

RESOLUTION NO. 2728

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, TO AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL TO SERVE AS A MUNICIPAL CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR.

WHEREAS, charter school sponsors play a crucial role in ensuring quality education by evaluating and approving new charter schools, monitoring their performance, and determining whether to renew, revoke, or terminate their charters;

WHEREAS, in 2022, the City of North Las Vegas had a study conducted to evaluate the state of education in North Las Vegas, and such study concluded that North Las Vegas schools have the highest need for teachers with over 1500 teacher vacancies;

WHEREAS, to address the educational needs of North Las Vegas residents, City leadership has actively supported high-quality educational opportunities through the establishment of the North Las Vegas Education Advisory Committee and the development of the City's Micro Grant Award Program supporting both teachers and administrative staff;

WHEREAS, the education system in North Las Vegas faces challenges such as funding shortages, overcrowded classrooms, and the need for resources to support students with diverse learning needs;

WHEREAS, the City is well-suited to undertake this responsibility, given its ability to collaborate closely with the North Las Vegas community to identify and oversee charter schools that best serve the needs of the community and provide options to students and families;

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 400, passed in the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session and signed into law on June 12, 2023, amended NRS Chapter 388A to allow cities and counties to apply to the Nevada Department of Education for approval to sponsor charter schools in their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, currently, the K-12 public school system in North Las Vegas is administered by the Clark County School District ("CCSD"), operating as the fifth largest school district in the country, and the State Public Charter School Authority, which oversees all non-CCSD charter schools in Nevada.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council authorizes staff to prepare and submit an application to the Nevada Department of Education for approval to act as a sponsor of charter schools in the City of North Las Vegas.

SECTION 2. Upon approval of the application, staff shall implement the policies and procedures needed to begin the sponsorship process and shall update the North Las Vegas City Council as needed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS this _day of _____, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NAYS: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

APPROVED:

Pamela Goynes-Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Rodgers, City Clerk