



## **AGENDA MEMO**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: APRIL 16, 2008**

**DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION: Public Hearing on the city of Las Vegas 2008-2009 Action Plan for submittal to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - All Wards**

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The Action Plan citizen participation process included extensive opportunities for citizen input and comment. Two (2) focus group meetings were held in July 2007 with residents in East Las Vegas and West Las Vegas to help determine local community needs and priorities. In addition, approximately 1,500 surveys, printed in both English and Spanish, were distributed within the low and moderate-income neighborhoods in the city of Las Vegas (City) to gather public input. Approximately 363 surveys were received from City residents.

The survey results of the community needs and priorities were provided to the Community Development Recommending Board (CDRB), a 24-member citizen board. The CDRB recommends funding for the housing, homeless, and community development programs and projects that most effectively and efficiently meet community needs to the City Council. The CDRB held a total of 12 public meetings to review applications, hear applicant presentations, and make recommendations to the City Council on the allocation of grant funds. All recommendations by the CDRB were approved at the March 5, 2008 City Council meeting.

The public notice of the Draft Action Plan was published on March 28, 2008 in the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Las Vegas Sentinel Voice, and El Mundo publications. The public notice states that copies of the draft plan will be available for a 30-day public review and comment period until April 28, 2008, from the City of Las Vegas Neighborhood Services Department, 400 Stewart Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada. The public notice also states the public hearing date, time, and location to allow for public comment. A summary of the public comments received and the City's responses to the public comments will be included in the final plans to be submitted to HUD before May 15, 2008. It is expected that HUD will approve the City's Action Plan by mid-June 2008.