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MEET MAYOR RICHARD HATCHER AT THE PLAZA
First African American Mayor of a Major U.S. City

Las Vegas, Nev. – The Plaza Hotel & Casino in downtown Las Vegas is pleased to be hosting a special meet and greet event for former Gary, Indiana Mayor Richard Hatcher, the first African American mayor of a major U.S. city, on Monday, April 28, 2008 at 6 p.m.

Emceed by Patricia Cunningham, Political Radio Show Host for 88.1 FM, event honorary hosts include Senator Steven Horsford; Commissioner Lawrence Weekly; Councilman Ricki Barlow; Cordell E. Stokes; Assemblyman Morse Arberry; Sam Lieberman, Chairman of the Nevada State Democratic Party; Ray Clarke, President of the Las Vegas Clark County Urban League; and Dr. Ronan Mathew, Principal of Canyon Springs High School. Mayor Hatcher will receive proclamations/letters from the governor, city council and the county.

Featuring live music by Sam Stephenson, this event is free and open to the public, but with an RSVP requirement. RSVP to 702-947-4921, ext. 201.

A civil rights activist, lawyer, and from 1968 the first African American mayor of a major American City – Gary, Indiana, Mayor Hatcher became one of the most influential black Americans of the 1970s and 1980s. Born into poverty and blind in one eye, Mayor Hatcher began his political career while studying law at Valparaiso University, where he joined sit-ins and worked with the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to end segregation in Indiana's restaurants.

The Plaza offers an array of innovative table games and slot machines; a brand new restaurant called Lombardi's Italian Kitchen; the DOME, Las Vegas' only ultra sports lounge; the largest race and sports book downtown; the hottest shows in town including *Viva Las Vegas* and the *Rat Pack is Back*; free live entertainment right on the casino floor in the Aqua Lounge; the Lucky 7's Buffet; and a host of other amenities including a roof top swimming pool and tennis courts. Guests may call (702)386-2110 or (800)634-6575 or visit www.plazahotelcasino.com for more information and/or hotel reservations.