# Carson City Economic and Market Update & Investment Program Discussion



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■ Chief Investment Officer, Clark County: 1998 – 2005

President, FHN Main Street: 2005 to Present



# **Forecasting the Markets/Economy**





"The only function of economic (and interest rate) forecasting is to make astrology look respectable."

John Kenneth Galbraith, Economist



"The Federal Reserve is currently not forecasting a recession."

Ben Bernanke (former Fed Chair), January 10, 2008



"Our ability to forecast is limited".

Alan Greenspan (former Fed Chair) November 2019



### **Discussion Themes:**

- Economic Activity Shifting to a Lower Gear (Maybe 5<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Employment Gains Face a Tougher Road Ahead
- Flu Season is Coming...We Will See a Second COVID Wave/Ripple?
- "Lowflation" or "Highflation" Ahead?
- The Fed's New Inflation Strategy is Not Good the City's Investments
- Trump's Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> "Win", "Post Election Day Chaos"





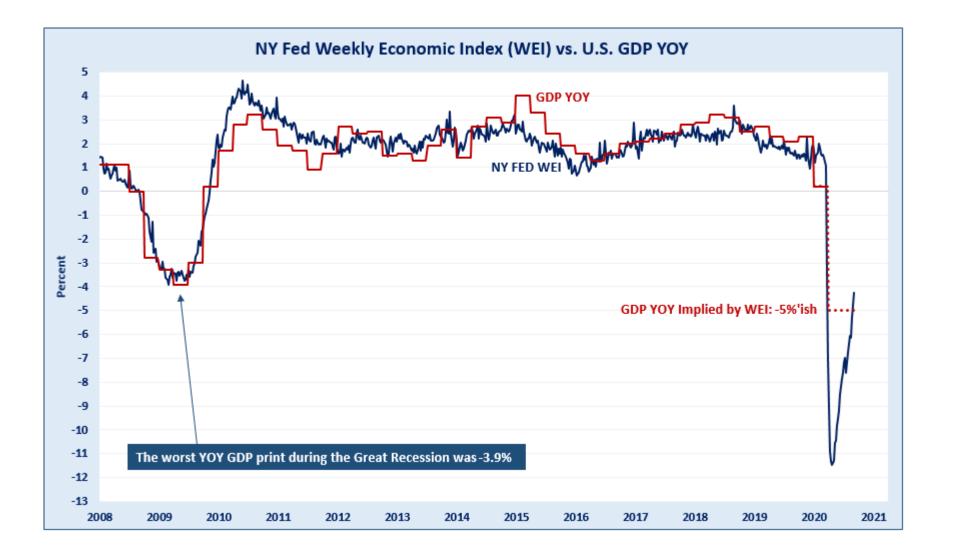
Why the Federal Reserve's new strategy is good news if you're planning to buy a home, looking for work or hold stocks



