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THE NEVADA COALITION OF RECOVERY HOMES HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE JANUARY 2000. WE ARE A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS/MANAGERS WHO OPERATE RECOVERY HOMES FOR ADULTS RECUPERATING FROM ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS. OUR MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF COUNSELORS, LONG-TIME SOBER MEMBERS OF 12-STEP PROGRAMS AND ADDICTION SPECIALISTS WHO HELP OUR CLIENTS MAINTAIN STRONG RECOVERY PROGRAMS.

OUR HOMES PROVIDE SHELTER FOR ADULTS RECOVERING FROM ADDICTIONS. WE HELP HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE RECOVERING FROM A HOPELESS STATE OF BODY AND MIND MAKE THE TRANSITION INTO PRODUCTIVE, USEFUL CITIZENS. WE DO NOT PROVIDE MEDICAL OR LEGAL ASSISTANCE.

OUR HOMES ARE SELF-SUPPORTING THROUGH DONATIONS, FEES AND FUND-RAISERS. WE PROVIDE "ALCOHOL/DRUG FREE" ENVIRONMENTS IN A HOME-LIKE ATMOSPHERE TO HELP TRANSITION THE "RECOVERING ALCOHOLIC OR ADDICT" BACK INTO SOCIETY.

OUR COALITION IS A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE WHO MEETS WHENEVER LITIGATION, CODE ENFORCEMENT, LICENSING OR LEGISLATION IS IN PROCESS AFFECTING OUR HOMES. WE ALSO ARE A REFERRAL SERVICE TO PLACE CLIENTS INTO OUR HOMES. WE WERE VERY ACTIVE WITH THE STATE OF NEVADA'S "BADA" (BUREAU OF ALCOHOL-DRUG ABUSE) WHEN THE LEGISLATION REGULATING "HALFWAY-HOME" LICENSING WAS ISSUED. WE ALSO RECEIVE MANY REFERRALS TO OUR HOME FROM PAROLE AND PROBATION, CPS, DE-TOX FACILITIES (WESTCARE, MONTE-VISTA, LAS VEGAS RECOVERY CENTER AND NEW VISIONS @ VALLEY HOSPITAL), HOSPITALS AND COURT PROGRAMS.

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THE NEVADA COALITION OF RECOVERY HOMES MISSION STATEMENT

- 1) TO REPRESENT THE FACE OF RECOVERY IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER. TO CHANGE THE IMAGE OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECOVERED FROM THE DISEASE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE.
- 2) TO HELP WITH COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SOBER LIVING FACILITIES AND CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICES.
- 3) TO WORK WITH LEGISLATION TO REVISE LAWS AND CODES TO HELP AID IN THE STRUCTURE OF THESE HOMES INCLUDING SETTING UP GUIDELINES, BUSINESS LICENSING (FEES, ETC.), CODE ENFORCEMENTS (AMOUNT OF PEOPLE PER RESIDENCE, SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, ETC.).
- 4) TO MAKE SURE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAWS ARE BEING UPHELD.
- 5) TO MAKE SURE RECOVERY HOMES ARE SAFE, STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENTS RUN WITH INTEGRITY. TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND THAT THEY ARE TREATED FAIRLY.
- 6) TO MAKE SURE THE RIGHT OFFICIALS AND OFFICES AWARE OF WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE'RE MADE OF AND HOW WE ARE HELPING TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE. WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF HOW MANY LIVES ARE BEING SAVED THROUGH THE WELL-STRUCTURED RECOVERY HOMES THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE ALREADY.

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OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE, STRUCTURED, SOBER LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR PEOPLE RECOVERING FROM ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

WE PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT, MOTIVATION AND SUPPORT TO HELP RESIDENTS USE THE TOOLS TAUGHT FROM A 12-STEP PROGRAM. WE HELP OUR RESIDENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONE'S SELF AND TO MAKE BETTER LIFE CHOICES. WE ALSO PROVIDE COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES.

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RECOVERY HOME GUIDELINES

1. MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF RECOVERY HOMES.
2. NO USE OF ALCOHOL OR NARCOTICS.
3. "O" TOLERANCE RULES.
4. MUST FOLLOW ALL HOUSE RULES AND CURFEWS.
5. NO SMOKING OR CANDLE BURNING IN HOUSE (SMOKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY).
6. NO COED HOUSING.
7. MUST RESPECT ALL NEIGHBORS IN THEIR COMMUNITY.
8. NO UNREGISTERED OR UNLICENSED VEHICLES PARKED AT PREMISES.
9. MUST HAVE APPROPRIATE SMOKE DETECTORS ,FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, FIRE ESCAPE PLANS & DRILLS AND CARBON MINOXIDE DETECTORS.
10. MUST DO 90 MEETINGS IN 90 DAYS WITH SIGNED MEETING SHEETS.
11. NO VIOLENCE, BAD ATTITUDES OR MIS-CONDUCT.
12. MUST FIND EMPLOYMENT (IF RECEIVING FINANCIAL HELP, MUST DO VOLUNTEER WORK).
13. NO OVERNIGHT GUESTS.
14. ON-SITE DRUG AND ALCOHOL BREATH TESTING.
15. MUST GET A SPONSOR IN A 12-STEP PROGRAM.
16. NO ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR OR NEGATIVE CONTRACTING.
17. NO OVERCROWDING.
18. NO STEALING OF ANYTHING...PERIOD.
19. BREAKING OF RULES MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EVICTION.

20. IF A RESIDENT COMES HOME UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, THEY WILL BE QUIETLY TRANSPORTED OFF OF THE PROPERTY.
21. PARKING IS LIMITED, BE RESPECTFUL OF NEIGHBORS PARKING AREA.
22. MANGER MUST FOLLOW ALL OF THE COALITION GUIDELINES.
23. OPERATE THE HOUSE IN A "COMPLAINT-FREE" WAY SO THAT COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS, NEIGHBORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE NOT GENERATED. IF A HOUSE CONTINUOUSLY GENERATES COMPLAINTS, THE HOUSE IS THEN SUBJECT FOR REMOVAL FROM THE NETWORK WEBSITE AND ITS MEMBERSHIP MAY BE CANCELLED.
24. ASSURE THAT NO WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES. ALL NEW RESIDENTS AND THEIR POSESSIONS MUST BE SEARCHED UPON ARRIVAL.
25. MANAGERS TO NOTIFY APPROPRIATE STATE OR LOCAL AGENCIES (IE: PNP, CPS, ETC.) IF RESIDENT HAS TO BE DISCHARGED FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.

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OUR REQUESTS TO BE MADE AT CITY HALL ON MARCH 10, 2009

- 1) CHANGE LEGISLATION IN THE LICENSING OF RECOVERY HOMES.
- 2) INCORPORATE THE FIRE SPRINKLER CODES TO COINCIDE WITH FEDERAL LAWS AND LIMIT THE SQUARE FOOTAGE ALLOWED PER RESIDENT TO COINCIDE WITH THE BUREAU OF LICENSURE.
- 3) LOWER STATE LICENSING FEES.
- 4) UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS OF CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL BUREAU OF LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND FIRE CODES.
- 5) RECOGNIZE THAT RECOVERY HOMES ARE RUN LIKE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS BUT WITH VERY STRICT GUIDELINES AND TO MAKE SURE THAT FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAWS ARE UPHOLD.
- 6) ON THE STATE LICENSING STATUTES, ADD A SEPARATE CATEGORY FOR RECOVERY HOMES (WE ARE NOT HALF WAY HOUSES).

THE FAWN RESIDENCE

*A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
6016 FAWN AVENUE
LAS VEGAS, NV 89107
(702) 353-7279*

*THE FAWN RESIDENCE IS A CLEAN AND SOBER LIVING HOME
FOR WOMEN IN RECOVERY FROM ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTIONS.*

*THE FAWN RESIDENCE WAS FOUNDED IN JULY OF 2002 BY THE
LATE JUDGE JOHN F. CLAIR, HIS WIFE NORMA AND THEIR DAUGHTER,
LINDA DRESSEL*

*OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A CARING SUPPORTIVE FAMILY
ENVIRONMENT IN A SAFE AND LOVING HOME. WE BELIEVE THAT
THOSE FACING A NEWER, HEALTHIER WAY OF LIVING, DO BETTER IN A
STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT AMONG OTHER WOMEN WHO ARE ALSO
TRYING TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIVES.*

*WE HAVE HAD MANY WOMEN COME THROUGH OUR HOUSE OVER
THE PAST 6 1/2 YEARS. MANY ARE STILL CLEAN AND SOBER. THEY ARE
PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY; THEY HAVE GOTTEN THEIR
CHILDREN BACK FROM THE SYSTEM AND ARE OFF OF WELFARE.*

*HELPING THESE WOMEN TO OVERCOME THEIR ALCOHOL AND
DRUG ADDICTIONS, BUILDS THEIR SELF WORTH, STRENGTHENS OUR
COMMUNITY AND CREATES IN THEM A SENSE OF GIVING BACK TO LIFE.*

*IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
FAWN RESIDENCE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT LINDA DRESSEL
AT (702) 353-7279.*

RULES OF THE FAWN RESIDENCE AS OF 2008

1) THE FAWN RESIDENCE IS RUN BY LINDA DRESSEL, THE PRESIDENT, NORMA CLAIR, THE SECRETARY AND MARIE IS THE LIVE-IN HOUSE MANAGER.

2) ABSOLUTELY NO USE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS OF ANY KIND. ABSOLUTELY NO ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES ARE ALLOWED (PROSTITUTION, STEALING, ETC.) NO STRIPPING ALLOWED. IF YOU ARE SUSPECTED OF USING ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, YOU WILL BE TESTED (\$20/PER TEST). IF YOUR TEST COMES UP POSITIVE, YOUR RENTAL AGREEMENT WILL BECOME NULL AND VOID AND YOU WILL BE ASKED TO VACATE THE PREMISES IMMEDIATELY. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO MOVE BACK IN AFTER 30 DAYS (PENDING BOARD APPROVAL) IF YOU CAN PASS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL TEST AND ARE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE FAWN RESIDENCE.

3) RENT IS \$120.00 WEEK WHICH INCLUDES ALL UTILITIES & SUPPLIES. THIS RENT IS NON-REFUNDABLE. YOU MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 1 WEEKS RENT PLUS A \$20 DRUG TESTING FEE TO MOVE IN. IN THE SUMMER MONTHS THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL \$25.00 PER MONTH TO COVER THE ELECTRICITY BILL. WE ACCEPT CLARK COUNTY VOUCHERS.

4) EVERYONE AT THE FAWN RESIDENCE MUST WORK. UPON MOVING INTO THE RESIDENCE, YOU HAVE 2 WEEKS TO FIND EMPLOYMENT AND PHYSICALLY START WORKING.

5) WE HAVE A CURFEW WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS: YOUR 1ST MONTH OF RESIDENCY - 10 PM; YOUR 2ND MONTH OF RESIDENCY - MIDNIGHT; THE 3RD MONTH OF RESIDENCY - MIDNIGHT & UP TO 1 OVERNIGHT PER WEEK; AFTER COMPLETING 90/MEETINGS IN 90/DAYS YOU MAY HAVE UP TO 2 OVERNIGHTS PER WEEK, BUT YOU MUST MAINTAIN YOUR RENT & MEETING STATUS (MINIMUM OF 3 MEETINGS PER WEEK AND YOUR RENT IS CURRENT - NO EXCEPTIONS!) TO HAVE THIS PRIVILEGE. WHEN YOU GET TO OVERNIGHT STATUS, YOU MUST GET APPROVAL IN ADVANCE BY 5 PM THAT DAY. YOU MUST ALSO LEAVE THE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF WHERE YOU'LL BE AND HAVE YOUR CHORE COVERED FOR THE NEXT DAY.

6) WE HAVE 1 MANDATORY AA MEETING EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 AM. PLEASE TRY TO ARRANGE YOUR WORK SCHEDULE AROUND THIS. NEW RESIDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR MEETING SHEETS SIGNED FOR THE FIRST 90 DAYS. IF YOU DON'T GET THEM SIGNED, YOU WILL NOT GET CREDIT FOR THE MEETING. DON'T LOSE YOUR MEETING SHEETS! IF YOU DO, YOU WILL HAVE TO START ALL OVER.

7) YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED A CHORE THAT IS TO BE DONE EVERY MORNING BY 10 AM (UNLESS IT'S NIGHT TIME KITCHEN DUTY) THESE CHORES CHANGE EVERY OTHER WEEK. IF YOU MISS DOING YOUR CHORE OR YOU DON'T DO IT RIGHT, YOU WILL BE GIVEN AN ADDITIONAL CHORE TO DO. IF YOU CONTINUALLY MISS DOING YOUR CHORE, YOU WILL BE WRITEN UP. 3 WRITE-UPS RESULT IN AN EVICTION!

8) "THE PHONE". PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR PHONE PRIVILAGES. ANSWER ALL CALLS POLITELY AND COURTESLY. KEEP YOUR CALLS TO A MINIMUM IF SOMEONE ELSE NEEDS TO USE THE PHONE. WE HAVE CALL-WAITING. IF THE PHONE BEEPS, YOU MUST ANSWER IT. IF IT'S AN IMPORTANT CALL FOR ANOTHER RESIDENT, PLEASE GET THEM!! ALL MESSAGES NEED TO BE COMPLETE WITH A NAME, NUMBER, DATE AND TIME OF CALL. WE NEVER GIVE OUT INFORMATION ABOUT ANOTHER RESIDENT!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!! IF YOU'RE NOT SURE, GIVE THE CALLER LINDA'S CELL NUMBER.

9) COMMON COURTESY IS REQUIRED OF ALL RESIDENTS! PLEASE TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WANT TO BE TREATED. IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS BIG OR SMALL WITH ANOTHER RESIDENT, PLEASE BRING IT TO LINDA OR DEANNAS ATTENTION. WE LIKE TO WORK THESE THINGS OUT IMMEDIATELY SO OUR HOUSE CAN STAY RUNNING SMOOTHLY. WE ALSO DO NOT CREATE OR TOLERATE "DRAMA"; WE DO NOT TOLERATE BAD ATTITUDES, VIOLENCE, YELLING OR AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR. THESE ARE ALL GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE EVICTION!

10) THE AREA IN WHICH YOU SLEEP MUST BE KEPT IN A NEAT AND ORDERLY STATE (BED MADE, CLOTHS PUT AWAY, DIRTY DISHES PUT IN DISHWASHER, DUSTED, VACCUMED, CLOTHES AND BED LINENS WASHED AND KEPT CLEAN) NO HAIR DYING OR NAIL POLISHING TO BE DONE IN CARPETED AREAS.

11) YOU ARE NOT TO ENTER ANOTHER RESIDENTS AREA OR ROOM UNLESS OK'D BY THEM!

12) WE DO NOT STEAL ANYTHING! THIS INCLUDES YOUR ROOMATES FOOD, PERSONAL ITEMS, MONEY, CLOTHS, ETC. IF IT DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU...LEAVE IT ALONE. STEALING IS AGAINST THE LAW IN HERE, TOO. I ALSO DO NOT WANT ANYONE BORROWING ANYTHING FROM ANYONE ELSE. (FOOD, MONEY CIGARETTES, LAUNDRY SOAP, ETC.) EVERYONE THAT RESIDES HERE IS ON A TIGHT BUDGET AND CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY YOUR WAY!

13) ONE CHILD IS ALLOWED TO SPEND 1 NIGHT PER WEEK PENDING MANAGER APPROVAL. YOU MUST BE WORKING, CURRENT ON YOUR RENT AND HAVE YOUR MEETINGS UP-TO-DATE. NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN THE 1ST 30 DAYS OF RESIDENCY.

14) THERE ARE NO VISITORS OR PHONE CALLS BEFORE 7 AM OR AFTER 11 PM. THERE ARE NO VISITORS ALLOWED IN SLEEPING AREAS. WE ALSO PREFER MEN VISITORS TO REMAIN ON THE BACK PORCH AREA UNLESS OK'D BY MANAGER TO COME IN.

15) NO SMOKING IN THE HOUSE! PLEASE SMOKE IN THE BACK YARD AND DO NOT THROW YOUR CIGARETTE BUTTS IN THE FRONT OR BACK YARD. USE THE BUTT CAN OR ASHTRAYS! NO CANDLE BURNING IN THE HOUSE!

16) IF YOU RELAPSE DON'T COME HOME. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE PROPERTY IF YOU ARE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL. IF YOU RELAPSE AND WE DON'T' HEAR FROM YOU FOR 24 HOURS, YOUR BELONGINGS MAY BE DONATED. IF YOU RETURN TO PICK UP YOUR ITEMS, YOUR RENT MUST BE PAID IN FULL OR YOUR BELONGINGS WILL BE HELD UNTIL ALL UNPAID BALANCES ARE MET.

17) NO GAMBLING WHILE YOU RESIDE HERE. IF WE CATCH YOU GAMBLING AND YOU OWE THE FAWN RESIDENCE MONEY, YOU WILL BE EVICTED! IT'S NOT FAIR TO THE FAWN RESIDENCE IF YOU GAMBLE OUR RENT AWAY!

18) THE TIME YOUR SPEND HERE CAN BE THE BEGINNING OF YOUR NEW LIFE. MAKE THE BEST OF IT. IT'S A TIME TO WORK ON YOURSELF, WORK ON YOUR RECOVERY, MEET OTHER WOMEN AND MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS. WE ARE A BIG FAMILY AND HOPE THAT YOUR JOURNEY HERE WILL BE ONE THAT YOU HONOR AND CHERISH THE REST OF YOUR LIKE. OUR GOAL HERE IS SOBRIETY AND HARMONY...PLEASE JOIN US!!

NEW RESIDENT _____ DATE _____
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NEW RESIDENT _____
SIGN

HOUSE MANAGER _____ DATE _____

THE FAWN RESIDENCE 2008 RENTAL AGREEMENT

1, _____, READ AND UNDERSTAND THE HOUSE RULES. I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A SOBER LIVING RESIDENCE AND AGREE TO FOLLOW ALL OF THE HOUSE RULES. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF THE RENTAL AGREEMENT AND I WILL BE ASKED AT THAT TIME TO VACATE THE PREMISES.

1, _____, UNDERSTAND THAT MY RENT IS \$120.00 PER WEEK (PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$25/PER MONTH DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS FOR THE ELECTRICITY BILL) WHICH IS NON-REFUNDABLE. THERE IS A \$20 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FEE AND A \$10 PER WEEK FEE FOR LATE RENTS.

1, _____, UNDERSTAND THAT MY 1ST MONTHS RENT OF \$480.00 IS CONSIDERED RENT/SECURITY AND UPON TERMINATION OF THE RENTAL AGREEMENT EITHER VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY, WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF ANY AND ALL OF MY RENT/SECURITY DEPOSIT.

1, _____, UNDERSTAND THAT UPON TERMINATION OF MY RENTAL AGREEMENT, I HAVE TO EVACUATE THE PREMISES IMMEDIATELY AND HAVE 24 HOURS TO REMOVE ALL OF MY BELONGINGS.

I READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS RENTAL AGREEMENT.

RESIDENT _____ DATE _____

HOUSE MANAGER _____ DATE _____

James B. Lewis

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 3:16 PM

To: James B. Lewis

Subject: Recovery Homes

Hello Mr. Lewis,

I attended Tuesday's meeting concerning the recovery homes. At that time you asked for comments from the community. Here are mine:

(1) Limit the number of group homes with in a district to 5 no more than 6. This would allow each district to maintain their demographics and provide each resident with some sense of security. It would not matter if a particular " family " was not represented.

(2) Metro stations in the area should know the addresses of each " family ".

(3) No loitering or panhandling near businesses or in the area. Meaning " No Hangouts".

(4) No throwing trash of any kind on the streets or in the neighborhoods.

(5) All " family " residence must be exterminated every month.

Thank You,

[REDACTED]

8/10/2009

James B. Lewis

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2009 3:05 PM
To: James B. Lewis
Subject: Group and Recovery Homes

Hello Again Mr. Lewis,

I have a few more comments. Is it possible to consider the following:

- (1) Request that the " family " residences are at least 3,000 feet from any school, park, or playground. This would also include any clinic which provided drug treatment and/or counseling along with buildings that held AA or Narcotics Anonymous meetings. Also, the organizations or clinics which serve the " families " should not be placed in large shopping malls where parents shop with their children. Because the *visibility* of AA, NA, and clinics would make the served and the unserved uncomfortable. People would shop else where causing the businesses to loss profits. I do not think that many parents would want to explain to their children that the reason why so many people are standing outside or going into a building is because they are people who are recovering from drug addiction. Then once the teenagers find out, they will tant the " family " members.
- (2) Develop a legal binding contract which the Provider who signs it and files it with the city or whom ever is in charge. This contract states that there are " no known " sex offenders residing in the " family " residence. If it becomes knowledge that there is such a " family " member living in a residence, there should be consequences. An example would be as follows:
 - 1st- The Provider has 24 hours to remove the " family " member from the residence and find other housing. Provider will also be sited.
 - 2nd- The Provider must pay a monetary fine of at least \$4,000.00 and

8/10/2009

remove the
member within
24 hours. Site
Provider.

3rd- Providers
fine doubles,
residence closes
Provider loses
license.

(3) Even though some
" family " residence
do not have staff, the
Provider should
inspect the residence
every 30 days. They
should notify the
residence at least
24 hours before
inspection.

(4) The Provider
must see to it
that the " family "
recieves and takes
their meds.

Thank You,

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*Name: J. Ingram

*Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: 89107

*Not Required



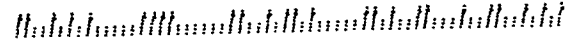
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NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

CITY OF LAS VEGAS — TAKKAN 781N
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
400 STEWART AVENUE, 2ND FLOOR
LAS VEGAS, NV 89101

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Citizen Comments

We propose at least 1,000 ft, not the proposed 660 ft separation between 2 group homes or my home & group home except for sexual predators and some groups unnamed at 1st meet of July 22, 9-11 Am.

Rick Johnson, Flo Montalvo, Miriam Ee, Tim Volz, Dorothy Orr, June Ingram, Pam & Russ Stancliff, Gino & Pearl Lonardo, Rose Honrath, Dick Bratton, Vicki Arnold, Ginger Norton, Juanita Clark, Julia Whain, Wael Otto.

The exceptions, we do not want at all.

Please provide us a list of unnamed reasons to reside in a "GROUP HOME".

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Not a business

City Council - July 21, 2009

[REDACTED]
My name is Lex Anderson. I live at **[REDACTED]** We have been there some 29 years. I live in the Northwest Area Residents Association Neighborhood triangle. And it is a rural preservation community of some 717 homes.

We have 5 diverse group homes within our NARA boundary, and over the years our neighborhood association has become educated on the group home phenomenon.

We have a Boys Hope academic facility that was built from the ground up specifically for its intended purpose. It is non profit. It is the largest home in our area, and its interior presents a home like atmosphere that encourages a positive educational environment for up to 6 academically promising teens. It has full time live in supervisors. Although NARA was not pleased with the facility being built in our neighborhood, it is on a main street, near a busy intersection, and the neighbors have found no fault with either its management or its occupants. Boys Hope is perhaps a model of what a group home could be like. The downfall that is in the back of all of our minds is that if for some reason Boys Hope sells the house, it still has the group home zoning, and whatever moves in could dynamically change the profile for the immediate neighborhood.

About a block west of Boys Hope is the A & J Geriatric Group Home. It is a very low profile, for profit, geriatric group home, that has been there for many years. Most people do not even know that it is a group home for old folks. Once in a while they get visitors, or an ambulance, and that's it. I know this facility professionally. Although there were shift personnel hired Archie and Joan actually lived on the premises and took a personal interest in the residents. If there was a problem they were immediately available and handled things professionally. Some of their staff have been working for them for a long time. Recently Archie and Joan retired. It has been sold to an out of state interest. In my professional experience I have seen a lot of geriatric group homes, and A & J has been a model facility. Geriatric group homes that do become problematic usually are the product of non resident management, and ethnic management and staff that do not offer a cultural continuity to the aged. Immediate family and friends with questionable

certification and capacity to relate to the patients are used as fill in. Sometimes this is a very sad encounter. You would think the elderly deserve better than that. With luck most of us will live long and prosper, and benefit from a compassionate effort in our last years. And, of course, with the established zoning there is always the possibility that the facility could have their patient profile changed to a population that would be anything but “low profile”.

Neither one of these facilities has any remarkable negative social effect on its immediate neighbors. However I know of no case where the establishment of ANY group home does not affect property values. I have NEVER heard of a house being up for sale with a group home next to it and the group home increases the value of the house. Never! You can do all you want with a house, but having a group home next to it, or in the immediate area is a financial liability. If you manage to sell the house you are going to lose money because of it. Even if the group home has a stellar reputation, perception is reality. Almost no one will want to live next to or near a group home. And that is a fact. Group homes are a financial liability for neighborhood property values.

