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Mayors across Nevada lend support to Ballot Question 1

Mayors representing various cities across our state have signed on to support Ballot Question 1, which will improve transparency, accountability, and oversight to the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) and Board of Regents.

Mayors of cities, small and large, stretching from north to south, join a bipartisan, statewide coalition that includes representation from labor, education, business, first responders, government, and chambers of commerce.

Those supporting the initiative include North Las Vegas Mayor John Lee, City of Henderson Mayor Debra March, Fallon Mayor Ken Tedford, and Mayor Daniel Corona representing West Wendover.

Mayor Lee, who represents North Las Vegas, one of the largest cities in the state, shared how Ballot Question 1 will provide much-needed oversight to higher education:

“Question 1 is needed for one simple reason – to provide oversight on how money meant for higher education is spent. We invest \$1.2 billion a year on higher education, which is among the highest in per-pupil spending in the country; however, we rank near the bottom in student achievement. We can change this by bringing accountability and transparency to NSHE and the Board of Regents. I am happy to support Nevada’s college and university system by voting “yes” on Question 1.”

Mayor Tedford, who represents the City of Fallon, explained how Question 1 will help universities and colleges, including those in rural areas of the state:

"I support Ballot Question 1 because it will bring accountability and transparency to NSHE and the Board of Regents. This will benefit faculty and students in universities and colleges throughout the state, including the Western Nevada College branch found right here in Fallon. Additional oversight of our higher education system will help make sure that taxpayer dollars benefit students and workforce training programs, including the rurals, as intended."

About Ballot Question 1

Ballot Question 1 will provide accountability, oversight, and transparency to Nevada's system of Higher Education (NSHE) and the Board of Regents by removing them from the State Constitution. The question is formerly known as AJR5 and was passed with bipartisan support by the State Legislature twice (2017 and 2019). If Question 1 passes in the upcoming election, all of the powers, duties, and elections of the Board of Regents are preserved in NRS 396.020 and 396.040. There is no fiscal note attached to the ballot question. To learn more about the campaign, please visit: www.Yeson1forHigherEducation.com .

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