Job Seekers, Homebuyers, Stock Investors Are Expected to Benefit From... wsj.com



# **Economic Activity Shifting to a Slightly Lower Gear**

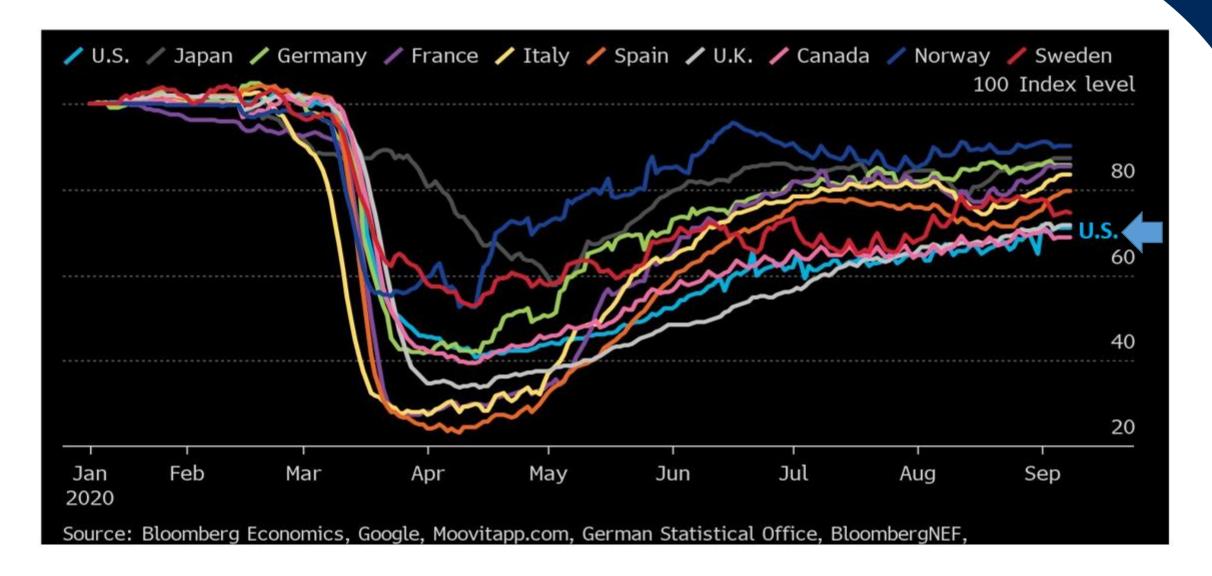






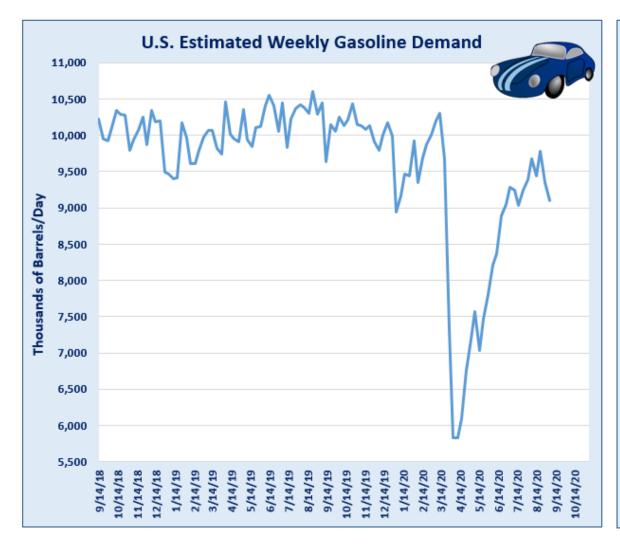


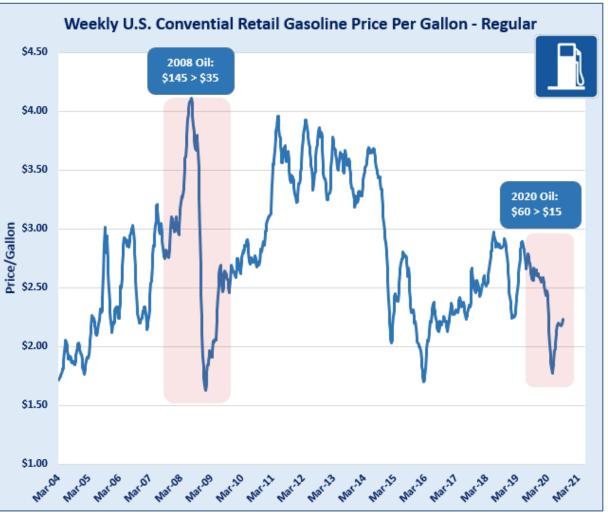
# **U.S. Consumer Activity Lagging the Developed World**





