

WARD 1 ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR TWO IN REVIEW

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YEAR TWO FOR WARD ONE

"Our best days are ahead of us," has served as my mantra throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite some initial setbacks, my team and I continued to improve the lives of the residents of Ward 1 in the 2020-21 fiscal year.

This past year, Team Knudsen -- working closely with all of the City of Las Vegas departments -- made great strides in the areas of transportation, infrastructure and housing, all of which are key to keeping Ward 1 vital and competitive in the years ahead.

During my second year in office, Team Knudsen continued its focus on developing the Las Vegas Medical District while improving and preserving the surrounding neighborhoods, some of the oldest in the City.

"Investing in healthcare now is critical to the successful diversification of our economy, as well as the health of our residents and visitors."

In the coming year, we will take additional steps to ensure that Ward 1 remains a safe and clean place to live and raise our families, while continuing to make our neighborhoods more accessible and better equipped to meet the evolving needs of residents and businesses.

staying healthy.

This past year, I directed significant investment and energy in the development of the Las Vegas Medical District and the preservation of the surrounding neighborhoods, all located within the heart of Ward 1. Such efforts include improving the infrastructure to make the area more walkable and improving traffic flow, and creating more housing for medical professionals and students. I also served as a panelist for the selection of the next managed care organizations for our region which is aimed at providing residents with better and more cost-effective medical care.

I also continued my work as a board member of the Southern Nevada Health District, a critical ally in our ongoing fight against COVID-19. This upcoming year, I will serve as the Vice Chair of the Southern Nevada Health District and continue to find common sense solutions to keep our businesses operational while reducing the number of COVID-19 infections in our Valley. I will also chair the Southern Nevada Community Health Center, an organization that provides quality healthcare for underserved residents. Keeping our residents safe, employed, and healthy remains my utmost priority during these challenging times.



YEAR TWO DELIVERABLES

Councilman Knudsen passed several bills and projects that **help support businesses and families** in the ward.

2020-23

Councilman Knudsen championed and passed Bill 2020-23, which allows barbershops, cosmetology businesses, and more to apply for complementary alcohol permits!



HELPING BUSINESS

Councilman Knudsen passed 2021-22, an alcohol delivery amendment for grocery stores, which prohibits delivery of alcohol to non-restricted gaming parcels.

FOR FAMILIES IN WARD 1.

This year, Councilman Knudsen replaced the playground at Rainbow Family Park with new equipment that is **safer and more accessible for children and families**. The Councilman also hosted park clean-ups in Ward 1 parks, including: All American, Aloha Shores, Bill Briare, Bob Baskin, Doc Romero, Mirabelli, Pioneer, Rainbow, and Woofter. Team Knudsen worked with City staff to repaint neighborhood perimeter walls throughout Ward 1 to keep our neighborhoods looking great!

170

new volunteers for
Ward 1

760

volunteer hours
with Team Knudsen

325.42

pounds of trash
that was picked up
in our parks

26

new trees planted
in Ward 1

YEAR TWO DELIVERABLES (CONTINUED)

From forming community partnerships to meaningfully engaging with community members, Councilman Knudsen continues to create long-lasting, positive changes across Ward 1.

14

Ward 1 residents appointed to City and community boards and commissions during Councilman Knudsen's time in office

6

ride alongs completed in year two

PUBLIC SAFETY

This past year, Councilman Knudsen conducted several ride alongs with officers from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the City of Las Vegas Department of Public Safety. These interactions better informed the Councilman's understanding of the challenges police experience in the line of duty and their interactions with residents.

