

To: Las Vegas Clark County Library District Foundation Board of Directors

From: Elaine Sanchez, President

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President's Report

As my term is ending, it has been an honor to serve on the Las Vegas Clark County Library District Foundation Board with each of you. Thank you for serving beside me and making our Foundation better through ideas, strategies and developing community interest. I was appointed by the Las Vegas City Council to serve as a trustee on the LVCCLD Board, and I look forward to working with the Foundation board members in my new capacity. Collectively we will make our Library District and its programs stronger.

Other Developments

- I want to personally thank Treasurer, Jane Mac. She has been steadfast in her commitment to the Las Vegas Clark County Library District Foundation. Our first agenda items are to discuss the West Las Vegas Library and the New Market Tax Credits. We also will be discussing our budget. These past two years, I was fortunate enough to have Jane by my side on a variety of matters. She has such a depth of knowledge and we have been so fortunate to have her constant guidance with our audits, budgets and handling day-to-day affairs in the finance realm. This upcoming meeting will be her last and I hope we all get to say farewell and thank her in person before she takes on other important matters for our community.
- Congratulations to the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Executive Director Kelvin Watson and his entire staff on being recognized as American Library Association's 2023 Library of the Future Award. This is the second year in a row the District has received this award. According to the ALA press release:

“The Las Vegas–Clark County Library District has been selected to receive the 2023 ALA/Information Today, Inc. Library of the Future Award for its “Cell Phone Lending Program”, for partnering with T-Mobile & Premier Wireless, The Nevada

Homeless Alliance, and The Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth. The program objective was to bridge social technology gaps by aiding low-income residents and those unhoused with wireless communication and internet services. With preloaded library apps, the smartphone lending initiative provided access to more than 50 social service agencies, job training skills, business & career development, health & wellness, and electronic-based library resources all powered by 5G connectivity.”

- The Executive Director also was awarded the ALA’s Medal of Excellence, an annual award that recognizes creative leadership in library management, library training, cataloging and classification, and the tools and techniques of librarianship. Congratulations, Kelvin on this award. Our Foundation is very proud of you and your staff’s efforts.
- The Foundation applied for the 2022-2023 Impact Grant Fund from the United Way of Southern Nevada and was awarded \$25,000. I signed the agreement and in late March, UWSN conducted a site visit at the Flamingo Library to discuss services and the Career Online High School program. JoAnn Prevetti led the UWSN team and Lashae West and other Library District team members were available to answer questions and discuss the marketing of the program. At its core this program assists workforce development in our community, again demonstrating that we are more than just a library. A special thanks to the District employees who made the site visit a success.
- The contract with Alliance 4 Library Impact has been signed and the consultants will begin the learn phase, which is the longest part of the process. They will review how the LVCCLD operates and how the LVCCCLDF operates. This is a collaborative process, which includes:

“LEARN: Key in this phase is to assess the state of the model currently used by the library and foundation, gather and analyze stakeholder feedback, and scan other model opportunities (inside and outside of the library sector). We will present data gathered in this phase in a Learning Report that will guide discussions in the DREAM phase.”

--pg. 2, Alliance 4 Library Impact Proposal

- Attorney Carmen Gilbert of Brownstein, Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP picked up where our general counsel Africa Sanchez, left off. As you are aware, Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber and Schreck have donated \$10,000 to the Foundation to assist with our bylaws. Attorney Ellen Schulhofer assisted us with previewing the original bylaws and made recommendations. Attorney Africa

Sanchez assisted with the process and conducted meetings. Now, Ms. Carmen Gilbert will be reviewing the changes to the board at our upcoming meeting. Ms. Gilbert will be available to answer any questions at our next board meeting, scheduled for Thursday, May 18 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.