

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN OPEN DATA INITIATIVE  
FOR THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS**

**WHEREAS**, Open Data programs make government data accessible to the public and improve transparency and accountability by allowing public scrutiny of data; and

**WHEREAS**, Open Data programs help improve government efficiency by reducing requests for information by empowering the public to find answers to their own questions; and

**WHEREAS**, Open Data programs improve the quality of government services by allowing staff to answer questions from the public more effectively once information is widely available; and

**WHEREAS**, Open Data programs promote resident empowerment and engagement by providing information for the public to solve problems, which in turn increases trust in government; and

**WHEREAS**, Open Data programs complement economic development efforts by making City data available to prospective businesses, which can encourage growth of businesses that want to use City data to create new products and software; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas began an Open Data Initiative in 2013 and established an Open Data policy in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas maintains an Open Data website at <https://opendata.lasvegasnevada.gov/>; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the City of Las Vegas ranked number one in the country on the US City Open Data Census based on the type of data available to the public in 19 categories.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS IN THE STATE OF NEVADA AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The City Council supports and is committed to an Open Data Initiative that will proactively release City data through an Open Data Portal.

2. Data released through the Open Data Portal will be publicly available and accessible to a broad range of users, will be machine readable, and will include current information.

3. The City Manager is directed to consider employing such resources as may be available to pursue

1 the Open Data Initiative, including at her option the creation of an Open Data Steering Committee  
2 (consisting of internal and external stakeholders) to assist in overseeing the Open Data Initiative.

3 4. The City Manager is directed to submit a report from the Open Data Steering Committee by March  
4 31, 2017, and thereafter no later than March 31 of each subsequent year, which assesses progress of the  
5 Open Data Initiative and includes a description and publication timeline for datasets envisioned to be  
6 published on the Open Data Portal in the following year.

7 PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

8 CITY OF LAS VEGAS

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10 BY Carolyn G. Goodman  
CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

11 ATTEST:

12 Luann D. Holmes  
13 LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC  
City Clerk

14 APPROVED AS TO FORM

15 Val Steed 2-9-16  
16 Val Steed, Date  
Deputy City Attorney