cruel and insanitary conditions, taken from their mothers at just seven to eight weeks old, crammed into cages and trucked across the country in close proximity to other stress and sick puppies. And then placed in pet store cages to be handled by inexperienced staff and consumers. Overcrowding filthy conditions and lack of basic veterinary oversight at commercial breeding facilities and during transport, lead to many health issues once puppies reach pet stores. According to the CDC, 95% of pet store puppies have been pumped with antibiotics. So, this just shows the great health impact that is placed on these puppies because of the overpopulation and ignorance. That is all.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next.

BRYCE HENDERSON

Hi, Bryce Henderson, president of No Kill, Las Vegas. I live at 1037 Bracken Avenue. And – uh - we're here to support – um - this ordinance and thank Commissioner Naft for bringing it up.

You heard from the first speaker that the USDA regulates puppy breeders. The simple fact is that only breeders that are mass producing puppies are required to obtain a USDA license. That license does not mean that the animals are bred in humane conditions. It does not mean that the animals are socialized. It only means that they come from a facility that mass produces puppies. Anyone who tells you that their puppies come from USDA licensed breeders is essentially telling you they come from a puppy mill.

HENDERSON

It is especially important to pass this law now, as our own municipal shelter, the Animal Foundation, is struggling to keep its doors open. In fact, because of the mismanagement of the shelter, you currently have to make an appointment to turn in a stray dog. As of this morning, that appointment is six weeks away. Six weeks is unacceptable. Imagine if your dog got out and someone found it, yet they couldn't turn it into the shelter. And you look for your dog at the shelter and you never found them. I surveyed other regional municipal shelters; Albuquerque, San Diego, Reno, San Francisco, Austin and here in Henderson. They all allow the surrender of strays on the same day, only Phoenix requires an appointment for which there's a two day wait. Yet the Animal Foundation is supposed to be an open admission shelter, and you have to wait six weeks to turn in a stray. That is ridiculous. It would be like a hospital claiming to have a trauma unit with a six-week waiting period. I hope the County realizes that they can no longer rely on the Animal Foundation to handle their shelter services and begins to contract with other organizations today to take in animals that the Animal Foundation is unable to handle. Thank you very much.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next.

DEANNA MOGENSEN

Hello, my name is Deanna Mogensen, uh, 1478 Orchard Valley Drive, 89142. Um - I wanna start off by saying that this ordinance does not negatively affect – uh - real ethical breeders – uh - ethical breeders care where their dogs go. They're not gonna be sending them off to the pet stores just to be given to anybody. Um - and – uh - sorry, I'm a bit nervous up here. Uh - these puppies that are there are not ethically sourced. And a good way that you can tell is just look at any of the pet stores here locally. If you go through their list of dogs they currently have, there's quite a few mutts. I don't know if any ethical breeders that are purposely breeding mutts. That is hobbyist breeders, that is the mills that is just, you know, for a fad pretty much but it's not ethical. Ethical breeders breed to better the breed. So, for show dogs, for working dogs, things like that. I myself am a dog trainer. I worked at the – uh - went to Animal Behavior College and I worked at the Dog Psychology Center.

Um - I also wanted to point out that – uh - the shelters filled with a bunch of highly desirable dogs. Every single day I log into the Animal Foundation and see the dogs that have come in. And we had this - um, - ordinance up some years ago, and there was a lot of support for it. We were told that it was gonna go into effect. And then when it came time to go into effect, we were told that the pet stores would have one year to change their business plans. But when that one year was up, then months before or - or the month that it was supposed to go into effect, it was overturned. So, it was a big hit to - to Vegas. And the animal community, we all thought that we had already beat this, but – um - what I heard a lot of the comments at that time was the ignorance that the shelters don't offer, you know, what you're looking for. This week alone, there was four purebred Yorkies that came through Henderson and – uh - Las Vegas shelters – uh – the - the Animal Foundation, that's not including the, all the rescues. But every single day you can get anything from Yorkies to – uh - Schnauzers, to Dobermans to – um - purebred Shepherds and Malinois and French Bulldogs even, Pugs. They - they all come through the shelters. I'm telling you that it's there. I look every single day. I started Las Vegas Animal Adoption page where you - where I post every – uh - every day, just, just a couple. So, you can go on there and see that there is.

MOGENSEN

The thing is that these – uh - pet stores, they're trying to act like a bakery almost, where they wanna put cookies in the window. And if they're not sold, then what happens? People always - they want the fresh baked cookies, so as in the puppies, then they discard them. But that - we can't do that. These are live animals. We can't just keep producing and then if they're not sold, then get rid of 'em but keep producing more like that. We should be taking care of the ones that are here locally and putting them up for adoption.

Um - some people are gonna say that animals from the shelter, they have issues or whatever. All animals can have issues. As a dog trainer myself, I take on some of the worst cruelty cases and I'm telling you they come out with some of the most fabulous dogs. Like there - there's - dogs can bounce back from almost anything and are really resilient. And the rescues and the shelter actually know more about their animals when it comes to adoption stuff because they've had them with fosters and stuff and can tell you about the - the animal that you're getting so you know their temperament. Sorry.

GIBSON

Thank you very much. Next – next person.

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Can I give her my time?

UNIDENTIFIABLE

Yeah.

GIBSON

We- typically, we don't do that. Um -

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I wanna hear -

GIBSON

If - if you mean just give it to her and you're done? I suppose so. Maybe 10 minutes from now we won't do that, but we'll do it now.

MOGENSEN

Sorry. Um - sorry. I kind of lost my composure there. No, But it was a big blindside I feel last time when- when we worked so hard and there was a lot more people in this room. But, you know, I'm not sure which of you were – were - were heard about that. You know, I think it was like six, seven years ago. But it had a lot of support. And I believe there would've been a lot more people here today if this ordinance wasn't pushed again 'cause we had – uh - first, it was supposed to be on the agenda in November and then it got pushed back to December. And I kind of think that might have been strategic from the the Petland people and stuff because they know that once we coordinate and get a bunch of people together. And then they've taken time off of work and then it suddenly gets switched up and now it's close to the holidays. They're not able to make it here. But if - if you look at the consensus – uh – amongst – uh - people in Vegas, they - they do want it to be a humane valley. They want the animals, you know, for us to do what we can for - for the animals and make sure that - that they get - ugh. (laughs) That they get good homes.

And the thing too is these puppy places, they sell the animals for thousands of dollars, and they're never fixed. That's another big issue. So, some will come up and say, "Oh, none of these animals end up in the shelter." But what about their offspring? When people are buying dogs for thousands of dollars and then they, you know, with - through payment plan, a lot of them are sitting there thinking, oh, well, I'll just make my money back. So, they are the ones that are actually giving to the backyard breeders here locally. And people, they have the misconception that these do- uh, these, uh, dogs are papered because they got

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them from a pet store, so they think that somehow, they're like, reputable dogs that - that need to be bred further and then it just perpetuates the cycle.

And at the very least, I mean, if - I hope that you guys shut down the sales of these puppy mill dogs but if you don't, then at least implement that they have to fix all their dogs before they leave. Because that - that - that's another problem. None of the dogs are being fixed. Rescues and shelters are supposed to fix their dogs before they leave. Why are these pet stores not supposed to? That's what perpe - is perpetuating this issue that all these backyard breeders are going and buying a French Bulldog, going buying all these things from - from the pet store and they're like, "Okay, well, I bought it for a few thousand so now I can make a litter and then I can make a profit off of it. And I think that that is the main thing fueling - uh - the backyard breeders here. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next person.

VALERIE ALCLA

My name is Valerie Alcla, spelled A-L-C-L-A, and I'm here to speak on Agenda Number 66. So, as we are all aware, our city is undergoing a crisis. We have hundreds of animals and not enough homes. So that begets the question, why are we breeding more? When hundreds of animals sit in the shelter, when dozens of animals are dumped on a daily basis, especially now with Animal Foundation's mana- mismanagement issues, when our shelters euthanize for space 'cause we do that. It's because we're putting profits over the welfare of animals in our community.

The puppy store owners say that none of their animals end up in the shelter but if even one does, that is one too many. Animals purchased from these stores, as mentioned, are not fixed. Anyone can go to a puppy store and buy a French bulldog with the intention of using them to breed for a profit. Responsible breeders do not sell their puppies to pet stores because they want to meet the puppy buyers in person and not just give it to anyone who is willing to pay a high price.

A majority of national breed clubs' codes of ethics prohibit or discourage their members from selling their dogs to pet stores for a reason. Pet stores can emphasize they're breeders or USDA licensed or that puppies have AKC registration but neither of these claims guarantee that the puppies are healthy or well - well cared for. To obtain a USDA license, a breeder must follow certain standards, but these standards are incredibly low, inspections are few and far in between, and violations usually go unpunished. Registry only means that a puppy's parents have AKC papers, nothing more. These aren't guarantees of good environmental conditions and signifies nothing about the health or quality of a puppy.

I implore you to please pass this ordinance. Um - you can go, like mentioned before, to the Henderson Shelter, to the Animal Foundation. In fact, many local rescues have so many fancy or pure breeds. Uh - I see Labradoodles - um - Yorkies, so many Frenchies. There are so many French Bulldogs in rescue right now because people will buy them and breed them, and they don't realize the - the cost that goes into taking care of these - um - um - medical fees that come with the dogs because they have a lot of issues.

Um - every year, kitten season is horrible. The shelters, the rescues are inundated with dozens of hundreds of kittens that don't have enough homes. So

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why do - can I go to a pet store and see that all these kittens are being bred and being shipped from out of state, when I can go to my shelter and see that the shelter's announcing that these kittens are gonna be put down? It makes no sense - to - stop putting profit, please, over the welfare of animals. I beg you. Please do something.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next person.

HEATHER CARPENTER

Good morning. My name is Heather Carpenter, and I am the Western Regional Director for the Humane Society of the United States and I'm also a local Clark County resident in Spring Valley. And I'm gonna be brief because you're gonna hear from my colleague and you're gonna hear from many others. Um - but I wanna thank you for being so responsive to what the community really wants and for the time spent on this important ordinance and I wanna make a special thank you to Commissioner Naft for his effort in s - um, spearheading this and also for being a really effective advocate for the animals and consumers.

CARPENTER

I'm also part of the animal welfare community here in Clark County and I was really happy to reach out to many others to garner support for this – uh - ordinance- important ordinance. And the response was really overwhelming. From humane pet businesses to veterinarians to local animal welfare organizations, they were all – uh - felt very strongly that – um - pet stores should, uh, adhere to a humane business model and not sell puppies from cruel puppy mills.

And I did – uh - print off a copy of – uh - of the endorsement letter, which I provided this morning so you can see all of their names and organizations who have signed onto this. And we wanna be really respectful of the time so not all of them are speaking. But at this time, what I would like to do is ask everybody in the audience who is here in support of this ordinance to stand or if you are already in line to speak, please – uh – way - raise your hand.

All right. Thank you so much. And – um - for your time and I hope that you vote yes to make Clark County a more humane community.

GIBSON

Thank you.

CARPENTER

Thanks.

GIBSON

Next person.

REBECCA GOFF

Good morning. My name is Rebecca Goff. G as in girl, O, F as in Frank, F as in Frank. And I'm the Nevada State Director for the Humane Society of the United States. I'm here to ask you to support the humane pet store ordinance. I'm new to this issue but this issue is certainly not new to this community or many of you.

Unfortunately, in the several years since discussion of this ordinance began, Clark County's puppy selling pro - pet store problem has gotten significantly worse. This is in part because California stopped the sale of puppies in stores and some California stores have found a safe haven here.

In total, five states with New York likely to be the sixth by the end of the year and 440 cities and counties across the nation have also closed their markets to

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puppy selling pet stores because of the animal welfare and consumer protection problems they pose. With this ordinance, Clark County will no longer be a dumping ground for puppy mill retail sales outlets. Public records show that since 2020, Clark County pet stores have imported thousands of puppies from Midwest puppy mills, many with terrible animal welfare records and hundreds of dogs confined to small cages for their entire lives. Last year, at least one local store sourced from an Iowa mill that was racking up over 120 federal animal welfare violations for filthy conditions and dogs who were dead, sick, injured, emaciated and heat distressed. Other local stores sourced from a Kansas puppy mill with other 500 dogs and history of algae-filled water bowls, matted dogs and dogs with wounds from flies.

Collectively, humane pet store laws have had a noticeable impact on puppy mills. Data showing that 32,000 fewer breeding dogs are now caged and USDA licensed puppy mills than 10 years ago as demand for these dogs have shrunk. An or - this ordinance will also protect consumers from misleading sales tactics, sick puppy sales and predatory lending. A records request to Clark County Animal Control resulted in 180 pages of pet store complaints and inspections from the last five years. Many complained of purchasing sick puppies who ended up gravely ill and some had to euthanize their dogs or relinquish them because veterinary care was too expensive.

Stores currently selling puppies will be given a full year to transition to a new business model that can be even more lucrative than selling puppies. Last year, Americans spent \$123 billion on their pets with record spending on food, products and services. Morgan Stanley reported this spending as poised to nearly triple to \$275 billion by 2023. Pet stores can thrive by providing pet owners with everything they need to care for their pets rather than selling the pets themselves, a model already followed by many pet stores, including local stores who support this ordinance.

Rest assured, Clark County residents will still be able to get the pet of their choice from responsible breeders who sell directly to the public or adopting from local shelters and rescues. I also wanna note that while it's outrageous to allow these stores to continue to import thousands of puppies from Midwest puppy mills while our own shelters are full, I urge us to stay focused on the primary goals of this ordinance: decrease demand for puppy mill puppies and protect local consumers. Please vote yes today.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next speaker. And you don't have to stay back there if you want. You can come and position yourself.

