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Mr. Tim Whitright
City of Las Vegas
Neighborhood Development Division
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Subject: CDBG Funds Request

Dear Mr. Whitright

The Housing Authority of the City of Las Vegas (HACLV) is requesting CDBG funding assistance for the demolition of two buildings located at APN No: 139-21-102-008 (northeast corner of Comstock Drive and Balzar Avenue. The two facilities have been vacant for several years and are a constant nuisance to the community. They are regularly broken into and have been severely vandalized. Damaged and leaking roofs are beyond repair; the mechanical and plumbing systems, as well as all the electrical lines, have been stripped and the copper and aluminum removed.

It has always been the intention of the HACLV to either rehabilitate or demolish the structures since they were vacated; however, due to a lack of funding we have been unable to do so. The Housing Authority has taken steps to secure the property and attempted to keep the parcel clean until such rehab or demo could take place. But over the years the vandalism has taken its toll on the facilities to the point where they could become a safety concern for the new elementary school adjacent to the property.

The total demolition cost is estimated to be \$800,000. Because the Housing Authority's funding is very limited we are unable to cover the full cost of abatement and demolition; however, we would be able to contribute financially to some extent. Assistance from the City would allow us to eliminate the hazard quickly, which will be especially appreciated by the immediate neighbors.

After demolition the Housing Authority plans to re-develop the site with a Mixed Use project, which will help to revitalize the neighborhood.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to contact me at 922-6850.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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cc: Amparo Gamazo