We have three other group homes for profit in our area. It needs to be emphasized that these group homes are for profit. They are a business. They carry a business license. When you hear the words “group home” you immediately need to add the word “business” after it. And like all businesses, there are big businesses, and there are small businesses. There are good businesses, and there are bad businesses. There is no questioning for the need for good group homes. That is a given. The occupants can benefit from a healthy constructive environment. But group homes that present a substandard facility are problematic and probably represent the profile of what other neighborhoods find difficult at the least, and unacceptable and unlivable at the far end of the scale. WHEN A GROUP HOME FACILITY HAS A DIRECT, OVERT, ONGOING, NEGATIVE EFFECT ON ITS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS, THERE IS A BUSINESS PROFIT BEING MADE AT THE EXPENSE OF ITS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD. And often it is tax money that is supporting these facilities and providing the profit. You can understand the anger residents can have who have invested their past and future in a home, including the neighborhood culture that goes with it, and have it pulled out from under them

knowing that their tax money is funding the facility, and feeling that there is no hope to fight the established bureaucracy that is undermining the lifestyle that they have earned through hard work and years of trade offs. Even with eminent domain you at least get a hearing and in most cases end up with a fair compensation. With these problematic group homes you get nothing, except loss of property value, degrading the neighborhood culture, loss of neighborhood security, and sometimes an increase in criminal activity of various degrees. There is no "by in" from the group home business or management.

We have three problematic for profit group homes within our boundaries. Two of them are next to, across the street from, and/or have other established residents behind them. One of them was not only approved and built with an appearance out of character for our neighborhood, but was never completed with a gate hiding its quarter acre back yard. And it had to have its septic system replaced within a year of special children/adults operations. The other is a three bedroom two story home was made into a four bedroom after Dwight and Cindy sold the home to a developer. They moved because of the group home on Bradley and some Westcare efforts. Cindy and Dwight warned us that it was only going to get worse. By a quirk of irony, the developer sold the home to a buyer with the sole intention of making it into a group home. It is now licensed for 6 foster home teen girls. These two homes are only 158 feet apart.

The change in lifestyle and culture to our immediate neighborhood is remarkable to say the least. One of the neighbors who grew up being bounced from foster home to foster home spoke at the original city council meeting where the owner wanted to increase the occupancy to 8 and possibly 10. The neighbor forewarned the city council on the changes this could lead to. They finally got sick of it, and moved to Montana. Their house is up for sale. It may go to the bank? Mark and Katie who live behind the foster home moved last year. Their house is still for sale. The single mother who lives next door to the south who originally was ambivalent about the foster home now almost cries when she talks about it. The resident to the north is beside herself. Other neighbors in the immediate area feel the same.

What are we talking about? We are talking about a cultural behavior shift in the neighborhood that classically leads to its demise or at least a

lower common denominator. When you can not use your back yard because teen girls next door are using language that you don't hear at that level and content in a biker bar at Daytona Bike Week, so you have to bring your teen children inside, there is a serious problem. When special needs adults enter your home without warning, you have a serious problem. When there is a level of police activity at a group home that far exceeds anything else in the area, and the police tell you that all the officers who work the area know the group home address, you have a serious problem. When there are an unusual number of paramedic calls to house that does not have a geriatric population, you have reason to believe that there is unusual activity going on. When you can hear someone talking on a cell phone from across the street and clearly understand the liberal use of four letter words being used, you have a serious problem. When you see all manner of strange cars, vans, trucks, motor scooters and motor cycles parked at the home, some official county cars, most not, sometimes in numbers of half a dozen, it does not resemble a residence. When you have strange cars coming in for shift work that have never been there before you wonder who is really watching the store. When you have a first hand report of drugs being transacted at the home, you know you have a serious problem. When the facility leaves it's side gate open for weeks at a time unsecured, it attracts people who look for easy ways to break into a house, and at the least invites them to further check out the neighborhood. When the general population of the facility is so loud outside both in the back yard and the front yard, and out of character for the neighborhood such that you put off your activity for another time, you have a serious problem. When people come to the group home for business or other reasons and park in front of your mailbox so you can not get your mail delivery, even after a yellow line has been painted in front of it to warn people who are not from a rural preservation community, you have a problem. When people come out of the home in numbers where the math does not add up at a time of day that makes you question the compliance of only having 6 teens, and a cross section of adults, teens, children and babies, you have reason to question what is going on. When trash is left at the curb side day after day without concern of both the community standard and Republic Service guidelines, you have a problem.

All of these observations, and more, are behaviors. And most of them are cultural, and a byproduct of having larger numbers of pre-adult

residents in a group home situation. Much of this kind of behavior can be seen at most high schools when school gets out where kids gravitate to their peer level. This is magnified by not having a 24/7 live in supervisor who is sensitive to the community that they are a guest in, who could have a better sense of what is going on with the current foster or special needs population, and who would own better accountability for group home actions.

The perception is that it is largely all about money and power. Apparently the group home business can be lucrative with marginal resources. We need to learn more about this. Apparently there are power structures that support this kind of business enterprise at the expense of established communities and tax payers. We need to learn more about this. Residents currently feel that the bureaucratic machine is generally insensitive regarding the effect of group homes, homeless shelters, section 8 homes and the like on established neighborhoods and cultures. This needs to be changed. Efforts to talk to low level problematic group home staff are often met with arrogance. This is not acceptable. We need to learn the process where legitimate complaints will be definitively resolved, and repeat offenders will be penalized as any other profit oriented business does. Many residents feel insulated to the possibility of having a problematic group home in their neighborhood. This is not reality. This needs to be changed, and residents need to be concerned. There are "poster child" examples out there to make the point, and media that is always hungry for human interest content.

Again, there is something wrong with a system, with a bureaucracy, that allows a potentially problematic group home BUSINESS to come into an established neighborhood, and set up BUSINESS, at the expense of the established community culture, AND make a profit from the taxes the established community is paying. Add loss of property value on to that, and double jeopardy becomes triple jeopardy. Professionally speaking, there are LOTS of places in this valley that would welcome potentially problematic group homes. There is no logic in destroying the base that feeds the buerocratic process, outside of greed, and lack of community commitment as part of the cost of doing business. We have 3 families that have moved because of group home activity. The rest of us are staying.

**3708 WATERHOLE STREET
FOSTER CARE GROUP HOME
JOURNAL / NOTES / OBSERVATIONS**

PREFACE: A few months ago we noticed that someone had apparently bought the home across the street at 3708 Waterhole Street. At first opportunity we introduced ourselves to Trudy and some others at a gathering in their front driveway. We told them that we were very glad that someone had finally bought the property, that the developer who bought the house from Cindy and Dwight in hopes of turning a profit had put a lot of money into it and certainly optimized both its curb appeal and interior. It was very cordial, although the new owners seemed "unusually academic".

A few days after I had seen people outside the home I dropped off my two dollies for them to use to help with moving in. It was appreciated. I noticed a city permit sign posted in front of the home and asked, "What is the permit sign all about. Are you going to add on?" Trudy said that no, that she was a foster parent and she was applying to increase the number of children from 6 to 8, and perhaps as high as 10! I hesitated and asked if she had done her homework about having such a facility in this neighborhood. She said she did. I took my moving dollies and went across the street.

Perhaps a couple weeks after that we had a drop in temperature and one of the male residents/supervisors (?) came over in desperation trying to turn off the main water to the house. I lent him my special wrench for this purpose. He was deeply grateful. We had a good laugh over it. I told him that Home Depot sells them cheap, and about twice a year they come in real handy and "save your life".

A few days later he returned the wrench and he said he went and bought one. We laughed about it, that you only had to use it once and it paid for itself.

I contacted some of the NARA executive board about the permit sign and found out what was going on. I dropped across the street on the first weekend after the sign went up and asked if I could borrow back the dollies to use at an upcoming health fair at work. I noticed that there was still a lot of bedroom furniture still in the north end of the garage. I asked Trudy jokingly if they were ever going to get settled in. She said that the furniture was for the foster care children. This implied that the zoning request was a "done deal".

Jim: For your spare time
reading.

Lex Anderson

Apr 08, 07
Sunday
Easter

I dropped off some fliers to neighbors along Waterhole, Bradley, and Cutty Way reminding them of the NARA meeting next Tuesday at 1900. I also taped a flier on the door knob of the pending foster care group home. The ONLY way it could be removed was if someone physically removed it for inspection. Taping fliers to a metal door surface with clear packing tape has evolved to become the "standard operating procedure" for NARA flier distribution over the years to insure that residents get the message.

April 10, 07
Tuesday

I dropped by the city office and talked to Shelia at Councilman Ross's office about 1330. Good discussion. She was very familiar with the pending foster care group home. She stated that Councilman Ross had told the new owners more that once that he would not hear their request until they had a meeting with the neighborhood (NARA). Shelia advised at this time that the Planning Commission date had been put into abeyance until the next meeting May 10th. She also stated that she knew they were in the process of applying for a Nevada State business license. She stated that the intent was to provide a transitional facility for 8 teen girls between the ages of 16 and 18 with four attending adult supervisors. This is a four bedroom home.

NARA meeting at 1900. Good turnout. No one from 3708 Waterhole Street responded from the flier. Discussion concluded that:

1. The new owners of 3708 Waterhole Street were clearly being clandestine about their intentions.
2. If passed this situation could make the bad situation on Chloe look small in comparison with 6 (and possibly 10) teen girls residing
3. It would set a standard for the rest of NARA to be a dumping ground for additional group homes of all types.
4. Resolved that:
 - a. This transitional home must not pass or it will set the standard for inevitable future similar facilities and the entire NARA neighborhood culture will be lost in a short period of time.
 - b. We learned our lesson with the group home on 3633 Bradley.
 - c. A review and evaluation of existing group homes needs to be done and follow up as required.

Apr 11, 07
Wednesday I measured 158 feet from the southwest corner of the pending foster care property line to the northeast corner of the Vista group home. This is WAY too close by official standards (1000 ft between group homes?). Even if you took the LONG way around walking from front door to front door down Waterhole St., right on Cutty, left on Bradley, and up the sidewalk to the Vista front door it would add perhaps 120 feet. It would require a drastic waiver to justify this noncompliance. If this gets approved, it will set a standard that pulls the rug out from under established regulations and practically allows group homes to be next door to each other!

Apr 12, 07
Thursday At 0650 I noticed a CAT bus dropping off a couple of kids at 3708 Waterhole Street. The driver seemed unsure of the address, and the children seemed to be unsure about going up to the house after getting off the bus. The company we had visiting, and Colleen (neighbor) noted that another CAT bus dropped off more kids at 0915.

Apr 13, 07
Friday Dennis Leffner (3633 Waterhole St.) stopped by our house. He said that he talked to a lady at the business license bureau for group homes (486-6515) and he was told the house at 3708 Waterhole Street is NOT licensed. He also said that they will investigate it.

I stopped by the CAT office on Citizen Avenue to research how we could get CAT records of who was being dropped off via paratransit busses at the pending group home. I was advised to call TRC ON 600 Grand Central Pkwy (676-1500). I dropped by the address, and a lady there advised that anyone who was ADA qualified as disabled through the screening process on the West Charleston Campus could use the CAT program, and it was up to the individual to schedule and use the resource. The children getting off the paratransit busses at 0650 and 0915 yesterday did NOT appear to be "handicapped"! I had worked with CAT for some 14 years as a registered nurse in home health care and maternal child health, and I did not understand how these kids qualified. (?)

At 6 PM four cars in a group arrived at 3708 Waterhole, followed by a county Prius car. It looked like at least 5 teens got out. I went to the Prius and asked for the driver's business card. She was Goenda Cruz from the Department Of Family Services on 333 N. Rancho, ste. #130. She said she knew nothing about the group home, and she was only a case worker.

April 14, 07
Saturday Lots of activity (cars) at the house. I went to the house next door to the group home (3716 Waterhole St) and talked to Sharon. I told her that we noted two CAT busses make drop offs to the group home Friday morning.

She said that she had noticed them also making teen drop offs in numbers after dark about 9 PM.