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I'll just stay where we are. Okay.

GIBSON

Uh – there - yeah. Both microphones are live. You just- next, it would- we'd flip over to you. Yes.

CHRISTY STEVENS

Good morning. My name is Christy Stevens. Uh - 7036 Edwin Aldrin Circle. And – um - I am Executive Director of Hearts Alive Village here in Las Vegas. Uh - we're an organization which one of our services, we provide support to financially struggling pet owners who are unable to pay for life saving – uh - veterinary care for their dogs or cats.

Our personal experience with puppy stores has been – uh - encountering parents who are facing devastating illnesses like parvo – um - and winding up in a

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veterinary office unable to afford the lifesaving support this pet may need. It could be in the thousands. So, they're sitting there with a choice of do I euthanize my pet because it's going to suffer? Or do I leave and get called for medical neglect? Um - our veterinarians usually will give us a call or they'll reach out - the parents will reach out to us, and we will try to help to save the life of this pet. One of the misconceptions a lot of people think is, well, if somebody can afford a very expensive puppy from a puppy store then they can certainly afford vet care. Um - that's when I learned about the deceptive practices and the predatory nature of their lending.

Um - so many of the folks that we've helped were drawn in by a low interest or no interest - um - advertising for being able to afford these dogs and that wasn't the case at the end of the day. Here in Nevada, we've seen rates as high as 189 percent for some of these loans. Um - and so what I would like to ask is that - um - so not only are they participating in the victimization of innocent animals in these puppy mills but they're also victimizing our citizens. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Yes.

MEGHAN JOACHIN

Good morning. My name is Meghan Joachin. Last name, J-O-A-C-H-I-N. Address- my business is 1750 North Buffalo Drive. Thank you, Councilman Naft, for bringing this up to vote. It's - this is something that's very important to me. My husband, Jose, and I own House of Paws, which is a local pet supply store. We do not sell any live animals. I'm here today to tell you that it is absolutely possible to have a successful and profitable business without selling animals. I'm proof of that. I never in my wildest dreams thought that I'd be standing in front of you as a business owner advocating for the lives of countless animals. But yet, here I am.

My husband and I both come from nothing. We don't have wealthy families nor a group of investors. What we had was a dream to be small business owners. My husband was born in Mexico and immigrated to the U.S. I was raised by a working-class family in Pennsylvania. We've always worked hard to provide for ourselves and our family. We built our business on a dream. A dream that was grown over 10 years working in the pet supply business. Before becoming an owner, I worked for Rachel and Harold Vosko at Bogart's Bone Appetit and Gena and Bob Bunim at At Your Service Pet Supplies in Henderson. These are two stores that have made a name for themselves simply by selling pet food and working with local rescues to find discarded animals a foster or forever home.

Jose and I purchased an existing storefront in December of 2019, right before COVID hit. Even with reduced hours, social distancing and limited occupancy in the store, we were able to come out on the profit side in our first year in business during a global pandemic. This is generally unheard of in any business model. You don't see a profit until year three if you're lucky. Was it easy? Absolutely not. Was it work? Yes. We have increased revenue by 15 percent in our first year in business and again last year by 18 percent.

After speaking with my accountant, telling him I was coming to this meeting, we are looking at another increase of 20 percent. We continue to grow, and we are profitable without selling animals. I employ three people, one of them being myself. Everybody is very well compensated for their time and knowledge. Please vote yes on this bill today. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next speaker.

CRYSTAL MORELAND

Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Crystal Moreland, M-O-R-E-L-A-N-D. I'm a Las Vegas resident and constituent of County G. So – uh - I'm the Chief of Staff for the Humane Society of the United States and the proud parent of my rescue dog, Autumn, who was saved – uh - from a puppy mill facility when it was shut down by law enforcement. She was sentenced to the life as a breeding female. So, I thank you for hearing this ordinance and I hope you will all vote yes.

The Humane Pet Store Ordinance will not impact a consumer's ability to obtain the pet of their choice from a shelter, rescue or responsible breeder who sells directly to the public. But it will protect them from falling victim to the misleading, high pressure tactics employed by pet stores. Pet stores charge premium prices for puppies by promising that they are sourced from quality breeders and yet, many pet - pet store's puppies are known for being sick, under socialized and with serious defects. The price of these conditions falls onto the consumers who spend hundreds, if not thousands on vet bills. I can attest to that from my own pet's conditions that she has from being denied medical care throughout her time in the mill. If consumers knew that the lack of concern in these breeding pet store puppies or if they could see the conditions that these animals were born into, they would overwhelmingly refuse to support that cruelty. Thank you again and we hope to receive your support.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next speaker.

DOCTOR KEN SIERANSKI

Uh - good morning, Commissions. I'm Doctor Ken Sieranski – um - and I'm the Forensic Veterinarian with Hearts to Life Village Animal Clinic. Uh - I spend my days – uh - documenting animal cruelty cases – uh - for Clark County, the city of Las Vegas, as well as city of North Las Vegas.

Um - I'm he - here today in support – um - of the Humane Pet Store Ordinance. Uh - and I first – uh - really wanted to thank the Human Society of the United States for both their local and national leadership – uh - on this really important issue that affects the health of both our pets and the people of our community. Um - I think that they've clearly demonstrated – uh - that pet stores in Clark County are bringing in thousands of these puppies. From a veterinarian's perspective – uh - there's nothing worse – uh - that I could think of other than a - a puppy mill environment. Uh - this is really a – uh - perfect storm for the spread of infectious disease - um - as well as zoonotic disease or diseases that can be transmitted from pets to people. Examples of – um - really common diseases that – uh - pets can get would be canine parvovirus, canine distemper. These are very scary and deadly diseases that we want to keep out of our community. Uh – diseases – uh - one example of a disease that can be transmitted from pets to people would be – uh – campylobacter – um - and the CDC actually did show – uh - a link – uh - between a very serious strain of campylobacter that was hospitalizing people – um - and they were getting – uh - the strain from pet stores. Uh - so thank you so much for your consideration of this ordinance and I hope you will support it. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next speaker.

ANNOULA WYLDERICH

Good morning, everyone. Annoula Wylderich. My address is on record, and I

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promise to use brevity. Commissioner Naft, I - I would like to thank you for your leadership on this critical ordinance, which I hope will be enacted today. The USDA's charged with monitoring conditions at commercial breeding facilities and during transport. And unfortunately, federal oversight and enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act's bare minimum standards is severely lacking.

It's legal for commercial breeders to confine dogs to stacked wire cages only six inches larger than their bodies for their entire lives and to kill mother dogs after they have been excessively bred. Many of these licensed breeders fail to meet the minimal standards year after year but continue to be able to sell to pet stores. The large puppy mill states have similarly weak laws and poor enforcement, and the point is that cruelty runs rampant at these out of state facilities.

While Clark - Clark County can't directly stop the cruelty, we can make sure that we're not supporting it by allow - allowing our local pet stores to sell from those facilities to unsuspecting consumers among our community and I hope that you all agree. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next speaker.

CASEY KERN

Hi. My name is Casey Kern, K-E-R-N. I live in Henderson, Nevada. 89052. I'm the grassroots manager of campaigns at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Please support the humane pet store ordinance. Pets sold in pu - pet stores come from puppy mills and public records prove that. The only way that retail stores can stock their cages every day with dozens of eight-week-old puppies of varying breeds is this. Thousands of puppies are being hauled into Clark County from squalid facilities that have been cited by the USDA for filthy and unsafe conditions, too small or inadequate shelter provided to animals who are left outdoors in extreme weather, and for sick, emaciated, injured or even dead animals.

This is Coco. Petland in Las Vegas sold my friend and her partner a sick puppy on June 1st, 2021. The couple quickly discovered their new puppy was very ill and required veterinary care. However, her organs failed, and Coco died a few weeks later. I'll keep my statement brief as many others have spoken on the same issue but please vote yes on the Humane Pet Store Ordinance. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next person.

BRYAN WONG

Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Bryan Wong, W-O-N-G. I reside at 8359 Munroe Bay Street, District F. I come in strong support of Commissioner Naft's ordinance to protect dogs from puppy mill cruelty. This Humane Pet Store Ordinance will not impact business opportunity in Clark County.

The \$123 billion dollar pet retail industry is growing with the sale of products and services dominating. St - stores that have sold puppies in the past are now thriving with a products and services model and with some adding high demand options like grooming, training or daycare. In fact, according to the American Pet Products Association, they no longer track the sale of dogs and cats in their metrics as they are only a relatively small contributor to overall sales and are typically obtained outside of the retail pet channel.

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The vast majority of pet stores across the nation do not sell puppies and there's no reason why current puppy selling stores in Clark County cannot transition over to a humane model and still thrive, especially since this ordinance gives them a year to transition - to make that transition and the community will rally around the stores that make that humane change. I thank you for your consideration and I urge you to support this ordinance.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next person.

LORI HEEREN

Good morning. My name is Lori Heeren, H-E-E-R-E-N. I am the Executive Director of Nevada SPCA at 5375 Procyon. We are in Commissioner Naft's District, and we are a proud recipient for the last two years of your Outside Agency Grant. Thank you. We are the – uh - second largest shelter in Las Vegas and the original no kill animal shelter for the last 40 years.

Animal shelters, contrary to what the pet stores are saying, are not just filled with pit bulls and chihuahuas. In the last month, Nevada SPCA has taken in purebred Alaskan Huskies, German shepherds, an English bulldog, a Maltese, Scottish terrier, Chinese Shar Pei, a Doberman Pinscher, even a Pug puppy and a French Bulldog puppy. All given up by their owners. Sometimes, these owners even give us the receipt from the puppy to show its value and usually, the reason- um - in surrendering the puppy is because they were not ready for it. Like Barta, the active seven-month-old German wire-hair pointer poi-purchased from Puppy Town or Ferguson, the five-month-old Husky puppy also purchased from Puppy Town or Teddy, the Yorkshire terrier purchased at Petland. Because they preferred a calmer dog. Cody, the one-year Labradoodle because the owner's said he was too hyper. And last Christmas, Finn, a beautiful four-month-old Bernedoodle, a mix between a Bernese Mountain Dog and a Poodle, who cost \$3,800 dollars and the owners weren't ready for a puppy.

I tell people that puppies are harder than babies and I've had both. I'm kidding, of course. The babies don't pee on your carpet and chew up your furniture and your favorite shoes and require training in their first year of life. Our adoption team, that's our adopters so the puppy stays in its new loving home in the best interest of the animal. So, it's not a knee jerk emotional reaction and a financial transaction.

Southern Nevada's animal rescue community needs your help desperately now. When there are people problems, there are animal problems. And with the current economic crisis, Nevada SPCA and our partner rescue groups have never been busier. We are in crisis.

Unlike many other communities throughout the United States, Southern Nevada has an overwhelming homeless pet overpopulation problem already and allowing the practice of selling the pup- that puppy in the window is making the problem worse. The puppy is being sold without the spay and neuter procedure so they're potentially going into the world to breed more, without microchips so they can get loose and end up in our shelter without identification and being sold to owners who can write a check or qualify for the financing. I understand that this will affect family's livelihoods, but your pet store puppies are ending up in our shelter and after the puppy stores have collected their checks, our small nonprofit has to fundraise to pay for them.

HEEREN

To paraphrase a famous quote, the greatness of our community can be judged on how we treat our animals. And do we treat them as a financial transaction or a precious, living being that deserves compassion? I beg you this morning to vote yes for the humane pet store ordinance. Thank you for your time.

GIBSON

Thank you.

CHRISTINE BARRELLO

Good morning, Commissioners Segerblom, Miller, Kirkpatrick, Gibson, Jones, Naft, McCurdy. Naft, I'm in your district so thank you for this – uh - time.

Um - but picking on businesses who are licensed and regulated when shelters are obviously a bigger issue right now than pet shops doesn't make sense. Um - there's hundreds of shelters and a handful of pet shops. Pet shops are doing everything by the book and for the care of puppies while shelters are obviously mistreating animals, and the money is going all over the place but to the dogs. People who purchase dogs at the pet shops are not the problem. The pet shops care for puppies and most pet shops help rehome dogs if the situation rises that the owner cannot care for the dog any longer. So, the pet sh – uh - the pets going to shelters are not from sh- pet shops. Shelters juggle dogs from state to state to keep shelters from not losing their funding so they have to stay full. This is because it's happening right now in our city. It's obvious what's going on. It's a big issue and it's in everybody's hearts.

There's no regulation or number – uh - of dogs that shelters can bring back and forth but there is for pet shops. Also, shelters cannot vet dogs properly to be safe dogs for families and they have a higher percent of attacking their new owners, even causing death. Dangerous dogs come from shelters, not from sho - pet shops.

This is Lucas. After 18 hours of – uh - bringing home a Boxer mix, his face was mauled off and – uh - you don't want this to happen to your constituents. This is a very serious problem. And that's why pet – uh – um - pet shops don't wanna sell rescue dogs because it's a high liability. Um - dangerous dogs don't come from pet shops. Without pet shops, we will have a higher black-market trade on dogs from online sales. People who are set on specific breeds - people who are set on specific breeds will always get the dogs in uncontrolled ways. Um - pet shops have legal – um – in - information and are – uh - supposed to have their pets spayed or neutered. It's the law when they sell the puppy. Uh - so we're not fixing a problem by shutting down a small handful of legal businesses. We're creating a different issue and closing down the most regulated animal industry. So – um - please reconsider this bill and – uh - by not closing down legal businesses. And if there is an exchange of money, like shelters do and also pet shops, it's still a sale of dogs. So please reconsider this. Thank you so much. And public safety is important. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you.

