



COUNCIL FOR A BETTER

2019

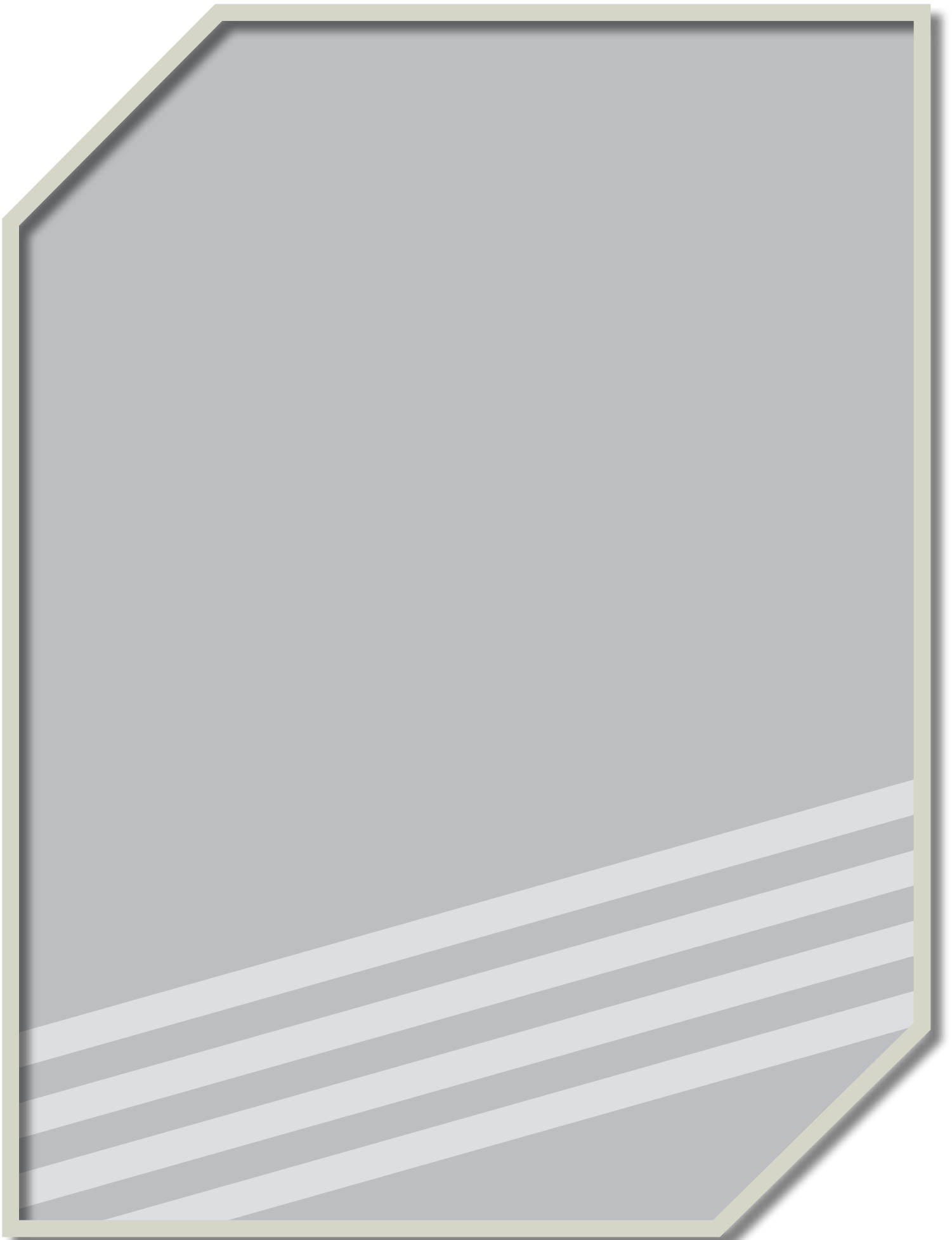
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IMPACT REPORT



Council for a  
Better Nevada  
**CBN**





# MISSION STATEMENT

## **The Council for a Better Nevada**

is an organization of concerned citizens who seek to improve quality of life in Nevada. Our intention is to identify and engage in community issues whose outcomes will greatly affect the lives of Nevadans.

By bringing together talent, resources and leadership from the private, public and non-profit sectors, our goal is to assist those entities in providing solutions to those issues that will create a sustainable, healthy and prosperous Nevada community.

# *Letter*

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

**Dear Community Partners,**

2019 was a pivotal year of progress for Nevada and the Council for a Better Nevada. As our organization moved into its 14th year serving the greater Las Vegas community, we entered 2019 with strong momentum from 2018 progress, proposing a diverse state legislative agenda under a dynamic new Governor coupled with thoughtful legislative leadership.

As our 2019 results demonstrate, the Council's commitment to a strategy of engaging issues that all seek to promote and sustain a higher quality of life for all Nevadans continues to deliver solid results.

We supported:

- Passage of critical proactive gun safety legislation
- Creation of Nevada's first matching federal grant fund
- Funds earmarked for a state grant management system
- Passage of legislation that revolutionizes Nevada's decade's old K-12 funding formula
- Recall election reform and transparency legislation
- Establishment of a health and bioscience community development corporation
- Passage of a ballot question reforming higher education governance

The Council's results, achieved in cooperation with thought leaders in the political, private and non-profit sectors, give way to the idea that Nevada is capable of initiating leading innovative, forward thinking policies and infrastructure that will yield greater stability for Nevada and the western U.S region in the decades to come.

