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Dear Selection Committee

Clark County, Nevada, signed onto the Fast Track Cities Initiative in 2019. In addition, Clark County, Nevada, is one of the CDC Ending the HIV Epidemic jurisdictions, with the State of Nevada having the fifth highest rate of new HIV infections in the US.

Nevada is working diligently to end HIV in our State. Federal, State, and Local partners are coming together like never before to collaborate on Ending the HIV epidemic in Nevada. Part of this effort has been through legislative committees such as our HIV modernization task force which was created during our 2019 legislative session. The Task Force is responsible for conducting a comprehensive examination during the legislative interim of the statutes and regulations in this State related to the criminalization of exposing a person to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). In this assessment, our task force has identified many opportunities to improve awareness of HIV in our community, engage our healthcare providers, improve access to stigma-free care, and bring Nevada closer to ending the HIV epidemic. In addition, hosting an international event like the Fast-Track Cities conference would create new opportunities to engage stakeholders in conversation on Ending the HIV epidemic.

Las Vegas is an international destination for conferences hosting millions of visitors annually. Our city offers fantastic venues for events and world-class attractions. Nevada was identified in 2021 by USA today as the most LGBTQ-friendly State in the US.

The members of the HIV modernization task force would like to invite the selection committee members to select Las Vegas, Nevada, as the site for their next international Fast Track Cities conference. Bringing the Fast-Track Cities conference to Las Vegas will bring much-needed attention to the State of HIV in communities and will be a catalyst to drive conversations around modernization, helping to END HIV and stigma.

Respectfully