



## **Henderson City Council Pledges Support for Health & Science Building**

*Council members unanimously approve donating \$500,000 to the critical building*

March 6, 2019 – The City of Henderson pledged \$500,000 to help support the construction of a new College of Southern Nevada and Nevada State College building that promises to reshape health care education in southern Nevada.

The Henderson City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved pledging \$500,000 to the CSN Foundation in support of a new Health & Science Building, planned to be built on the college's Henderson Campus. The building will be operated in conjunction with Nevada State College and will allow CSN to nearly double nursing program enrollment and graduates.

“We are thrilled that the councilmembers in the City of Henderson so strongly support expanding health care education in their city,” said CSN President Federico Zaragoza. “This facility will support a critical expansion of the existing health care education programs in southern Nevada, enabling us to keep up with the demand in an industry that continuously faces staffing shortages.”

The facility will support workforce demand in the region for skilled nurses, phlebotomists, and medical/clinical lab scientists; including Licensed Practical and Registered Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, medical and lab technologists, and medical office assistants. It will also enable an expansion of biological science programming and include specialized biology labs that will allow for an estimated 20 percent growth in anatomy & physiology and microbiology courses. Biology classes serve as a key bottleneck for students interested in health science programs, and through expansion students will be able to move through the program of study faster.

The project is ranked as the number one priority not only by CSN, but also by the Southern Nevada Forum, an important group of legislative and business leaders that can have significant impact in Carson City.

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*About CSN: Founded in 1971, the College of Southern Nevada is the state's largest and most diverse higher education institution. CSN is accredited through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and specializes in two-year degrees and workforce development that lead directly to high-demand careers or transfer to a university. It also offers seven bachelor's degrees in specialized fields and is the state's largest provider of adult basic education and literacy training. CSN is a Minority Serving Institution and Nevada's first Hispanic Serving Institution. Our students create flexible schedules with day, evening and weekend classes taught on three main campuses and multiple locations throughout Southern Nevada or online. CSN is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution.*