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Thank you for the proof. Thank you for the proof.

GIBSON

Next speaker.

CHRIS GIUNCHIGLIANI

(laughs)

GIBSON

Morning.

GIUNCHIGLIANI

Good morning. Chris Giunchigliani. G-I-U-N-C-H-I-G-L-I-A-N-I. 1717 South 15th Street. Um - I tried to pass this ordinance about 10 years ago and was not successful and I wanna thank the people in this room 'cause it came back. Um - it's much appreciated. I also wanna thank Commissioner Naft for having the courage to bring this back and for the Las Vegas Chamber to come forward. Because what this ordinance was never intended to do was to punish bad actors. We wanted to make sure that we were doing business in the right way, in a humane way. And by giving them 12 months to change their business model and their business model could be to go out of business, that's their problem. At this point, this ordinance really - I - I appreciate the redefinition of- of the term of a rescue because there - you don't wanna create more loopholes and I wanna take a se - second to acknowledge Keith Williams here who worked with me on the TNR and Heaven Can Wait when we passed that - that ordinance as well. So, you have animal and ca - and cat people. We're all animal people in the long run.

But don't assume by passing this that you've closed every loophole. So, I would just suggest that you take a review of rescues as well to make sure that they're not- where they're getting their puppies from. And the reason I say that is I got my Gracie Allan from a - um - a - a l - legitimate rescue - um - but I could never find out- they would not tell me where they got the puppy from. I did some of my own homework and tracked her back to Amargosa, which is where a puppy mill exists. She also - um - developed Entropion within two months of me getting her, which is a \$5,200 dollar eye - uh - surgery bill. That's okay. She was worth it. But that said, that's because it was poor breeding that was going on. So, let's just make sure. This needs to pass but there's some other loopholes that still need to be dealt with. Veterinarians are not enforcing the spay, neuter law, which we wrote as the County Commission. We were the second one in the - in Southern Nevada to do that. They're no longer posting. They're not fixing animals that come in as their clients.

So, there's work to be done. So, I would just ask the people that are still here to make sure - um - that we continue to focus on all the interconnection - interconnections that promote puppy mills and shut all of them down in every way, shape or form. Thank you very much. Have a happy holiday. Give your kids and grandchildren a gift by passing this ordinance. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Sir?

MARIO MIRANDA

Hi, my name is Mario Miranda, M-I-R-A-N-D-A. Uh - 4154 Carmine Street, 89122. Uh - I am here to support this. I think a lot has already been said - uh - that I can't - uh - really repeat. Um - but if you would just think about it for a moment that - um - these are living beings - um - and you gotta ask yourself - um - are we really doing the right thing by perpetuating this cycle of actually putting them through this process? Whether it's so-called puppy mills or pet stores or breeders, it's all the same.

Um - I think this is a good step in the right direction but I honestly do wanna abolish this completely and I think - um - a lot of people have tried to kinda say the right things but - uh - I think the full picture is that - um - there's really no way to do the wrong thing in the right way. Um - we are using them and even though some of that is way, way off there and some people might not

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understand that – um - but you know, the - the thing is is that these are – um - animals that are going through – um - some stuff that you wouldn't put yourself through. You wouldn't – uh - put any of your animals thr - go through. And so, it's - it's something that you just really have to see it for yourself. Watch the videos or – um - look at the images. Um - these animals are put in confined spaces – um - whether it's a breeder, whether it's a puppy mill. Um - they're - they're gonna be put in confined spaces. The moms are gonna be bred till they die and – um - you know, they - they circle around, and stuff and they take away their babies. Um - some females, some mothers may understand that – uh - more than – uh - the males here but it's – uh - something that is kind of a nightmare and – um - a lot of people are not aware of this.

A lot of people are obviously not here that would support this. A lot of people are animal lovers, and they are against animal cruelty inherently and so it doesn't matter where you stand. Um - that's usually everybody's basis. So, it only makes sense – uh – for – uh - most people to support this. Um - they're just not here. They don't know. A lot of people don't know that this is going on and they're buying it. And so, um - it's up to us who know better – um - you guys know better and it's - it's time to do better. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next speaker.

RITA RANSOM

Good morning, Commissioners and thank you Commissioner Naft for proposing this ordinance. I am here to speak in favor of it, but I'd like to offer a slightly different perspective that this is the right thing to do to pass this ordinance because you may or may not be aware that there is a national movement to banning puppy mills and creating no kill.

I have been a volunteer with Best Friends Animal Society. They maintain the nation's largest no kill animal shelter in Kanab, Utah. I have been a volunteer there. If you want to know more about them, check their website, bestfriends.org They maintain statistics that are unbelievable.

They are over 30 years old and their mission, one of their missions, is to make our nation no kill by 2025. Which means that no viable animal that enters a shelter will be destroyed simply because it does not have a home. They also are strong proponents of spay and neuter and another of their missions is to eliminate puppy mills. They have achieved tremendous success. They have partner organizations all over this country and that includes some of our own rescue organizations here in Southern Nevada.

You may remember earlier in the 2000s Michael Vick being accused of having a horrible dog fighting ring. Well 23 of those dogs went to Best Friends where they were so traumatized that they didn't know how to be dogs and Best Friends was able to turn them into beautiful, loving animals. They are all deceased now. But this is the kind of work that Best Friends does. They have 1,500 to 1,800 animals on site at any time and they have 3,000 acres so they've got all kinds of animals. But because they have been pushing for this nationwide elimination of puppy mills and this advocacy of the no-kill movement, I urge you, Commissioners, please see that this is a trend, it's worth supporting and I asked you please to vote in favor of this ordinance.

I don't believe I gave you my name. I'm Rita Ransom. I live at 4925 Glenarden Drive in Las Vegas. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next speaker.

CHERYL ABBATE Hi – uh - my name is Cheryl Abbate. I was here – uh - last meeting to speak – uh - in favor of this ordinance.

GIBSON Please spell your last name.

ABBATE Um - I'm a professor -

GIBSON Please your last name for us.

ABBATE Uh - A-B-B-A-T-E. I'm a Mount Charleston resident – um - and I'm also a ethics professor at UNLV and I specialize in animal ethics. I've actually published over 30 peer review pieces on animal ethics. I think ethically this is a no brainer (laughs) and you guys have heard the arguments. I'm sure you're smart enough to understand them. Uh - but unfortunately – uh - our laws and policies don't always overlap with morality because people like you, our Commissioners, you do take into account what the public wants.

ABBATE

GIBSON That's true.

ABBATE And I think it's clear today (laughs) what the public wants. How many people are here who have no financial interest in this ordinance but they're still here – um - speaking in defense of it, and even losing money by not going to work or losing work productivity like I am (laughs).

Um - and the only people I have ever heard – uh - speak against this ordinance are – uh - people who have a financial interest in – um - keeping pet stores going – uh - so that's something to keep in mind. Who do you want to support? The general public or a few individuals who – uh - are in the pet store industry?

Um - I think that you're aware like morally what should be done and what – um - the public wants to be done. And – um - I don't think I can say (laughs) probably anything else that you haven't heard before, so I wanna leave you with a question. And if you will – um - close your eyes and just really contemplate this question. If you were an animal in the Animal Foundation sitting on death row, imagine that, or if you were a puppy in a puppy mill breeder or dog in a pup - a puppy mill facility who is forcibly bred, how would you want your County Commissioners to vote? Really please think about that. These animals do not have a voice, you are their voice. Please use your voice and your position of power and authority for good. Thank you.

GIBSON Thank you. Next speaker.

MANNY MASON Good morning Commissioners. My name is Manny 89147, Mason M-A-S-O-N. Since the last time we spoke, I've researched some of the policy differences between pet stores and other animal organizations. And it's questionable to me that we are potentially banning a highly regulated part of the pet industry. Pet stores are required by law to give the client a health warranty that is a minimum of one year while some pet stores offer a lifetime warranty for the lifetime of the pet. Other sources are not required to do this. Pet stores and their breeders are also inspected, without notice, by federal, state, and local authorities. For example, in Nevada, pet stores are randomly inspected and very least twice a year. Why aren't the shelters, backyard breeders, and rescues being inspected as frequently when they handle the most animals?

MASON

My mother and aunt worked in a shelter, and they ended up walking out because of inhumane regulations much like they did at the Animal Foundation. Dogs only have five to six days before getting put on a euthanizing list when the shelter could've reached out to pet stores to help adopt. My own dog, Wally, I got her from a shelter, and she was on death row because they had no time for her. Yes, she may have bit one person, but it wasn't her fault. They put her on death row. I had - I couldn't allow that, I had to save her. She has never bit me. So, by me taking the time to interact with her, it stopped her from biting. We need to find a way to have all parts of the animal industry to cooperate rather than be divided the way they are now. Shelters and rescues need to set aside their differences with pet stores and focus on all pets without a ban. Banning pet stores do not help any pet or person. I appreciate you listening to my concerns. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Next speaker.

JAMIE DEDEAUX

Hi, my name is Jamie Dedeaux. Last name is D-E-D-E-A-U-X as in x-ray. I'm here in favor of the pet ordinance. Um - I wasn't actually not going to get up here and speak today but I - I couldn't sit on my seat, I actually had to get up and say something. And I wanna thank you – uh - you know, Mister Naft for – uh - bringing this, you know, forefront and – uh - giving us a chance to vote on this.

Um - 10,000 – uh - 10,000 puppy mills right now are in the United States – uh - whether licensed or not. Um - and I just want us to think about that for one second because it's an astronomical number. These - these are not products, like these are actual sentient beings that need consideration, okay, and they need to be protected, and they don't have a voice, so we need to speak up for them.

And – um - I just wanna say like I actually work at a pharmacy on Windmill called TMS Pharmacy and there's actually a puppy mill next door. And every morning that we go in there, they complain because it - it just smells really horribly. I've never been in one, but I actually walked into it and it's like - I don't know if you guys personally have been in one, but it's like baby carriages – um - in the - like inside and there's puppies inside. And it's like, it's - and they have like – uh - sanitizer on each and every crib, you know. And that's like weird to me because why would they have sanitizer on each and every crib? You know what I mean? Like to me that - the puppies are getting sick. Like a friend of mine just came up here and said that her friend got a puppy from Petland and soon he got sick. Like we have to be able to look at - look after these animals. And I understand that people do have pet stores that sell them, but you could sell other products, okay, actual products that aren't sentient. You could change your business model and not use these animals for profit because they're not a product. And I would just want you guys to actually consider that because you just have to turn around and look in their eyes. Like how would you wanna be treated? I don't think you would wanna treated like that.

GIBSON

Would you give us the address of your place of employment, please?

DEDEAUX

Uh, I don't know the exact address, but it's TMS Pharmacy on Windmill and – uh – in - like it's – uh - Pecos.

GIBSON

Okay, thank you -

DEDEAUX

Yeah -

GIBSON

- very much.

DEDEAUX

... I don't know the exact address-

GIBSON

Alright.

DEDEAUX

Unfortunately.

GIBSON

Thank you.

REGINA HARMAN

Hi, Regina Harman, I'm the Executive Officer of the Southern Nevada Beagle Rescue Foundation. I am a breed specific rescue, so I get purebreds. I mean, people come to us for beagles – uh - we also take in some littles. I mean, I just took into two Shih Tzus this weekend that I did not plan to. So, you can get purebreds in rescue. Um - you know, a lot of it I think is education. A lot of people don't know – uh - where the dogs are coming from and they don't - they're not educated as to when they should take the dogs out if they haven't had their full set of vaccines or anything like that, so I think that plays a part in when dogs are getting sick as well. I'm not gonna go into a lot of - I shadow most of the – um - comment that was said here. I will tell you though, personally – uh - we've been doing this for 15 years our rescue and we work with many other organizations that actually take dogs out of these puppy mills and save them as well as research facilities.

So, I'm on that end where there's many people in this room that have just seen the horrific side of that and – um - it just needs to stop. And there's no reason, especially with the pandemic, we are taking in animals at an exorbitant rate right now. Adoptions are down and intakes are up. This is across the country. It's not just here but we are totally get being affected by that and anyone in rescue here can – um – can – uh – uh – uh - agree to that. Alright, thank you so much.

GIBSON

Thank you.

FRED VOLTZ

Morning Commissioners. For the record, Fred Voltz, V as Victor O-L-T-Z. I'd like to make four quick points about the Business Impact Survey that the county is required to conduct, and you folks are required to consider as you make a decision on this ordinance. Uh - there were only eight out of 450 surveys returned and I don't believe that's a good representative sample from a statistical standpoint. And it does, however, infer that there is not a material impact, otherwise there would've been more respondents.

Secondly – uh - there were many unsupported claims of imminent bankruptcy by a few of the respondents. And I would use, by example – uh - horse stables back in the 19th century before we had internal combustion engine vehicles. Uh - they had to retrofit, they had to be creative, they had to think about another way of doing business when horses were not the standard propulsion for – uh - carriages. And so, they went into gas stations and garage businesses as opposed to servicing horses.

And I don't believe that there's any unreasonable aspect with a year or two of

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transition that these pet stores can't be selling training, they can't be selling daycare, death services, and even boarding if they – uh -adjust their business model correctly. Smart businesses are flexible.