# **Driving Has Rebounded Well**





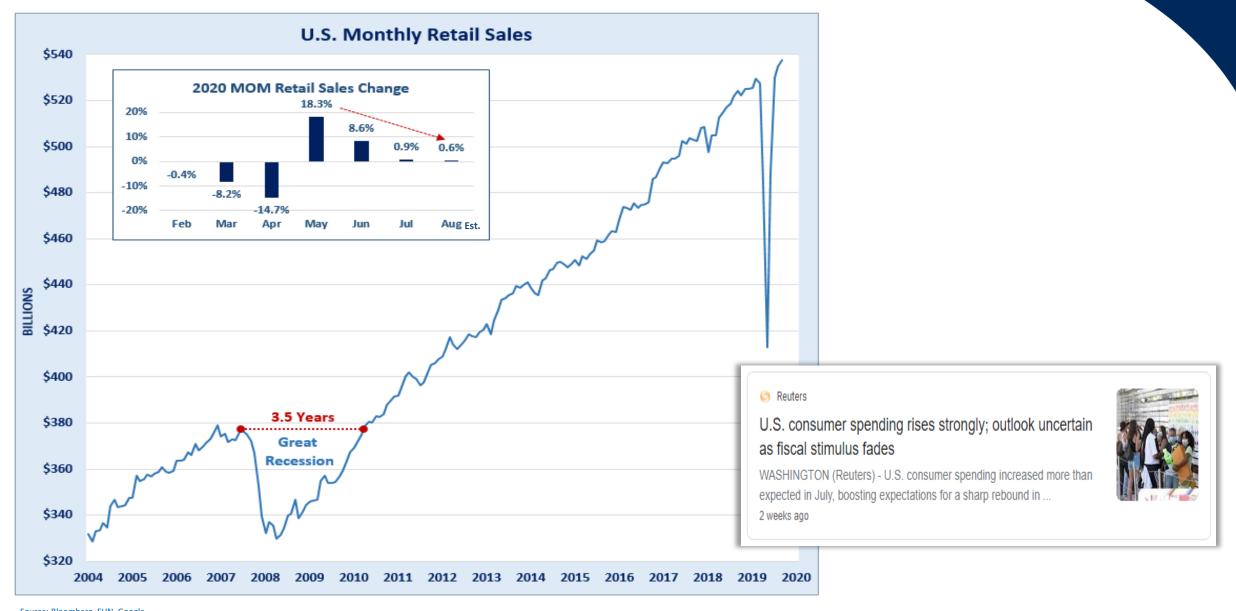


# **But Air Travel is Still Way Below Normal**





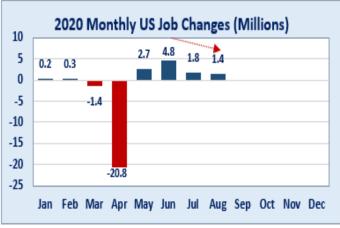
### Retail Sales' Recovered Losses in 3 Months vs. Great Recession 3.5 Years





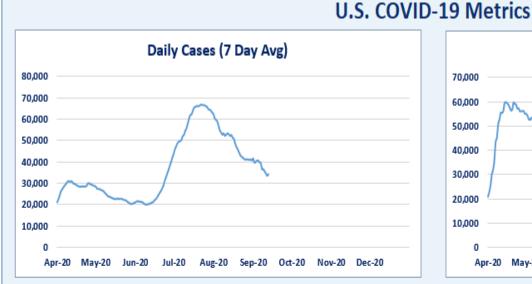
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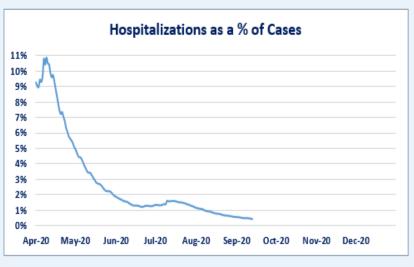


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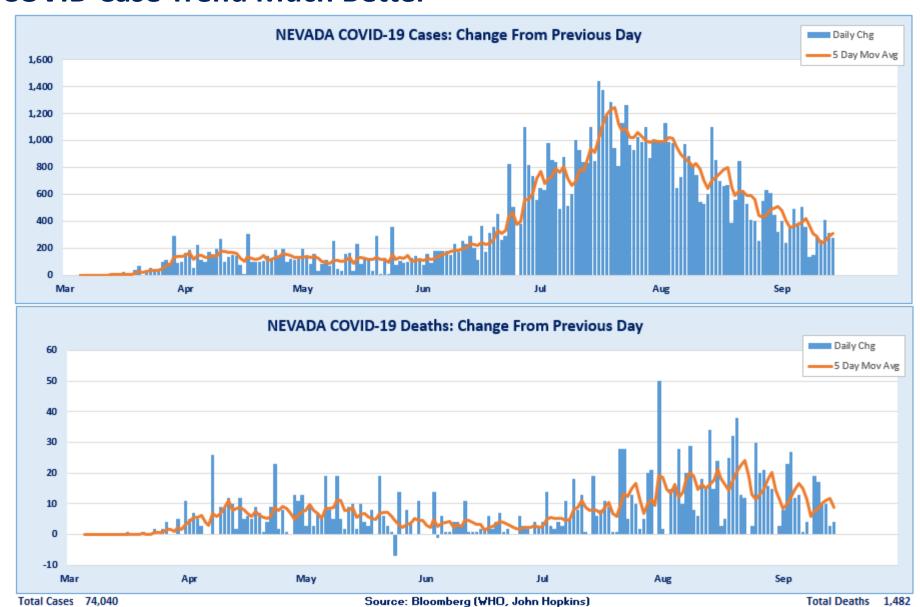






