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Las Vegans surprised at assets in Laughlin

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LAS VEGAS – The Laughlin Economic Development Corporation amazed an audience of more than 400 business and government leaders at the 3rd annual State of Economic Development in Southern Nevada when it was revealed that the largest rural unincorporated community in Clark County has so much to offer businesses and industries looking for suitable locations.

Laughlin’s assets include about 5,000 acres of open land with paved streets and utilities directly adjacent, as well several times that of vacant land to which roads and infrastructure would need to be built. They were highlighted in a brief talk at the Four Seasons resort by LEDC Strategic Development Advisor Robert P. Bilbray.

He opened eyes by noting the community has \$1.2 billion worth of electric switchyards and high-voltage transmission lines, a tremendous resource for renewable energy, especially solar, plus the vast acreage of open land including the 9,000-acre Laughlin Southland that extends to the California border. Within the 5,000 acres of readily developable land is the 2,000-acre Mohave Station in central Laughlin now being offered for sale by the electric utilities that own the former Mohave Generating Station that has been removed. He also pointed out a vigorous real estate market in which about 80% of the new home buyers, mainly from California, pay cash.

And the community has an almost total need of medical care, especially doctors. He illustrated the need by pointing out residents spend up to an estimated \$3 million a month with hospitals and doctors in Arizona.

Later Bilbray commented, “Laughlin is now and will remain serious in its efforts to diversify our local economy and provide services and lifestyles for our residents and their families.” He added the presence of the Town Manager and Town Advisory Board Chair, coupled with his vast list of connections, “sent a great image to the rest of our State.”

Bilbray concluded by reminding the audience that rural communities in the county would welcome industries that do not fit well within the urban population, especially because of their lack of large open spaces.

Joining Bilbray at the conference were Town Manager Brian Paulson and LEDC President Jim Maniaci, who also chairs the elected 5-member Laughlin Town Advisory Board that makes recommendations to the Clark County Commission. Economic not-for-profit corporations from Laughlin and Mesquite were joined in the series of 2-3 minute community highlights by economic representatives of Clark County and the Vegas Valley urban cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, and Boulder City.

The breakfast conference is an annual program produced by the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance – Nevada’s regional growth agency for Clark County – and the Governor’s Office of Economic Development.

PHOTO CAPTION #1 (man at podium)



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Robert P. Bilbray, Strategic Development Advisor to the LEDC, opened eyes with his brief mention of the many assets Laughlin has to offer industries that would fit better in Clark County's rural areas during the 3rd annual State of Economic Development in Southern Nevada on Feb. 1 at the Four Seasons in Las Vegas.

PHOTO CAPTION #2 (group in line on stage)



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The Laughlin Economic Development Corporation was 1 of 7 groups to give brief promotions of their communities' growth assets at the 3rd annual State of Economic Development on Feb. 1 at the Four Seasons in Las Vegas, sponsored by the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance and the Governor's Office of Economic Development. LEDC Strategic Development Advisor Robert P. Bilbray (light suit) spoke for Laughlin. Emcee was LVGEA Vice-Chair/Secretary John Delikanakas (dark suit to Bilbray's right).