

1 **RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **TRANSPORTATION'S LANDSCAPE AND AESTHETICS PROGRAM**

3 WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas, along with other local governmental entities,
4 recognizes the efforts of the Nevada Department of Transportation (the "Department") in its Landscape and
5 Aesthetics Program (the "Program"); and

6 WHEREAS, the Program provides many benefits to the communities it touches, including:

7 --Creating economic development opportunities by providing a safe, interesting and welcoming
8 community presence.

9 --Demonstrating an investment in keeping the environment attractive for visitors and potential
10 businesses.

11 --Celebrating Nevada's heritage while highlighting community values and piquing visitors'
12 curiosity to exit highways and explore, which leads to longer visits, return trips, the attraction of new
13 businesses, and the expenditure of more money in our cities and towns.

14 --Employing professionals, including landscape architects, engineers, biologists and artists.

15 --Creating opportunities in fields such as construction by employing operators, welders,
16 electricians, fabricators, metal and concrete workers, masons, painters and landscapers.

17 --Providing improvements in environmental quality, including reduction in noise and pollution,
18 reduction in impacts of flooding, increase in groundwater recharge and available water supply, reduction in
19 atmospheric CO2, and reduction in rising temperatures from the urban heat island effect.

20 --Providing improvements that reduce road rage, fatigue, boredom, and that increase safety.

21 --Using native vegetation, which allows for long term, low maintenance solutions that help return
22 our roadways to a more natural state with less visible scarring.

23 --Using plantings of non-native adaptive species that thrive in our climate, which increases a sense
24 of place while reducing water use.

25 --Reflecting communities' rich cultural heritage by helping to establish a sense of belonging among
26 residents and an increase in neighborhood pride, which results in less graffiti and helps neighborhoods to


1 feel safe, improves property values and lessens maintenance costs for graffiti removal.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
3 CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:


- 4 1. To express appreciation to the Department for its efforts in providing quality projects that not only
5 promote mobility and safety but also incorporate quality of life and sustainable practices that have an
6 enduring impact on our communities and the state.
- 7 2. To recognize the Department's commitment to listening to the City Council, City staff and our
8 constituents in enhancing their communities as the preferred place to live, work, play and visit.
- 9 3. To encourage the Department's Board of Directors to support and provide aesthetics as a vital
10 component in transportation infrastructure and projects.

11 PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of February, 2016.

12 CITY OF LAS VEGAS

13 BY 
14 CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

15 ATTEST:

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17 LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC
City Clerk

18 APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Deputy City Attorney

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