Uh - a third point I'd like to make. One factor that wasn't quantified in the survey is the future cost of dealing with unwanted animals both to public agencies and to rescue organizations that are operating with extremely limited financial resources. Pet stores selling animals don't pay these costs that they create by excessive animal populations in our community.

And lastly, the final assessment by staff in the business impact survey supports passage of this ordinance. And it's the same as this same commission passed the resolution against wildlife killing contests last year. So, I would hope you would do the right thing and support this ordinance from Commissioner Naft. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you, sir. Is there anyone else who wishes to offer public comment? Then the public comment period is closed. Commissioner Naft.

NAFT

Thank you, Mister Chairman. I'd just like to offer that today we heard from shelters, rescues, business owners, animal welfare, uh, advocates, policymakers, students, subject matter experts – uh - and the state's largest business interest group, the Vegas Chamber of Commerce, all in support of this agenda item.

Uh - I think because, like I see it, this is both the humane thing to do and the fiscally responsible thing to do. Uh - Clark County spends \$2.6 million annually on our municipal shelter, we spend \$3.7 million annually on our Animal Control Department – um – and – uh - as you heard, we spend OAG dollars and others on – on – uh - other shelters and rescues in this community. Uh - and I think we need to, from a policy perspective, make sure that we're not fu - both funding the problem and finding the solution here.

Uh - you heard much more eloquently than I could speak to the issues – uh - and the reasons why I think this item should be passed – uh - but I do wanna acknowledge – uh - in addition to the staff who's worked incredibly hard to take this ordinance to this point. Uh - Commissioner Giunchigliani, who initially brought this item years ago and worked through many of the problems – uh – that - that we might have faced otherwise today.

Um - and I also wanna point out and just highlight what we heard today. The USDA does not offer adequate protection so I would love to see a solution at the Federal level and that's where a solution to puppy mills belongs. That's not before us today. Um - and I would also love to see a solution at the State level. That's not within our power today.

Uh - but we do have the responsibility – uh – uh - because of our – um - because of what we're charged with here today to do - to do something in joining with communities across the country who have already taken this action. I think this Board is generally accustomed to being – um - the leader on issues in the State. And – uh - while I love that reputation, in this case, we're fa - coming behind 400 communities including our neighbors – uh - in Mesquite in North Las Vegas – um - who passed us in 2016 – uh – adopted – uh - this similar ordinance – uh - and coming behind – uh - the city of Reno who

NAFT

adopted this, I believe, in 2020.

Um – Mister Chairman, I'd like to offer – um - because I - I do recognize that – um - this is gonna have an impact on some businesses in the community. So, I've - I've worked with our Office of Economic Development to create a – a - a transition assistance program. I don't think anybody here wants to see a business negatively impacted. And as we heard from some of the testimony today, I think a lot of the people here will rally behind those – uh - dozen business licensees who do the right thing.

And so, I'd like to propose that we – uh - in addition to my motion which would be to adopt this ordinance – uh - that we – uh – uh - create through – uh - Miss Coleman's office, a grant program to help with the transition. Uh - I'll have to procedurally bring that item separately but will be glad to - to take the lead and working with Miss Coleman on that. Um - and Mister Chairman, I'm, either happy to answer, or discuss further, or – uh - make a motion at your pleasure.

GIBSON

So, are there other comments from members of the Board? Not appearing that there are any. Commissioner Naft, we're ready for a motion.

NAFT

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move – uh - for the approval of Item 66, the Humane Pet Store Ordinance.

GIBSON

Please cast your votes. Motion carries. Thank you very much.

AUDIENCE

(Applause)

ACTION:

It was moved by Commissioner Michael Naft, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including the adoption of Ordinance No. 5004) be approved.

ITEM NO. 67 Conduct a public hearing and approve, adopt and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution approving the issuance by the Arizona Industrial Development Authority, in one or more series, of taxable bonds and/or tax-exempt 501(c)3 revenue bonds on behalf of QCF/I, Inc., a 501(c)3 healthcare organization, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000,000, in order to finance the acquisition, construction, expansion, rehabilitation, renovation and equipping of hospital facilities located in Nevada and Texas, including the Desert Parkway Behavioral Healthcare Hospital located at 3223 S. Maryland Pkwy and 3247 S. Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109, to which not more than \$185,000,000 will be allocable. (For possible action)

SCHILLER

Uh - Commissioners we can now move to Item 67. Conduct a public hearing -

GIBSON

I approve -

SCHILLER

- to approve, adopt, and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution approving the issuance by Arizona Industrial Development Authority in one -

NAFT

Mister Chairman?

SCHILLER

- in one or more series of taxable bonds and/or tax exempt 501(c)3 revenue bonds on behalf of QCFI Incorporated, a 501(c)3 healthcare organization, in the amount not to exceed \$500 million in order to finance the acquisition, construction, expansion, rehabilitation, renovation, and equipping of hospital facilities located in Nevada and Texas, including the Desert Parkway Behavioral Health Care Hospital located at 3223 South Maryland Parkway and

SCHILLER 3247 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109 to which not more than \$185 million will be – um - allocable.

GIBSON Okay, so – um - we - we can move very quickly through this item. We wanna get back to Item 47 as quickly as we can. So good morning.

JAMES GOLDEN Good morning. Thank you. My name is James Golden. I'll try not to take it – uh - personally that everybody got up to leave right before I started speaking. But I'm the – uh - Chairman of a – um - a national rec - nationally recognized nonprofit corporation called Quality Care Foundation or QCF for short. QCF is purchasing five acute care and behavioral care hospitals – um - in three states including Desert Parkway Behavioral Hospital here in Clark County. We're financing the acquisition of these – uh - hospitals with tax exempt bond financing.

GOLDEN

Last year on December 7, the County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution approving the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds to finance QCF's acquisition of the hospital. Due to COVID and market changes, the financing was delayed by the bond underwriter and is now scheduled to close in late January or early February 2023. Since the closing will not occur prior to the one-year expiration of the resolution adopted last year, we are requesting that the board re-approve the financing by adopting the resolution placed on your agenda today. This financing will allow Desert Parkway Hospital to obtain favorable long-term financing and will allow the hospital to provide much needed care in the community and provide additional charity services for decades to come. I'm available to answer any questions you may have.

GIBSON Thank you very much. This is a public hearing. Is there anyone here who wishes to speak on this item?

UEHLING Um - my name is Ed Uehling. I think because of the huge amount of money that's involved here – uh - that some questions should be asked about the project.

Uh – this – uh - the property here is across the street from where I live, and it can't be more than 100,000 square feet and I'm wondering how do you spend \$250 million or \$500 million on a building that's – uh - that's – uh – uh - it's – uh - it's - it's so small? And – uh - when this came before the Commission a year ago – uh - the in – in – uh - an amount of \$600 million was approved but for both Nevada and Texas – um – the - it included the purchase of the building next door that's closed which is a - a Bank of Nevada, which is closed like many other businesses in – in - in our district – uh - because of the bad policies of the - of the – uh - County basically is the reason why these places are closing and – uh - and that property is now for sale or – uh - and I'm wondering if that's also included. But when people, ordinary people can't even pay their rent or can't even – uh - find enough to eat, to talk about \$500 million here, fa - \$600 million dollars there and - and all the – uh – the – the – the - the hundreds of millions of dollars that you gave away to a company earlier and the billions you give to the – uh - Resort Association, I think we need more – uh - explanation.

GIBSON Is there anyone else who wishes to speak during public comment? Public comment or excuse me, the public hearing? The public hearing is closed.

This – uh - financing is without recourse to Clark County. This is – uh - the

GIBSON financing comes from the – um - Arizona Industrial Development Authority. And this is not an unusual thing. This is the kind of financing that has financed lots of education – um – fa – uh - organizations and the purchase and construction of schools. Uh - this is a hot – uh - healthcare expenditure something that could be very valuable to the community. We're happy you were able to find financing somewhere else – um - and we look forward to a successful experience. And is there any other comment? If not, I think it's time for a motion.

SEGERBLOM This is my District. I would move for approval.

GIBSON There's a motion for approval by Commissioner Segerblom. Please cast your votes. The motion passes and now we'll move on to Item 47.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including the adoption of Resolution R-12-6-22-3) be approved.

ITEM NO. 68 Conduct a public hearing and determine whether SHAC, LLC, d/b/a Sapphire, 3025 Sammy Davis Jr Dr, Las Vegas NV 89109, is a place or location suitable for the issuance of a Class A Slot Machine License; application number 2002805.GAM-103. (Sitting as the Clark County Liquor and Gaming Licensing Board) (For possible action)

ACTION: Deleted from the agenda.

ITEM NO. 69 Introduce an Ordinance to amend Title 2, Chapter 2.90, Section 2.90.020 of the Clark County Code to increase the allocation of funding to the arts program; and providing for other matters properly relating thereto; and set a public hearing. (For possible action)

SCHILLER Commissioners, we can now move to the Introduction of Ordinance section of your agenda. Item 69 is an ordinance to amend Title 2, Chapter 2.90, Section 2.90.020 of the Clark County Code to increase the allocation of funding to the arts program and providing for other matters properly relating thereto and set a public hearing. Staff recommends a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th, 2022 at 10 a.m.

GIBSON I'll introduce the ordinance and set the public hearing for Tuesday, December 20th, 2022 at 10 a.m.

ACTION: There being no objections, Chair Gibson set the mater for public hearing on December 20, 2022 at 10 a.m.

ITEM NO. 70 Introduce an Ordinance to amend Clark County Code 8.65 - Adult-Use Cannabis Establishments; providing for the licensure of cannabis consumption lounges; adding definitions related to cannabis consumption lounges; establishing license application requirements; providing for business license fees; and providing for other matters properly related thereto; and set a public hearing. Commission District: All (For possible action)

SCHILLER Item 70 is an ordinance to amend Clark County code 8.65, adult use cannabis establishments is providing for the licensure of cannabis consumption lounges, adding definitions related to cannabis consumption lounges, establish license application requirements providing for business license fees and providing for other matters properly related thereto, and set a public hearing. Staff recommends a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th, 2022 at 10 a.m.

GIBSON

I'll introduce the ordinance and set the public hearing for Tuesday, December 20th, 2022, at 10 a.m.

ACTION:

There being no objections, Chair Gibson set the matter for public hearing on December 20, 2022 at 10 a.m.

ITEM NO. 71 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

Uh - we can now move to the Business Section of your agenda. Item 71 is to identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Board at future meetings, receive updates on the activities of various regional boards and commissions, and direct staff accordingly.

GIBSON

Commissioner Miller? Commissioner Segerblom.

SEGERBLOM

Thank you, Mister - thank you, Mister Chairman. Um - several things on the item. First - um - during the Thanksgiving - right before the Thanksgiving break, I was able to work with our former County Manager, Yolanda - um - and do the Gobble for Good event at Richard Rundle Elementary School, where we brought - um - shoes that fit there. So, we gave away a lot of shoes. Uh - Zappos came also. They were fantastic as far as their volunteers, and they - they had - uh - entertainment for the kids too. Um - Cal Benavenus, who - uh - was with your staff, and I guess who's still with your staff, hopefully. And the staff at - at Rundle, including the principal. But anyway, it was - it was just so fun - uh - as you all know, giving these shoes away I - is just - um - one of the most rewarding things we can do. So, thanks - thanks to all who helped me out.

Um - then - um - thanks to the Business License Department, we had an issue with the Mercado, as far as people having correct business licenses, and so Vince and his staff actually came to the Mercado, and we have set up an office in one of the little booths there, and - and all the - I think we had over 60 businesses come to us, review their paperwork, and make sure that they were all - uh - oh, 40 business, I'm sorry. But they - make sure they were all okay. So, it was very exciting, and - and this is your - our staff and - and at work, they actually came out into the field. So, it was very impressive, so thank you - um - Mister - Mister - um - County Manager. And thank you, (laughs) too.

Um - and then - uh - we have a couple other events coming up here. Uh - this Saturday, we have Flannels and Flapjacks, at the Hollywood - um - eh - eh - the Hollywood Recreation Center. Um - obviously, these are very exciting for the - for the kids.

Uh - next Saturday - um - I'm working with - um - Commissioner - uh - or City Council Member Olivia Diaz - um - for Winter Wonderland at the East Las Vegas Community Center. Um - then coming up at Parkdale, we're gonna do another Pancakes and PJs event. And - and - another event - uh - there on the 21st - uh - with - uh - Power 88.

Um - and then finally, I just want to say another shout out to our staff. Um - Commissioner Gibson, as you recall, we - um - opened the bridge over the Desert Inn, o - over the - the wash there, Desert Inn to Hollywood. One of the unintended consequences was that then people started speeding down that road. And people couldn't come out of there. So - um - people raised the issue. Uh -

SEGERBLOM

reached out to Public Works, and literally within days, we have stop signs there. So – um - we're gonna work on - on a s - on a traffic light. But in the meantime, I got so many responses from the public saying, "Oh my God, I can't believe, we actually complained, and there was a response." So, thank you to Dennis and - and Kaizad, and - and the - the whole stuff at Public Works. It - it's very exciting to see government in action.

GIBSON

Commissioner Kirkpatrick.

KIRKPATRICK

Uh - thank you, Mister Chairman. I have a couple events that – um - last meeting I was not – uh - feeling well, so I missed out on talking about them. But Aviation Nation, we had a little over 200,000 people that came out. Um - one of the great things is – uh - our partnership with District B. We will - we were able to bring 1,500 kids from around Clark County to – uh - go out the day before and have a full day of aerodynamics and how it works out at – um - Aviation Nation.