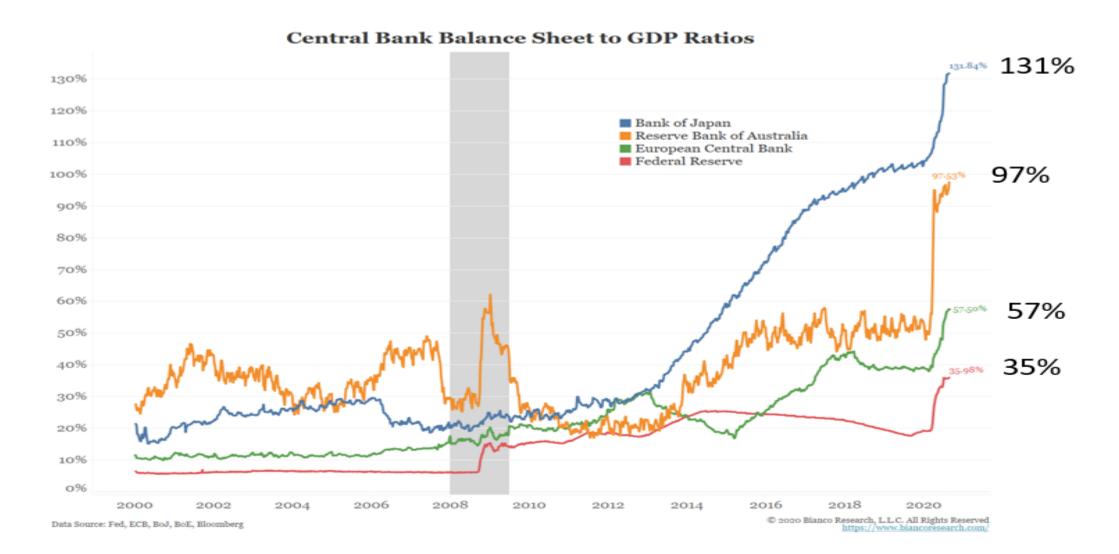


## **Nevada's COVID Case Trend Much Better**





# **Lowflation or Highflation Ahead?**





# The Fed's New Inflation Strategy is Not Good for the City's Investments

August 31, 2020

The Federal Reserve's New Monetary Policy Framework: A Robust Evolution

Vice Chair Richard H. Clarida

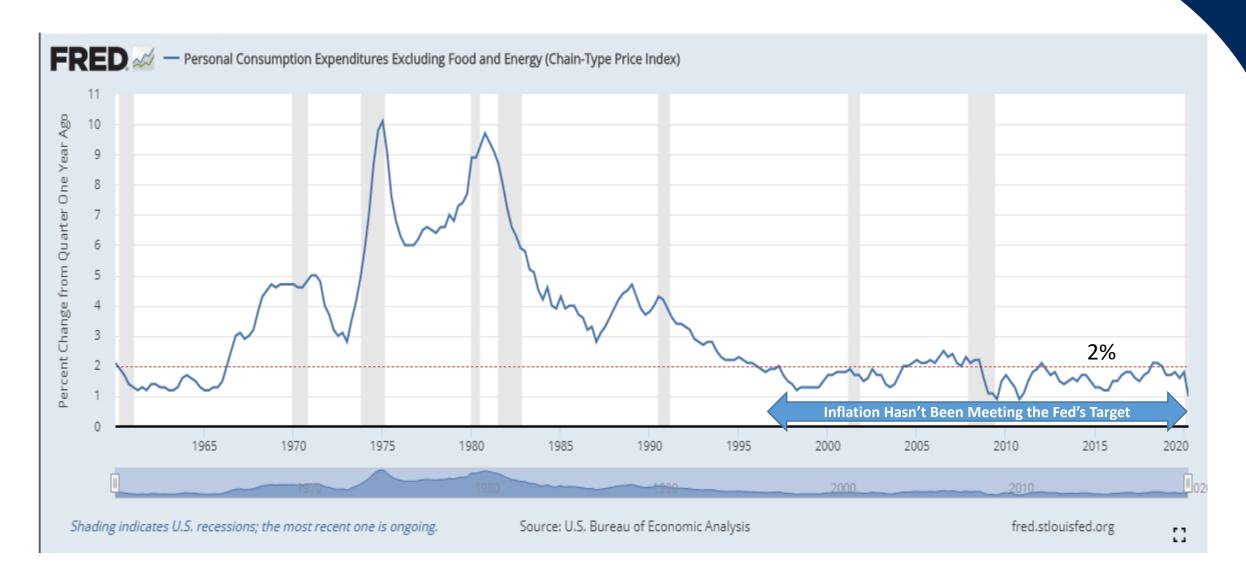
At the Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C. (via webcast)



