

# SOUTHERN NEVADA CULINARY AND BARTENDERS PENSION PLAN

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## ANNUAL FUNDING NOTICE

For

### Southern Nevada Culinary and Bartenders Pension Plan

#### Introduction

This notice includes important funding information about your pension plan ("the Plan"). This notice also provides a summary of federal rules governing multiemployer plans in reorganization and insolvent plans and benefit payments guaranteed by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), a federal agency. This notice is for the plan year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009 (referred to hereafter as "Plan Year").

#### Funded Percentage

The funded percentage of a plan is a measure of how well that plan is funded. This percentage is obtained by dividing the Plan's assets by its liabilities on the valuation date for the plan year. In general, the higher the percentage, the better funded the plan. The Plan's funded percentage for the Plan Year and two preceding plan years is set forth in the chart below, along with a statement of the value of the Plan's assets and liabilities for the same period.

	2009 Plan Year	2008 Plan Year	2007 Plan Year
Valuation Date	January 1, 2009	January 1, 2008	January 1, 2007
Funded Percentage	91.15%	110.74%	Not applicable
Value of Assets	\$1,396,296,000	\$1,595,933,300	Not applicable
Value of Liabilities	\$1,531,895,332	\$1,441,097,185	Not applicable

#### Transition Data

For a brief transition period, the Plan is not required by law to report certain funding related information because such information may not exist for plan years before 2008. The plan has entered "not applicable" in the chart above to identify the information it does not have. In lieu of that information, however, the Plan is providing you with comparable information that reflects the funding status of the Plan under the law then in effect. For 2007, the Plan's "funded current liability percentage" was 83.0%, the Plan's assets were \$1,462,108,900, and Plan liabilities were \$1,762,209,700. Note, however, that this "funded current liability percentage" is calculated in a different manner than the Funded Percentage shown in the table above. The "Funded Percentage" in the table above is the percentage that is used to determine whether the Plan is in "endangered" or "critical" status, as discussed later in this Notice.

#### Fair Market Value of Assets

Asset values in the chart above are actuarial values, not market values. Market values tend to show a clearer picture of a plan's funded status as of a given point in time. However, because market values can fluctuate daily based on factors in the marketplace, such as changes in the stock market, pension law allows plans to use actuarial

values for funding purposes. While actuarial values fluctuate less than market values, they are estimates. As of December 31, 2009, the fair market value of the Plan's assets was \$1,315,368,829. As of December 31, 2008, the fair market value of the Plan's assets was \$1,163,580,000. As of December 31, 2007, the fair market value of the Plan's assets was \$1,653,566,000.

Please note that the market value as of December 31, 2009 is based on unaudited financials and is subject to change.

### **Participant Information**

The total number of participants in the plan as of the Plan's valuation date was 89,735. Of this number, 53,980 were active participants, 15,699 were retired or separated from service and receiving benefits, and 20,056 were retired or separated from service and entitled to future benefits.

### **Funding & Investment Policies**

The law requires that every pension plan have a procedure for establishing a funding policy to carry out the plan objectives. A funding policy relates to the level of contributions needed to pay for benefits promised under the plan currently and over the years. The funding policy of the Plan is as follows:

The applicable collective bargaining agreements stipulate the contribution rates for determining contributions to fund the Plan's benefits. Actual contributions are thus the negotiated contribution rates multiplied by the hours worked by participants. It is intended that the actual contributions will be sufficient to fund each year's benefit accrual and also amortize any unfunded liabilities over 15 years measured from each January 1 valuation date.

