

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS TO SUPPORT THE “CREATING 100,000 NEVADA JOBS” REPORT BY THE BUILDING JOBS COALITION TO PUT NEVADA’S CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT WORKERS BACK TO WORK

WHEREAS, there are more than 180,000 Nevada residents actively looking for work—that translates into the highest rate of unemployment in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the economic downturn has required private sector employers to cut 179,400 jobs, and, at the same time, reduce hours, wages and benefits for their remaining employees; and

WHEREAS, in December 2007, the average private sector worker was working approximately 37.0 hours per week. In October 2010, it has fallen to 34.2 hours per week, a reduction of nearly 8 percent translating into 9.3 million fewer hours on the job for local workers per week and nearly 466 million fewer hours per year; and

WHEREAS, Nevada’s unemployment rate increased to a record-high of 14.4 percent in September 2010 and presently stands at over 14 percent—the highest rate in the nation; and

WHEREAS, during that same period, private sector employment has fallen from 1,137,100 to 957,700 or a 15.8-percent reduction, roughly 1 in every 6 private sector workers have been displaced since the recession began; and

WHEREAS, as of October 2010, the construction sector accounted for 60,500 jobs statewide, with roughly 6 out of every 10 construction jobs having been eliminated since late 2006 when the industry’s job count peaked at nearly 150,000; and

WHEREAS, in the past 12 months, the industry has shed 20 percent of its workforce, or 14,700 positions that does not include the tens of thousands of additional jobs that have been lost in design, engineering, planning and support businesses throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, an essential element of Nevada’s ability to recover is needed investment in the State’s roads and highways; its schools and universities; its water, sewer and flood control infrastructure; and its hospitals, prisons and other government facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that Nevada not only stop the diversion of money away from these programs, but also find ways to accelerate their construction; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Nevada based companies, employing Nevada-based

1 workers, are given first priority for all State and local projects to put Nevada's construction and
2 development workers back to work while at the same time positioning the economy for future
3 growth.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
5 OF LAS VEGAS to support the "Creating 100,000 Nevada Jobs" report by the Building Jobs
6 Coalition to put Nevada's construction and development workers back to work. The City Council's
7 support for the report is general in nature and is not tied to any particular scope or language of
8 implementing proposals that might be brought forward.

9 PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2011.

10 CITY OF LAS VEGAS

11 BY _____

12 OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

13 ATTEST:

14 BEVERLY K. BRIDGES, MMC
15 City Clerk

16 APPROVED AS TO FORM

17 Val Heed 2-8-11
18 Date