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RE: Justification Letter for a Special Use Permit to allow a Social Service Provider located within a Office zoning designation. APN# 138-24-801-035

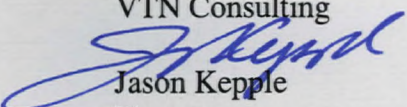
On behalf of the applicant Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada (DSOSN), VTN Consulting respectfully submits this letter and application to allow a social service provider within an Office (O) zoning designation on approximately .58 +/- acres. The property is located at 5300 W. Vegas Drive.

DSOSN is a non-profit organization that has been serving southern Nevada for over 10 years. The mission of the DSOSN has been to enlighten the public by promoting a positive understanding of Down syndrome in the community, and to be a source of support, information and education for families affected by Down syndrome. The property was purchased in 1997. The property was converted into a social service provider building from an existing home. During this time the applicant was not aware that the zoning would have to be changed from (P-R) to (O) and a special use permit would have to be approved. Today DSOSN is in the process of obtaining their business license (Business licenses are not required for non-profit organizations). The zoning and use permit issue was brought to their attention at this time. The applicant believes that this request will have minimal impact on the surrounding neighbors considering this use has been established for over 10 years without complaints of the neighbors. Also directly east of this property another social service provider has been established for sometime now.

Should you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact this office at 702-873-7550.

Thank you,

VTN Consulting


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