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Nevada Vision Stakeholder Group Issues Final Report
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First Creation of Statewide Goals and Strategies for Nevada

On September 10, 2010, the Nevada Vision Stakeholder Group issued its final report providing for the first time in the State’s history a framework of goals and strategies for future growth and development. Called Envisioning Nevada’s Future—Goals and Strategies for Advancing Our Quality of Life, the report sets specific goals for the next 20 years in the areas of the economy, education, energy and environment, health and well-being, transportation, and public safety.

The report calls for narrowing the gap between Nevada and neighboring states in industrial diversity, increasing the State’s share of alternative energy production by 50 percent, improving the high school graduation rate to rank among the top one-third of states, and bringing the federal share of health care funding in line with other states. In all, the report includes more than 30 goals and calls for measuring both progress and efficiency to ensure success.

The Vision Stakeholder Group met in Las Vegas on September 10, 2010, and approved the report that was prepared by Moody’s Analytics, Inc.

According to Robert E. Lang, Ph.D., nonvoting Chair of the Stakeholder Group, “The report begins a bigger conversation of how to improve our State. It gives Nevada a first-ever set of comprehensive baseline indicators from which we can track our progress on improving the quality of life for every resident. I thank the stakeholders and everyone who appeared before the group for the hard work they put into this effort. Nevada clearly has the people and resolve to meet today’s challenges and create great opportunities for future generations.” Dr. Lang, Professor of Sociology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), is the UNLV Director of Brookings Mountain West.
Among the highlights, the action strategies identified to meet the goals include:

**Economy**
- Expand public and private research capabilities and technology transfer through increased venture capital funding and use of federal grants.
- Attract growth industries by reviewing the State’s incentive system and improving on the regulatory environment.

**Energy and Environment**
- Secure better access to federal land for renewable energy development.
- Promote new water conservation technology for application in Nevada and for export.

**Transportation**
- Build Interstate 11 between Las Vegas and Phoenix and seek another round of federal support to eventually extend the road to Reno.
- Build high-speed rail between Las Vegas and southern California.

**Education**
- Invest in early-childhood education.
- Allow public universities more flexibility over tuition and other resources, and differentiate tuition for different schools and programs.

**Health and Well-Being**
- Expand enrollment in Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program to expand access to health care in the near term.
- Promote investment in health care information technology to lower costs and improve efficiency.

**Public Safety**
- Establish a second National Fire Academy to serve the needs of the western United States.
- Promote interagency collaboration to reduce substance abuse and expand rehabilitation options.

The Vision Stakeholder Group met 11 times between January and September 2010. In addition to Chairman Lang, the Group includes 19 voting members and 4 alternates selected from nominees from a variety of backgrounds, including business, education, health care, labor, law, and public administration. The final report *Envisioning Nevada’s Future, Goals and Strategies for Advancing Our Quality of Life, September 2010* can be viewed on the Nevada Vision Stakeholder Group’s webpage at: [Interim/75th2009/Committee/Interim/NevadaVisionStakeholders/?ID=72](Interim/75th2009/Committee/Interim/NevadaVisionStakeholders/?ID=72).