REPRESENTING OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

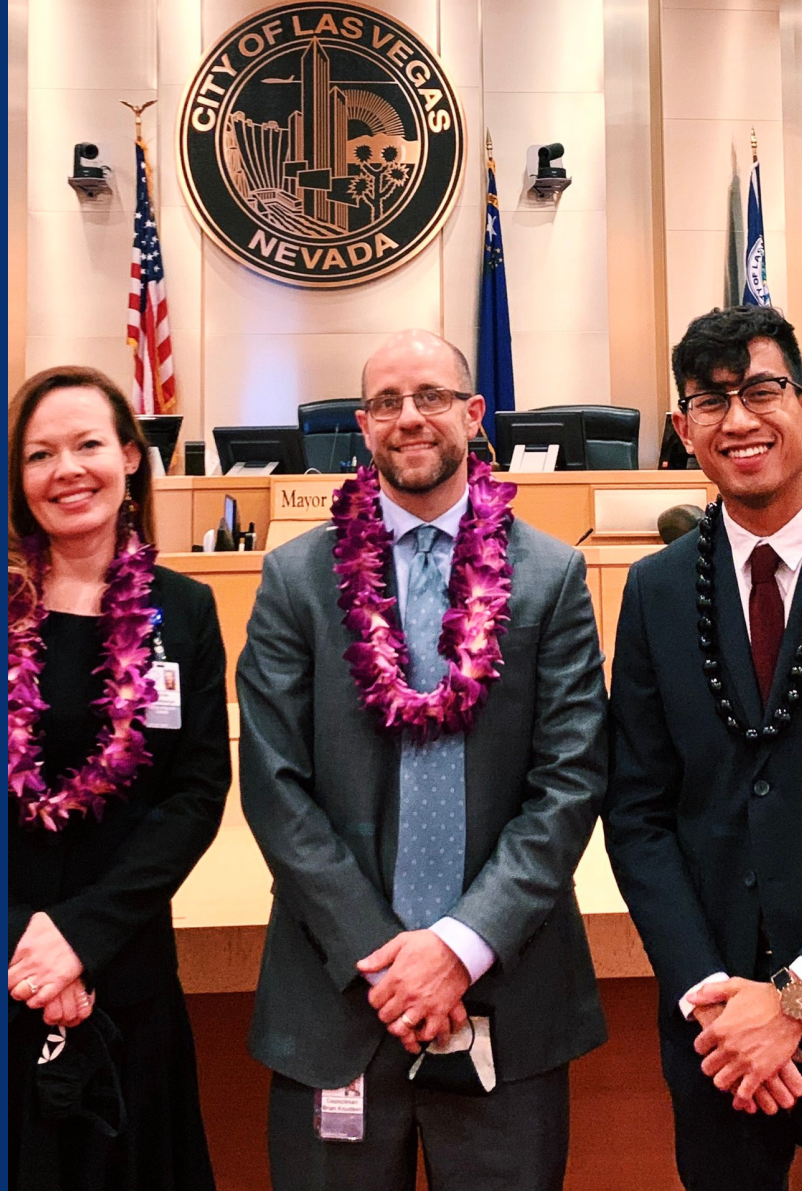
Ward 1 is diverse, growing, and a large community. That's why our team strives to be inclusive. Some examples this past year include:

- Team Knudsen partnered up with local nonprofits in the Rancho-Charleston area to keep residents in the know of efforts to support individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Councilman Knudsen helped provide meals to seniors at: Howard Lieburn Senior Center, Stella Fleming Towers, James H. Down Towers, and Arthur D. Sartini Plaza Apartments.
- Councilman Knudsen accepted an award from Communities in Schools as the "CIS Civic & Public Partner of the Year" for ensuring children received resources during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Councilman Knudsen teamed up with the White House, to honor those who were lost to the virus by lighting up city properties.
- Councilman Knudsen helped light up city properties for LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

THE HIGHLIGHTS.

Over the past year, Ward 1 has continued to grow under Councilman Knudsen's strategic, intentional leadership. Learn more about Councilman's long-term solutions for our city below.

If you have any thoughts on how Councilman Knudsen can improve our community in the upcoming year, let us know! We would love to hear from you.



year two. long-lasting results for ward 1.

Leading Legislative Efforts to Solve Long-Term Issues

Councilman Knudsen led the charge on a joint effort between the city, county, and state to help those experiencing homelessness in Southern Nevada.

Long Term Partnerships

Team Knudsen partnered with Republic Services and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to paint sun-beaten fire curbs, fire hydrants, and help collect bulk items from neighbors to keep our neighborhoods looking great!

Creating Homes for Working Families

Ward 1 helped TRU Development, Lindell Living, and Nevada HAND to break ground on new complexes in our city that will help bring more housing units for families of all income levels.



year two. giving back to neighborhoods and communities.

Donating Resources To Our Education Community

- Provided incentives and school supplies for students and teachers during distance learning
- Supported Communities In Schools Student Support Clinics
- Donated ear buds to all students at Hancock Elementary School for distance education
- Provided internships to students in the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV) College of Liberal Arts
- Hosted an annual all-staff appreciation breakfast to teachers and support staff at Garside Junior High School
- Donated backpacks to summer school students through a partnership with IKEA Las Vegas

Supporting Our Neighborhoods

- Conducted meetings with the development community on infill development
- Re-painted walls on Oakey Boulevard and Rancho Drive with City of Las Vegas teams
- Donated Neighborhood Watch signs for Meadows Senior Living Community and the Promenade at The Meadows
- Provided dumpsters to the Torrey Pines neighborhood for bulk trash items
- Delivered COVID-19 vaccines to the front door of underserved seniors
- Helped feed families at the Ronald McDonald House
- Donated hand sanitizer, gloves, and facial coverings during the pandemic to Sartini Plaza
- Donated water, supplies, paint to the annual McNeil Estates Block Party
- Donated books to senior apartments and to Crossroads of Southern Nevada



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