

RESOLUTION NO.4550
(To Apply for Approval to Sponsor Charter Schools)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HENDERSON, NEVADA, TO AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO
PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL TO SERVE
AS A MUNICIPAL CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR.

- WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 400 in the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session, signed into law on June 12, 2023, amended NRS Chapter 388A to allow cities and counties to apply to the Nevada Department of Education for approval to sponsor charter schools in their respective jurisdictions;
- WHEREAS, charter school sponsors ensure quality education by evaluating and approving new charter schools, monitoring performance, and determining whether to renew or revoke/terminate the charter of existing schools; and
- WHEREAS, Henderson residents consistently rank education as one of the most important issues in our community, as families want high quality educational opportunities for their children and businesses want a system that prepares students to enter higher education and the workforce; and
- WHEREAS, to meet the needs of Henderson residents, City leadership has taken steps to support high quality educational opportunities in the community through the creation of the Henderson Community Education Advisory Board and the implementation of a 30% set aside for public education funding from the City's marijuana business license revenues in 2017; and
- WHEREAS, in 2019, the City added Quality Education as one of five strategic priorities in the City's Strategic Plan, to achieve its goal of being a leader in education reform, including efforts to increase options for high quality public education in our community; and
- WHEREAS, currently the K-12 public school system in Henderson is administered by the Clark County School District, operating as the fifth largest school district in the country, and the State Public Charter School Authority, which oversees all non-District charter schools in Nevada; and
- WHEREAS, the City is well-positioned to step into this role as well because it can work in close collaboration with the Henderson community in the identification and oversight of charter schools that will best meet the needs of this community and offer choices to students and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Henderson, Nevada, that:

SECTION 1. City staff will prepare and submit an application to the Nevada Department of Education for approval to act as a sponsor of charter schools in the City of Henderson.

SECTION 2. Upon approval, the City will implement the procedures approved in the application to create structures and systems for a Henderson Charter School Authority that will ensure the development and maintenance of quality charter schools in Henderson.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023, BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL-CALL VOTE OF COUNCIL.

Those voting aye:
Michelle Romero, Mayor
Councilmembers:
Carrie Cox
Jim Seebock
Dan K. Shaw
Dan H. Stewart

Those voting nay: None
Those abstaining: None
Those absent: None

Michelle Romero, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jose Luis Valdez, CMC, City Clerk