Uh - and then secondly, we did our big Thanksgiving feast for about 300 people at one of our mobile home parks. And – um - played bingo, and what I learned is they like bingo so well that they didn't want to go home. So, I said, but we gotta have a balance here. So, we played bingo for several hours – and – um - so we had a lot of volunteers. So, I – uh - didn't get a chance to mention those.

So, for – um - the end of November, so I went to the Welcome to Las Vegas sign to kick off the Red Kettle kickoff for the Salvation Army. So, they do a lot of good work. I didn't even realize – um - a - a lot of the things that they do year-round. Um - that help – um - uh - those that – uh - need the services most. It was very cold day, and a very windy day. Um - but they're always looking for – uh - kettle folks. So - if you ever want - have some free time, they're always looking for people, and there's about 60 locations around the Valley.

Um - then next – um - as you all know, last year, we started working on – uh - the camp that we partnered with Lincoln County and Cooperative Extension. So, we're excited to say that paperwork has been signed. It is - it's owed. Um - so it's on about 72 acres, and it is more than I imagined. Um - as you can see, there's a lake, there's wildlife, there's – uh - about 18 rooms, and – um - so we're already working - we're bartering with the kids on how they get to go to camp. So, it'll be pretty exciting. And for all of you that everybody in - on this Commission has 4H kids, they're actually gonna be the first ones invited up. So, we have 4H kids around from Laughlin to Sandy Valley to Mesquite. And everywhere in between. So, they'll - they'll be doing something, or I'll make sure that everybody gets invited.

Um - then on December 8, we have – uh - our annual preschool event. We invite the preschoolers out in – um - Moapa Valley and Moapa, so that they can decorate some cookies. They have lunch – uh - Santa always stops by. Uh - so we'll be out there – uh - doing that. And we will be also going to see one of our new non-profits out in that area. So, we try to make it a full day when we go to Moapa and Moapa Valley, so that – um - we can help them get the resources that they need.

Um - should have mentioned this sooner, but as we had all the animal folks here, I know that Clark County – um - has been stepping up with Parks and Rec and Animal Control to offer more services. 'Cause we know that there's a - a lot

of animals out there. So, we'll be here this weekend, right here at this location, where we'll have the petting zoo. We'll have some demonstrations. We'll have some vaccines, some – uh - grooming available. But it's another way for Clark County to continue to get the resources out to the folks that need them. So – um - there'll be hot chocolate with – um - some other little treats for people. So, we encourage people to get out, and we will have some – um - a-animal adoptions. Um - so wanna make sure that we can do what we can to assist.

Um – recently – um - I applied – um - through National NACo to serve on the National Association of Counties – uh - Justice Network. And this one is about advancing racial equity, and – um - this network. And so, one of the things that's pretty exciting about this is – uh - Clark County is way far ahead of over 3,000 counties that are out there. So, we're gonna aim - be able to not only bring some of the things that we do today, but to see and hear nationally what some of the issues are – um - that are going on across the country – um - with our legal systems, and how we can be more a partner.

And, you know, for me – um - NACo, Nevada State NACo, and National Day - NACo is start an asset to Clark County because we get tons of resources, and we get to play a big role. So not only am I sitting on the Social Justice, but I'm sitting on the Housing and the Opiate. So, I would encourage any Board member that wants to sit on any of those NACo boards – um - you're allowed to do that. Commissioner Gibson and I are on the – uh - Nevada State one, but any one of the Commissioners can serve on any boards at any time.

Um - so then Southern Nevada Water Authority – um - just a reminder that – um - it's one day a week now. Um - so don't forget to change your clock – um - and it'll be this way for the next five months. Um - but it is really important that we all do our part to start – uh – conserving – um - on the water. And as we know, only 50% of the people comply. So, imagine if 100% of the people complied with this.

Uh - Southern Nevada Health District. Um - so a couple things; one, they put in their new Harm Reduction vending machines, so that you can go and – um - get what you need to – um – safely – um – uh - I don't even - even know the right term. But there's a new vending machine out there the Health District set up. Go - go visit it. Um - we want to ensure that – um - Naloxone and all of those things are available if people should need them if they become in crisis. So, it's probably helpful our – uh - Social Service people to know that – um - those vending machines are available.

Um - but one of the issues that has really come up that I just really want to put it on everybody's radar, as they remember in October, I talked about RSV. Um - it is a real issue. It is – um - been impacting our hospitals. Uh - we worked, the Health District, and Commissioner Gibson, and the State have all worked together with – um - Billy Samuels, and our Emergency Management team to help – um - ensure that we have the proper staffing that we need because the hospitals are full – um - with these – um - with our children that – uh - need these services. So, it's a real deal. So, we encourage people to – um - if you're sick, stay home. Um - if you've been sick more than a couple days, please get the care that you need so that you don't end up in the hospital. Um - but anything that we can do to ensure that – um - our kids in particular who have been impacted, not only in Clark County, but nationwide with this, that – um -

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we give them the access to care that they need. And – um - that is all I have.
Um -

GIBSON

Thank you. Commissioner Jones.

JONES

Thank you, Mister Chair. Uh, - wo weeks ago, we had a – uh - job fair at the Sahara West Library – uh - with more than 4,000 positions that were made available from 50+ employers. We had more than a thousand – uh - job applicants show up. Um - so I wanna – uh - give a thank you out to Workforce Connections – uh - the Library District and EmployNV and all of the – uh - employers who showed up to really – um – ma - make something good for - for people who are out there looking for a job or looking to – uh - better their employment situation.

Uh - week before last, I was also able to – uh - join with other local leaders at - uh - the LGBTQ – uh - Center of Southern Nevada – um - for a vigil – uh - honoring the victims of the mass shooting at Club Q in Colorado Springs. Um – I – I - I made it clear to the community that Clark County stands against – uh - hate against the LGBTQ community. Um – and – uh - please know that your local government stands with you always.

Uh - last week we had the senior pickle ball tournament at Desert Breeze Community Center, sponsored – uh - by my office. Um - the Desert Breeze West team – uh - won the tournament. But the core Coleman East Side team took second place, and - and third place, so – uh - great facilities over there. But, hey, it's Desert Breeze that – uh - prevailed. Um - thanks to all who participated. Uh - thanks to our Desert Breeze Community Center – uh - staff for always making – uh – the – uh – facilities – uh - welcome to - to the public. Uh – we – uh - my team was able to join with – uh - Enchant at the Las Vegas Ba – uh - Ballpark for its seco - second year. Uh - with an all-new mischievous elf theme. Um – uh – beautiful- uh - area over there, if – uh - you're out on the southwest part of town. Uh - we were able to present a proclamation to Santa himself – uh - and want to give a special shout out to Jenna Porter – uh - from the Las Vegas Ballpark Community Relations and Special Events - uh - team, for leading these and so many events out at the - out at the ballpark.

Uh - coming up, a Holiday to Remember. That's this Saturday. Please join with us – uh - the LVMPD – uh – uh - Spring Valley Area Command – uh – Acelero Learning, and – uh - Jeremiah Program for some festive fun at their Holiday Remember event. This event will be held at Cashman Park, 3100 South Warnock Road, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. And we're gonna have free food, tons of – uh - family fun, resources – uh - and a chance to, of course, meet Santa.

Uh - and then finally – uh - I wanted to give the Board a - a quick report. I was able to join with – uh – our - our new – um – uh - Deputy County Manager, Abbie Frierson, and with our Director of Social Services – uh - Tim Burch – uh - join with elected officials from City of Las Vegas – uh - with our Sheriff-Elect, Kevin McMahill – um - representatives of UMC to - to go – uh - with State officials down to – uh - Maricopa County and meet with representatives there – uh - to see – uh - their operations when it comes to crisis response. Uh - helping to make sure that those who are facing – uh - mental health crises – um - and drug addiction crises. So, they're able to – uh - divert from – uh - from our ERs – uh - divert from our jails – uh - and really help folks get the care that they need. And so, I'm looking forward to - to working with our – uh - team

JONES

here, and - and collaborating with the City, and – uh - with Metro and the State – um - to make sure that we can move to a model that's more – uh - that meets the needs of those who are - are facing crises.

GIBSON

Thank you, Commissioner Naft (Jones). I'm sorry. Commissioner McCurdy.

MCCURDY

Uh - thank you, Mister Manager, and – uh – Mister Chairman. Uh - we had an amazing – uh - two events – uh - for Thanksgiving on November 21. Uh - we gave away over 300 turkeys at our turkey – uh - giveaway event at the MLK Senior Center, as well as joining with the Stretch for Change Foundation at the Blessgiving event – uh - where we were able to provide constituents with – uh - hot Thanksgiving meals. Got to send special shout out to the City Team – um – for – um - helping to partner with us and make sure all of our seniors who were able to attend – uh - got a Thanksgiving turkey, and – um - also was able to express some love.

Um - I had a - a great opportunity to provide remarks at - at the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, their 46th annual Legislative Conference, which was held at Planet Hollywood on December 1st. I have to send a special shout out to the Nevada Black Legislative Caucus for doing such phenomenal job in providing over 500 visitors – um - from all across the nation and some of the – uh – territories – uh - just having a good time here – uh - in Las Vegas. And – uh - it was a phenomenal event. And I can't wel- wait to welcome them back again.

Uh - want to – uh - to highlight the fact that my Congressman, Congressman Steven Horsford, was – uh - elected to serve as Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus. Uh - that is going to be phenomenal for the State of Nevada and all of our - our residents here. Uh - with the- with the new leadership position that he has, and I look forward to all that he's going to do, and how we can better partner with him here at the County to - to do good for constituents across the County and across the Nation.

I also had an opportunity to join seniors at the Walnut Recreation Center – uh – for – uh - lunch on December 1. Uh - it's always a good time going over to Walnut Rec. A lot of good - got a lot of good vibes, and also – um - we had one particular table that won nearly all of the – uh - gifts that we raffled out. Uh - so I'm gonna have to check and see what's going on over there. But it was definitely a good time. And I can't wait to get together again.

Um - have a few events coming up that I would like to notify – uh - the public about. Uh - the first is going to be on – uh - November 13 - oh, excuse me, December 13 and 14 – uh – with – uh - Judge Belinda T. Harris for a traffic ticket workshop. Um - on January 1, 2023, minor traffic offenses will no longer be criminalized in Nevada as relook to - as a result of the passage of Assembly Bill – uh - 116. Uh - so we want to invite the public out to come and learn about all this bill will do. Uh - again, that's going to be on December 14 – uh - from 6 to 7 p.m. and December 13, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Pearson Community Center.

Uh - last but not least, I want to thank all of our – uh - partners who have - who stepped up to - to partner with District D on our toy giveaway, that's gonna be held later this month. It's coming out to be really successful. Uh - we invite anyone – um - or any organization who would like to partner with us to reach out to our office at 702-455-3500. Again, this event is going to be held on

MCCURDY

December 21st, so we encourage you to reach out as soon as possible. Thank you, Mister Chairman.

GIBSON

Thank you, Commissioner. Recently, on the 17th – uh - at Whitney Rec Center – uh – we - or the- at the Senior Center there, we enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with a large group of people. We had a great time. The food was delicious. We want - we thank Metro and the Whitney Rec staff, and the District G staff for the great partnership and making sure the seniors had a Thanksgiving meal. Um - last Wednesday, we lit the tree at the Whitney Rec Center. We had carolers, kids' activities with letters to Santa, sandwiches, hot chocolate, and donuts from Pink Box. It's a lot of fun to see the excitement at Christmas in the eyes and in the actions of all that were present. The – um - it was a good time was had by all.

Now, I, in partnership with Metro – um - Amazon, and the STOP Coalition, the Whitney Rec Center will be – uh - hosting a pop-up Santa shop this Saturday, December 10 for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa and Amazon will be there to provide up to 2,000 gifts to gifts age, up to 12 years of age. Along with – uh - Christmas treats that'll be provided. The STOP Coalition will be providing jackets to as many kids as we have jackets for. So, you can register by calling 702-455-7576. But walk - walk-ins are also welcome. And we encourage people to come over.

Just – uh - briefly, the Airport has reported to us that – uh - we have achieved an important milestone. We imagined that we would recover, and – uh - after the pandemic, and the Airport has recovered - uh - in an amazing way. In fact, it has been deemed the – uh - fastest recovery – uh – in - of any airport in the country. Uh - in October, we served 5.17 million passengers. That's the first time in Airport history that we've exceeded five million passengers in a single month. Uh - we are expected to – uh - improve upon the 2019 record of 51,500 – uh - excuse me, 51 million, 51 and a half million. I can probably say that number if I wanted to, yearly passengers by the end of 2022. Which is really – uh - an important milestone. What it shows us, that is - that Las Vegas visitation is back. The world looks at us as a leader in entertainment – uh - and in meeting and convention space. It's something to behold. We have most of the airlines, maybe all of the airlines now – um - including the – uh - international airlines back in service, providing travel to Las Vegas. It's an amazing thing to observe.

Uh - and then finally, Sunday, it was reported that the largest single number of people clearing the TSA security checkpoint in any airport in the country was achieved in Las Vegas at Reid International Airport. So – um - there's a lot happening out at the Airport.

And I think that concludes our emerging issues. Um - Manager Schiller, I gotta get used to - gotta get used to saying that.

ACTION:

No action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 72 Ratify the appointment of Abigail Frierson as the Deputy County Manager. (For possible action)

SCHILLER

(laughs) Uh - Commissioner, Item 72 is to ratify the appointment of Abigail Frierson as the Deputy County Manager.

