



# News Release



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## **City Of Las Vegas Recognized For Opening Up Its Data To Benefit The Community**

*City Moved From 4<sup>th</sup> To 1<sup>st</sup> In Open Data Review Of Major U.S Cities*

The city of Las Vegas has achieved a nation-wide ranking of #1 on a measurement of the openness of key datasets, based on the Open Knowledge Foundation's U.S. City Open Data Census of 76 major municipalities. Previously, the city was ranked #4.

The information in the census is collected by open data experts and enthusiasts around the world, including Code for America Brigade, the Sunlight Foundation and the Open Knowledge Foundation. The city of Las Vegas identifies and releases high value data sets on its Open Data portal <https://opendata.lasvegasnevada.gov/>

Making data useful and actionable requires it being easily accessible online, and the city of Las Vegas has a formal policy to regularly inventory data generated by all departments and determine which are beneficial to the public to make use of.

"The city of Las Vegas prides itself as being a leader in innovation and technology; we believe our open data portal is an important effort in building public trust and creating partnerships within our business community," said Michael Sherwood, Information Technologies director. "We are pleased to see our efforts reflected in the new rankings."

Some of the data were already available under the city of Las Vegas mapping tools, such as zoning and parcels, while new data sets are added frequently based on requests from the public and best practices prescribed for government.

All city of Las Vegas open data available online is machine-readable and includes complete data set tables for software developers to render visualizations or build into applications.

The U.S. City Open Data Census was established to compare the progress made by different cities and local areas in releasing Open Data. In addition to achieving its high ranking, the city of Las Vegas is also one of only 35 cities in the United States identified by the Sunlight Foundation as having a published Open Data policy.

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