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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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**Re: Amended Justification Letter – Las Vegas Family Clinic, Inc.
Special Use Permit for a Facility to Provide Testing, Treatment, or
Counseling for Drug or Alcohol Abuse
Proposed Location: 1311 Casino Center Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89104**

Dear Mr. Swanton:

Please be advised that our office represents Las Vegas Family Clinic, Inc. (the "Applicant"). This letter serves as justification for the Applicant's request for a special use permit to operate a Facility to Provide Testing, Treatment, or Counseling for Drug or Alcohol Abuse located at 1311 Casino Center Boulevard.

The Applicant and its related entities have been operating outpatient treatment facilities in the Las Vegas Valley since 1992. The Applicant currently operates seventeen (17) such facilities nationwide, including four (4) in the Las Vegas Valley area. Of the four (4) facilities located in the Las Vegas Valley area, the Applicant currently operates an outpatient facility at 721 E. Charleston Boulevard. The Applicant has been operating at the 721 E. Charleston Boulevard location since approximately April 2000, without any known code violations or complaints.

Unfortunately, the 721 E. Charleston Boulevard location is being demolished due to the expansion of Nevada Legal Services. The Applicant is desirous of continuing to provide outpatient treatment for its patients in the general vicinity. As a result, the Applicant is seeking to relocate its operation from 721 E. Charleston Boulevard to 1311 Casino Center Boulevard (the "Site").

The Site is zoned C-2. The treatment facility would be located in an approximate 2220 square foot recently gutted and re-furnished building on the Site. The Site meets the parking requirements within the Downtown Overlay District. The Site will have curbside trash service.

It is important to note that patients do *not* reside or stay overnight at the facility. Rather, the patients generally make appointments for family, group or individual counseling sessions



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or assessments. In some cases, medication is prescribed by the staff physician. The medication is administered on site by the nursing staff. Further, this is *not* a dual diagnosis facility (i.e. patients with substance abuse and mental health issues). The facility only treats adults battling drug or alcohol abuse.

The patients primarily seek treatment voluntarily and pay for such service out of pocket. The Applicant receives a small amount of federal funding for qualifying Medicaid and VA patients. Also, the Applicant receives a small amount of Clark County funding for HIV/Aids patients in treatment (the Ryan White Project). Patient referrals come from private doctors, local agencies, and judicial system referrals.

The facility's anticipated hours of operation are 5:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday thru Saturday for patient prescribed medication and attending one-on-one consultations. The facility also offers family and group counseling. The hours of operation for these serves can be between 5:00 am to 2:00 pm or between the hours of 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

The outpatient facility has proven to be an important part of the community medical resources and in the event this permit is not granted, this service will no longer be available to people residing in this area of the community.

The Applicant holds numerous state and federal licenses and certifications from, including but not limited to, the following: the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Nevada State Board of Pharmacy, State of Nevada Bureau of Licensure & Certification, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (BADA), and has received accreditation from the Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), which are attached hereto.

The Applicant respectfully requests approval for a special use permit to relocate its outpatient treatment facility to the Site.

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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