

# Gov. List Signs Order Establishing Minority Commission

BY ED BROWN

Gov. Robert List signed an executive order last Friday at the 7th Annual Minority Business Person's Awards Luncheon at the Desert Inn Hotel, creating a nine member commission to examine the problems facing minority-run businesses. He was the guest speaker for the occasion.

Joining List were Las Vegas Mayor Bill Briare, North Las Vegas Mayor Ray Daines, Boulder City Mayor Robert Ferraro, Henderson Mayor Lorin Williams and County Commissioner Manny Cortez, proclaiming May 30 Minority Business Person's Day.

List said the commission would be composed of members from a cross section of the minority communities in the state and would start work, July 1. He stressed the commission would not be a cosmetic panel, a token group, merely giving an appearance of examining problems.

The Governor indicated that he would expect a report from the commission on May 30, 1981 which would specifically pinpoint problems facing minority-run businesses and make recommendations as to what steps could be taken to ease or remove those barriers.

Bob Bailey, executive



**BARBARA McNAIR**  
... attended Meeting

director of the Nevada Economic Development Co., coordinated the affair which saw a number of minority businesses honored for their successes and different agencies awarded for their use of minority-run businesses.

Tenure awards were made to minority entrepreneurs who have been in business consistently for 10 years or better. Those recipients were Sedillo Landscape & Collins Forward Move Beauty Supply, Inc. Both businesses have been in existence since 1962.

The most promising awards, made to those minority entrepreneurs who have been in business for less than 2 years but more than 15 months, were made to Lou Richardson - general construction contractor, and to the Grand Prix Auto Shop.

Nellis Air Force Base was awarded for using

minority-run businesses to meet its supply needs, Reynolds Electric and Engineering Co., in the private sector was similarly honored.

The Moapa Band of Paiutes, who have undertaken a number of ambitious projects on their reservation to provide jobs for their tribal members, received the final award for special economic achievement.

This annual event is sponsored by the Nevada Economic Development Company (NEDCO), Minority Business Development Agency,

U.S. Department of Commerce, Nevada State Department of Economic Development and the Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

"We feel things are getting better," said Bob Bailey, referring to the executive order signed by List. "In the eight years of experience we've had with NEDCO and with the system of Southern Nevada, progress has been made."

The audience attending the luncheon in the Terrace Room at the Desert Inn Hotel greeted the signing of the executive order by Gov. List with a thunderous applause.



ATTENDEES — Also attending the 7th Annual Minority Business Person's Award Luncheon last week at the Desert Inn Hotel were (L to R) Bob Bailey, executive director, NEDCO; Art Chapman, director of operations, Westside Charter Service; Leonard Mason, president, Mason Construction, Inc. and Assemblyman Marion Bennett.

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AWARDS LUNCHEON- Attending the 7th Annual Minority Business Person's Awards Luncheon (L to R) were Dr. Lee Rayford, executive director, Nevada Equal Rights Commission; Bob Bailey, executive director, Nevada Economic Development Co. and Dr. James McMillan, president of the local chapter NAACP.

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