



TO: SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH **DATE:** October 27, 2016

RE: *Letter of support for the efforts of the Health District to meet the standards of the Public Health Accreditation Board.*

PETITION # 36-16

That the Southern Nevada District Board of Health *supports the efforts of the Southern Nevada Health District to become an accredited public health agency.*

PETITIONERS:

Adele Solomon, Accreditation Coordinator *as*
Andrew J. Glass, FACHE, MS, Director of Administration *as*
Joseph P. Iser, MD, DrPH, MSc, Chief Health Officer *as*

DISCUSSION:

The Southern Nevada Health District is applying for accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Written support from the governing entity is required for a PHAB accreditation application. The Health District opened up the application process on September 19, 2016 and must complete the application process by March 2017. The Board's responsibilities include approving resources, providing a point of accountability for the agency, receiving reports, and playing a key role in accreditation activities and efforts.

FUNDING:

Public health accreditation fees are based on the jurisdictional population served by the Health District. The initial accreditation fee is \$35,000. The annual accreditation fee is \$14,000.



October 27, 2016:

Public Health Accreditation Board of Directors
1600 Duke Street, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Board of Directors:

The Southern Nevada District Board of Health is fully supportive of the efforts of the Southern Nevada Health District to become an accredited public health agency.

As the Health District works towards accreditation, the agency has been afforded with opportunities to strengthen its existing community partnerships and to develop new relationships with organizations that share its mission of improving the health and well-being of Southern Nevada residents and visitors.

The Health District is one of the largest local public health organizations in the United States, serving more than 2.1 million residents, which represents 72 percent of Nevada's total population. In addition to serving a diverse population, the Health District is charged with safeguarding the public health of more than 41 million visitors to Las Vegas each year. We are confident that these efforts will lead to improved processes within the Health District and enhanced services for the clients served by our agency.

Achieving accreditation will demonstrate to our community the Health District's commitment to accountability in all matters pertaining to public health. As the governing board, we continue to show our commitment to this process through the approval of required financial resources, input into supporting plans and assessments, and outreach into the community.

We look forward to the Southern Nevada Health District achieving accreditation with our continued support.

Sincerely,

Bob Beers
Chair
Southern Nevada District Board of Health