



**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2008**

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

DIRECTOR: TED J. OLIVAS

Consent  Discussion

GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT  
ADMINISTRATIVE

Report and possible action on the 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda - All Wards

**Fiscal Impact**

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

**Amount:**

**Funding Source:**

**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Each year the City Manager's Office develops a Federal Legislative Agenda based on meetings with the Mayor, City Council members and each City Department. The Agenda includes the City's appropriation priorities, legislative issues, public lands priorities and other legislative topics of interest to the City. This document is used to guide federal lobbying efforts by the City and its federal lobbying firm, Ball Janik, LLP. Staff will provide an outline for the 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda and direct staff accordingly.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Submitted at Meeting City of Las Vegas Federal Legislative Agenda 2010 Plan

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

LARRY BROWN, RICKI Y. BARLOW, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-LOIS TARKANIAN)

Minutes:

TED OLIVAS, Director of Government and Community Affairs, gave a brief overview of the City's Federal Legislative Agenda and submitted copy for the record. He explained the document discussed the City's appropriations requests, legislative issues, and other issues. The document is used by the City's federal lobbyist, VICKY CRAM, and Nevada's federal delegates to lobby on the City's behalf as well as understand the City's position on specific federal topics.

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MR. OLIVAS pointed out that the City had not received any funding for its appropriations requests in 2009 and explained that a future federal spending bill may or may not include funding for those requests. He described those appropriations requests included funding for the City's copper wire theft task force, the Bonneville/Clark one-way couplet, a sustainable solar project, Phase 1 of the Regional Public Safety Complex, a sustainable neighborhood pilot program, an urban forestry program and a foreclosure prevention partnership program.

MR. OLIVAS briefly went over the City's legislative issues which gave detailed descriptions of the City's positions on various topics. He listed several items which MS. CRAM and her team would monitor and keep the City informed on any activity on a particular item. He described several transportation items, including north/south improvements adjacent to Interstate 15 (I-15), a Summerlin Parkway widening project, and funding for Sheep Mountain Parkway.

MR. OLIVAS stated that staff is working diligently to get information to the Nevada federal delegation for the upcoming Congress session and expressed his hope that the Congress would address health care issues, the mortgage crisis and climate change.

COUNCILMAN BROWN suggested that the City work with other jurisdictions in the Valley to approach public works projects as a region, noting that the City could benefit from speaking as one voice with Clark County. CITY MANAGER DOUG SUTLEY stated that the City staff is currently working on a regional approach to public works projects.

MAYOR GOODMAN stated that he had attended a panel on renewable energy put together by SENATOR REID and requested follow-up information on the projects suggested in that forum. He added that he would be representing the City's interests in the federal stimulus package in Washington, D.C. and working towards significant projects for the City.