- Apr 15, 07
Sunday The curly haired man driving an old black 4 door Saturn with no hubcaps and Pennsylvania plates drove in at 0925 and came out 20 minutes later with one of the teen girls dressed as if she may be going to church. (?) This driver usually dresses "down", unlike most social workers. Speculation - he may be just a "go fur", or one of the pending live in teen supervisors. About 10 minutes later a woman drove up in a four door red car and went in. All this activity seems very inappropriate with zoning still pending.
- Apr. 16, 07
Monday I went down to the Bureau Of Licensure & Certification at 4220 South Maryland Parkway to see if the home had a business license. He did a computer search and found that there was no business license listed for it and none was pending. I asked for the location of the department that certifies foster parenting. He directed me to another building close by. I went there, and she directed me to Carrie McIlvaine, the social worker supervisor for Foster Care at 3075 E. Flamingo Road. I was familiar with this address from working with CPS as a public health nurse for the Clark County Health Department for some seven years.
- April 17, 07
Tuesday I dropped by Carrie McIlvaine's office. She received me to her office. I asked how I could find out if Trudy Parks was licensed as a foster parent. She seemed professionally distant and hesitant to come forward with the information. But she said she would give me a call. Five minutes after I left her office I had a message on my work cell phone from a Greg Fimer (sp) who was the licensing worker for her home, and if I had any "concerns" I could reach him at 455-8928. The perception is that this Bureaucracy looks out after its own!
- April 23, 07
Monday An "unusual" number of cars coming and going to the group home across the street over the past week, although it seemed to be a quiet weekend. We have noticed that Friday evenings consistently seem to be "busy" with "strange" traffic to the group home. I continue to make myself very visible in the front yard at opportune times (raking up, cleaning car windows, etc.) when I see Trudy and other "official" people present to see if anyone makes a gesture of communication since I asked about the permit signs. The behavior seems clear that they intend to avoid any contact with the neighbors.
- Apr 27, 07 Friday night! Some 7 cars parked in the main driveway, circular driveway, and on the street. The couple with the baby is back along with what looked like a late teen boy. Some of the people look like (from my personal experience in the field) they could be social worker related staff.

The group behavior projects that this effort to establish this residence as a foster care group home is a "done deal".

May 4, 07
Friday Actually an unusually quiet week and Friday night across the street.
Usually only one or two cars at a time at the home.

May 06, 07
Sunday Not much going on Saturday, but today it's back to "normal" with a LOT
of activity...adults, kids, 5 cars (some I do not recall seeing before). I
talked to Sharon (3716 Waterhole) who told me that everyone who comes
to the facility overtly ignores her when she is outside. So much for "being
part of the neighborhood".

NOTE: The owners are anticipated to be present at the NARA meeting on
Tuesday night. Fliers will be delivered in the immediate neighborhood
tomorrow. So far the owner (Trudy) has presented herself with absolutely
no communication to the neighbors. The "eleventh hour" show at the
NARA meeting Tuesday night will be their first contact with the
neighborhood. I frequently made myself VERY visible in our front
driveway today when people were out front of the home, and I was
ignored. We do not ignore our neighbors in this community!

May 07, 07
Monday I stopped by Boys Hope on the way home from work and talked to Pablo
Flores. He said that Trudy Parkes had dropped by Boy's Hope some time
ago and asked him to write her a letter of support for their pending foster
care teen girls home. Pablo said that he told her that he could not. He said
he told her that Boy's Hope was a national institution, an academically
oriented program, and went by strict guidelines. He said that Boy's Hope
tries to accommodate new neighborhoods, and if they are not going to be
welcome they find someplace else. Pablo said that he strongly encouraged
Trudy to go to the immediate neighbors and present her case. Mr. Flores
seemed to be "very positively reinforced" when I told him of the total
alienation they have presented to the neighborhood since the Planning
Commission sign went up in their front yard and their intent became overt.
This is fascinating. This behavior of Trudy attempting to go behind the
back of the community just reinforces the arrogance and kind of "in your
face" business this will most likely be if it does get passed. If this
behavior is an indication, it just says that they will do whatever they feel
like doing, and to hell with the community and neighborhood culture.
Pablo gave me a tour through the home. I had not been in it for quite
some time. They accommodate 6 boys, two to a room. Each bedroom has
its own bathroom, and there is tons of open living area with an abundance
of outside light coming in. The home is some 4700 sq. feet...almost twice
that of the pending group home on Waterhole Street.

I made distribution of fliers to everyone on Bradley, Waterhole & Cutty
about the NARA meeting tonight. The petition may not be done in time.

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- Sep. 30, 07
Sunday Upon arriving back from a week trip to Utah today I noted loud conversations coming from within the foster care group home across the street. At that time I also noted another much larger dent in Trudy Parks black SUV, this time on the driver door. I went next door and talked to Carl and Arnie Beebe. Arnie said that "the other morning" around 6 AM she noted strange cars driving slowly up and down Waterhole Street. She stopped one, and he identified himself as a detective who was looking for 3708 Waterhole Street. Arnie pointed out the foster care group home to him. He asked where she lived and she pointed to 3701 Waterhole Street. The detective immediately asked if it was her 97 Jeep Rangler that was stolen on 8/21/08 and found stripped on 9/7/08. Arnie acknowledged that it was. I asked Arnie if she had noted the new large dent on Trudy's driver side car door. We both agreed that both the small and the new large dent looked like someone had given the areas a good kick or two. (?) Both Arnie and Carl noted an increase of strange (not county) cars driving by the group home slowly, and sometimes "strange looking" people knocking at the door. I agreed.
- Sep 01, 07 A social worker and a county car was at the foster care group home.
- Oct. 3, 07
Wednesday No one home at the group home, and the garage door is open all day long. About an hour after dark I went over with Coleen & Dennis to the group home (I wanted a witness) and shut the door with the inside switch (hit the button and run fast out of the garage before it closes). We do not leave our garage doors open all night in this neighborhood.
- Oct. 4, 07 No one home all day.
- Oct. 5, 07
Friday Trudy's black SUV was in the circular driveway for a short time in the early morning, and then no one home for the rest of the day.
- Oct. 6, 07
Saturday I caught Trudy over at the foster home and advised her that I closed the garage door on Wednesday after it had been open all day long. She said one of her residents had moved out and probably left it open. Apparently she was not present when the "resident moved out" no one else there to supervise the exit. (?) This is weird "management".
- Oct. 29, 07
Monday I was working in the front yard and Calvin (3724 Waterhole St) was walking down the street towards his house and stopped over to talk to me.

He said he was coming home from working evening shift at 0200 Saturday (27th) and saw a young girl standing partially concealed under the weeping willow tree at the southeast corner of the foster home circular driveway. Calvin said he asked her what she was doing there. She told him that she was waiting for someone in the group home (at 2 AM!). He asked her if she knew the people who lived there. She said she did. Calvin went home and came back out a short time later to see if she was still there, and she was gone. The 6 pine trees along our front northwest block wall next to the side driveway were an obvious potential for anyone to hide behind and observe the foster home. With this recent incident I decided to start cutting them down this week. Anyone could easily stand behind the pine trees towards the street and clearly observe all activity going on in front of the foster care residence (especially at night) without being seen.

- Nov. 2, 07
Friday Rick Allen (5124 Cutty Way) stopped by in his 4 X 4 on his way home from night shift when he saw me working on the pine trees. He asked why I was cutting them down. I told him about the foster home incident. He volunteered to help pull out the stumps with his big truck if ours couldn't handle it. Rick asked about the foster home status. He said that he saw the paramedics over there once. I asked him "when". He said that he couldn't remember, but "it was some time ago". I went on the Water District tour of the detention basins earlier today. Very educational!
- Nov. 16, 07
Friday A visiting foster care professional (?) parked her BMW sports car in front of our house too close to the mail box. The mailman will not deliver if he can not drive his truck up to the mailbox. Everyone in the community knows this. He will get out and put a notice in your mailbox that you are parked too close for delivery...but he will not drop off the mail. Went over to the foster care home, and Trudy had the lady come out and move her car. This has happened before, and we have gotten failure to deliver notices. I need to paint a yellow "no parking" area to solve this.
- Dec. 2, 07
Sunday Bought some yellow concrete paint and painted a yellow curb area in front of our mailbox from the driveway 14 feet south to the expansion crack. My son (a fireman/paramedic) later on advised me that this was technically illegal because the curb was public property. I need my mail!
- Dec. 4, 07
Tuesday Talked to Sharon (3716 Waterhole) next door to the group home. She liked our yellow curb line and said she would like it in front of her mailbox also. She said that on occasion foster care/county staff had parked in front of her mail box also. I told her I had plenty of paint left over, but my son advised me that technically we couldn't do this because it was public property. I suggested we wait a while and see if anyone makes an issue of it. If this happens we can go to the city council and

request a waiver. Sharon noted, and I concurred, that the foster care home is the only residence that frequents parking on the street in this neighborhood, in spite of the fact that they have a circular driveway and a LARGE two car driveway.

- Dec. 6, 07
Thursday
15:20
- Went out to check the mail. Noticed two unfamiliar guys standing in the middle of Chloe near the Waterhole intersection looking up the street at the group home. Went in the house and got my car keys. They were getting in their car (white, NV 639UPX) that was parked further down Chloe out of sight of the teens (Melody and her friends) talking in the front of the Wadsworth house. Both appeared in their late 20's, early 30's. One was white, clean cut, and spoke good English. The other looked like a fat American Indian, but he spoke a few words with a Spanish accent. I rolled down my window and told them I lived in the neighborhood and I asked the white guy if I could help him. He said no, that they were "just checking out some of the houses". I defused my inquiry by telling them there were several houses for sale around the corner on Cutty Way. He said they would take a look. I drove to the intersection of Chloe and Bradley, made a U turn and came back past them slowly, made a left on Waterhole, right on Cutty Way, right on Thom, and right on Gowan. As I passed Bradley I could see their car heading south towards me on Bradley. Apparently after I left they drove down Cutty, made a left on Thom, and went west on Gilmore to Bradley. This was a HIGHLY suspicious event. Clearly they were scoping out the group home. And parking their car in that location on Chloe was a clear attempt to be inconspicuous. With no houses for sale in the immediate area it was not likely they were into purchasing real estate! And they acted/looked/behaved suspicious. I think I scared them off. Totally out of character for the location...AND the neighborhood.
- Dec. 24, 07
Monday
- Woke up this morning to find a GMC flat bed gated truck parked in front of our house. The yellow marking paint worked! It was parked just south of the line, allowing room for the mailman.
- Jan. 01, 08
Tuesday
- We took down our outside Christmas decorations. Noted that 3708 had not a single outside Christmas decoration on her "family image" teen foster care property this year. Everybody on our street who had children of any age, and many who had no children, put up their annual decorations.
- Jan. 15, 08
Tuesday
- At 0815 we received a phone call from Ashley Vanson who said she was a representative from Niagara Credit Services. She said she was trying to get in contact with Trudy at 3708 Waterhole Street and does not have her new phone number. She asked if we would have Trudy call her at (716)

631-6816. Our caller ID showed that she was calling from (716) 631-0631.

Jan. 27, 08
Sunday

I was up late watching TV when at 0125 Scooter saw activity out front and barked. I went in the front guest bedroom and saw police cars and an ambulance out front with activity at the foster care house across the street. I went outside. It was raining (!), wet and cold. An AMR ambulance #65 was parked in front of Trudy's mail box facing north. One metro police car NW1579 was parked facing north in the middle of the street next to another metro police car NW1484 parked facing north next to the curb just south of the driveway. I watched for a while and an officer came out. I asked him what was going on. He said it was just a medical problem. I went back in the house to get a water repellent coat. It was cold. Soon after I came out a female black teen appeared to be assisted to the open front door where the paramedics had a litter waiting for her. She was put on the litter and wheeled out to the AMR ambulance. She did not appear to be in any emergency status (I am a registered nurse), was very alert, talking (loudly sometimes) and sitting up on the litter sometimes. As they were about to put her in the ambulance she noticed me standing at our driveway in the rain observing and she yelled out, "What the fuck you looking at? It didn't happen in your house!" I said nothing. The police asked the medics if they were still needed, and they said no. The police left at 01:50. At 0203 Trudy drove in and parked in the circular driveway facing the white 4 door car (license # 449TYZ). Two minutes later the AMR ambulance left in a non emergency transport status. They had stayed parked for about 15 minutes with the patient inside before they left. It is speculation what caused this event at such a late/early time in the night.

We would certainly never have been aware that there was any untoward activity going on at the foster home if Scooter had not alerted us. She often just sits on a bed in one of the front bedrooms and watches out the front window all night long. This morning Trudy's black SUV was still there, and it remained there all day. This is not the first time emergency services (and/or police) have been called to the foster care residence. See previous notes. I hope this does not become part of their standard behavior.

This morning the white car was gone. Trudy's black SUV was there all day long. Unusual. Quiet day.

