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August 25, 2009

Mr. Nathan Goldberg, Senior Planner
City of Las Vegas
Planning and Development
731 4th Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Re: Justification Letter

Dear Nathan:

United States Veterans Initiative is requesting approval of the attached application for a Special Use Permit to allow for the provision of support services at 610 Las Vegas Blvd. The subject building will be used to provide supportive services for veteran residents of the 525 East Bonanza building.

The building in need of a Special Use Permit is an approximate 5,500 square foot, single story building situated behind a vacant building formerly known as the Ukelele Lounge. The subject building is located adjacent to the property at 525 E Bonanza Road, and is connected via adjoining parking lots.

Special Use Permit

United States Veterans Initiative (USVI) is a non-profit organization established to meet the unmet needs of homeless veteran men and women. USVI is the largest organization in the country dedicated to helping homeless veterans and a nationally recognized leader in the field of service delivery to veterans. Our mission is "the successful reintegration of the greatest number of homeless and at-risk veterans to their highest level of independence as rapidly as possible through the provision of comprehensive support programs." This mission is accomplished through the co-location of housing, employment assistance and supportive services such as case management and residential assistance.

The Veterans In Progress program (VIP) is a 118-bed residential back-to-work program that assists veterans in preparing, obtaining and maintaining employment. The veterans' employment issues tend to have a major impact on the success of his/her transition to independence. The VIP program is housed in the property located at 525 E. Bonanza Road, however due to space considerations, it is not possible to locate all necessary staff, meeting space and common area at that property. As such, USVI has leased the 610 Las Vegas Blvd property to provide additional support service space. USVI has previously had SUP-20822 approved through the City of Las Vegas. Due to an inadvertent error, that Special Use Permit expired. This Special Use Permit request replaces that previous SUP.

The following is a summary of the services offered by USVI.

- Housing and Meals
- Employment & Training Assistance
- Legal Assistance
- Case Management
- Life Skills Classes
- Sobriety Support
- Problem Gambling Education
- Referrals to 12-Step Meetings
- Referrals to VA for Medical & Mental Health

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- Financial Management
- Fathers Program for Parenting & Child Support Resolution
- Women's Program offering intensive case management, support groups, and community resources for female veterans
- Transportation Assistance
- Laundry Facilities
- Housing Placement
- Referrals to other Community Based Services
- Outreach Services

Eligibility to receive services:

- Other than dishonorable military discharge
- Homeless or at risk of being homeless
- NO INCOME necessary.

All of the services that are provided at the site are ONLY available to those veterans accepted and enrolled in the program. USVI does not offer meal services, clothing or temporary housing to homeless veterans from the community who are not enrolled in the program.

Veterans enrolled in the program are able to remain in housing at the USVI facility for up to two years. This allows that veteran to develop a foundation that decreases the chance that they will become homeless in the future through addressing the barriers that brought them to USVI in the first place- substance abuse, mental health and/or medical issues, unemployment, outstanding legal issues, money mismanagement, and lack of family support, just to name a few.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at 702-429-7294 or scabrera@usvetsinc.org.

Sincerely,

Shalimar T. Cabrera, MSW
Site Director
United States Veterans Initiative
U.S. VETS – Las Vegas

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