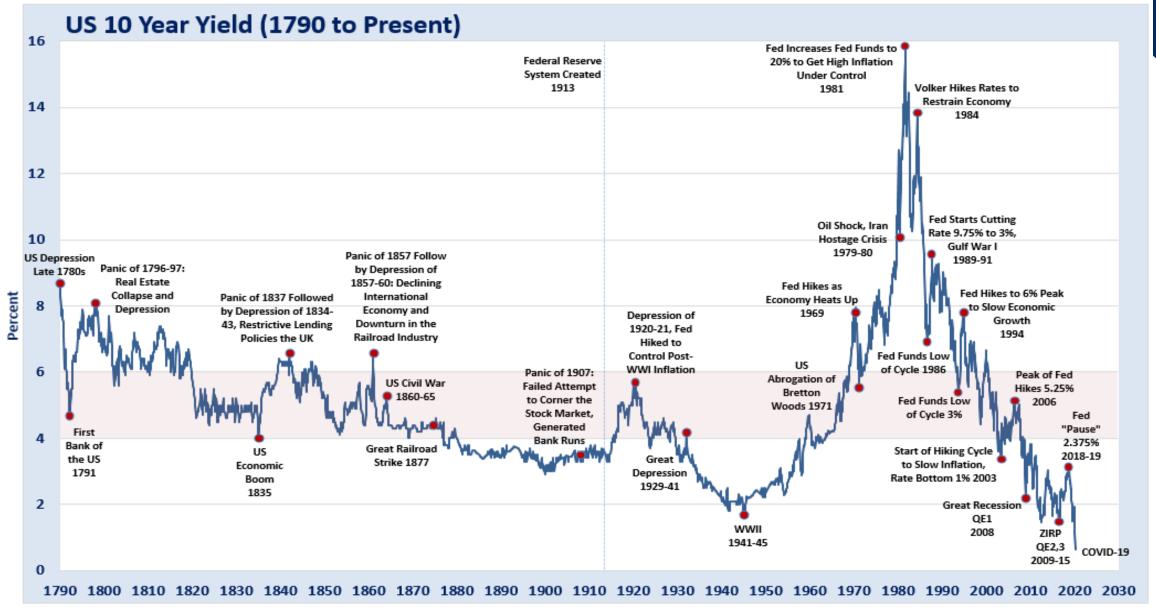
My remarks today have been focused on our new framework and flexible average inflation targeting strategy. Of course, our review has also explored ways in which we might add to our toolkit and refine our communication practices. With regard to our toolkit, we believe that forward guidance and large-scale asset purchases have been and continue to be effective sources of support to the economy when the federal funds rate is at the ELB, and, of course, both were deployed promptly in our March 2020 policy response to the pandemic. With regard to other monetary policy tools, and as we have made clear previously in the minutes to our October 2019 FOMC meeting, we do not see negative policy rates as an attractive policy option in the U.S. context. As for targeting the yield curve, our general view is that with credible forward guidance (LOL!, Rick's thoughts) and asset purchases, the potential benefits from such an approach may be modest. At the same time, the approach brings complications in terms of implementation and communications. Hence, as noted in the minutes from our previous meeting (July 2020), most of my colleagues judged that yield caps and targets were not warranted in the current environment but should remain an **option** that the Committee could reassess in the future if circumstances changed markedly.



# Inflation Hasn't Been Averaging the Fed's Inflation Target (2%) for a Long Time





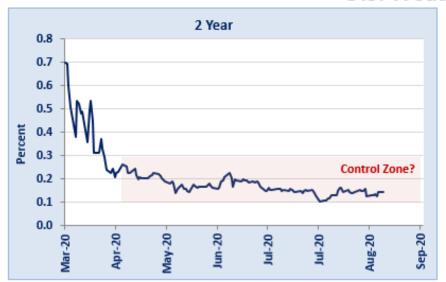


Sources: Goldman Sachs, Global Financial Database, Arbor Research 1790 to 1831 British Consols, 1831 to 1919 High-Grade Long Term Railroad, 1919 to Date 10Yr Treasuries



