

1 **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE “LA MADRE FOOTHILLS SPECIAL AREA PLAN”**
2 **FOR THE LA MADRE FOOTHILLS AREA**
3 **R-63-2025**

4 WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan (Ordinance 6788, adopted by the City Council
5 on July 21, 2021) created sixteen areas of the City, comprised of neighborhoods, districts, and nodes of
6 various parts of the City; and

7 WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted special area plans for other areas of the City, including
8 the Downtown Las Vegas Vision 2045 Master Plan (R-25-2016 on June 15, 2016) for Downtown Las Vegas,
9 the Nuestro Futuro Este Las Vegas Special Area Plan (R-30-2023 on June 21, 2023) for East Las Vegas and
10 the Kyle Canyon Special Area Plan (R-27-2025 on April 16, 2025) for the Kyle Canyon Area; and

11 WHEREAS, the 2050 Master Plan contains an outcome to develop a special area plan for each area
12 of the City and recognizes the need to work with residents, visitors, businesses, and other stakeholders of the
13 community to develop a plan to establish priorities for implementing recommended improvements; and

14 WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management approved the La Madre Foothills Recreation Area
15 Management Plan and the Nevada State Board of Geographic Names approved the naming of the La Madre
16 Foothills in 2024, which includes a portion of the foothills and alluvial fans in the lower elevations of the
17 Spring Mountains northwest of the Las Vegas Valley; and

18 WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted the Desert Edge and Outdoor Recreation resolution (R-
19 29-2023 on June 21, 2023), directing the City to consider edge conditions, the natural environment, and
20 outdoor recreational connections and activities when coordinating with stakeholders and developing special
21 area plans; and

22 WHEREAS, La Madre Foothills is an area with existing master planned communities in Providence,
23 Skye Hills, and Skye Summit and other developing neighborhoods currently comprised of 25,000 residents,
24 as well as land that is anticipated to develop, leading to significant demographic, socio-economic, and
25 environmental changes that may double the area’s population by 2050; and

26 WHEREAS, parts of La Madre Foothills face challenges related to the lack of water, sewer, energy,
27 flood control, and transportation infrastructure; city facilities and services; a need for commercial amenities;

1 a need for new schools; access to parks and open spaces; and multi-modal transportation choices; and

2 WHEREAS, extensive public outreach was conducted by the planning consultant team of
3 SmithGroup to address the relationship among land-use planning, transportation infrastructure, and economic
4 diversification, requiring feedback and participation from a diverse group of stakeholders to identify goals,
5 objectives, and strategies to connect La Madre Foothills' new economic and educational opportunities and
6 housing and transportation options; and

7 WHEREAS, the result is the La Madre Foothills Special Area Plan, which identifies and establishes
8 a vision for La Madre Foothills, which is to create a resilient, healthy community that provides equitable
9 access to services, education, and jobs, serving as a gateway to outdoor recreational opportunities in the La
10 Madre Mountains Wilderness Area and Red Rock National Conservation Area; and

11 WHEREAS, the Plan recommends a number of implementation activities, programs, and catalytic
12 projects, including prioritizing outdoor recreation and active lifestyles, designing neighborhoods, parks, and
13 open space with the foothills, designing neighborhoods for convenience, and designing and constructing
14 complete streets with multimodal options, and providing resilient infrastructure and services for the future of
15 La Madre Foothills.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS
17 VEGAS:

18 1. To adopt the La Madre Foothills Special Area Plan (attached to this Resolution) as a vision document
19 to guide plan implementation and future development of La Madre Foothills. The Plan does not have any
20 regulatory authority and does not bind the City Council to any funding obligation.

21 2. To direct the relevant departments of the City to:

22 A. Plan, coordinate, and construct La Madre Foothills Park located at the western end of
23 Tropical Parkway bordering the Red Rock National Conservation Area to become a northern trailhead for
24 outdoor recreation, as well as a neighborhood amenity for the area;

25 B. Coordinate the construction of and rebrand the roadway known as "Sheep Mountain
26 Parkway" to "La Madre Foothills Parkway";

1 C. Develop, establish, authorize, and/or fund one or more districts for the construction of
2 necessary special or local improvements, including, but not limited to, water service and facilities of the Las
3 Vegas Valley Water District, City sewer service, street and road improvements, and detention basins and
4 conveyances identified by the Clark County Regional Flood Control District;

5 D. Ensure coordinated development of new schools by the Clark County School District and
6 other public charter or private schools, a substation and area command of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police
7 Department, transmission and distribution services of NV Energy and Southwest Gas, and other public
8 facilities including parks, trails, fire stations, or City facilities;

9 E. Establish means that help create a sense of place that embraces the natural environment and
10 outdoor recreation and takes advantage of the views and proximity of Mount Charleston and the Spring
11 Mountain National Recreation Area, Gass Peak and the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, Tule Springs Fossil
12 Beds National Monument, and Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area;

13 F. Investigate means of ensuring and addressing coordinated growth with the Bureau of Land
14 Management, Clark County, and other regional entities; and

15 G. Work with developers on ensuring entitlement applications meet the vision and spirit of the
16 La Madre Foothills Special Area Plan and the 2050 Master Plan, the Unified Development Code (LVMC
17 Title 19), and applicable building codes adopted by the City.

18 3. To direct the Department of Community Development to amend the Unified Development Code
19 (LVMC Title 19) to develop updated site and building signage and light reduction standards. Such standards
20 may include color, material, lighting, architectural, and dimensional standards intended to integrate into the
21 surrounding landscape.

22 4. To direct the Department of Community Development to review the 2050 Master Plan, the Unified
23 Development Code (LVMC Title 19), and other plans, codes, and regulations, and to propose revisions that
24 implement the goals, outcomes, key actions, and implementation strategies of the Plan where appropriate. In
25 conducting the aforementioned reviews, the Department of Community Development shall consider potential
26 actions to be taken by the City Council, City departments or other agencies to implement the intent of the La

1 Madre Foothills Special Area Plan. Such potential actions might include, without limitation, the proposal of
2 new zoning districts or overlay districts, new or updated regulations, and actions to rezone particular property.

3 5. To direct the Department of Community Development and the Public Works Department, with
4 respect to new entitlement applications submitted to the City for development within the La Madre Foothills
5 Area, to review the condition and availability of applicable infrastructure, including, but not limited to water,
6 sanitary sewer, drainage and flood control, power, natural gas, and telecommunications necessary for
7 development pursuant to the applicable Titles of Las Vegas Municipal Code. Such application review may
8 also be coordinated between respective utility franchisees, the Las Vegas Valley Water District, and other
9 local, regional, or state agencies, as may be applicable. Upon satisfactory review by staff, staff may
10 recommend that the provision of adequate utility infrastructure be the responsibility of the applicant as a
11 condition of approval of any such entitlement applications. Such conditions may include, but are not limited
12 to:

13 A. Water Infrastructure: Under the Las Vegas Valley Water District Act of 1947, developers
14 must construct and connect necessary water facilities to Las Vegas Valley Water District infrastructure to
15 ensure service capacity.

16 B. Sanitary Sewer: Developers must extend and connect to the City's sewer system per the
17 Wastewater Master Plan and address any required capacity upgrades.

18 C. Drainage and Flood Control: Developers are responsible for designing and constructing
19 drainage systems in line with the required technical drainage study.

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D. Energy facilities and other utilities: Developers must coordinate with utility franchisees to ensure the availability of adequate electrical, gas, and/or telecommunications infrastructure and service for the projects.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

BY

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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