



## OSCAR B. GOODMAN

Mayor, City of Las Vegas

The 19th mayor of the city of Las Vegas, Oscar B. Goodman was re-elected for a third four-year term in April 2007. His trademark no-nonsense, tell-it-like-it-is style helped him capture 86 percent of the vote during his re-election efforts. As mayor, he was successful in acquiring a large piece of urban real estate in the city without resorting to eminent domain. A phenomenal 61-acre planned development called Symphony Park, the project includes the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health designed by renowned architect Frank Gehry, the 379,000 square-foot Smith Center for the Performing Arts, urban-style residences, business and retail opportunities.

Through Goodman's leadership, downtown Las Vegas is undergoing a renaissance. In addition to Symphony Park, the area now includes the World Market Center Las Vegas, Las Vegas Premium Outlets mall and the Molasky Corporate Center. The World Market Center Las Vegas is a state-of-the-art home furnishings trade show facility. The Chelsea Properties' discount mall is the most successful of its kind, and there are almost 15,000 living spaces planned for construction in the downtown area. For the first time in many years, multi-million dollar casino and hotel renovations and expansions are currently underway. A champion of downtown revitalization, Mayor Goodman is focusing his efforts on creating a downtown urban village filled with small businesses, boutiques, fine restaurants, bookstores and an art component where the public can have social dialogue and exchange ideas.



Mayor Goodman serves as the chairman of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority and feverishly works to

promote the enticing destination of Las Vegas. Mayor Goodman started OPAC, Oscar's Political Action Committee, to promote and protect the interests of Las Vegas. His first action was to donate \$50,000 to Keep Memory Alive, the non-profit organization supporting the mission of the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health.

The self-proclaimed "happiest mayor in the universe," Goodman was born and raised in Philadelphia, graduating from Haverford College and receiving his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He is one of the nation's premier criminal defense attorneys and was named one of the "15 Best Trial Lawyers in America" by the National Law Journal. He has also been featured in numerous publications such as "Of Rats and Men" and even portrayed himself in the movie "Casino."

Mayor Goodman also serves on the Advisory Board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Goodman and his wife of 44 years, Carolyn, moved to Las Vegas in 1964 with \$87 in their pockets. The couple raised four children in Las Vegas, with three of the four now calling Las Vegas their home. All were educated in Las Vegas and went on to acquire college and graduate-level degrees.