## At their March 19 meeting the Cultural Commission took action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the following resolution. (5-0)

## Exhibit A

## Proposed Resolution for NSP

RESOLUTION - Preserving the Nevada State Prison (NSP) for the education of Nevada's citizens, for its rich geologic, Paleozolo, anthropologic, architectural and social history, for its significant value as a tourist attraction and destination, and for its contributions to Carson City's development.

WHEREAS, the Nevada State Prison, on east Fifth Street in Carson City, was originally built in 1880 by ploneer Abraham Curry as the Warm Springs hotel with mineral springs; and,

WHEREAS, the landmark prison was established by the Territorial Legislature and administered by Abraham Curry in 1862 at the Warm Spring Hotel, and thus represents the first executive agency created in the State of Nevada: and,

WHEREAS, the sandstone quarry on the site contributed to the construction of state, city and private buildings in the early history of Nevada and Carson City, including the capitol building, the United States Mint, the Virginia and Truckee Railroad engine house, and many other public and private buildings; and,

WHEREAS, the prison is an integral part of the history of Nevada and of Carson City and the surrounding communities in particular; and,

WHEREAS, the lands and grounds of the prison are known to contain unique specimens of extinct species and the legend of *Homo nevadensis*; and,

WHEREAS, the first gas execution chamber in the world was designed and implemented at the prison and is currently active; and,

WHEREAS, the prison has a well established and colorful history as a maximum security facility, replete with riots, escapes, gangs, executions, musicians, gambling and Hollywood filming, all of intriguing historic value; and,

WHEREAS, the history of the manufacture of Nevada's artistic license plates are integral to the prison; and,

WHEREAS, the Nevada State Prison was decommissioned in May 2012 and may fall into disrepair without continued maintenance and upkeep; and,

WHEREAS, efforts are underway to establish the historic sections of the prison as a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places..

RESOLVED, that the Nevada State Prison shall be preserved as an historic place; and,

RESOLVED, that the State, Carson City, and non-profit community organizations and other interested stakeholders are urged to cooperatively develop plans for the preservation, development and use of the Nevada State Prison as an historic, educational, and scientific resource of Nevada.

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