

CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS MEETING AGENDA ITEM

NUMBER: 27.	
SUBJECT: Presentation on the Potential Benefits of a Community Court Diversion Program to Increase Rehabilitation and Reduce Recidivism in the City of North Las Vegas (Citywide) (For Possible Action)	
REQUESTED BY: Cindy Marshall, Court Administrator, and Ryann Juden, City Manager	WARD: Citywide
RECOMMENDATION OR RECOMMEND MOTION: Recommend that Council accept the presentation and direct staff on possible further action.	
FISCAL IMPACT: AMOUNT: N/A EXPLANATION: N/A	ACCOUNT NUMBER: N/A

STAFF COMMENTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City opened the North Las Vegas Community Correctional Center in July 2020 with the goal of improving offender outcomes, increasing rehabilitation and reducing recidivism for the benefit of all constituents. Unfortunately, the timing of the CCC's opening in the middle of the global COVID-19 pandemic significantly reduced staff's ability to implement restorative justice programming as robustly as intended.

As we now look to grow those efforts over the coming months, it is staff's recommendation that Council consider the possibility of creating a Community Court diversion program to complement the positive mission of the CCC and to further promote rehabilitation for lower-level offenders. Nationally, diversion programs have shown promising results in reducing recidivism and promoting public safety across communities.

CIP No. N/A	Related Item:	
LIST CITY COUNCIL GOAL(S): Safe and Livable Community; Community Spirit, Relationships and Pride		
PREPARED BY: Ryann Juden City Manager	Respectfully Submitted Ryann Juden City Manager	MEETING DATE: 1/6/2021