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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Nevada Resort Association Announces 2019 Officers of Board of Directors**

#### ***Jan Jones Blackhurst Reelected as Chairman***

**LAS VEGAS** – The Nevada Resort Association’s (NRA) Board of Directors has unanimously reelected its Chairman, Vice Chairman/Treasurer and Secretary for the 2019 – 2020 term.

Caesars Entertainment Executive Vice President of Public Policy and Corporate Responsibility **Jan Jones Blackhurst** will remain Chairman for a second two-year term beginning January 1, 2019. She is joined by Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of Red Rock Resorts **Jeffrey T. Welch**, who was reelected as Vice Chairman/Treasurer. Welch has served in the position since 2018 after filling a vacated post. NRA President **Virginia Valentine** will continue as the Secretary of the Board.

“It is a privilege to continue to lead this organization, serving alongside my esteemed colleagues who work tirelessly to ensure Nevada’s economic engine and No. 1 industry thrives,” said Jones Blackhurst. “We have much work ahead in the coming year, and we look forward to sharing critical insight and analysis into the various economic and social impacts the resort industry provides to communities across the state. Whether it’s the hundreds of thousands of jobs we create and maintain, the billions of dollars we contribute annually to our economy, or the vast philanthropic and environmental sustainability work, our industry’s collective efforts benefit each and every Nevadan.”

The term of office for Board Chairman and Vice Chairman is two years.

The NRA also announced the addition of Dawn K. Christensen to the staff. She will serve as vice president of communications and corporate responsibility. Christensen’s career in news, corporate communications and public affairs spans nearly 25 years. She most recently worked at MGM Resorts International in corporate diversity and community engagement and previously served as vice president of public affairs at the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

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### **About the Nevada Resort Association**

The Nevada Resort Association (NRA) is the primary advocacy voice for Nevada's gaming and resort industry. Established in 1965, the NRA represents the state's largest industry and provides information, perspective and industry insight for decision makers throughout the state.

The NRA monitors government and regulatory activities in Nevada. It adopts and advocates policies regarding state gaming issues. For more information, please visit [www.nevadaresorts.org](http://www.nevadaresorts.org).

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