Once money is contributed to the Plan, the money is invested by plan officials called fiduciaries. Specific investments are made in accordance with the Plan's investment policy. Generally speaking, an investment policy is a written statement that provides the fiduciaries who are responsible for plan investments with guidelines or general instructions concerning various types or categories of investment management decisions. The investment policy of the Plan is:

The Board of Trustees is committed to (1) protecting the assets in the Fund; (2) obtaining adequate investment returns in order to protect and pay the benefits promised to the participants; (3) complying with the Fiduciary responsibility provisions of ERISA, and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

The Pension Plan's investment portfolio is administered in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Pension Plan's Board of Trustees is charged with the fiduciary oversight of the investment of assets of the Trust Fund. In keeping with their fiduciary responsibilities under ERISA and the Plan Trust Agreement, the Trustees adopted an Investment Policy Statement to provide guidance and to define the Plan's overall investment objectives. Currently, the Plan's assets are invested in a well-diversified portfolio that includes over 5 asset classes managed by 26 institutional investment managers. The Trustees meet regularly with consultants, investment managers, and Plan staff to make informed decisions in determining the asset allocation and investment guidelines of the portfolio.

In accordance with the Plan's investment policy, the Plan's assets were allocated among the following categories of investments, as of the end of the Plan Year. These allocations are percentages of total assets:

<b>Asset Allocations</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1. Interest-bearing cash	0.3
2. U.S. Government securities	2.8
3. Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):	
Preferred	0.0
All other	6.0
4. Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):	
Preferred	0.0
Common	60.3
5. Partnership/joint venture interests	3.2
6. Real estate (other than employer real property)	16.0
7. Loans (other than to participants)	0.0
8. Participant loans	0.0
9. Value of interest in common/collective trusts	0.0
10. Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	0.0
11. Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	0.0
12. Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	0.0
13. Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	0.0
14. Value of funds held in insurance co. general account (unallocated contracts)	0.0
15. Employer-related investments:	
Employer Securities	0.0
Employer real property	0.0
16. Buildings and other property used in plan operation	0.0
17. Other	0.0

### **Critical or Endangered Status**

Under federal pension law a plan generally will be considered to be in “endangered” status if, at the beginning of the plan year, the funded percentage of the plan is less than 80 percent or in “critical” status if the percentage is less than 65 percent (other factors may also apply). If a pension plan enters endangered status, the trustees of the plan are required to adopt a funding improvement plan. Similarly, if a pension plan enters critical status, the trustees of the plan are required to adopt a rehabilitation plan. Rehabilitation and funding improvement plans establish steps and benchmarks for pension plans to improve their funding status over a specified period of time.

The Plan was in “Endangered” Status in the Plan Year because, although the Plan’s funded percentage was greater than 80%, the Plan was projected to have an accumulated funding deficiency in 2014, which is within the seven-year period considered under the law. Under the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 (WRERA), the Board of Trustees elected to freeze the Plan’s status, and thus be treated as if the Plan was neither in endangered nor critical status for 2009. As a result, the Plan was not required to develop and adopt a formal funding improvement plan in 2009, although the Culinary and Bartenders Unions did allocate increased contributions from the economic package due in June 2009 in order to improve the Plan’s financial condition.

### **Events with Material Effect on Assets or Liabilities**

Federal law requires trustees to provide in this notice a written explanation of events, taking effect in the current plan year, which are expected to have a material effect on plan liabilities or assets. For the plan year beginning on January 1, 2009 and ending on December 31, 2009, there were no events with a material effect on assets or liabilities.

## **Right to Request a Copy of the Annual Report**

A pension plan is required to file with the US Department of Labor an annual report (i.e., Form 5500) containing financial and other information about the plan. Copies of the annual report are available from the US Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration's Public Disclosure Room at 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-1513, Washington, DC 20210, or by calling 202.693.8673. Or you may obtain a copy of the Plan's annual report by making a written request to the plan administrator.

## **Summary of Rules Governing Plans in Reorganization and Insolvent Plans**

Federal law has a number of special rules that apply to financially troubled multiemployer plans. Under so-called "plan reorganization rules," a plan with adverse financial experience may need to increase required contributions and may, under certain circumstances, reduce benefits that are not eligible for the PBGC's guarantee (generally, benefits that have been in effect for less than 60 months). If a plan is in reorganization status, it must provide notification that the plan is in reorganization status and that, if contributions are not increased, accrued benefits under the plan may be reduced or an excise tax may be imposed (or both). The law requires the plan to furnish this notification to each contributing employer and the labor organization.

