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HENDERSON MAYOR

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DEAR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As I was campaigning to become your mayor in 2022, I made several promises. Four years later, and another election on the horizon, I'd like to update you on how I kept those promises—along with some other great information about what's happening in our wonderful city.

We have a lot of events and activities going on in the city right now and I hope you are taking the time to enjoy them. In this newsletter I have included information on the Parks and Recreation Question 1 that will be on your June ballot, I ask that you take the time to read and absorb the information, so you make the right choice.

I want to provide you with a quick snapshot of our fiscal status. Right now, consolidated taxes, which are primarily comprised of sales taxes, fell slightly below initial projections provided by the State for last year, and we lowered projections for our current budget year that began last July. We also had to adjust for cost increases with the mandated City's PERS contributions, and with changes approved by the legislature, we are seeing significant increases in our workers compensation claims and healthcare costs. Ongoing federal funding uncertainty poses risks to local operations, potentially impacting grants that support essential programs like senior meal delivery, affordable housing development, emergency preparedness, and victim advocacy programs. The city is also monitoring tariffs, which could impact the costs of goods, capital projects, and service delivery in future budget cycles.

And yet, Henderson is well positioned to weather these challenges due to sound fiscal policies, multi-year financial planning, and fully funded reserves in both its General Fund and Financial Stabilization Fund. Henderson has a long history of financial prudence, and we have the highest bond ratings of any city within the state, which provides us with reduced financing costs equating to savings for taxpayers. To ensure that Henderson has the greatest transparency possible, our "checkbook" is now online so that all residents can see where money is coming from and on what it is being spent.

As we prepare for our next budget cycle, we will continue to monitor our federal, state and local financial indicators. Rest assured, your Mayor and Council have got this.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY

Public Safety was a top priority for me coming into office and is still one of the top issues for residents and businesses. It remains one of the City's five strategic priorities. Under my leadership, Council and city management have invested significantly to maintain strong fire and police departments.



With the hiring of Police Chief Reggie Rader last spring, we are pleased to see progress in our efforts, with recruitment successes and significant reductions in violent crime, property crime and fatal crashes. Reorganization of the police department has resulted in 18 additional officers on patrol. We have also hired 56 new recruits in the last fiscal year with an additional 22 in the class that graduated in October. And we now have the largest Henderson Police Academy class ever with 41 cadets in training.

We've had success in fire recruiting as well. With 45 new recruits coming out of the last two fire academies, including their largest class ever last summer. Our fire department is in the top zero-point five percent in the nation. We've invested more than \$15 million to update the department's fleet, including fire engines, rescues and ladder trucks. Station 92, the City's 13th fire station opened in Inspirada and recently celebrated the relocation of Station 81 to the old Camping World building. We are also working to upgrade our older fire stations to meet the changing needs of our firefighters, like the recent renovation of Station 95. A pilot program has begun between Fire and our Crisis Response Team who together assist citizens experiencing behavioral health emergencies and substance use crises. The new program has been so successful that it is also expanding to our Police Department.

QUALITY EDUCATION



Providing quality educational opportunities to Henderson families was another issue of critical importance to me. Early childhood learning is critical to student success, both academically and socially, and yet 60 percent of Henderson's 3- and 4-year-olds are not in a preschool program. To expand access to high-quality early childhood education and better prepare students for elementary school, at my direction, Henderson is investing \$17 million to add a second pre-school facility, located in our Cadence community. Through the amazing work of Team Henderson, we celebrated the groundbreaking of the Henderson Preschool and Early Childhood Education Center in January that will provide learning opportunities to our youngest students for generations to come.

Since 2023, Henderson successfully lobbied the legislature to add an appointed board member to the Clark County School District Board of Trustees representing our needs and we were also successful in becoming our own charter school authorizer. This means more local control over education for our smallest residents. We recently approved our first schools, the Kesher Academy, which opens this fall, and are currently accepting applications for the next review period. These were huge lifts that took working closely with both the State Legislature and the Governor to make happen.