As I come to the end of my Chairmanship leading the Council, I thank my fellow colleagues for the privilege to serve in this important capacity for the past two years. More broadly, on behalf of every Director, we thank the community for your extraordinary intelligence, integrity and energy in our inextricable partnership to achieve a Better Nevada.

Kindest regards,  
Tom Kaplan, Chairman



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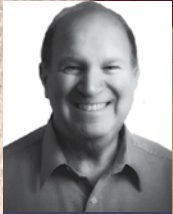
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SAFETY





## The Background Check Act

### SB 143

To promote increased public safety, the enactment of provisions relating to background checks for certain sales or transfers of firearms.

Signed by the Governor.

Effective January 2020.

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COMPETITIVENESS





## GRANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

\$200,000 in funds included in Governor's budget to purchase a state grant management system that will track spending and compliance for program grants.

**PASSED**



### AB 489

Establishes a state matching grant fund with \$2 million allocated to the new fund. The bill also provides an additional position in the state grants management office.

**PASSED**



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*Education*  
HIGHER

## Nevada Health and Bioscience Asset Corporation:

Establishment of a non-profit corporation through the collective leadership of community donors, the Governor, legislative leadership, Clark County, UNLV and NSHE to build the UNLV School of Medicine Medical Education Building and promote the development of other capital, research and programmatic health care infrastructure for Southern Nevada.

### AJR 5

Removes the Nevada System of Higher Education Governing Board of Regents from the protections of the Constitution and places them in legislative statute for governance by the Nevada legislature.



**Will proceed to the 2020 ballot for  
passage/enactment.**



# *Education*

K-12

## **SB 543**

### **FUNDING FORMULA BILL**

Weighted Student Formula approach to funding public education that would replace the decade's old 'Nevada Plan.'

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## SB 543

### CORE ELEMENTS

Creation of the Nevada Education Fund

Creation of the Education Stabilization Account

Replace the Nevada Plan with the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan

Creation of the Commission on School Funding

Enhanced Reporting and Accountability at All Levels

Credit: West Ed and Applied Analysis



*Recall*

ELECTION REFORM





## SB 450

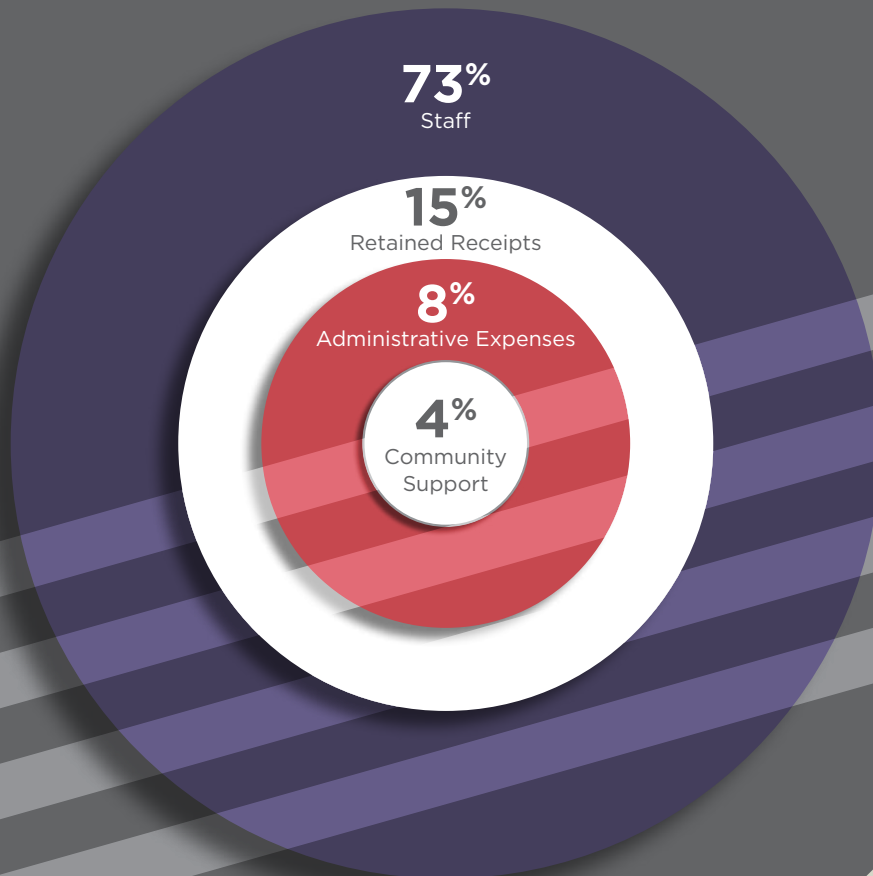
Provides improved integrity, transparency and financial requirements to existing Recall Election laws.

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# Thank You

**THANK YOU SENATOR WARREN HARDY,**  
and **WARREN HARDY STRATEGIES**  
for thoughtful pro bono guidance that brings people  
together and advances Nevada's long term interests.  
**THE COUNCIL** would also like to **THANK**  
**MR. TROY CROWTHER** and **PBTK**  
for their continued pro bono accounting services  
supporting the community work of the CBN.

## 2019 USE OF FUNDS







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