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**RE: *Application for Special Use Permit & Waiver
of Distance Restriction***

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Walgreen Co. in support of the application for a special use permit and waiver of the distance restrictions to allow for the addition of accessory "off-sale" packaged beer, wine, and liquor at the premises of Walgreens at 6401 West Charleston Boulevard. The location is currently operating and licensed as a drug store.

This location is zoned C-1, Limited Commercial. The proposed sale of packaged liquor will not adversely affect nearby properties, as the business is located on the major commercial corridor of Charleston Boulevard and is adjacent to other commercial uses. There are numerous businesses along Charleston Boulevard that sell alcohol, so the proposed additional use would not be unique to the area. The addition of packaged alcoholic beverages would constitute a very minor portion of Walgreens' overall business at this location. As the site is zoned for commercial use, the sale of alcoholic beverages is appropriate. The site also currently complies with all other requirements pursuant to the City of Las Vegas Municipal Code.

Walgreen Co. recognizes that the College of Southern Nevada is located within 400 feet of the store. Accordingly, the company hereby respectfully requests a waiver

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of the distance restrictions since the Walgreens has less than 20,000 square feet of retail floor space and is separated from the school by a public right-of-way, Torrey Pines. However, if the width of the public right-of-way is determined to be less than 100 feet in width, Walgreens would contend that the definitions of public or private school in Chapter 19 of the Las Vegas Municipal Code only extends to schools consisting of grades K through 12. Thus, a waiver may not be necessary here.

Additionally, there would be minimal impact on the College of Southern Nevada by the addition of liquor because there is no on-campus housing, which means that the college is a commuter-campus with students only visiting for limited periods. Moreover, many students at the college are of legal drinking age, so the concern about minors frequenting the business would be diminished in this case. The location will not devote more than 10% of the retail floor space to the display or merchandising, so the presence of alcoholic beverages will be minimal, and the store will undertake measures to prevent minors from accessing the liquor.

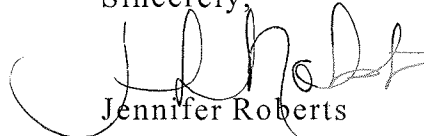
With this special use permit, Walgreens will remain competitive with similar businesses by offering patrons the option to purchase packaged beer, wine, or liquor for consumption off-premises. Since this use is commonly found at similar drug and retail grocery stores in Las Vegas, there would be no variable impact on other businesses by allowing Walgreens to sell alcohol for the convenience of its customers at this location.

Furthermore, Walgreen Co. is a well-established national company with shares traded on the New York Stock Exchange. The company has over 60 stores in southern Nevada that maintain a low impact on neighboring properties. Walgreens will continue to maintain its high-level standard of operations, and the design, hours of operation, traffic generation, lighting, and noise at this location will remain unchanged with the issuance of a special use permit to allow for accessory packaged beer, wine, and liquor sales. This Walgreens location operates from 7:00 a.m. to midnight every day.

As Walgreens is currently operating and the addition of packaged beer, wine, and liquor for sale is compatible with the surrounding area, we respectfully request a special use permit and waiver of the distance restriction to a City park to allow for the addition of accessory "off-sale" packaged beer, wine, and liquor sales.

Please call me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Roberts

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cc: Ms. Rebecca Lidskin