## William (Billy) O'neal McCurdy Sr.

The oldest of 6 children, he is an entrepreneur and owner of McCurdy & McCurdy Media Group, a political consulting and advertising firm, with his wife Billy since 1992. He and his wife, Billy, have been married for over 30 years. He built this company from the ground up and has used it to provide employment and mentorship in Southern Nevada, all the while pastoring churches across Nevada since 1978. Early in his career, he also served as a Constable in the Las Vegas Township.

He graduated from Valley High School in Southern Nevada and attended Western Nevada College in Carson City. Although he has never held an elected office, he has been an influence, consultant and an impact on many campaigns starting with Grant Sawyer to the most recent political races. Judges, State and Federal Senators, Governors all know his name and his political acumen. Always there in the background like a great mentor that inspires other people to shine.

He had encouraged and mentored countless members of this community. Because of his no nonsense style and integrity, he has been appointed to serve on numerous boards, Citizens' Advisory for Regional Transportation (RTC), Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors, Mineral County Economic Advisory Committee, City of Las Community Block Grant Advisory Board and Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority Commissioner just to name a few. Realizing politics plays a key role in community development, he was credited with founding the Las Vegas Teen Democratic Club West to mentor and encourage youth participation in local politics.

A mentor in the Boys and Girls Club, his influence has had generational ripples. Many have benefited from his wisdom and he is well known for giving honest feedback followed-up by "You do what you want, though". Many owe him a debt that cannot be easily repaid. His service to the neighborhood, community and the state has been notable and exemplary. This modesty is why he should be recognized.