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**Statement from D. Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer of the Culinary Workers Union, Local 226
Regarding the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Union, the City of Las
Vegas, and the Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency**

“We have reached a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Las Vegas concerning sizable development projects when city tax dollars are involved,” said D. Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer, Culinary Workers Union, Local 226. “It includes a citizen’s advisory panel, addresses city debt levels to help preserve city services and protect schools. It also has a labor peace provision that will protect the city’s proprietary interests.”

“The redevelopment agency has faced challenges to its process,” said Taylor. “We are pleased the city is making steps towards improving its process and we think the agreement signals that in the future there will be meaningful dialogue in the redevelopment process.”

“We circulated a referendum petition on the City Hall project earlier this year, because we believed this issue was serious enough to take to a vote of the people. The courts raised a question of timing and subject construction so the referendum did not make it to the ballot,” said Taylor. “We continued our discussions with the City and together developed the MOU, which addresses our key concerns and ensures citizens will have a voice when tax dollars are involved and city services and schools are affected.”