

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WHITE PINE COUNTY CONSERVATION,
RECREATION, AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2006**

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the important relationship between Federal land sale policy, as embodied in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA), and the City's effort to maintain a high quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, Federal legislation entitled the "White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2006" (the "White Pine Bill") was introduced by Nevada Senators John Ensign and Harry Reid on August 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the White Pine Bill contains significant modifications to SNPLMA that will greatly improve the City's partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the development of local parks, trails, and natural areas and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the White Pine Bill would end the overly-bureaucratic reimbursement process for funding local projects under SNPLMA and replace it with a requirement that the BLM provide the City with funds for approved projects within 60 days; and

WHEREAS, the White Pine Bill recognizes that the BLM's policy and procedures relating to the affordable housing provision of SNPLMA have taken nearly eight years to implement and that no affordable housing has been developed in the Las Vegas valley pursuant to this policy; and

WHEREAS, the White Pine Bill replaces the original SNPLMA affordable housing provision with a new policy that will expand the number of people eligible for this program by including individuals and families with incomes up to 120 percent of the median income; and

WHEREAS, the White Pine Bill modifies SNPLMA to authorize the BLM to dispose of Federal land to private entities for less than fair market value for affordable housing purposes, thereby creating an incentive for the homebuilding industry to develop affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the White Pine Bill further promotes the development of affordable housing by requiring the winning bidder of a SNPLMA sale involving a parcel of BLM land in excess of 200 acres to develop at least five percent of the total housing units on the parcel for affordable housing.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City strongly supports the provisions of the White Pine Bill that establish an expanded and improved SNPLMA affordable housing program and that streamline SNPLMA funding for local parks and trails projects.
2. The City urges the Congress of the United States to pass the White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2006.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 18TH day of OCTOBER, 2006.

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

BY 
OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:


BARBARA JO RONEMUS, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Val Steed 10-4-06
Date