JONES

Mister Chair, I would enthusiastically move to ratify the appointment of Abbie

JONES Frierson as Deputy County Manager.

GIBSON And we welcome you to a different firing line.

AUDIENCE (laughs)

GIBSON Please cast your votes. The motion carries.

ABIGAIL FRIERSON Um - I'd like to thank the Commission for this opportunity. I'm - I'm humbled and flattered. I'd also like to thank Deputy County Manager Kevin Schiller, who's been an engaging and supportive leader and mentor. And to say I'm very excited to get to work with this in - this talented and – and – uh - hardworking team. Thank you very much.

GIBSON Thank you, and congratulations.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including the ratification of the appointment of Abigail Frierson as the Deputy County Manager) be approved.

ITEM NO. 73 Appoint nine qualified individuals to serve on the Business Development Advisory Council(BDAC) for a two-year term starting January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024 from the following list of applicants: Emanuel Kess, Alicia Marasco, Ginnie Salazar*, John Alam, John Amatucci, Andre Haynes, Farai Kasambira, Jean Claude Luakabuanga, William Covington*, Alexzandria Williams, DeVante Moore, Terry Reece, David Eclips*, John Olarte, TaVangelia Wren and Bedford Jackson* (*incumbent member); or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

SCHILLER Uh - Commissioners, we can now move to Item 73, to appoint nine individuals to serve on the Business Development Advisory Council for a two-year term, starting January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024, from the following list of applicants noted on your agenda item.

GIBSON So, I think - I think that on this one, think about it, these are the people (unintelligible) – So – a – ho -

SHANI COLEMAN (laughs)

GIBSON So, we do have a recommendation.

COLEMAN Yes.

SCHILLER We do.

GIBSON That we're glad to know that.

COLEMAN Good morning. For the record, Shani Coleman, Director of Community and Economic Development for Clark County. Um - we do have a recommendation for a slate of candidates, but happy to take any direction from the Board.

COLEMAN

GIBSON Well, please provide your recommended list.

COLEMAN Absolutely. Um – first candidate we recommend is Alicia Marasco, Jenny Salazar, John Alam, John Amatuci, Farai Kasambira, William Covington, Alexzandria Williams, David Eclips, and Bedford Jackson.

GIBSON Thank you. Thank you very much. Any - anything more on the list of those as recommended? I'll entertain a motion, then.

JONES Thank you, Mister Chair, I would, yeah, move to – uh - appoint Alicia Marasco, Jenny Salazar, John Alam, John Amatuci, Farai Kasambira, William Covington, Alexzandria Williams, David Eclips, and Bedford Jackson to the Business Development Advisory Council for a two-year term.

GIBSON There's a motion on the floor by Commissioner Jones. Any discussion? Please cast your votes. The motion carries. Thank you, Shani.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including the appointments of Alicia Marasco, Jenny Salazar, John Alam, John Amatuci, Farai Kasambira, William Covington, Alexzandria Williams, David Eclips, and Bedford Jackson for a two-year term starting January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2024) be approved.

ITEM NO. 74 Approve and authorize the Chair to appoint additional members to the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) for the following: 1-Member-at-large, 3 Town Advisory Boards and Boulder City from the following list of nominees: Town Advisory Board Representatives - Laren Abbott, Jamie Shakespear, and Brian Burris; Boulder City Representative - Cynthia Swanson; Member-at-Large (Commissioner Jones) - Paul Nimsuwan. (For possible action)

ACTION: Deleted from the agenda.

ITEM NO. 75 Reappoint Laura Lopez-Hobbs (Current Member), Robyn Caspersen (Current Member), and Christian Haase (Current Member), whose terms expire on December 31, 2022, for a (3) year term ending December 31, 2025, to the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada (UMC) Governing Board; and take any action deemed appropriate. (For possible action)

SCHILLER Commissioners, we can now move to Item 75, to reappoint Laura Lopez Hobbs, current member; Robin Caspersen, current member; Anne Christian Haas, current member; who term - whose terms expire on December 31st, 2022, for a three-year term ending December 31st, 2025, to the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada Governing Board and take any action deemed appropriate.

GIBSON Thank you. Entertain a motion on this matter.

MCCURDY (Unintelligible)

GIBSON There's a motion for approval of the appointment of - of the individuals listed by Commissioner McCurdy. Any discussion on the motion? Please cast your votes. The motion carries.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner William McCurdy II, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including the reappointment of Laura Lopez Hobbs, Robin Caspersen, and Anne Christian Haas for a three-year term ending on December 31, 2025) be approved.

ITEM NO. 76 Reappoint two permanent members: Scott Dugan and Tami Campa; Reappoint one alternate member Kristen Lowe; Appoint four new alternate members: Kelly Wade, Heidi Meidenbauer, Evan Ranes, and Paul Chaffee, to the Clark County Board of Equalization for 4-year term ending December 31, 2026. (For possible action)

SCHILLER Commissioners, Item 76 is to reappoint two members, Scott Dugan and Tami

Campa, reappoint one alternate member, Kristen Lowe, appoint four new alternate members, Kelly Wade, Heidi Meidenbauer, Evan Ranes, and Paul Chaffee to the Clark County Board of Equalization for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026.

And - uh - is there any comment by members of the Board? If there is not, then I'll entertain a motion.

Move for reappointment as stated on the agenda item.

There's a motion for the reappointment of the listed individuals. Any discussion? Please cast your votes. The motion carries.

It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including the reappointment of Scott Dugan, Tami Campa, alternate member Kristen Lowe, and the appointment of alternate members Kelly Wade, Heidi Meidenbauer, Evan Ranes, and Paul Chaffee for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026) be approved.

ITEM NO. 77 Approve, adopt and authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution of Intent, proposing the issuance of, and authorizing the publication of notices relating to its “Clark County, Nevada, General Obligation (Limited Tax) Fire Station and Training Center Bonds (Additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues), Series 2023”, in the maximum principal amount of \$50,000,000; setting a public hearing for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., to consider any objections or protests; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer for the County or her designee to arrange for the sale of the Bonds; and providing other details in connection therewith. (For possible action)

Commissioners, Item 77 is to approve, adopt, and authorize the chair to sign a resolution of intent proposing the issuance of and authorizing the publication of notices relating to its Clark County Nevada General Obligation, (Limited Tax) Fire Station, and Training Center Bonds, additionally secured by pledged revenues, Series 2023 in the maximum principle amount of \$50 million, setting a public hearing for Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 10 a.m. to consider any objections or protests authorizing the chief financial for the County or her designee to arrange of the sale of the bonds and providing other details in connection therewith.

Is there anything further to come from, is there any kind - anything else? I'll entertain a motion on the matter.

Move for approval.

There's a motion for approval on Item 77. Any discussion on the motion? Please cast your votes. The motion carries.

It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the resolution of intent be approved.

ITEM NO. 78 Approve, adopt and authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution of Intent (Resolution 22-006), proposing the issuance of, and authorizing the publication of notices relating to general obligation (limited tax) Clark County Water Reclamation District (District) bonds (additionally secured by pledged revenues), in the maximum principal amount of \$340,000,000; setting a public hearing for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., to consider any objections or protests; authorizing the General Manager for the District or his designee to arrange for the sale of the Bonds; and providing other details in connection therewith. (For possible action)

SCHILLER Commissioners, Item 78 is to approve, adopt, and authorize the chair to sign the resolution of intent, Resolution 22-006, proposing the issuance of an authorizing the publication of notices relating to General Obligation, Limited Tax, Clark County Water Reclamation District, (District) bonds, addisio- additionally secured by pledged revenues in the maximum principal amount of \$340 million dollars. Setting a public hearing for Tuesday, January 17th, 2023, at 10 a.m., to consider any objections or protests authorizing the General Manager for the District or his designee to arrange for the sale of the bonds and providing other details in connection therewith.

GIBSON Mister Minwegen.

TOM MINWEGEN Members of the Board, good morning. Tom Minwegen with the Clark County Water Reclamation District. I would like to first thank the Debt Commission - Debt Management Commission, for recently approving this item. It allows us to advance our Capital Improvement Program. Uh - members of the Trustee Board here – uh – please – uh - remember that the Water Reclamation District is a capital intense organization. And to advance and continue to advance our Capital Improvement Programs, these proceeds are needed to advance that program.

GIBSON Thank you. Any questions or comments by members of the Board? If not, I'll entertain a motion. Commissioner Segerblom.

SEGERBLOM Mo - move for approval.

GIBSON There's a motion for approval by Commissioner Segerblom. Any discussion on the motion? Please cast your votes.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including the adoption of Resolution 22-006) be approved.

ITEM NO. 79 Consider and approve the Business Impact Statement, pursuant to NRS Chapter 237, for the proposed amendments to Clark County Code Title 8, Chapter 8.65 - Adult-Use Cannabis Establishments; providing for the licensure of cannabis consumption lounges; adding definitions related to cannabis consumption lounges; establishing license application requirements; providing for business license fees; and providing for other matters properly related thereto. Commission District: All (For possible action)

SCHILLER Commissioners, Item 79 is to consider and approve the Business Impact Statement pursuant to NRS Chapter 237 for the proposed amendments to Clark County Code Title 8, Chapter 8.65, Adult-Use Cannabis Establishments; providing for the licensure of cannabis consumption lounges, adding definitions related to cannabis consumption lounges, establishing license application requirements, providing for business license fees, and providing for other matters properly related thereto.

GIBSON So good afternoon, it is.

MIKE HARWELL Yes, good afternoon, (laughs) – uh - Chair and Commissioners. Uh - Mike Harwell, for Business License. Um, we sent the notification letter out for the proposed ordinance on the cannabis consumption lounges – uh – requesting – uh – comments – uh - for the affected businesses. Um - we received four comments. Uh - there was a 15-day window for the comment period. Um -

HARWELL

received four comments. Two of the comments were more related to – uh - enforcement and – uh - air quality. Uh – not – uh - really unrelated to a business impact.

Um - the other two comments, one was from – um - the Cannabis Association. They were considered with the no-tow policy. What if the – um – uh - property owner did not agree with the no-tow policy, how would that – uh - affect the cannabis consumption lounge ability to – um - operate there? And they also – uh - recommended that the – um – no – uh - last call – uh - two-hour last call provision be – uh - reduced to 30 minutes, similar to the State – um – uh - regulations. Uh - we did not make those changes, but those were – uh - indicated by the - recommended by the – uh – Cannabis – uh - Consumption Association.

Um - also, we have received – uh – one – uh - comment from – uh - business a - State Business Administtry – um – uh - regarding a chapter in NRS that they wanted us to add for the – for – to - to require the consumption lounges being in compliance with – uh – regarding – uh - health and safety. Uh - we did not add that 'cause that's applicable to all – uh - businesses, and we felt that – um - they have to comply with that anyway.

Uh - the last of – um – uh – potential – um – uh - sections of NRS that we did include were more specifically related to cannabis, so – uh - we did not make those changes. Uh - and I'm here for any questions you have.

GIBSON

Thank you. Are there any questions or comments by members of the Board? Commissioner Segerblom.

SEGERBLOM

I just wanted to thank Santa for coming down from the North Pole early for this – uh - important law.

HARWELL

I - I gotta get real - real soon – uh (laughs)

GIBSON

All right. If there is nothing more, I'll entertain a motion.

SEGERBLOM

Move for - move for approval.

GIBSON

There is a motion for approval of Item 79, which is the consideration and approval of the Business Impact Statement. Any discussion on that motion?

MCCURDY

Mister Chairman, just a clarifying question. Uh - as related to the - the comments back from the industry – uh - for last call being from 2 hours and 30 minutes, uh - we're just saying that we are in receipt of these - of these – uh - comments back, but not are adopting for, is that correct?

GIBSON

That's right.

MCCURDY

Thank you.

GIBSON

Okay, there's a motion on the floor. Please cast your votes. Motion carries.

HARWELL

Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you, sir.

ACTION:

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

ITEM NO. 80 Receive a report on the Clark County Office of Traffic Safety's Strategic Plan, and direct staff accordingly.
(For possible action)

SCHILLER

Commissioners, Item 80 is to receive a report on the Clark County Office of Traffic Safety Strategic Plan and direct staff accordingly.

ANDREW BENNETT

Good morning, Cha - or good afternoon, Chair Gibson – uh - Vice Chair Jones, member of the Commission. Good morning, or good afternoon. Uh - Andrew Bennett from – uh - the Office of Traffic Safety. I promise you, the - the presentation before you is not gonna be as - as thick as it might appear on paper.

Uh - next month is one year – uh - that I've had the opportunity to be your – uh - Director of the Office of Traffic Safety. And so, I wanted to provide – um - in addition to the 138 pages in your briefing packet about our strategic plan and some of the data, wanted to provide a brief update on – uh - on what our - our hope is – uh - as we move forward.

Uh - as the Office of Traffic Safety, some of the data that we did find interesting – uh - and that was – uh – e - experienced as the first time that we've been able to dive into traffic safety at a County level.

Um - so as you all well know – uh - you know, our - our goal is to be – uh - you know, a key communicator between the departments and agencies, both internally and externally. Uh - I'm very proud of the relationships that we've been able to develop – uh - with our partners – uh - as a regional office and be able to talk about – uh - this defi – uh - death that we're experiencing on the County roadways, and as well as our roadways of our – um – adjoining – uh - partner agencies. So, key objectives – uh - we did define a goal in the strategic plan. We did – uh - we chose not to adopt a zero-based goal.