Despite the special plan reorganization rules, a plan in reorganization nevertheless could become insolvent. A plan is insolvent for a plan year if its available financial resources are not sufficient to pay benefits when due for the plan year. An insolvent plan must reduce benefit payments to the highest level that can be paid from the plan's available financial resources. If such resources are not enough to pay benefits at a level specified by law (see Benefit Payments Guaranteed by the PBGC, below), the plan must apply to the PBGC for financial assistance. The PBGC, by law, will loan the plan the amount necessary to pay benefits at the guaranteed level. Reduced benefits may be restored if the plan's financial condition improves.

A plan that becomes insolvent must provide prompt notification of the insolvency to participants and beneficiaries, contributing employers, labor unions representing participants, and PBGC. In addition, participants and beneficiaries also must receive information regarding whether, and how, their benefits will be reduced or affected as a result of the insolvency, including loss of a lump sum option. This information will be provided for each year the plan is insolvent.

## **Benefit Payments Guaranteed by the PBGC**

The maximum benefit that the PBGC guarantees is set by law. Only vested benefits are guaranteed. Specifically, the PBGC guarantees a monthly benefit payment equal to 100 percent of the first \$11 of the Plan's monthly benefit accrual rate, plus 75 percent of the next \$33 of the accrual rate, times each year of credited service. The PBGC's maximum guarantee, therefore, is \$35.75 per month times a participant's years of credited service.

*Example 1:* If a participant with 10 years of credited service has an accrued monthly benefit of \$500, the accrual rate for purposes of determining the PBGC guarantee would be determined by dividing the monthly benefit by the participant's years of service ( $\$500/10$ ), which equals \$50. The guaranteed amount for a \$50 monthly accrual rate is equal to the sum of \$11 plus  $\$24.75 (.75 \times \$33)$ , or \$35.75. Thus, the participant's guaranteed monthly benefit is \$357.50 ( $\$35.75 \times 10$ ).

*Example 2:* If the participant in Example 1 has an accrued monthly benefit of \$200, the accrual rate for purposes of determining the guarantee would be \$20 (or  $\$200/10$ ). The guaranteed amount for a \$20 monthly accrual rate is equal to the sum of \$11 plus  $\$6.75 (.75 \times \$9)$ , or \$17.75. Thus, the participant's guaranteed monthly benefit would be \$177.50 ( $\$17.75 \times 10$ ).

The PBGC guarantees pension benefits payable at normal retirement age and some early retirement benefits. In calculating a person's monthly payment, the PBGC will disregard any benefit increases that were made under the plan within 60 months before the earlier of the plan's termination or insolvency (or benefits that were in effect for

less than 60 months at the time of termination or insolvency). Similarly, the PBGC does not guarantee pre-retirement death benefits to a spouse or beneficiary (e.g., a qualified pre-retirement survivor annuity) if the participant dies after the plan terminates, benefits above the normal retirement benefit, disability benefits not in pay status, or non-pension benefits, such as health insurance, life insurance, death benefits, vacation pay, or severance pay.

### **Where to Get More Information**

For more information about this notice, you may contact the Plan Office at 1820 E. Sahara Ave. Suite 314, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 or call 702.369.0000. You may also visit the Plan's website at [www.culinarypension.org](http://www.culinarypension.org). For identification purposes, the official plan number is 001 and the plan sponsor's employer identification number or "EIN" is 88-6016617. For more information about the PBGC and benefit guarantees, go to PBGC's website, [www.pbgc.gov](http://www.pbgc.gov), or call PBGC toll-free at 1-800-400-7242 (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 1-800-400-7242).