### Yields are Still in the "Control Zone"

### **U.S. Treasury Yields**









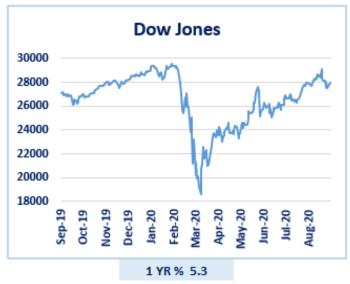


# Global Yields' Gravitational Pull on U.S. Rates

Selected Developed Countries' Global Sovereign Yields % (sorted by 10-Year Yields)								
Country	Policy Rate	1-Year	2-Year	3-Year	5-Year	7-Year	10-Year	30-Year
Switzerland	-0.75	-1.00	-0.85	-0.85	-0.76	-0.65	-0.51	-0.34
Germany	-0.50	-0.62	-0.71	-0.75	-0.69	-0.62	-0.48	-0.04
Austria	-0.50	-0.66	-0.71	-0.67	-0.63	-0.51	-0.33	0.23
Finland	-0.50	-0.66	-0.67	-0.65	-0.61	-0.49	-0.30	0.10
Belguim	-0.50	-0.57	-0.66	-0.65	-0.59	-0.42	-0.07	0.47
France	-0.50	-0.58	-0.65	-0.63	-0.57	-0.45	-0.21	0.49
Japan	-0.10	-0.17	-0.17	-0.16	-0.11	-0.10	0.01	0.57
United Kingdom	0.10	-0.08	-0.10	-0.14	-0.10	0.00	0.20	0.75
Spain	-0.50	-0.45	-0.48	-0.42	-0.29	-0.03	0.27	1.08
Portugal	-0.50	-0.51	-0.58	-0.41	-0.23	0.01	0.30	1.00
Canada	0.25	0.21	0.26	0.26	0.35	0.39	0.55	1.06
New Zealand	0.25	0.03	-0.04		-0.01	0.18	0.58	
United States	0.25	0.13	0.13	0.15	0.26	0.45	0.67	1.42
Isreal	0.10	0.01	0.03	0.07	0.32	0.50	0.74	1.71
Australia	0.25	0.15	0.19	0.23	0.35	0.57	0.86	1.80
Italy	-0.50	-0.25	-0.15	-0.02	0.39	0.71	1.01	1.90
South Korea	0.50	0.61	0.86	0.96	1.21		1.51	1.66



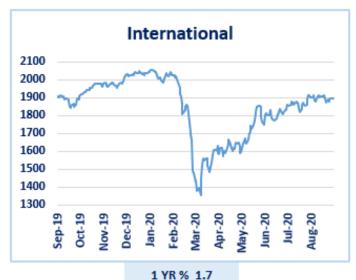
# **After Flying High...NASDAQ Corrected -12%**









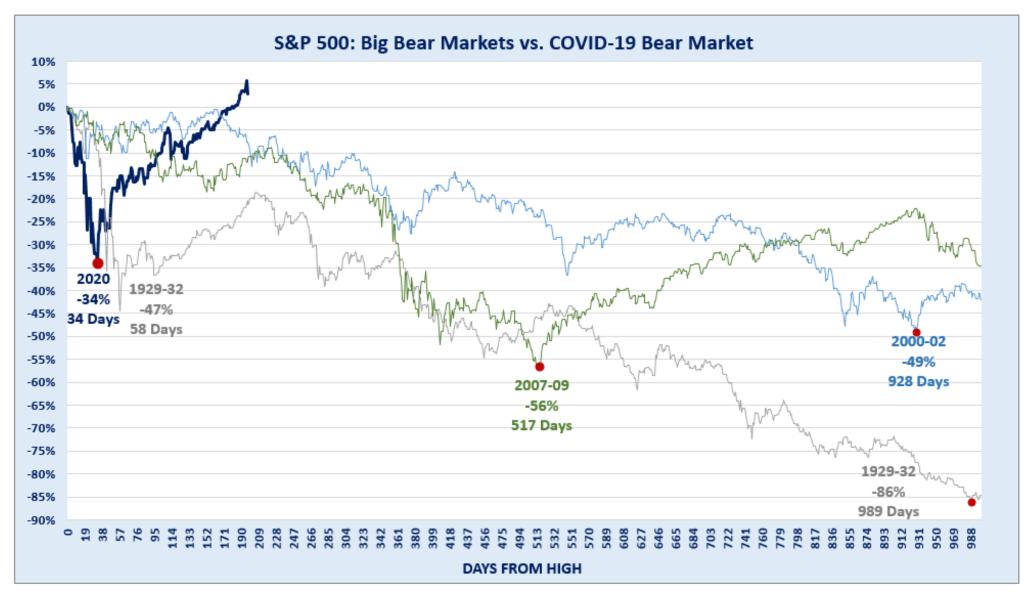


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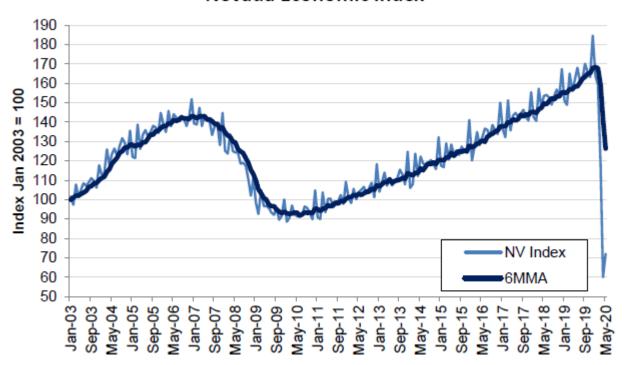
# **Fastest Bear Market to the Quickest Recovery**





