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PLEASE RESPOND TO
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February 22, 2010

Elizabeth N. Fretwell
City Manager
City Hall
400 Stewart Avenue, 8th Floor
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Re: Mel C. Kalagian, Sr.

Dear Ms. Fretwell:

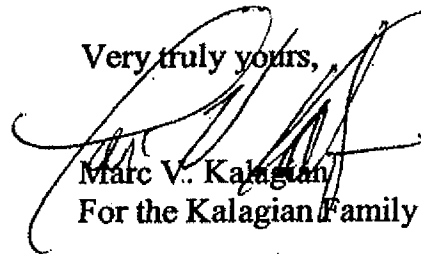
I write this letter to you on behalf of our family. We would like the City to consider honoring our father in what we consider to be the most meaningful and appropriate manner. We are requesting the City's consideration of naming a senior housing development or senior center in honor of our father/husband. As you may be aware, our father passed away on March 28, 2008. During his over 30 years of service to the City of Las Vegas, our father was a devoted advocate and a source of endless support for seniors. In many ways, it is difficult to put into words how our father tirelessly served his community and what this service meant to him and the people he served. However, it is our hope to give the City a complete portrait of what Mel Kalagian's service meant to the seniors of this community and what he so passionately believed in.

To put it simply, Mel Kalagian was a man who believed in service. This service minded dedication was aimed at assisting the seniors of Las Vegas with their myriad of unique needs. He went out of his way to give support to seniors, be it to help them move, serve them meals, drive them to appointments, represent them before various agencies, refer them to agencies, to address their specific problems, or simply talk to them to calm their nerves. Our father served under Mayors Ron Lurie, Jan Jones, and Oscar Goodman. While serving under these Mayors, he was an integral part of solving issues and addressing concerns that seniors brought to his attention. Any issues or concerns that were given to Mel Kalagian were left with the peace of mind that he was the person to remedy the situation. Whenever a senior would call City Hall with a question or concern, they were continuously referred to Mel. Our father was available to take a senior's call at anytime of the day, and would frequently take calls even at home. A question or concern was never ignored or considered as just an issue to address later. Mel handled each question or concern with empathy, care, and generosity of spirit.

Many seniors felt that Mel was their committed ally who they could call upon to help resolve their concerns. His dedication to meeting the needs of the seniors in his community knew no limits. He was a true public servant. The community often recognized his unwavering dedication to the seniors of Las Vegas. Mel received many accolades for his service to the City of Las Vegas, including Employee of the Month and Citizen of the Month. We will forever remember our father as a man who willingly dedicated his time and energy to helping others. He was committed to helping this extraordinary group of people live their life with respect and dignity.

It is with the above-mentioned in mind, that we, as his family, feel that it would be befitting of his dedication and commitment to service and to honor his memory to name a senior housing project or senior center after him. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marc V. Kalagian', is written over the typed name and title.

Marc V. Kalagian
For the Kalagian Family

MVK:tnk

cc: Mayor Oscar Goodman
City Council