Jan 29, 08
Tue

At 3:55 PM an "army" of four cars rolled into the foster care home just as I was going over to a neighbor's house. Clearly it was a big meeting. Speculation is that it may be in regards to the event Saturday night. (?) One car, a white Cadillac SUV parked about 3 feet from Wadsworth's

mail box. Again, people that do not live here do not understand that if you park in front of the mailbox you will not get mail delivery. The mailman had just left, so it was not a problem today, but if she had been half an hour earlier Wadsworth would not have gotten mail. She could have parked in Trudy's empty driveway (the garage is not used for vehicles) or in the south end of her circular driveway. One of the Wadsworth's came out about 4:10 and picked up the mail. I noticed that a couple of the cars had started to park in front of our mailbox and were apparently deterred by the yellow curb marker. It works! I have not marked Sharon & Crystal's space with yellow curb paint yet because of the weather.

Feb 1, 08
Friday
Wednesday I noticed a live Christmas tree in front of the group home mailbox area ready for trash pick up. Today I asked Sharon if that was her tree. She exclaimed that it wasn't and she had to assume that Trudy did have a Christmas tree inside this year. We were both very surprised because the outside of the house was void of any decorations this Christmas, and with a "family" (Trudy's words) of kids it was totally unprofessional not to project a holiday profile. Maybe next year she will spend a few dollars on the outside and be in line with the rest of the neighborhood.

Feb 21, 08
Wednesday
1745
Trudy and another young woman knocked on our door half way through the O'Bama/Clinton debate. I greeted her with, "Hey, you should be watching the debate!" She said that someone had broken into her house today and took things, and wanted to know if we had seen anything. We had been to Cashman field part of the day for the Outdoor Recreation Show. I told her I had not. I asked Maralee, and she had not seen anything either. (She would have said something if she had seen anything suspicious going on during the day). I asked Trudy if any adult was home. She said that no one was home during the day because all the girls were at school or other appointments. I asked her if she had an alarm system. She said she did, but it was not turned on. I told her that we (all the immediate neighbors) take note of unusual activity and often take license numbers and other information. I told her that if we see anything we will let her know.

Feb 22, 08
Thursday
1150 AM
Talked to Jay (3632 Waterhole St.). I told him that Trudy stopped over and said someone broke into her house during the day. Jay also was not aware that the house was vacant during the day time. He said that he saw police at the foster home residence last night from about 6 PM until around 8 PM. He said that "the police were there for quite a long time" and parked on my side of the street to the north of our driveway, which is probably why we did not notice the police car.

Feb 23, 08
Noticed two cars parked in Trudy's driveway. One was an official county

Friday car (Prius). There is the appearance that whenever there is an "event" at the group home official county cars show up a day or two after.

Feb 26, 08 I noticed an older brown and tan Chevy 4 x 4 pickup truck with Nevada
Wednesday tags NR8481 parked in front of the foster care home all morning. It was suspicious, especially after the breakin Trudy reported to us on the evening of the 21st. The pickup bed appeared to be set up for hauling a 5th wheel. A bumper sticker in the back said the truck was not for hire. Definitely not part of the usual neighborhood traffic. About noon Maralee was outside and saw Trudy across the street and asked her if the car belonged to any of her business staff. She said she had noticed it, and she did not know who it belonged to. At that time Trudy told Maralee that the person who broke into the foster care home turned out to be one of their past residents who broke in and took items from the other girls. We had assumed that whoever did it knew what they were doing, and knew when and how to do it. Case solved.

I went across the street, looking inside the truck cab for evidence that it might have been just dropped off. It was locked. Trudy told me it was there when she drove in at 0530 this morning. I told her I was going to call the police and see if it was stolen. At 1220, while I was on hold in our computer room calling 311 and looking out the front window I noticed a strange tall well groomed white man, perhaps in his middle/late 20's, with a black T shirt on casually walking across Wadsworth's front yard, carrying a plastic grocery store bag in one hand. I watched him stop at the pickup truck. I hung up the phone and went outside to get a closer look and present a conversation with him. By the time I got half way down the driveway he was driving off. Trudy was unloading supplies out of the back of her SUV perhaps 30 feet from the truck. I asked her if she saw him. She said she did. I didn't pursue it any farther. I would have thought she would have persued the opportunity and ask him if he "needed any help" (or anything) just to get a better look at him and profile of the situation. This would be our "normal" community involvement. I let it go and came home to document.

I noticed a couple hours later on, after the mailman drove by he was coming up the west side of Waterhole Street, Trudy had her Republic Services trash can in front of her mailbox, and the mailman was pushing it out of the way with his right front bumper. She should set trash on the south side of her driveway away from the mailbox. All the residents know this. With good weather I will be painting the yellow curb in front of the mailboxes for Sharon and Crystal soon.

Mar. 10, 08 Big meeting this evening at foster care group home. Four strange cars
Monday parked at the residence. One of the cars that parked on the street was half

- 1630 way into Trudy's drive way, instead of parking in the driveway, or on the street out of the way of ingress and egress. This type of behavior with these "out of neighborhood professionals" is common. Weird.
- Mar. 11, 08 Tuesday The strange Chevy 4 X 4 pick up truck was parked in front of Sharon's house (3716 Waterhole Street) from early this morning until sometime this afternoon.
- Mar. 12, 08 Wednesday I noted the strange truck was parked in Wadsworth's driveway this morning. Very strange parking behavior. So far it has been observed parked in front of the group home, Sharon's house, and now in the Wadsworth's driveway.
- Mar. 14 08 Friday I noted Wadsworth's garage door was open. Went over and talked to Crystal's brother. We figured out that the truck belongs to one of Crystal's daughter's boy friends. This explains why I saw him coming across their front yard back on the 26th. We both agreed that his parking behavior appeared as if he didn't want someone to know that he was at the Wadsworth residence. Case solved!

This evening I dropped over to Trudy's at the foster care home to tell her what I had found out. She was busy upstairs, and asked the girls to have me come up. Trudy was in the SW upstairs room at a large desk, coaching two of the girls with their studies using a large screen TV...I assumed for home schooling. I explained what I had learned. She appreciated the information. There appeared to be 5 girls in the home at this time.

- Apr 13, 08 Sunday In the period of half an hour, one ambulance, five police cars, a fire truck and the former bishop of the Wadsworth's church were parked in front of the Wadsworth residence. No sirens or lights. Advised that one of the girls had "slit her wrist". No one seemed to be in any kind of a hurry. The emergency vehicles left in about 45 minutes. This was NOT a foster care group home incident.
- Apr 18, 08 Saturday 1715 Three unfamiliar very late model cars, a white Lexus, black Cadillac, a gray BMW convertible came rolling down Waterhole Street "like a train", circled around and parked in front of the foster home. The convertible parked in front in front of the foster home and Sharon's mailbox. The mailman had come earlier. No other cars were parked on the street, and Trudy's two car garage driveway was empty. About half an hour later a late model compact car arrived and parked in the driveway off the street.

Two hours later (1920) I was watching TV in our living room and heard

loud "booming" sounds and could feel the vibrations while sitting on the couch. I walked out front and saw another visitor to the group home sitting in a bright orange two door raised up custom car playing very loud (probably CD) noise out of his radio. I had seen this car before in "north town". The Cadillac and BMW had left, and he could have parked in front of the house, but he chose to park in front of the driveway totally obstructing the two car driveway access! I saw Mat come out of his house (3716) and look to see what was going on. The guy turned off his motor and went inside the group home.

- Apr. 31, 08
Wednesday The group home side gate remains open. I walked across the street. The metal catch is no longer attached to the cinder block wall. And there is no way to secure it otherwise. I'll wait until we come back from vacation (May 1 - 13) and see if it is fixed.
- May 14, 08
Wednesday Trudy's gate is still open. I checked it out. It has not been fixed. I will offer to fix it for her if she still has the metal latch part. You would think with the security she requires for the facility, and the problem(s) she's had in the past this would be a priority.
- May 28, 08
Wednesday Trudy was just getting out of her black SUV along with some of the teen residents. I went across the street and told her I noticed her side gate latch had been broken off for quite some time, and if she had the part I had the tools and would be happy to fix it for her. She said, "Okay, I'll fix it." I reinforced that I had the time and wouldn't mind doing it. I reinforced that people cruise areas looking for obvious vulnerable theft opportunities, and this would certainly get someone's attention. She said again that she would fix it. Clearly she was projecting not to interfere with her business.
- June 1, 08
Sunday CORRECTION to the incident of April 13! It was documented that this was NOT a group home incident. However the group home is certainly at least indirectly involved. Maralee advised me that she had been talking to Crystal today (3700 Waterhole St, the house on the corner to the south next door to Trudys) and learned that the girl who "slit her wrists" on April 13 was her daughter, Melody. She previously had a drug problem, but was clean. However recently she got some drugs from a man visiting at the group home, and was now on drugs again. She was depressed, and slit her wrist. So, if this is true, we know now that the group home has at least one drug source.
- June 5, 08 I was in my garage with the door open. One of the girls in the foster home

Thursday across the street in the north east upstairs porch was talking LOUDLY to a friend on her cell phone in what seemed to be a "friendly" conversation. The "F" word was used profusely, in what seemed to be every 3rd or 4th sentence. This is inappropriate in this neighborhood and culture.

June 9, 08
Monday
1350 I was in my garage with the door open. Trudy drove in and dropped off one or more of her kids. They were loud coming out of the car, which is routine behavior for this foster community. Someone opened the door, and the loud "normal" talking continued. Trudy drove off in a minute or two. One of the girls was left outside and the front door was locked. The loud talking continued. She began to rant on for some time repeating to "Open the fucking door!" Some of the neighbor kids were playing out front next door. If I could plainly hear her from across the street, the kids certainly could. This continued on for a while. This is not the first time this behavior has been noted. It seems to be a "game" to catch one or more of the girls outside and lock them out, causing a ruckus until they get let in. The irony of this situation is the north side gate is still wide open for anyone to enter the back yard, and she could have most likely just walked around to the back door or to the upstairs patio door! At least she would not be carrying on in front of "god and everybody".

June 12, 08
Thursday Eleajar Fajardo (406-5674 / 386-4999) came today with his partner Fernando (Poncho) to finish the two small tile places in our house. During the work day he mentioned that when he was here yesterday to look at what had to be done, he dropped by across the street to the foster home to see the status on the beautiful tile work he did on the upstairs shower. We had hired him to do our tile work after we saw what he did across the street before it went up for sale. He said the house was a mess inside. The carpet was dirty, trashed stained and discolored a lot of places, clothes were all over the place, and the upstairs strongly smelled of cigarette smoke. He made faces as he described the scene. I told him that I did home health care and public health for some 14 years here in Las Vegas after I retired from the Air Force, and you almost never see Mexican homes like that. I told him that no matter how poor they were, "Those Mexican mammas made sure the babies were clean, and the house was clean, and when poppa came home he had to take his shoes off at the door". Jose laughed, and said that his wife often makes him go around in back and almost strip before he comes in the house after work. He also goes in a lot of homes in Las Vegas, and we discussed commonly observed cultural behaviors. He said that Mexicans have too many babies, and he was quitting at three. We had a good laugh over that with me working maternal child health and relating to it first hand.

Jun 6, 08 The foster home walk in front garage door was open all day yesterday, and

Friday all night. The side gate to the back yard also continues to be left open. Security continues to have the appearance of a "non issue" at the house.

Jul 1, 08
Tuesday Yesterday the city repaved Waterhole Street with new asphalt. This morning, while working in the garage I noticed 9 people walking out of the group home. They walked carefully along the west side of the new asphalt and cut across Wadsworth's front lawn, probably going to one or more vehicles parked on Chloe or Bradley. Clearly one of the 9 was in charge, but it was not obvious that there were any other "leaders". Even assuming that there were two leaders, for two cars to accommodate the 9, that left more than the legal 6 residents. We have suspected from time to time that there may be more than the legal 6 residents, however we do not have access to records.

At exactly noon a "nepharious" individual with his head covered with a bandana (looked like a north town gang member) knocked on the door, and was allowed to go in. I had not seen the "morning nine" return yet, so someone else was still inside. He left 20 minutes later, walking south, across Wadsworth's front lawn to a 4 door tan car and drove off.

The foster care group home north side gate remains WIDE open, with an invitation to anyone for access to the home through the back yard.

July 29, 08
Tuesday Article in the Centennial View on how New Vista is opening "two new homes for youths" in the northwest area. Each home (one for girls and one for boys) is to house only FOUR youths with an "upscale home-like environment. I wonder what the local residents think of this?