# **Nevada's Economy Declined Sharply Due to the COVID Shutdown**

### Nevada Economic Index



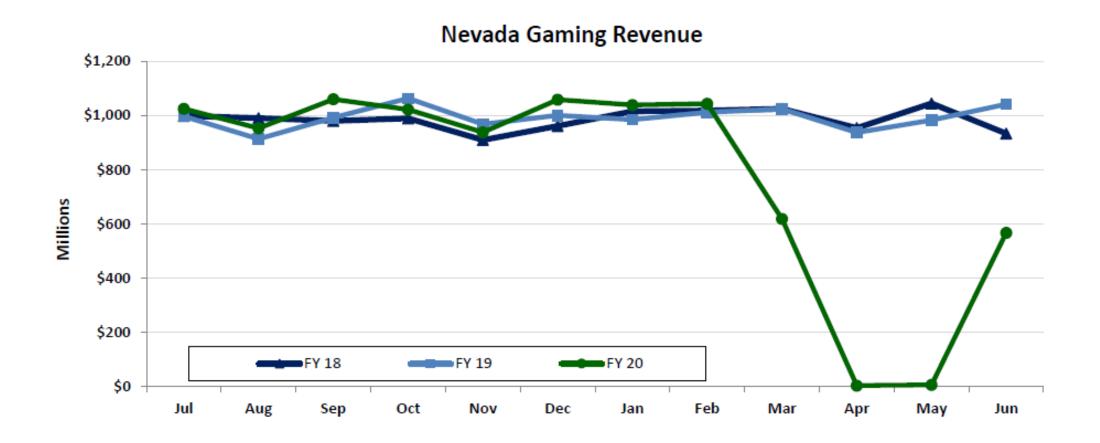
Nevada Economic Index Components						
				Mthly	YOY	
	Jun 20**	May 20	Jun 19	% Chg	% Chg	
Nevada Econ. Index*	114.21	126.38	158.45	-9.6% 🖖	-27.9% 🖖	
NV Taxable Sales (Bil.)	\$5.30	\$4.40	\$5.64	20.4%	-6.0% 🖖	
NV Gaming Revenue (Mil.)	\$567	\$6	\$1,041	9658.2% 🛧	-45.6% 🖖	
NV Unemployment Rate	15.0%	25.3%	3.9%	-10.3PP 🖖	11.1PP 🛧	

6 month moving average

\*\*<u>NOTE:</u> Taxable Sales has a 2 month lag ,as reflected in the date of the index. Other sources in this report have a 1 month lag. PP Stands for Percentage Points

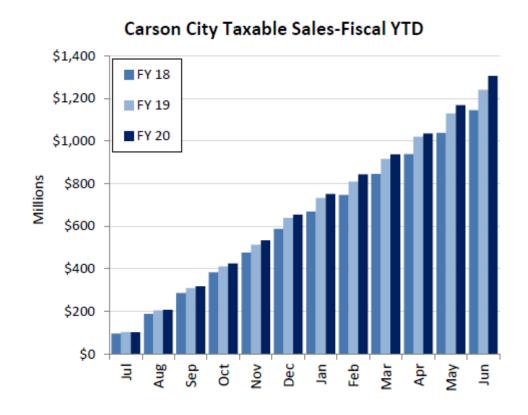


# Nevada Gaming Revenue Rebounds...But Has a Long Way to Go





# **FY 2020 Taxable Sales: Carson City has Outpaced the State**



FY 2020 Change: +5.2%

# \$70 \$60 - FY 19 \$50 - FY 20 \$40 \$30 \$20 \$10

Nov

Nevada Taxable Sales-Fiscal YTD

FY 2020 Change: -1.9%

Jan

Feb

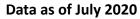
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# **Carson City's Unemployment Rate Better Than the State's**