Uh - we, instead asked, uh, that we will be evaluating reduction of the five-year average of fatalities and serious injuries, in Clark County, over the next five years. A five-year moving average is a standard, on how we – uh - look at – uh - traffic fatalities. That way you're not looking, year-over-year, but you're getting an idea – um - over the last several years. But our key objectives – uh - in our office, is prioritizing traffic safety, obviously. Uh – providence – uh - providing guidance and outreach, with education – uh - improve effectiveness – uh - for the enforcement process – uh - when it comes to traffic safety. Uh - make the best use and identify new funding opportunities, and then, to implement and track the, of – uh - communications of this plan.

Real briefly, one of the first things that we did, for a baseline data, was to look at – uh - our numbers, versus – uh - the State average. Uh - there's three ways that we really look at – uh - our numbers, that's the fatalities, overall. Uh - Nevada, or Clark County, excuse me, represents 63% of – uh - Nevada's fatalities, which is a little bit lower than our population. Uh - but the - one of the two interesting numbers that we had, was the number of fatalities, per 100 me- 100 million vehicle miles traveled – uh - in the County, it's 1.281 – uh - whereas, in the State of Nevada, it's – uh - outside of Clark County, it's 1.575.

Uh - I expected – uh - as working in traffic safety for the last 13 years, that - that number would have been higher in the County. Uh - but I am pleased that, you know, it is lower, and it's - we're gonna continue to work to make sure that it continues to be lower. And then – uh - fatalities per 100,000 population, were also down, there, as well.

So, the actions that we identified, and this is the bulk - uh - of what we're hoping to present to you today. Each one of these has action items identified, specifically, identified in the Strategic Plan. Um - but, where use-impaired driving, safer road users, safe speeds, safe roads, post-crash care, and then, again, implementation and evaluation, and tracking, of our progress. That's important, not only to you all and to your community, but to make sure that we're heading in the right direction.

Again, I, real briefly, I can't do this without our partners that we've been able to identify and work with over the last year. Everybody's been incredible and really on board. Uh - there's been a lot of new conversations with agencies that might have not focused on traffic safety, previously – uh - but they're definitely being more involved with us – uh - now, and I - I really do appreciate that.

So, the safe distance approach, is the National Standard, currently, on how we identify and reduce – uh - traffic fatalities and serious injuries. Largely, that's what we adopted in our plan – uh - for traffic safety. But one of the key differences was, we specifically identified, impaired driving as a key focus. And you'll see that in the data- uh - briefly, as impaired driving is – uh - present in 47% of our – uh - fatalities that we experience on Nevada's roads. The National approach does not focus on impaired driving, so we thought that was a- a specific change that we needed to make – uh - for how we identify and - and move forward – uh - here in the County.

So, real briefly, on - uh – data – uh - how we broke it out, in those different groups of, with the key elements, of reduce impaired driving, is obviously impaired driving, but safe drivers – uh - and safe operators, is going to, largely, incorporate – uh - incorporate a lot of the different – uh - types of road users. Uh - safe speeds, is – uh - speed, and unsafe roads, is gonna be more of the infrastructure. Uh - we do plan on incorporating the six Es of traffic safety, which briefly, our equity, engineering, education, enforcement, emergency response, and everyone.

So, this is the most data slide that I'm gonna give you, and we're gonna skip a lot of the rest of the data, but for data, looking at 100% of the Clark County fatalities, again, impaired driving being 47% - uh - that is the leading cause of – uh - car crashes and fatalities, in the County. Intersections is two, and then Pedestrians, is three. Again, pedestrians, is a type of road user, not necessarily a cause of fatalities. Uh - whereas impaired driving's a cause – uh - pedestrian's a type.

Uh - one of the questions that, I - I received about this, was, you know, distracted driving being 2%. You would expect that to be higher. Distracted driving's almost impossible – uh - for our law enforcement officers to identify, as a cause of the - of the crash. Uh - so we will – uh - disproportionately, be focusing on distracted driving – uh - even though it's low – uh - represented in the data. It's not, necessarily, accurate on exactly what we're facing – uh - in the County.

Traffic safety is definitely not just a - a urban issue, it's also a rural issue, and across the County, we have fatalities – uh - state line to state line, and we plan on addressing that. You can see some of the roads that we would expect to see a lot of our fatalities on: Boulder Highway, Tropicana, Flamingo, Sahara, are definitely – uh - you know, the high usage – uh - roads that we're seeing the fatalities occurring on. Um - but again, taking a regional approach, and trying to identify some of the engineering and enforcement, and education solutions, that we can, is identified in the plan.

Impaired driving, again 47% - uh - at a time, I'm gonna breeze through this – uh - just so it is, in your slide deck, and then it's also in the - the plan. Uh - the twenty-f - 21, does – uh - 25-year-olds, is the key demographics, for most of the fatalities. Uh - the only outlier for that, is gonna be pedestrian fatalities, which you'll see in the few slides that we can just click through. Uh – pedestrians – uh - the average age is, anywhere from 35, or actually, 51 to 65. That's the only demographic that's a little older.

Uh - speed is something that we continue to focus on. People are choosing to speed. We have extreme reckless driving that's occurring in our communities. Uh - we've also heard the numbers, 159 miles an hour, 141 miles an hour, 109 miles an hour. Um - so speed is something that we definitely have to – uh - focus on when it comes to engineering. Um - but then, also working with our - our regional law enforcement partners – uh - for enforcement, as well.

Intersections and lanes departures, again, that's gonna be an engineering focused solution. Uh - there is – uh - a lot of fatalities happen inside intersections. Those people choosing to run the lo - red lights, and again, there's a behavioral change that has to occur – uh - when we get there, as well. Most of these crashes happen – uh - after the evening commute, so 6:00 p.m. on, almost across the board, especially with pedestrians, and our vulnerable road users – uh - having difficulty being seen – uh - is something that we saw.

So – uh – again – um - as we approach, this is the meat of – uh - how we are approaching traffic safety, with the principle goals and objectives, and the actions. Um - as we look at incorporating equity, and prioritizing speed, reducing impaired driving, double-down on what works, because we, there is several things that we already know that work in traffic safety, and it's making sure that we're doing it to the full effect, here in the County. And then, accelerating in advance technology – uh - is going to be our goals.

As we – uh – w - we can actually go back one, if you don't mind, La Tansa. All these objections and strategies, are again, listed in the Strategic Plan, but – um - funding, working with our partners – uh - working closely with Public Works – uh - which has been incredible opportunity, to have those conversations with our Public Works team, but making sure, you know, we just heard about our - our policies that we set around – uh - impaired driving, when it comes to the consumption lounges, making sure that traffic safety's present in every conversation, to further traffic safety – uh - is definitely one of our goals.

We do plan on – uh - doing a little bit of education, through our own channels in the County. Uh - the State still has the Zero Fatalities Program of being able to identify what the issues that we're experiencing in the County, and being able to push that out, again, through our own channels, and your channels. Uh - we

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hope to develop, again, traffic safety communications, to be able to be shared. Uh - with enforcement, enforcement is, one where we often think of enforcement as just the, you know, the officer writing the ticket on the side of the road. But, enforcement really is – uh - you know, updating Title 14, which we're in the middle of, and all the way through with adjudication, working with DA's office, working with the public defenders, having that conversation of, you know, the fact that 80% of our speeding tickets, or pull it down to non-moving violations, looking at, you know, if we can - if there needs to be a law change or a code change, or how that process, to make sure that we can hold people accountable, is definitely ongoing and productive, at the moment.

And finally, with funding – um - there is a lot of money available through the Infrastructure Law – uh - that are - it's directly focused at community levels, working on our – um - our Complete Streets Policy with Public Works. Uh - it will definitely open up more funding, working with the State and the Federal level, to bring that money, so that we can have further projects here in the County.

And that's largely – uh - I know that was very quick, but there is a rather robust, Strategic Plan in - in your documents. It'll be available online, as well – uh - here shortly, but we wanted to provide, you know, the opportunity to hear any feedback, and us – uh - answering questions.

GIBSON

Thank you, Mister Bennett.

NAFT

Go for -

JONES

Oh, thank you, Mister Bennett, I appreciate the tremendous work you and other partners, have put into this. We're going to the budget cycle, so I assume that some of these things are gonna come with price tags. So how - how are you thinking through that – uh - ask, going into the next few months?

BENNETT

So, it's either, it's two parts. Number one is – uh - you know, being fully funded by fuel and (unintelligible). We've had a productive conversation with the RTC about what these next steps look like. The RTC's been a - a part of this conversation every step of the way. Um - I think, you know, when we come to - we've leaned heavily on our partners, to do some of the work that I'm trying to accomplish in my office. And so, taken that burden away from – uh - specifically, my office, you know, or, not specifically, from my office, but gaining, you know, opportunities – uh - for staffing, might definitely come up in the next - I have a great consultant team, that helped put together this document, with – uh – Kimely Horn and Hay Frank. Uh - so maybe expanding that contract, as well, to make sure that we have the opportunity to a - address.

But, in the last year, I've been able to do – uh - work with everybody's district, and – uh - your constituents, and I think that will grow as more people understand that this is an opportunity.

JONES

Great. And then, with regards, to the impaired driving, it, 40% of - 47% of the crashes are from impaired driving – um - is that, is there sub-data, as to whether those impaired drivers are coming from private residences versus businesses?

BENNETT

Um - so one of the action items, I think Commissioner Segerblom, would be pleased to see, one of the action items is, implementing that program to identify

BENNETT when a fatal crash occurs, to be able to track that back. We've already informally started that process with Metro, but still too early, to specifically discuss – uh - where we think that's coming from. But that is now, in process – uh - with Metro's Fatal Team. And so, we're excited to start – uh - creating that, that process, working with – uh - Business Licensing, as well, to then have the teeth to go f - further. We are starting that conversation.

JONES Great. Thank you.

GIBSON Any other questions, concerns?

JONES Naft.

GIBSON Do you have something, Commissioner Naft?

NAFT Thank you, Chairman. I just wanted to point a couple things. One, a - a lot of the data that's in the Strategic Plan, has actually never been pulled before, so I think there's – there - that's pretty newsy, right there and – uh - really valuable to - it's been really valuable to me. And one of the things that, I think, called out, and might be of note to some of the other departments here, Social Service, specifically – um – fif – 51 to 65-year-olds, are at greatest risk of pedestrian fatality. Is that accurate?

GIBSON Correct. Mm-hmmm.

NAFT And I - I'm guessing that's probably, because of the transient nature of the community, homelessness. Is - is that accurate, and are there some connections that can be made within the County agencies?

BENNETT Absolutely. And - and we - we've started that conversation. I, originally, started talking to Family Services, about car seats. Uh - but that's, you know, since been expanding to - to some of the issues that we're discussing now. But, absolutely, we - we- we're disproportionally represented, when it comes to pedestrian and cyclist fatalities in the County. Uh - I think we owe 90% of the pedestrian fatalities, State-wide, and 100% of the cyclist fatalities, State-wide. Uh - so there's definitely room for improvement, there.

NAFT Thank you. And I would just point out, I - I know you've worked, probably, with every Director and, of an agency or department within the County, but if there are any that haven't, this touches every single department within Clark County. And – uh - you've been an enormous resource to my office – uh - me, specifically, but I know to a lot of Department Heads. So, I'd encourage anyone who hasn't, to take advantage of the resource.

GIBSON Thank you. Yes, and thank you very much for the support you've provided to us, on the number of questions that you put to you. Uh - this is not an action item um - so thank you very much, Mister Bennett.

BENNETT Thanks so much.

ACTION: No action was taken by the Board.

ITEM NO. 81 Receive and accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) prepared by the accounting firm of BDO USA, LLP for the audit of the financial statements of the Clark County Water Reclamation District for Fiscal Year

2022; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

SCHILLER Commissioners, we can now move to Item 81, receive and accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, prepared by the accounting firm, BDO USA, LLP, for the audit of the financial statements of Clark County Water Reclamation District, for Fiscal Year, 2022, or take other action, as appropriate.

GIBSON Mister Minwegen.

MINWEGEN Members of the Board, good afternoon, Tom Minwegen, with the Clark County Water Reclamation District. I would first like to take this opportunity to thank the District's Chief Financial Officer, Charles Ocansey, as well as the District's Financial Manager Brett Borek, and their staff, for all the efforts lent to the auditing process, in the auditor's efforts – uh - for this report. I would also like to thank the accounting, as well as finance teams, at the District, for all their hard work, that helped lead to this clean audit. Uh - as you might recall, I delivered the auditor's communication letter to you, yesterday. And, with me today, is Mister Kyle – um - Fouts of the au - Audit Manager for BDO, for the District's account, and he is here to provide some overview comments on this audit.

GIBSON Thank you. Mister Fouts.

KYLE FOUTS Good afternoon, Chair and Commissioners. My name is Kyle Fouts – uh - and I am the - a Senior Manager with BDO. We have completed our audit of the financial statements for the Clark County Water Reclamation District, for the year ending, June 30, 2022. Our audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards, generally accepted in the United States of America, in government auditing standards.

We issued an unmodified opinion on the financial statements, and released our report November 16, 2022. Um – and - and that is a - a clean audit. That's – um - an unmodified opinion, is - is the best you can get. Um - and I also want to express my - my gratitude. Uh - management's cooperation was - was excellent during that process.

In conjunction with our audit of the financial statements, we noted no material weaknesses. We communicated one finding, not considered to be a material weakness, but is - is a significant deficiency, and the details of that finding, has been provided to you by management.

