

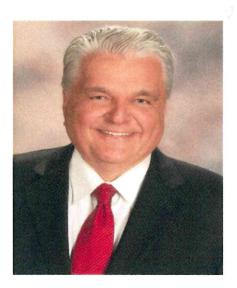
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Dear Attendees,

On behalf of the Clark County Commission, I want to thank you for your participation in the second annual Southern Nevada Youth Homelessness Summit. Today is an exciting and momentous day for our community as we unveil the region's first-ever Southern Nevada Plan to End Youth Homelessness.

Youth homelessness is a crisis that not only impacts our young people – its negative outcomes transcend to our community as a whole. That is why we no longer can accept being one of the leaders among U.S. communities for high numbers of homeless youth, and this Plan will lead the way for a turnaround. Active support and participation from each and every one of us is critical to making it a reality.

I commend Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth and Las Vegas Sands for jump-starting the Movement to End Youth Homelessness in Southern Nevada at last year's Summit and guiding it to encompass all of the important players needed to design and develop sweeping solutions that work. This past year has seen the leaders of our community participate in a multi-level planning process that undoubtedly will result in meaningful change, because we have proven that when the Clark County community works together – we create impact.

Youth homelessness is promulgated by many societal problems and systems, creating a ripple effect that touches many other aspects of our collective community. By recognizing the importance of this issue and working together as a committed, collaborative team, we can create a Southern Nevada in which no youth has to spend a single night on the streets because we are able to connect them with the resources they need easily and immediately.

Clark County fully supports Summit 18 and the Southern Nevada Plan to End Youth Homelessness, and we truly appreciate your active role in making this endeavor a success in our community.

Sincerely,

Steve Sisolak Chairman

Clark County Commission