Aug 25, 08
Monday For the past couple of weeks the group home has had considerable work going on in the back yard. Large diameter PVC pipe removed and landscaping involved. The side gate continued to remained open 24/7 during this period with NUMEROUS what appeared to be "lowest bid" workman coming and going, and often just "hanging out" in vehicles parked on the street in front of the house. The situation projected a profile suggesting a need for increased security based on previous neighborhood experience, and because there was no suggestion that the work was being monitored by the owner. (?) As neighbors, we all are familiar with activities going on with our immediate residential properties, give each other "heads up", and often refer quality workmanship to each other. The group foster care BUSINESS is independent of our neighborhood culture, and their activities continue to be worthy of ongoing documentation.

Aug 27, 08
Wed Troy stopped by to see the "new" 1960 Chevy Impala that we got out out after 11 months in restoration. He noted one of the residents/supervisors

- 1930 walking into the foster home across the street and remarked that he had just seen her walking down the middle of Bradley as if daring cars to hit her. I answered that I had seen an increased occurrence of the occupants doing similar behavior...walking in the middle of the street instead of along the side. We agreed that this is a "cultural behavior". People who walk their dogs in this neighborhood (no sidewalks...this is a rural preservation neighborhood) tend to walk them over towards the edge of the road and facing oncoming traffic so as to avoid an incident.
- Aug 29, 08
Friday Interesting article in the Las Vegas Weekly, (Aug 21-27) "Matching Homeowners Who Have Empty Houses With Homeless Folks Who Need Shelter" adds another potential real estate property liability to nongated communities like ours.
- Aug 30, 08
Saturday
1230 Coming back from the store Maralee and I turned east on Chloe from Bradley Rd, and had to almost stop for two foster home staff (?) standing in the middle of Chloe wrapped around each other. As we slowed down to a crawl they slowly moved towards the north side of the street. This "pedestrian street ownership" is typical cultural behavior in NLV, and other similar pockets of like culture in town.
- Sep 26, 08
Friday
1600 Maralee had mentioned that she thought Mark & Katie Maurer (3701 Bradley) had found a new house because she saw a large van by their garage a couple days ago. On the way back home from the store we saw Katie outside and stopped to talk to her. They had found a house north west of town near Centennial High School and were in the process of moving. Although Mark and Katie both had expressed why they wanted to move before, I sensed that this was a good time to ask the specifics. It was for the children. Cheyenne High School was deteriorating fast with gangs from out of our neighborhood, and other problems. This could be solved with a school transfer out of our neighborhood. But the foster care group home behind them was becoming unbearable. I asked her the specifics about the group home. She said especially in the summer time when the girls are socializing and swimming in the back yard the routine volume of "conversation" was always yelling, and the language was totally unacceptable. I asked Katie to elaborate. It was the constant use of the "F" word (fuck), "B" word (bitch), and "N" word (nigger) and other four letter words that you could hear as if someone was standing right next to you. And her girls did not need to grow up thinking this was acceptable language and behavior. She said that this is the same kind dialogue being used at Cheyenne High School as "normal language" by some students. I told her how I could sometimes hear the same language from girls talking on a cell phone on the upstairs bedroom front porch and from talking on the phone in front of the closed front door of the house all the way across the street inside my garage. Katie said it would be no use

to complain because the social service bureaucracy would accuse her of racism and even if the girls were given direction by Trudy, it would be short lived because relative to a 24 hour day she is only there periodically and only enforced as well as whoever she had playing "house mother" for the day. I agreed with her that the bureaucratic powers that be seem to have no compassion when it comes to "cultural discrimination". The operative word these days seems to be "cultural diversity" at any cost. And that racism is often used when those responsible for inappropriate actions (or the management of those involved) choose to take the easy way out instead of taking accountability for inappropriate behavior. Times have changed. The norm is graduating towards the lowest common denominator. I told her how I had noted that Trudy's side gate was not locked, and had been left wide open for several weeks, and I went over and told her that we all try to keep our property secure in the area because drive bys look for this kind of behavior, and I volunteered to fix it for her myself. Trudy blew me off and said she would take care of it. To this day the gate is still left open much of the time. Katie commented that she often would see 2 or 3 of the group home residents walking down Chloe towards Funnys and wondered how this could be possible if they had to be supervised all the time. It would mean that there was more than one supervisor in the residence, which was highly unlikely as this is a business venture, or there were liberties being taken. I agreed that I and others have noted the same behavior, and thought the same thing. But as residents we have no input to the daily management of the "business". And direct complaint observations would be identified as "insensitivity", and "racism", and "uncaring". I mentioned that there have been NO complaints of Boys Hope on Gowan since it was established. Clearly it is cultural behavior.

I mentioned that one of my biggest "beefs" was that with 6 girls in the house they pay to have a pool service to clean and manage the back yard swimming pool. Our pool is twice the size, and my wife who is three times their age manages it by herself including cleaning the filters (I do help her when I am home). Also, Trudy has a guy come by usually on Sundays for an hour or so to clean up the front yard. I told Katie that if I had teenagers still at home they would be cleaning the pool as required or they wouldn't be using it, and they would have assigned duties for yard work or they would not have "extracurricular" privileges. This should be basic guidance regarding respect for property and "occupancy/ownership". I do see them bring the trash out to the front occasionally. But, this is the only residence in the area where they leave trash bags and containers out for pick up sometimes only hours after Republic Services comes, and it sits there until the next trash pick up date. Residents are NOT suppose to leave trash out front until the pick up date, or at least the evening before. Just more incompatible behavior with the community culture. Katie said that they love the house they built here on Bradley, and they love the

neighborhood, but with the cultural changes brought in by the foster care group home they had no choice but to leave. She and Mark were both active in the Neighborhood Association from its onset also, and it will be a loss for NARA. She said that she was sorry that we had to put up with it. I told her that we bought here 27 years ago, and expected to be here for "the duration", and that all we could do is document so that when an "overt felony" occurred we could go in with a history. I told her how Crystal Wadsworth next door to the south of the foster home, who initially was ambivalent about the home now felt totally violated because of the drug incident with her daughter, and Carl and Arnie Bebe (Arnie was raised in foster homes and knows the foster system intimately) are still trying to move to Montana in spite of the terrible economy.

- Sep 28, 08
Sunday I noted the same man by today to clean up the front yard. I recalled my conversation with Katie about this, and that the kids should be doing this "normal" residence maintenance. For a moment I was tempted to say some thing, but the realities of the topic presented better judgment. (!)
- Oct 3, 08
Friday Bob and I drove over to Pahrump to pick up a classic motorcycle that had been in storage for decades that I was to box up for transport back east. During the trip Bob elaborated at length how he and his brother were abandoned by his father when he was very small, and later as a child they were sent through a system of foster homes until he was eighteen when he joined the military. He said in the military for the first time in his life he got quality guidance and was held accountable for his actions. He said that if it wasn't for the military he certainly would not have had a successful career, and would probably have spent most of his time in jail. I concurred that my first hitch in the Air Force was the best thing that could have happened to me for a transition into the "adult world". We talked about "my" situation with the foster care home. He laughed a lot and shook his head (in sympathy). We both agreed that the military for those 18 years old and the threat of the military for those foster residents under 18 if they did not demonstrate compliance could be a good thing! We laughed how in "the old days" judges would often give kids the choice of military service or "juvie". We joked that the judges probably had a red phone to the local recruiting office and probably got a kick back for every kid that chose the military over "juvie"! Certainly a big win/win for the tax payer. But with today's "progressive" bureaucracy there was no chance anything "constructive" like this would fly.
- Oct 14, 08
Tuesday At the neighborhood association meeting this evening I was asked if anything was going on with the foster care group home. I related routine behavior observed, and reported that Mark and Kathie had found a new house in the far NW part of the valley, and their leaving would be a loss

for the NARA organization. I related why they are leaving. XXXXXXXX who was present at the NARA meeting reported that she was at a social function at a members home last night, and XXX XXXXXXXX who was present said that he saw one of the residents having sex with her "boyfriend" (?) in a parked car in front of the home. I will follow up with him the next time I catch him in the area. I related that when I was a teenager I had a Washington Post paper route in suburban Washington DC (Maryland) for five years, and I can personally attest that and if you want to know what is going on in the community, routine delivery people and the like can be a good primary source!

Nov 3, 08
Tuesday

A maroon 4 door Lexis with dealer plates 56138 was parked at the foster care residence in front of the Wadsworth mail box. There was plenty of room on the street in front of the residence, in the circular driveway, and next to the white van in the driveway. I missed the mailman today. He may not deliver the mail with a vehicle obstructing delivery. With good weather I need to get out and finish yellow painting Crystal and Sharon's curbing as requested. I keep saying that...I need to DO it.

Nov 9, 08
Sunday

I was out front cleaning up the yard. Four of the foster care teens walked by. I waved and said "hello". No response. After a while they walked back on to Waterhole from Chloe as if it was just a walk around the block down Cutty, and then west down Gilmore to Bradley and Chloe. It looks like Trudy has acquired a new Chevy 9 passenger van for group transport and "business operations". (?)

Nov 10, 08
Monday

I was out in the front yard this morning, finishing up what was left over from yesterday. Several cars were parked in front of the foster care group home like one of their "Friday meeting". I saw seven of the group home residents (I assume one of them was a supervisor) came walking down Waterhole Street from Chloe (perhaps on a walk over to the Funnys convenience store) to the group home, spread out over several hundred feet and loudly calling out to each other. It looked "like" a scene from "West Side Story". Certainly out of character for the neighborhood. I have to give the girls credit. I have not seen them "short cutting" across Crystal Wadsworth corner front yard lately. The "visitors" (social workers, case workers,) started to leave soon after the girls came back to the home. Speculation is that they were sent out for a walk while the meeting went on.

Dec 2, 08
Tuesday

A new "generic" white nine passenger GMC van from Centennial has been parked at the group home recently, and it appears to be a purchase for the use of group home activities. It makes sense. You really have to take two vehicles if you take everybody somewhere at once, especially if there are additional suitcases, etc., and in the case of moving residents in

and out. This is probably a great time to buy with car dealers staving for customers. It makes you wonder if it was a purchase, or if the dealer "donated" it somehow under a charitable contribution formality, just to unload inventory. (?)

Dec 20, 08
Saturday Noticed that Westcare picked up two white nine passenger Chevrolet vans (same as the group home) over the past weeks. My "theory" that this similar purchase is more than just a coincidence and may have some base in fact. (?) Trudy by her own admission has a historic relationship with West Care, and most likely still does. If they were smart they should have bought Dodge Mercedes Sprinters!

Dec 22, 08
Monday
2030 I was in the computer room, and heard talking from outside. I looked out the window and saw a car parked under the street light with people all around it. I stepped outside our front door and stood there for about ten minutes listening to the gathering and loud conversation under the street light. It looked like something out of a movie. It did NOT look like what you would consider "normal" behavior for our community culture.

Dec 23, 08
Tuesday I was in the computer room (again) and heard a loud booming sound from outside and felt the vibrations from our window and the computer desk. I looked out the window, and there was a car parked under the street light (like yesterday) with a gathering around it. All four doors were open, and the loud base stereo booming. I stepped out the front door to observe. Our dog took after the car, and I called her back. After a few minutes they closed the doors, some of the people went back inside the group home, and the car took off.

Dec 31, 08
Wednesday Article in the RN (nursing magazine) this date "Influx of Black Renters Raises Tension In Suburb" in Antioch, California profiles and reinforces again that the difference is NOT race, it's CULTURE, highlighting BEHAVIOR such as loud parties, blaring car radios, drugs, increase in crime, etc. The "culprit" is HUD, Section 8 housing, and other government programs allowing people who could not afford upscale homes to move into higher income neighborhoods, and bringing their culture with them with no consideration of the established neighborhood. I should see about getting copies of the articles.

Jan 06, 09
Tuesday I noticed the group home had a Christmas tree out by the mailbox for trash pick up this Thursday. They also had a lighted decoration on the front door this year! Nice!

Jan 1, 09
Tuesday

Executive officers were elected at the NARA meeting tonight. Linda Young (3625 Bradley) had another confrontation with the New Vista special needs group home next door to her (3733 Bradley). One of the male patients beat up a staff member requiring the police and paramedics to be called. She asked one of the staff what was going on and he told her to mind her own business. This is the same type of "non communication" I got from the builder, When the Bradley home was being built it looked out of character for the neighborhood, and when I went over to talk to the owner who was present one day standing on Chloe watching the construction it was like talking to a telephone pole! It was obvious that something was "not normal". Now that Linda is retired and spending more time at home she will have more "opportunity" to make observations on this business.