We recently recognized our 5-star school principals as well as the leaders of the 26 schools that increased their star rating by at least one star this year. Eighty-five percent of Henderson schools are three stars or greater, including having almost one third of the county's five-Star schools.

HEALTHY LIVABLE SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

We are removing barriers to increase housing variety and affordability and we're working every angle to expand our housing supply and reduce costs to bring more new and attainable housing to our city—especially for our young families, seniors, and new professionals for whom housing is becoming out of reach. With the rising costs of home ownership and the changing needs of our community, we are working on numerous housing projects that will bring residential options at all income levels to better meet the current demand.



One of the first steps I took after becoming mayor was to work with our Council members and staff to enact new ordinances that better protect our neighborhoods and serve those who are most vulnerable in our community. Henderson adopted "No Camping Ordinances" that prohibit camping in all rights of way in the city. We also adopted the most stringent rules possible for our parks to better protect our children. Both of these ordinances were upheld by the Federal government. The Henderson Homeless Response System was also developed to respond to people in need and offers support through a compassionate, dignity driven approach.

I also pushed for better protections for our rural preservation communities, resulting in changes to ordinances that prohibit anything other than housing and federally protected uses for those areas. Working with residents there, we also adopted ordinances for animals that better align with the rural nature of these neighborhoods.

Our four-legged friends are important as well. After seeing the need for improvements to our animal shelter, several steps have been taken to address the well-being of animals. We have updated ordinances that better protect animals in our community. I also worked with the former city manager to identify funding for structural improvements to our shelter. Originally, \$7 million was identified for improvements.

