



CITY OF LAS VEGAS

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(Las Vegas) Mayor Tony E. Marquez, Jr., announced on Thursday, May 7th, 2009 nearly 150 Las Vegans and out-of-town guests gathered last week to attend a reception to welcome City Manager Tim Dodge and Marilyn Dodge to Las Vegas. The event was held at the Sala de Madrid on the NMHU Campus. The evening event “Commitment to Community” was led by Economic Development Corporation and many received an open invitation to attend.

Opening remarks were made by Mayor Tony E. Marquez, Jr. and the Mayor gave a special thanks to Sharon Vandermeer of the Economic Development Corporation who spear headed the event, State Senator Pete Campos, and Luna Community College Culinary Arts program for the refreshments prepared for the evening. Mayor Marquez moved on to introduce e State Senator Pete Campos who welcomed the Dodges into the community. The Senator started off by thanking Mr. Tony Dodge (Tim’s father) for his contributions to education and involvement with the development of the Building Trades program at Luna Community College back in the 70’s and 80’s. Mr. Tony Dodge was one of the first Instructors to retire from what was back then called Camp Luna or Luna Vocational Technical Institute. The Senator went on to explain some of the success that has been accomplished in the region by working together and encouraged everyone to continue in a positive direction.

Mayor Marquez proceeded to explain the process that was undertaken to conduct a search for the City Manager position, for the City of Las Vegas. Mayor Marquez said “We hired Gus Cordova of the Mercer Group to conduct the search for the City Manager of the Great City of Las Vegas, and Gus received applications from City Managers from New Mexico, Texas, Colorado and Arizona. The screening and interviewing process was one of the most comprehensive processes ever conducted for a Las Vegas City Manager, and when all was said and done the number one candidate recommended for the appointment was only 68 miles away in Santa Rosa. I introduce to you Mr. Timothy P. Dodge”

Tim greeted everyone in attendance, and as always was spirited and caught the crowd’s attention with his humor, and positive attitude. Tim thanked the Governing Body for the opportunity to return to Las Vegas and serve the Community that provided him with an educational opportunity. Mr. Dodge then turned to the crowd and thanked his family for supporting him in his decision to take on such a challenging and rewarding job.

Tim went on to talk about the success that he has had as a City Manager, and attributed it to team effort, and the willingness of everyone working together, and strong leadership. Tim said “In the interview process there is only one thing that I asked of the Mayor and Council, and this one thing is what is going to lead to our success. I asked that when you come to a council meeting that you come with your own independent opinions, and that you deliberate the issue of the agenda taking into consideration those independent opinions, but when the motion is called and the vote is taken a consensus of the majority is reached that you support the majority and move on to the next issue.” “ I want to state for the record that since I have been City Manager there has not been one single split vote and the Mayor and Council have stuck to their agreement”. The crowd applauded.

Joining Tim, as the community embraced him, was his wife Marilyn, and a few family members, his father Tony, Mother Lena, Brother John and his sister in law Kate, & Sister Gloria. The Mayor of Santa Rosa and State representative Jose Campos and his wife Cristina Campos were also present. Tim’s former staff and co-workers from Santa Rosa were present.

