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Via Hand Delivery

Planning and Development Department
City of Las Vegas
731 South 4th Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Re: Justification Letter - Special Use Permit Application
Alcohol - Service Bar in Conjunction with an Existing Restaurant
Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc., 7175 West Lake Mead Blvd.
Assessor's Parcel No.: 138-22-701-007

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please accept this letter as the requisite Justification Letter required in connection with the above referenced Application for a Special Use Permit for the service of alcoholic beverages at the existing Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. located in the commercial shopping center at 7175 West Lake Mead Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89128. Following approval, Chipotle intends to serve beer and frozen margaritas in conjunction with the Mexican food presently served at its restaurant. Alcoholic beverages will be served from a service bar only; and then, only in conjunction with the purchase of food. There will be no bar and/or bar-type seating at the location. In summary, the location is appropriate for the service of alcoholic beverages in the fashion planned.

Locally, Chipotle presently has three locations in Clark County and two locations in the City of Henderson all of which are open, operating and serving alcoholic beverages in similar fashion. Nationally, Chipotle has 644 locations with liquor licenses operating in 31 states and the District of Columbia.

Waivers are required in connection with this application with respect to the 1500' distance separation requirement to a school as well as distance to residentially zoned property to the south. The waivers are required as Katz/McMillan Elementary Schools are further south from the location on Rock Springs Drive and, the property immediately south of the commercial center in which Chipotle is located is presently owned by Centex Homes and is zoned for residential development. The existence of the requested service bar will have no impacts on the aforementioned schools. It should

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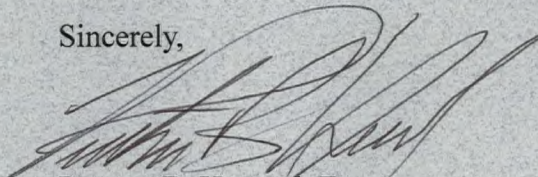
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also be noted that Beano's Casino which holds City of Las Vegas tavern and grandfathered, nonrestricted gaming licenses is directly across Lake Mead Blvd. from the location and has operated for many years without negative impact on the schools. It is further highly unlikely that the property to the south, which is presently zoned residential, will, in fact, be developed as residential; it being much more likely that it will be re-zoned commercial and/or office/professional and developed in a fashion consistent with the uses to its north, west and east.

In closing, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. prides itself on both exemplary conduct and good corporate citizenship in all respects in all of the jurisdictions in which it operates. It intends to continue that tradition with respect to its operations in the City of Las Vegas.

Should any further information and or documentation be required in connection with this matter, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. Thank you for your continuing assistance.

Sincerely,



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