Linda brought up at the meeting that this group home discrimination and infestation on communities that are non gated, and not home owners associations, has to stop. I had brought a copy of this 20+ page (so far) documentation to the meeting tonight. Carl and Arnie Beebe (3701 Waterhole St.) have their house up for sale in this bad real estate market and have already shipped their teenage boy off to Montana with relatives. Mark and Katie Maurer have already moved, and Crystal Wadsworth to the south of the group home would like to. We agree that the other "person's rights stop when their fist hits our nose". It is time for a concerted and definitive effort to make both the system and the individual home/business management accountable through appropriate authority. And it seems that the only "authority" is the legislative body that sets up the guidelines and standards.

Jan 14, 09
Wednesday

Big meeting at the group home today. Five cars plus a motor scooter. One car parked right in front of Sharon's mailbox! The meeting broke up at 12:30 with a mass exodus of vehicles.

Jan 31, 09
Saturday

While making rounds taking the 2009 NARA census I stopped by Boys Hope group home. I had a stack of 3D glasses to pass out for the Super Bowl 3D advertisement and Monday 3D show. I was told there would only be 3 boys there Sunday. I left 6 pair of glasses. Dropped by the Waterhole Street foster home. The shift supervisor said there may be as many as 11 for the game. I left 12 pair with here. She was appreciative.

Feb 22, 09
Sunday

Four cars in the Waterhole Street foster care home driveway, plus the white van, over night Sunday until about 0900 this morning. That made a minimum of 10 people unless the foster care number is down.

Apr 13, 09
Monday
Afternoon

Male parked in small car in the group home circular driveway in front of of the house door. He had one of the girls from inside sitting in the front seat "socializing". They were LOUD. With my garage door open you could hear them from inside our kitchen inside our house carrying on. This went on for over an hour, and he finally left. Not the kind of behavior you see in our community. It just looks and sounds "tacky" and out of character for our neighborhood.

Apr 15, 09
Wed

Noted that the group home mailbox was out of the ground, and leaning up next to the Republic Services trash box! I have no idea how this happened. I went over and looked at it. The metal pole was not bent. It looked broken off at the base as if it was pushed from the top. I do not think the mailman will deliver mail to a box that is not secured.

Apr 16, 09
Thursday

The mailbox is today half way lying down next to the curb on an empty trash can! This should be a basic priority item! Anyone can dig a hole and put the pole back in the ground!

Apr 17, 09
Friday
1510

I saw the mailman coming a few doors down the street, and waited for him to drop off the mail, and noted that the group home mailbox was today in the dirt beside the curb. I asked him about the group home mail box. He said he had not delivered there in three days because it was down. We surmised that it was not a residential priority.

Apr 20, 09
Monday
1530

I was out front when the mailman came by again. The group home mail box had been lying down in the dirt by the curb all weekend, but today it was precariously propped up with some stones. I pointed out to the mailman that it was upright today, but he couldn't get to it because they had three trash barrels stacked around it for tomorrow's Republic Services pick up. He said he had to deliver today because he had too much accumulated since last week. I noted that he got out of his truck and made his way to the mailbox for delivery.

Apr 21, 09
Tuesday
(?)

I was correct. The group home mailbox had fallen down. There was no way it was going to be held up by the stones. Their "maintenance man" with the little red pickup truck came by with a couple Mexicans in an old American pickup truck later on. I thought they had been hired to stick the mailbox pole back in the ground, but apparently it was for some job in the back yard.

Apr 22, 09
Wed

The mailman left the group home mail in our mailbox. I took it over and gave it to one of the teen residents.

Apr 24, 09
Friday
1815 Our son dropped by to show off his trailer and we noticed at this time there were two Las Vegas Police cars parked in front of Crystal's house. It was soon evident that they were for the group home. One police car moved to the circular driveway. The police officers brought two of the girls outside, and had them sitting on a bench and the block wall out in front by the circular driveway. The police left about 8 PM.

May 9, 09
Saturday
Lots of company at the group home today. Noticed the mail box was now in an upright position held by a number of small rocks. One car is parked in front of Sharon's mailbox. I've GOT to get out and paint the yellow curb lines. The line in front of my mailbox is now fading also. It seems to do the job keeping visitors and deliveries away from parking so the mailman can not get to the box. It will be interesting to paint yellow at Sharon's and Crystal's mailbox and see if it makes a difference. I still wonder if the reason their mailbox was cleanly broke off at the base was because someone ran into it. (?)

May 10, 09
Mothers Day The mailbox is back down in the dirt and lying over into the street. We had some good winds. Possibly the wind blew it over. (?)

May 12, 09
Tuesday
1950 I arrived home from the monthly NARA meeting at dusk, and there were five women circled around the mailbox (still daylight) apparently trying to figure how to put it upright! This is good. It demonstrates that they are aware that the mailbox indeed needs to be there, and they are trying to do something about it. The pole is clearly way too short. They simply need a new pole, or get a five foot piece of 4X4 to use for a post, and bolt what remains of the original pole on to it with U bolts. This isn't rocket science! I was tempted to go over there and offer my help, but by now I think it best to just stay out of it. It will be interesting to see what four minds can come up with!

May 13, 09
Wednesday
0730 The four foot mail box pole which had been broken off at the base is now broke in half (!) so there is the 2 ft. section that the mailbox is attached to and the other 2 ft. section lying next to it. This is beyond bizarre! And it has been going on way too long. Our mailman must be going nuts! If it isn't fixed by Tuesday when we come back from our trip I'll ask if they would like me to fix it. It was noted by members at the last NARA meeting, and it's the laugh of the neighborhood! Totally out of culture! It really looks "tacky" for a house with good curb appeal in a good neighborhood and a crappie looking mailbox lying in the dirt week after week.

Jun 18, 09 I was talking to Carl and Arnie next door (3701 Waterhole St). They are

Thursday in the process of moving to Montana, and loading up two more trailers to haul up to Hamilton. Arnie said that after they got settled in she would be happy to send a letter to the NARA executive board documenting why the group home at across the street is a major factor in their decision to move from their house.

June 22, 09 I was talking to Greg Fields in front of his house (3724 Waterhole Street).
Monday He asked me what we were going to do about the recent group home activity. I didn't know what he was talking about. He said that in the past couple of weeks boys had been occasionally congregating at the corner of Chloe and Waterhole Street in the day time under the shade of Jay's pine tree, waiting for girls to come out of the group home, and then they would walk south on Waterhole Street. Greg said that sometimes he would be awake late at night on the weekend and see them after midnight waiting for the girls, and they would walk south on Waterhole Street, and then come back again in a while. I told him I would document this on the log, and asked him to call me at any time day or night so that I can verify this with him. Greg said that Jay also had witnessed this.

June 23, 09 Stopped down to Republic Services on E. Sahara regarding the group
Tuesday leaving trash pick up at the curb side all week long. The clerk, Paulette, advised me that the rules to leave pick up no earlier than the night before were part of the customer contract. She made me a copy of the contract. Paulette said that although Republic Services makes the rules, they can not enforce them, and I need to advise the Health Department of the contractual violation.

June 24, 09 Dropped off a letter to the Southern Nevada Public Health Department
Wednesday Solid Waste & Compliance Section relaying the same information as written to Republic Services. The clerk put the information into their computer as case #SW09-986 and assigned it to Donna Huston. She will follow up with the group home for trash compliance.

June 25, 09 Talked to Jay in front of his house this morning, and asked him about what
Thursday Greg had told me regarding group home people gathering in front of his under the pine tree. Jay said he had only seen it once. He said it looked like there was some kind of an argument between staff and one or more of the girls, or staff or girls having an argument with someone outside the group home environment. Jay mentioned that he seldom saw Trudy at the house there anymore. I agreed that the perception is that she is leaving the hands on management to her hired staff. That is not how it was suppose to be as it was initially presented to us. We were given the idea that she

would be in charge most of the time and she would be the predominate "house mother" in charge for educating the kids and their general management. Clearly this is not how it is going to be. Jay was also dismayed that there was probably nothing we could do about the group home being there now. I told him that we were continuing with the ongoing log of events observed at the home, and the hope was that when a felony event eventually occurred we could get this parasite out of our neighborhood. He said he couldn't believe that the mailbox was still down, leaning against the cinder block wall. I told him that both Sharon and Crystal wanted yellow painted on the curb next to their mailboxes to keep group home traffic away from effecting mail delivery, but it had been raining.

Republic Services made pick up about noon today. At 6 PM the group homes rented 96 gallon mobile cart was still at the curb, with two large plastic bags of trash sitting beside it. This exemplifies precisely what the complaint is all about! If the bags were there when trash pick up came by, they would have been removed. If the two bags were dropped off after trash pick up came by they should have at least put them in the mobile cart that they rent from Republic Services and then removed the mobile cart from the curb. This defies logic!

June 29, 09
Monday I had to laugh. One of the group home supervisors (I assume) was standing outside the front door of the house "talking" to someone on a cell phone. This is a frequent occurrence. It appears that they go outside to talk on the cell phone for privacy. But you can often hear them "talking" all the way over to our front porch! So much for "privacy". The funny thing was that she was complaining on the phone to someone about someone who had been yelling at her! And here she is yelling into the cell phone where I hear much of the conversation all the way across the street! Sharon often complains about how loud they all are. It's not just "teens". It's a different culture.

June 30, 09
Tuesday I finally got around to painting the curb yellow in front of Crystals mailbox (3700 Waterhole Street) and Sharon's mailbox (3716 Waterhole Street). I stopped painting about an inch from the curb property survey marker. I couldn't help but notice how faded the yellow line is in front of our mailbox now compared to the new paint.

July 2, 09
Thursday Trash pick up was this morning. At 3PM the group home had a black bag full of trash sitting at their curb side next to the broken mailbox. I will check with the health department next week to see if they made any contact with the group home. A professional carpet cleaner was at the home a good part of the day.

July 3, 09
Friday

Driving home from distributing NARA fireworks fliers a black four door was parked literally in the middle of Waterhole Street in front of the group home. A black SUV was parked in front of the group home next to the curb, and a conversation was taking place over a distance of several feet. Eight, what appeared to be late teens, six of them males, were congregated in the middle of Waterhole Street engaged in other socializing. I hugged the curb on my side of the street to get by and abruptly swung left in front and past the car parked in the middle of the street to gain access to my driveway. I got out and went in our house. The car in the middle of the street remained there for another five minutes or so. Throughout the day, the black 4 door car came and went from the girls group home, with males going in and out.

July 4, 09
Saturday
Independence Day

A crew spent much of the day yesterday and today trimming trees and palm leaves. A HUGE pile of cuttings was piled up in front of the group home mailbox area, overflowing some six feet into the street. I asked one workers if they were going to haul it away, and he said yes. The pile actually obstructs half of the southbound driving lane. My guess is that they expect Republic to pick up the entire pile at the curb!

I spoke to an on duty Las Vegas police officer up at the Funny's convenience store about the pile obstructing the flow of traffic. When I described the location he immediately knew it was the group home. He said that all the officers who patrol this area are very familiar with the foster care group home. I told him that I was maintaining a running journal on what events the immediate neighbors have noted, and anticipate contributing this information when there is a felony event at the home. He said that the call they received last Thanksgiving at the home was a knife stabbing by a boy who they finally found in another part of town. And this should qualify as a felony event. I asked him how the neighborhood association could get data on police calls. He referred me to the station, and said that at least we should be able to get time and date of all calls to a specific address. The officer drove past the pile of limbs in the street and went on.

July 6, 09
Monday
equivalent

I was out front when Republic Services made their pick up today. I talked to them when they stopped in front of Sharon's house. The driver said they were only required to make a pick up of 3 trash cans, or the

there of, and that the people that were hired to do the job should also haul it away. The two staff emptied the rental can, another plastic trash can, put 5 large black plastic bags in the truck. And then after looking at the pile for a while put on gloves and continued to put about the top two feet of the pile in the truck. This was above and beyond the call of duty. The pile still obstructs the road, but at least it isn't as high. Actually, now this

makes it less obvious coming around the corner heading south, and you can be on top of the pile sooner before it is noticed.

I was called by Marilyn Kirkpatrick this evening. She advised me of the upcoming safety meeting at the North Las Vegas Airport. She talked at length about her efforts to be a voice for the community regarding both established group homes and appropriate legislation. She informed me that the effect of a group home on the immediate culture and neighborhood profile is not a legislative consideration! They do not care about our quality of life. The focus is on the patients/group home residents, and compliance with money issues. This verifies our suspicions.