# Trump's Nov 3rd "Win"... "Post Election Day Chaos" Due to Mail-In

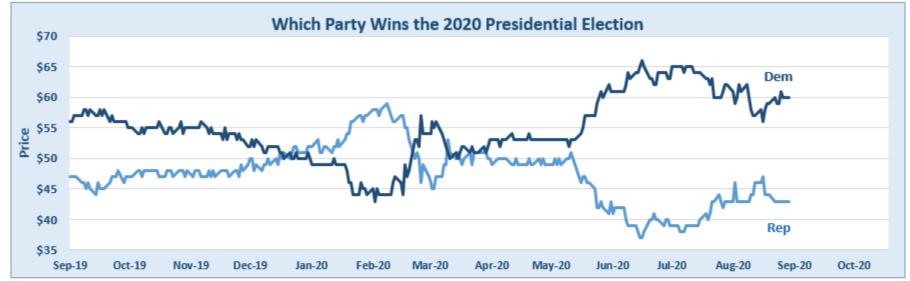






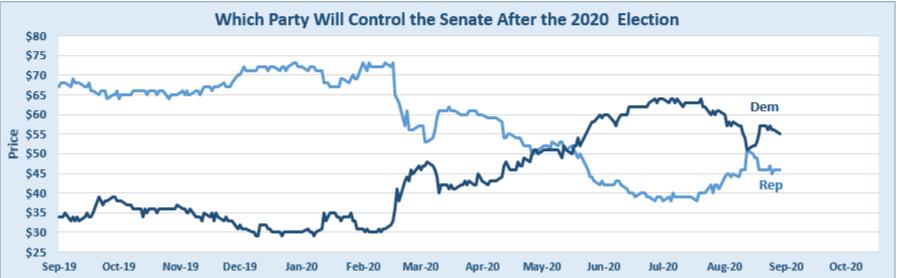


# Will Things Tighten Into November?





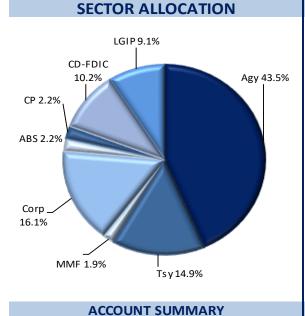


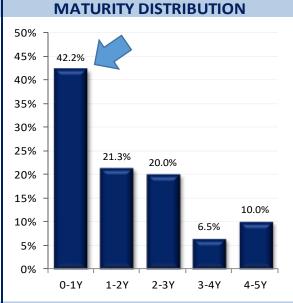




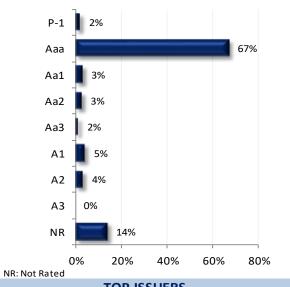


# **Carson City Investment Portfolio Summary as of 6/30/20**





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**CREDIT QUALITY (MOODY'S)** 

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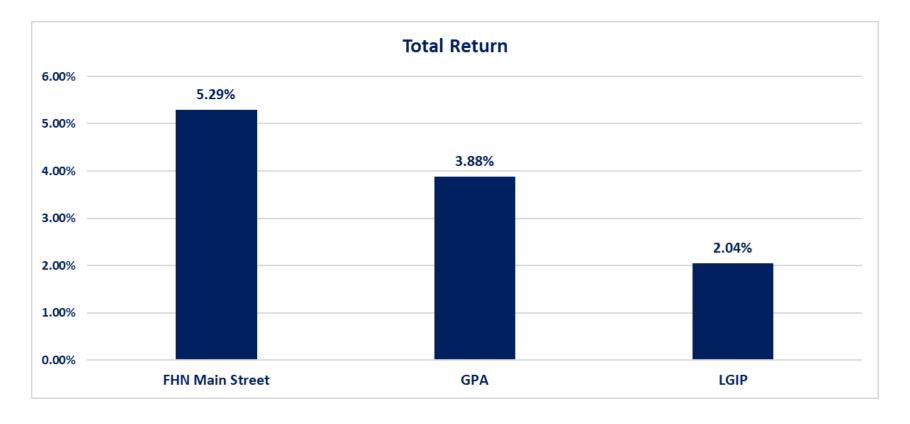
		2.60%
Market Value Book Value	\$92,488,085 \$89,942,868	2.50%
Variance	\$2,545,217	2.40%
Par Value	\$40,320,095	2.30%
Book Yield	2.19%	2.20%
Years to Maturity	2.43	2.10%
Effective Duration	2.06	λυβ-19 (19 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20
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Issuer	% Portfolio
FHLB	17.4%
FFCB	17.0%
U.S. Treasury	14.9%
State of NV LGIP	9.1%
FHLMC	5.4%
Exxon	2.2%
FAMCA	2.2%
Goldman Sachs Govt MMF	1.9%
Bank of New York	1.9%
Apple	1.9%
FNMA	1.6%
Microsoft	1.4%
Deere	1.4%
Berkshire Hathaway	1.1%
Chevron	1.1%

Portfolio Composition:
FHN Main Street: \$40.3Mil
GPA: 43.8Mil
State of NV LGIP: 8.4Mil
Total \$92.5Mil



# **Portfolio Total Returns as for Fiscal Year 2020**



Portfolio	Avg Balance	Total Return Income
FHN Main Street	\$38,576,915	\$2,039,561
GPA	\$40,899,796	\$1,566,766
LGIP	\$24,117,750	\$492,833



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