

City of Las Vegas
Office of the City Council
Proclamation



- Whereas;* In the years 1954 through 1955, Berkeley Square homes were built which consisted of 148 contemporary, ranch style homes that were designed according to the Federal Housing Administration standards of the day; and
- Whereas;* Berkley Square is the first subdivision to be built in Nevada by and for African-American residents of Las Vegas. The design was by Paul R. Williams, a renowned African-American architect, who made great strides for his race in the profession; and
- Whereas;* The developers and builders comprised an A-list of prominent African-American community activists and civic leaders including the namesake, Thomas L. Berkley, an attorney and civil rights advocate from Oakland, California; and
- Whereas;* Berkley Square contributed to improved living conditions for the city's African-American community and represented the advances that were being made as a result of local activism in the community in the late 1940's and early 1950's; and
- Whereas;* Berkley Square is a representative of the massive building boom that took place in Las Vegas and across the country during the post-war era and retains outstanding integrity as a residential suburb of that time; and
- Therefore;* In recognition as an architectural and historical housing development, we the Mayor and Members of the Las Vegas City Council, urge all citizens to join us as we honor the Berkley Square Historic District of Las Vegas, we do hereby take great pride in proclaiming

January 6, 2010

**Historic Berkley Square
Neighborhood Day**

In the City of Las Vegas



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