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May 24, 2012

Susan Brager, Commission Chair Clark County Regional Debt Management Commission Clark County Nevada 500 S. Grand Central Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89106

Dear Ms. Brager:

The City of North Las Vegas City Council met on May 16, 2012 to discuss Resolution No. 2477 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of North Las Vegas approving the Board of Trustees of the Clark County School District's intent to request the approval of the Debt Management Commission of Clark County of the submission to the electors of the district of a proposal to levy a special elective tax for the purpose of financing capital projects for schools for a period of six years.

During discussions among the Council it was noted by Councilwoman Wood that the City of North Las Vegas already pays the highest property tax in the valley and that raising taxes had been an option as a solution for the City's current financial situation it is not in the best interest of our residents. It would be difficult to condone the School District requesting same. Councilman Wagner commented though the cause is good, in these current economic times he is hesitant to open the door to tax the residents at all and to be held to a vote of other entities that will raise taxes for our residents.

Councilman Eliason is concerned that the City's hands would be tied should the decision be made to raise taxes in support of the City's budget in the future. Mayor Buck expressed the need of a strong explanation in the ballot question of what this increase actually means for the City's ability to control the budget.

The motion was put to a vote and supported by Mayor Buck and Councilman Eliason and opposed by Councilwoman Wood and Councilman Wagner and failed due to lack of majority. Mayor Pro Tempore Pamela Goynes-Brown abstained from voting as an employee of the Clark County School District.

Sincerely

Timothy R. Hacker

City Manager

CC: Mayor/Council, City Clerk, City Attorney