

# HENDERSON

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Marie Tomao  
Youth Leadership Authority  
112 Water Street Ste. 121  
Henderson, NV 89015

Dear Marie,

As City Manager of City of Henderson, I am writing to express my full support for the Youth Leadership Authority and its invaluable contribution to our City's commitment to quality education, fostering the growth of our youths academic and personal growth. Quality education is a priority that the City of Henderson includes in its Strategic Plan with the goal to facilitate access to high-quality educational opportunities from early childhood through post-secondary education.

The Youth Leadership Authority's dedication to nurture leadership skills and provide educational opportunities seamlessly aligns with our City's core values. It is impressive to note that 82% of students from Youth Leadership Academy advance to college, pursuing associates, bachelors, or master's degrees. By instilling principles of integrity, collaboration, and civic engagement, Youth Leadership Academy grows a new generation of leaders who will be prepared to make a difference in our city and beyond.

As City Manager, I pledge my full support to the Authority's continued success. I look forward to the students and the program's achievements and contributions now and in the future.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Derrick, MPA, ICMA-CM  
City Manager/CEO