## BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY Re: Proposed Future Special Event Surcharge Fees. PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE COMES NOW, Kimberly Maxson-Rushton, Esq., on behalf of Henderson Taxi, Whittlesea Blue Cab, Nevada Yellow Cab, Nevada Checker Cab, New Cab Co, Nevada Star Cab, Virgin Valley, and Desert Cab, each a member of the Livery Operator's Association of Las Vegas (collectively

filed pursuant to Nevada Administrative Procedure ("NAC") 706.894

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All notices, pleading documents and correspondence pertaining to this proceeding should be directed to the following individual:

referred to as "LOA"), and hereby submits this Petition for Leave to Intervene ("PLTI"). This PLTI is

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I.

## DIRECT AND SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST

NAC 706.894 authorizes interested parties, who are directly and substantially affected by a proceeding, to intervene and thereafter participate in the matter. Accordingly, the members of the LOA respectfully submit that they have a direct and substantial interest in the Taxicab Authority ("TA") Board's consideration to allow surcharge fees for taxi services provided during special events in 2025.

As the TA is aware, the LOA has previously requested authority to modify taxi rates in Clark County, Nevada to include a "special event" surcharge fee. Specifically, the LOA sought approval to impose a surcharge fee on taxi trips during the F1 Grand Prix (Nov. 2023), SuperBowl LVII (February 2024), round one of the NCAA Basketball Tournament (March 2024) and the Electric Daisy Carnival (May 2024). The objective of the surcharge, as stated in the respective applications, was to incentivize

drivers to work during peak special events, thereby enabling more shifts, which correspondingly, benefited the traveling public.

As the TA records reflect, following each special event the LOA presented statistics demonstrating the success of the surcharge – the increase in the number of drivers working per shift and ridership during the specific event. The LOA has also reported consumer and driver complaints received during the special event surcharge periods and the efforts made by the carriers to address them.

Based on the LOA's prior participation in applications requesting approval of a special event surcharge fee and the corresponding success of it, the LOA members hereby assert a direct and substantial interest in the Board's consideration of developing a "special event surcharge fee" schedule for the upcoming year – 2025. Accordingly, the LOA respectfully requests authority to participate in the Public Hearing on this matter currently scheduled to take place September 18, 2024.

II.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the arguments set forth herein, the LOA submits that it has demonstrated a direct and substantial interest in the Board's consideration of allowing taxi carriers to impose a surcharge fee on taxi trips during special events. As such, the LOA seeks authority to fully participate in this matter.

DATED this 13th day of September, 2024.

**COOPER LEVENSON, P.A.** 

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 1 I HEREBY CERTIFY that on 13<sup>TH</sup> day of September 2024, I did deposit for mailing in the 2 United States mail at Las Vegas, Nevada, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing 3 **PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**, in a sealed envelope with first class postage fully 4 5 prepaid thereon, addressed to: 6 Nevada Attorney General's Office Dan Reiser, Chairman 7 555 E. Washington Ave., Suite 390 C/O Fennemore Las Vegas, NV 89101 7800 Rancharrah Pkwy Reno, Nevada 89511 9 A-Cab Co Western Cab 1500 Searles 4195 Diablo Road 10 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 11 Deluxe Cab Co Lucky Cab Co. 6055 Emerald Avenue 4195 Diablo Road 12 Las Vegas, NV 89122 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 13 Nellis Cab Co 14 4195 Diablo Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 15 16 /s/ Gabriela Mercado 17 An employee of COOPER LEVENSON 18 19 20 21 22 23 4890-9195-3844, v. 1 24 25 26 27

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