Uh - lastly, I wanted to affirm, that we are independent from the District, and therefore, we were able to perform the audit. And, if anyone has any questions or concerns, I'd be happy to answer those now.

GIBSON Thank you very much. The - are there questions from members of the Board? Thank you, sir. Mister Minwegen, anything further?

MINWEGEN Nothing, thank you.

GIBSON Thank you. So, I'll entertain a motion to accept the report.

SEGERBLOM Move to accept the report.

GIBSON

Motion by Commissioner Segerblom, to accept the report, any discussion on the motion? Please cast your votes. And the motion carries.

MINWEGEN

Thank you, Board members.

ACTION:

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

ITEM NO. 82 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)

ACTION:

No closed session was held; and no action was taken by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

GIBSON

Thank you. So, this is the final period for – uh - public comment. Anyone who wishes to make a comment, please come forward, state your name, spell your last name, and limit your comments to three minutes. Mister Braisted.

DANIEL BRAISTED

Mister Chairman, Daniel Braisted, B-R-A-I-S-T-E-D. Uh - just as an u - update, I drove around the airport, and I report that I saw no outside lights on, during the day, on the south side of the Airport. That's been an - an endeavor of mine.

I'm still working for - looking for the value of the seven floors that, Southern Nevada Water Authority owns on the – uh - Class A building downtown, that I think they should - they don't pay any property taxes. That needs to change.

My two - two month – uh - request for the name of the ordinance that this Commission passed, to make a mis - misdemeanor to challenge a County's plan for - to fight the pandemic, still no response. Uh - now that the election is over, you might want to - I'm gonna fa - have to be stronger on that. The - is the Healthy Department, counting the sudden deaths that are often attributed to the jab?

This Friday through Monday, a group called the A4M, they come to Las Vegas with a phenomenal technology of medical devices, and it's gonna be at the Venetian, and I'm asking that, at least four individuals in the County that deal with health, attend. They'll see things that are just phenom - I- I don't represent 'em. I go, I pay a high fee to go, and go from there.

And the other thing is, this is a great report, but there's no contact information, to - to contact the individual that put it together. I've asked this man - many times before. It should be - it doesn't cost you anything, to put their name and contact. And they could put a - a fake phone number, I don't care. But, put the - they're other ideas to handle this.

Now, what I'm asking is, that every agenda, you include every – um - organization that's working on plans, so that if we see something - it's like, I didn't know this was, in progress. So, but it's been in progress, since January 22nd, so there should be a listing of thi – of - uh - investigations and studies, so that we can contact them, and say, hey, let's do it. I think, the big thing to do for safety, is come up with a police blotter printout, in the Review Journal, as a, the

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- the slowest day they have, so that when I pass an accident, I can get the - the newspaper and I can look it up and say, hey, what happened on the corner of, of Sahara and Pecos. Oh, distracted driving. And, if you put a column in there, with a whole lot of distracted driving, and the causes of it - they do this in the military, with accidents. They always list, exactly what happened. So, I pass that on. I do ask, that in any of these presentations, include the contact information, so that we can help. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you.

COLEMAN

Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Margaret Ann Coleman, C-O-L-E-M-A-N. I stay the purpose of this, if you can put those two items on the screen. Um - those items entitle me, for, as being a winner of the lottery, that I'm entitled to that money, as a guarantee. That was collected by the Board. Also, I know, I was a Sheriff employee of the gaming establishment of - on my arrival in the casino. That makes me part of the force. The reason why I'm thrown outside, is because of - um - Miyenna Johnson... What she say her name is? Ri - uh - Rihanna Johnson - uh - Accessories Office (Assessor's Office), gave the judge lies, without getting - getting any report of the truth, that - that house, 1316 Wizard, belonged to those gentleman, that knew me. All, both of them, were liars and thieves of my life, imposing on my family living arrangements. They both were shacking, more or less, and being in a relationship to overthrow, me and my family in a love relationship, of me bearing those two children. While it's - uh - while Mohammad and his son - uh - Kareem, they believe that judge believe in those lies. They put those people to seal the records that you hired \$250,000 to collect, to do this to me. And put those report in.

Um - they wanted squatters to be in control. You wanted the Planning, to overthrow me. I want to discuss - um - Shannon West, that is supposed to get that - uh - \$2 billion dollars, that you - uh - ge- was trying to give approval for help, of said Nevada. I don't mind helping, but I don't want to be put into the cold either. I'm number one, here. The money, in which, supposed to be spent and collected, that's supposed to be \$3 billion, \$3 million dollars, it was supposed to went to me. One percent stock is \$3 billion that I sold for my benefit of trying to help the population. \$3 million, was taken by - uh - Weekly, in order to establish, you. Without Margaret Ann Coleman, you would not even be here sitting. My name brought you into light.

Um - Number 21, you want to give \$450 thou - \$55,157, to HUD. You want to give Urban League \$122,800 - uh - \$200 thou - uh - and \$2.

GIBSON

Thank you. Miss Coleman.

COLEMAN

I haven't finished.

GIBSON

You, eh -

COLEMAN

(Unintelligible) I still have -

GIBSON

Miss Coleman. We - we don't have time to go further. You have three minutes, and your three minutes are finished.

COLEMAN

You should gave everybody more than three minutes. I timed -

GIBSON Well, I - you have been, more than three minutes, already.

COLEMAN I haven't.

GIBSON Yes, you have.

COLEMAN The most I've been, is about two minutes.

GIBSON Well Miss Coleman, you had the time.

COLEMAN I think it's very unfair, and you must stop mistreating me. God has just abandoned me. I told you before I need a sher -

GIBSON Miss Coleman.

COLEMAN - the Sheriff across the country, is listening to everything.

GIBSON Alright. Thank you.

JENNIFER BEVACQUA Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Jennifer Bevacqua, B-E-V-A-C-Q-U-A. I'm the Director of Program Development for Eagle Quest. Eagle Quest is a specialized foster care agency, with over 200 placement resources for children. We're currently serving over 170 children and youth, in our care. Eagle Quest is a member of the Local Chapter of FFTA, the Family Focus Treatment Association. FFTA is comprised of specialized foster care agencies, and we're here today to share some concerns, as well as request your assistance.

As many of you may already be aware, specialized foster care agencies, currently care and provide treatment for 350 to 400 of the most challenging and vulnerable children, in our foster and Juvenile Justice Systems, here in Clark County. These children have experienced significant trauma, out of intense and behavioral and emotional needs. Specialized foster care has been identified, as an important and essential part of the service continuum. And we want to assure that this resource, that we provide for kids, can continue.

Right now, however, we are reaching a crisis point, and that is why we are here. Well none of us really likes to talk about funding. It is a fact, that without adequate funding, quality programs and services, cannot be maintained and we can't even get so enhanced.

While, what we do is very challenging, sometimes heartbreaking, ultimately, we cannot imagine, not doing it, not being able to provide such an important resource for our kids. But over the past few years, the funding for specialized foster care, has actually decreased. Yes, decreased, in this time of un-precedent inflation and increased cost. As a result, FFTA, has requested an increase in the daily rate, that can be effective J - January 1st, 2023. Without this, we cannot take any new you - youth, into our homes. This initial request was formally made, about six months ago, to the State of Nevada. They were supportive but indicated they could not get funding approved until the Legislative session. During this time, we kept our, our Department of Family Services, DF leader, DFS leadership informed, and updated on our request, and they've been supportive and collaborative, in trying to find a solution. We want to acknowledge, from DFS, Tim Burch, Abbie Frierson, now in a new position, and Jill Marano, as well as Eboni Washington, from Department of Juvenile

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Justice. We also want to acknowledge County Ca – uh - Manager, Kevin Schiller.

At this time, we are asking for bridge funding, until a more formal funding structure, with increased State funding contribution, can be finalized during the Legislative session. We understand that a plan may have been identified by Mister Schiller, that can possibly access State funding, to do this, and we hope that you will be supportive of the request.

Um - just some additional background. Specialized foster care is currently funded through two – um - mechanisms, Medicaid funding and County funds, which is, some of it comes from the State. Over the past few years, the Medicaid portion of the s - uh - specialized foster care rate, went from \$72 a day, to si - \$56.48 a day, to \$44.16 a day. The County rate was increased at - at one time, to supplement the shortfalls of the State, when it even went to zero dollars. But that has remained constant, and therefore, the overall rate has decreased, when our cost has, obviously, increased. We are requesting the County's assistance in securing funding from the State to gap, from January to July, and working with us to advocate at the State level, for this important resource, specialized foster care.

GIBSON

Thank you.

BEVACQUA

And, ultimately, bring it to our kids and families. Thank you.

GIBSON

And - and we're aware of that, and it's something that we're working on right now, thank you.

BEVACQUA

Wonderful. Thank you. Thank you.

MICHAEL FYNN

Good afternoon, Commissioners. Right, we're in the afternoon session, of this Board?

GIBSON

We are.

FLYNN

Yeah. My name is Michael Flynn, I'm with Bamboo Sunrise. Um - I am formerly a child of the system, myself. Uh - over time, I, eventually found a family. That family, then raised me. And now, I'm Director of Bamboo Sunrise. I'm not quite cern - certain, how I got here. But we service – uh - roughly, about 80 youth, that are at-risk in the foster care system. Uh - I have about 20 families – uh - that are on staff, as well as about 50 staff members, themselves.

One of the biggest issues that we face right now, is the rising cost – uh - inflationary cost, wages rising. It's very difficult for us to continue to support our families, support the children that are in care, and continue to do what we do. Uh - I know it's a hard ask, I know that we've been here many times, to ask for increased funding. I know that it's not your fault that we're in this position. It does lie back on the State.

I know that under the Medicaid program, we were given the 1915(i) waiver, and there were many different services that were offered. At the time, only two were approved. Uh - we are asked that, or, we had asked that they would be revisited. We were told that they'd be re - revisited, in 2019, 2020, and that still, has not happened. So, any assistance that you can provide to us, that we

FLYNN	continue to provide those services to these children, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.
GIBSON	Thank you.
ANYA EARL	<p>Hi, my name is Anya Earl, last name, E-A-R-L. I am the Director of Foster Care Services at SAFY Nevada. Our agency is a member of the Family Focus Treatment Association, also known as FFTA.</p> <p>Uh - SAFY is a treatment foster care agency, who has diligently been working with kids and families – uh - for almost 30 years, in Clark County, who experience abuse and neglect. We know that children served within their own community, show a decrease in clinical symptoms, improved school outcomes, reduced suicide attempts, and decreased contact with law enforcement. As my colleagues have stated, our programming is an integral, in the chain of community-based services for foster youth, and remains at-risk, as of January 1.</p> <p>The Department of Justice released findings in October, around Nevada's lack of investment in community-based services, to help children with disabilities. In the report, treatment, foster care, and services, we provide, were identified as a pivotal puzzle piece, in serving abused and neglected children.</p> <p>To be able to continue this vital service within our community, we need your engagement and support, in two specific areas. Our first request is that you join us in pressuring the State Legislature in the upcoming session, to adequately and appropriately fund, our community-based service of treatment foster care. The State has already proposed a new reimbursement rate for providers in rural counties, and we'd like to see that rate across the state. We are only looking for the State to fulfill their responsibility to the children of Nevada. By advocating to them, Clark County will also be relieved of the burden of carrying more than their fair share of the funding, as they do now. By working together, we can ensure our programming can continue. We are - and we are grateful for the partnership we have already experienced with Clark County Management.</p> <p>Our second ask is that you support Mister Schiller's one-time request to the State for bridge funding, to support agencies between now and June, when the legislature completes its session. We're grateful for - to him and his team, for this request, and encourage you to support it. Thank you.</p>
GIBSON	Thank you.
CONCERNED CITIZEN	I - I was just wondering, if this – uh - general comments on any, did item, or not.
GIBSON	Uh - just, on anything you wish to spend three minutes talking to us about.
CONCERNED CITIZEN	Okay. I'm - I'm opposing the re- Runbeck – beck – uh - contract.
GIBSON	Okay.
CONCERNED CITIZEN	It's Item No. 18.
GIBSON	Alright.
CONCERNED CITIZEN	Okay. Uh - what we know now, about – uh - Runbeck is - it printed bill and

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ballots. Runbeck gave bill and ballots to USPS drivers, to - to deliver. Runbeck received mail-in ballots. Re - Runbeck stor - sorted and received ballots 40, at 40,000 per hour. Runbeck has been partnered with Dominion, and we all know the controversy with those machines. Runbeck has been a - partnered with Maricopa County, which is full of corruption. Runbeck, allegedly, caught sending ballo - pallets of fake ballots, to Fulton County, Georgia. Runbeck, allegedly caught printing ballots for Tarrant County, Texas. And all aware - I'm aware, that all of you certified the 2022 election, including your own selection, oh I mean election. Even with many oppositions, State - being State, against it. I want to make sure you are aware, the fact that there are over 4,000 sealed indictments for the State of Nevada, and those indictments for, are for anyone who certified the 2020 election, and for any election, thereafter. These indictments are awf - also for law enforcement, judges, lawyers, Commissioners, Legislatures, medal - medical personnel, school boards, for crimes against humanity. I'm sure you're all going to vote for this contract, but you are all part of the election corruption. Thank you.

GIBSON

Anyone else wishing to make public comments, invited to come forward. There being no one, the public comment period is closed, and this meeting is recessed until tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m., for a zoning meeting. Thank you.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, at the hour of 12:46 p.m., Chair James B. Gibson recessed the meeting to the hour of 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, for the Zoning agenda.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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