

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY'S INTENT
TO JOINTLY PURSUE COMPETITIVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND
CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING, AS A PART OF THE
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009, FOR PERFORMING
ENERGY EFFICIENT RETROFITS TO BUILDINGS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in response to the global economic recession which has resulted in a slowdown of national economic growth and an increase in unemployment; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 created the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program, which was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

WHEREAS, there are grant funds available for the EECBG Competitive Program Funding in the amount of not less than \$5,000,000.00 and not greater than \$75,000,000.00 for the purpose of creating a "Retrofit Ramp-up Program" which can reduce energy consumption, deliver energy efficiency savings from building retrofits, leverage sustainable grant funding, and create and retain jobs; and

WHEREAS, the wide-scale improvement of building energy efficiency could reduce the nation's energy use by as much as 23 percent by 2020 and represents an emission-free energy resource; and

WHEREAS, energy conservation can have multiple benefits to local communities, including economic development, job creation, cost savings, improved air quality, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Nevada energy costs are rising faster than the national average and Southern Nevada currently leads the nation in unemployment and home foreclosure, these benefits of energy conservation may be readily realized by residents and recognized nationally and internationally due to the renown of Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, the City and other local communities are poised to overcome the historic barriers to energy conservation—the up-front expense of improvements, lack of education on conservation benefits, inertia, and poorly-aligned incentives—by partnering with other public agencies,

1 non-profits, and Nevada's largest employers to work toward effective regional solutions; and

2 WHEREAS, the City and community partners contribute resources to "HomeFree
3 Nevada," an affiliate with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's "Home Performance
4 with ENERGY STAR™ Program" that trains and certifies home performance auditors and
5 contractors; and

6 WHEREAS, the City and various private and public partners have come together to
7 form Green Chips, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to increase environmental
8 sustainability in Southern Nevada; and

9 WHEREAS, the EECBG will help create a building performance contracting industry
10 in Southern Nevada and will achieve certain goals of the City's Sustainable Energy Strategy,
11 including reducing the community's carbon footprint, reducing the rate of electricity consumption per
12 unit, and implementing conservation programs involving the community.

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

15 1. To pursue the EECBG, by means of an application in partnership with other local
16 governments and community organizations, to fund a community energy audit and retrofit program
17 for homes and buildings in the community, all as more specifically set forth in guidance from the
18 Department of Energy.

19 2. If Southern Nevada's application is selected by the Department of Energy, to work
20 with the City's partner governments, private and non-profit organizations to administer and manage
21 the grant award and to comply with the terms and achieve the goals set forth in the EECBG.

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1 3. To authorize the City Manager (or one or more designees) to take all necessary action
2 to effectuate this Resolution, including the performance of all necessary acts to comply with the terms
3 and conditions of the EECBG Funding Opportunity Announcement and the American Recovery and
4 Reinvestment Act of 2009.

5 PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 2nd day of December, 2009.

6 CITY OF LAS VEGAS

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8 BY 
 OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

9 ATTEST:

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11 BEVERLY K. BRIDGES, MMC
12 City Clerk

12 APPROVED AS TO FORM

13 Valsted 11-17-09
14 Date