PARKS AND RECREATION JUNE BALLOT QUESTION 1

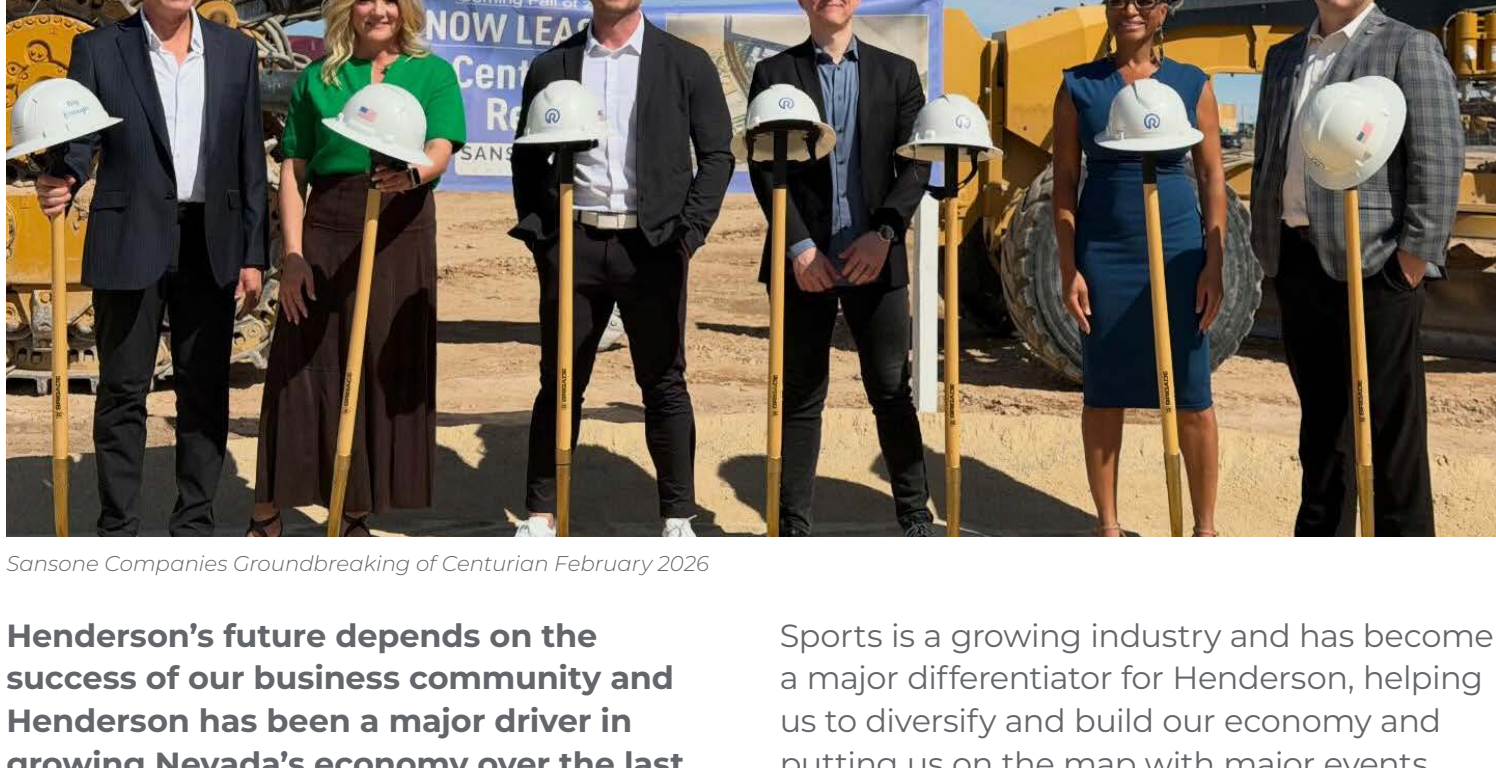


We have an important question coming up in June on the 2026 primary ballot. Nearly 30 years ago, our residents realized that having world-class parks throughout our community not only increased property values, but also served as a major differentiator for Henderson, helping us to diversify and build our economy and putting us on the map with major events. Looking ahead, we are excited about building two new indoor fieldhouses, one in West Henderson (currently under construction) and one on the former Fiesta site (an announcement should be coming very soon!), these public private partnerships will offer indoor air-conditioned fields and courts for a variety of year-round sports and other family entertainment. These investments will further expand recreational amenities for our residents and attract tournaments and visitors from around the country with a positive economic impact.

centers, 75 parks spread throughout the city, 300 miles of trails, a robust Meals on Wheels program for our seniors, exciting special events, and so much more that make Henderson special. We also have the highest property values and lowest property taxes of any large city in Nevada. That override is expiring in 2027 unless Henderson residents vote to renew it.

Forty percent of Henderson's Parks and Recreation Budget comes from this source. It is very important for residents to know that a YES vote does not increase your taxes, and a NO vote does not decrease your taxes. Voting YES keeps Henderson dollars in Henderson, rather than sending them back to the County. PLEASE JOIN ME IN VOTING YES TO KEEP OUR DOLLARS IN HENDERSON AND PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR WONDERFUL PARKS PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. For more information visit: <https://www.cityofhenderson.com/government/departments/parks-and-recreation/#ballot>

ECONOMIC VITALITY



Henderson's future depends on the success of our business community and Henderson has been a major driver in growing Nevada's economy over the last five years. This year we celebrated almost \$40 million in new business investment to the City, like PaySign, Framebridge, Joola and Summitz Footwear. This growth resulted in the creation of almost 600 jobs, with an average wage of more than \$31 an hour. We want to bring the right jobs and companies to Henderson and have made incredible strides in attracting businesses in our target areas that offer high skill and high paying jobs.

Sports is a growing industry and has become a major differentiator for Henderson, helping us to diversify and build our economy and putting us on the map with major events. Looking ahead, we are excited about building two new indoor fieldhouses, one in West Henderson (currently under construction) and one on the former Fiesta site (an announcement should be coming very soon!), these public private partnerships will offer indoor air-conditioned fields and courts for a variety of year-round sports and other family entertainment. These investments will further expand recreational amenities for our residents and attract tournaments and visitors from around the country with a positive economic impact.

TRANSPARENCY



Transparency was also one of my top priorities. My goal was to create more opportunities for informal question and answer sessions for our residents. As such, we created a series of events over the past three years and ongoing, including Morning Meet Ups, Meet Ups with the Mayor, and Council Conversations. To date, we have held 88 of these gatherings outside of our formal public meetings. My pledge is to continue these meetings into the future so I can hear first-hand the issues important to you!

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