- July 9, 09
Thursday
- Republic Services actually took the rest of the pile of palm cuttings in the street in front of the group home today. Well beyond the call of duty. I took another photo of the remaining pile before they came around.
- July 13, 09
Monday
- Very busy at the foster care home all day long. Strange cars coming and going. A county Prius car parked in front of our mailbox took one of the girls away. At one time I saw adults come out, teens come out, a small boy come out, and a girl with a baby in a carry on. That just about covers the spectrum of all ages! I was out front on my way over to help Calvin with his yard. I took a trash can over to the group home trash mess and started picking up some of it that was just thrown on the road...just to see if anyone would say anything. Some of the group looked, but said nothing. A lot of the residual cuttings from the pile of palm leaves have blown over onto Sharon's front yard. Messy!
- July 14, 09
Tuesday
- The large black birds are having a grand time on Sharon's front yard today pecking at the foot long palm cuttings looking for bugs! VERY busy day at the group home. Lots of cars coming and going. Lots of strange people both adults and kids. Unusually busy! Scooter spent much of the day looking out the front window and barking when new activity as it took place. Around 1730 a lot of activity came to the front yard and out into the street. Lots of boys...NOT girls...and several of them "play fighting" out in the middle of the street and over to our side of the road where one of the cars was parked in front of our mailbox. I need to repaint our yellow line, although one of the SUVs today was parked in front of Trudy's mailbox space and over into the yellow area I had painted for Sharon. I'm afraid to open the garage door when there is activity like this going on because of the restored red 1960 two door Chevy Impala inside, and will not take it out to drive when there are "strange" people outside in front of the group home. This is a very unique high value car in certain circles for modification from the original to "hip hop" and hydraulic street

show cars. I waited 47 years for this car (It was the year I graduated from high school, when I was "poor") and now I have to hide it because of a group home business that has moved into our neighborhood.

PERSONAL NOTE: We do not deserve this. I worked 50-70 hours a week for some 40+ years, sometimes getting four or five hours sleep each day for weeks at a time. I spent 6 years away from our home on Waterhole Street on unaccompanied tours in the Air Force so we could keep our house and the kids would have a stable home life with school and church and friends. I ALWAYS worked two jobs, or had one job plus going to school to get ahead. And I paid my own way, not some handout. In the early years we slept on a mattress on the floor when I was in school, and my wife cleaned apartments and stairwells to help pay the bills. My wife held down the fort like a rock when I wasn't home. Like they say, "The most difficult job in the military is being a military wife". And when retirement finely comes around, we get this XXXX to deal with. Other residents have their story to tell. By any reasonable definition, this is beaurocratic stealing. It is theft. When you take something of value from someone without their consent it is stealing. I have never heard of a home increasing in value because there is a group home next to it. Even with Boys Hope, it still has the zoning, and the resident profile could change drastically. And even with emanate domain you at least get a hearing, and in most cases fair compensation. This not only takes away the value of your home, it degrades the community lifestyle that you and the others around you have worked for and have EARNED. There is something wrong with a system that allows overt stealing from the taxpayers that support the programs that allow it to happen. I know the Las Vegas valley well from field nursing for 14 years. There are LOTS of places to put group home facilities where they will NOT negatively impact the community both through property values and quality of life. There is something very wrong with this system that needs to be corrected. Something is going on. It is not in the best interest of the facility patients/clients or the community. Behavior indicates that it has to be simply power and profit at the expense of patients/clients and community. And this needs to be fixed.

As I was getting out of my car coming home from the NARA meeting Sharon came across the street and thanked me for taking her old big screen TV down to recycle. Calvin had one that I took down also. Sharon said, "Did you see that mob that was out here yesterday?! And look at my front yard from the pile they left out here last week. She's too cheap to pay the workers to carry it away!" Sharon was hot. I told her that this was nothing. On the way to the NARA meeting I noticed that a black SUV was parked partially into the front landscaping on the south end, and some of the older boys were changing a tire on the right rear. Instead of just backing it up a few feet on to the firm asphalt, they had it jacked up in a DANGEROUS position on the dirt landscaping. My instinct was to offer my big jack, and some safety 6X6 wood pieces...but second thought told me to just keep out of it, for any number of defensive reasons. (Isn't this sad?) Now the SW corner of the landscaping is all tore up. I showed it to

Sharon, and she just gave me "the look" and shook her head. Trudy could get the girls out there some morning EARLY (like we do in this community before it gets too hot) and probably patch it up in a couple/few hours. Lets see how long it will take to get this fixed up! I told Sharon about the up coming "Community Meeting Regarding Group And Recovery Homes" being held at the Council Chambers July 22, 9-11am. She said she had to work but would write a letter about her experience. I told her we really were not sure of the specific nature of the meeting, but we suspected it was business and profit oriented.

July 14, 09
Wednesday
time!

I see this morning Sharon had her lawn care company cleaning up the on her front lawn. The riding lawnmower vacuumed it all up in quick

Very impressive! I dropped across the street and inspected the tore up landscaping site. Pathetic. I took a photo. The thought crossed my mind again, as it does frequently, about with all the inappropriate behavior we see, you have to wonder how much more has gone on that no one was around to witness (ambulances, police, interpersonal conflicts outside) and what goes on inside that is below professionalism for a teen foster home environment.

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Dear city of Las Vegas:

I am a practicing MD, a Residential Care Home administrator, and a senior rights advocate. I believe that taking out the following definition of "single family residence" will cause, lead to, contribute to, discrimination of seniors and disabled persons by allowing, facilitating and promoting discrimination by and for HOA's and CC and R's in the communities of Las Vegas against seniors and the disabled by restricting Residential facilities for groups of 10 or less from existing in the 60% of the residential home market in Las Vegas that exists in HOA and cc and r settings. Residential Facilities for Groups of 10 or less are a family style, small personable senior care option for seniors and the disabled that offer a cost effective, generally cheaper and more continuous care option to that of a nursing home or Assisted Living. Medicaid pays for this care options making it an incredible, cost effective choice to nursing home care for all of us when we become frail and disabled. Likewise there are high end Residential Facilities for Groups that maintain the character of any high end community that also offer a small, personable, continuous care option for seniors in those communities. We need to be clear why we are specifically removing the current definition of "single-family residence" from the law if indeed we decide to remove that valued protection provided to seniors and the disabled from the current definition of "single-family residence as it stands now.

NRS 278.02386 currently read. (see attached)

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I believe that defining just one work at a time like defining "family" alone is not a substitute for specifically defining the phrase "single family residence" which is commonly used in HOA and CC and R documents. If the Legislature intends to discriminate against Residential Facilities for Groups and the seniors WHO CHOOSE TO LIVE THERE IN OUR COMMUNITIES then I believe leaving out this phrase will

accomplish that goal. If on the other hand this legislation is intended to promote senior choice, and fairness in senior housing for all and to protect seniors rights to live in the community including communities with HOA and CC and R then we should strongly consider putting in this short segment to continue to protect seniors and to define our intent one way or another on the definition of "single family Residence". Leaving out this phrase which is currently the standard in our legislation will drastically weaken seniors rights to choose where they live by allowing / enabling HOA's and cc and r's from wrongfully defining "single family residence" against the Fair Housing and ADA federal laws. While one might argue that it is not the states job to enforce common standards of Federal Law and that each senior could individually or through the Residential Facility for groups where they live to litigate to defend their Federal rights that seems counterproductive to the stated goal of this amendment of 278 over all to PROTECT SENIOR RIGHTS TO FAIR HOUSING. Even if you reduce the distance requirement from 1500 to 660 ft that will not matter if you allow the re definition of family and "single family residence" to allow, promote, encourage HOA's and others to limit the definition of family possibly excluding a popular choice for senior and disabled seniors housing Residential Facilities for groups of 10 or fewer.

If the goal is to promote senior choice and fairness then I strongly encourage you to keep the old phrase intact and to add your new changes which are helpful to protecting senior's rights. However, if it is a trade off of limit the definition of family to just 4 related people and to toss out the protection for Residential Facilities for Groups of 10 or fewer by removing the definition of "single family Residence" from the law as it currently stands then you can see that residential Facilities for 10 or fewer will be restricted from residing in 60 or more % of the residences in Las Vegas, specifically those in HOA's and that have CC and R's. Recall that is the group that tries to define "single family residence in all of their local charters. Do we want each section to be able to define "single family residence" or do we want a fair playing field when it comes to housing, one the follows the very federal guidelines that are requiring the update of 278?

Please weigh removing this phrase carefully against your stated goal to promote fairness and to protect Fair Housing and ADA federal rights before allowing this phrase and definition of "single-family residence" to be swept away thus REDUCING the overall choices for senior and disabled persons practically speaking. In my view if you reduce the distance requirement but take out that protection for Residential facilities of 10 or fewer it is a lot like a bait and switch on the local Senior Population. Say that you are protecting their rights all the while knowing that removing the definition of "single family residence" will allow greater restrictions on a cost effective, quality housing choice that Las Vegas senior now have. We also point out that the new changes to HCQC have drastically improved the quality of care in Residential Facilities for Groups in recent months. Again it seems a shame to deprive seniors of the protections and choices that the Federal government strives so hard to protect.

Thanks for considering my view and clarifying in your discussion specifically WHY YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY TAKING OUT OR KEEPING IN or changing the phrase I listed above. By openly discussing my concern and the reasons you took this out or kept it in all of your constituents will know your reasoning when you specifically remove this phrase. I can't see any way that defining "single-family residence" as it is currently defined in 278.02386 AND ADDING THAT PHRASE BACK INTO ANY current proposed legislation will hurt senior's choice. If on the other hand the goal is to help HOA's and cc and r's the other parties who commonly use and define this term "single family residence" as they see fit to better control and define who can live next door, specifically not disabled seniors or those who choose to live with a friend as they age after their own spouse has died and a caregiver then you will accomplish that by leaving this definition out.

As long as you have considered this and explain why you have chosen to leave this out all will know your intent and reasoning on this specific decision to change the definition of "single family residence". It is a change if you decide not to include any definition for "single family residence" when before you clearly defined it. If that is your goal to change the legislation to restrict residential Facilities for groups especially in HOA's and cc and r communities, communities who regularly try to define family and "single family residence" to the detriment of any and all groups except the "in group" in a given HOA you will accomplish that. However, that will come at the cost of the rights for seniors especially given that as we age and became widowed many or most people end up living with non biologically related persons simply because their own biologically related families are not able or willing to provide direct care for them. Indeed, we all will be faced with the choice of living in the nursing home or a home like care setting someday. I would ask which care setting do you think you would want for yourself or a loved one? A nursing home or a Residential Facility for Groups with home style care in a small personal setting, one that maintains the aesthetics of the local community as is also required by law.

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I thank you for the opportunity and invitation to share my concerns, observations and opinions with you and your workgroup. While this may seem a bit extensive, it covers many points of confusion and the need for better clarity

You have done a lot of good work in studying and molding the codes and city law regarding Residential Facilities for Group and the many types of facilities governed under the 449 rules. While you state that your motives are to make the new modified city laws more accommodating for the disabled to prevent sanctions from the federal government, some of the changes seem to REDUCE protections for Residential Facilities for Groups and persons in the list of protected groups you listed in your meeting (1 severe depression, 2 Alzheimer's disease, 3 Autism, 4 A lack of mobility, 5 Persons recovering from alcoholism or drug addiction). Thus, this seems to me to be discriminatory. If your goal is to protect the rights of the disabled so that they can have the same playing field as the non disabled, as you so clearly stated in your presentation, I would welcome your explanation of how my understanding is incorrect in the following areas.

- 1) In adequate enforcement of the current codes by code enforcement and HCQC.
- 2) Reducing the allowed size of a community residence from 10 disabled persons plus 3 caregivers to 7 disabled persons plus 3 caregivers.
- 3) Creating names that are purposefully different from the names used by other state and licensing agencies with the likely outcome of creating more confusing litigation by HOA's against protected groups of disabled persons.
- 4) Creating an environment ripe for litigation by HOA's and others against disabled persons in various care settings by omitting and specifically avoiding your task to define "single family residence" the phrase commonly used by HOA to discriminate against residential facilities for groups.
- 5) I applaud you for insisting on sprinklers and safety for homes that care for disabled persons.
- 6) I agree with the need for some distance separation and feel that a judge ruling for a zero separation will be compromising the housing options for both disabled and non disabled persons. I think some separation is a positive ruling and preserves the residential nature of the community for both disabled seniors living in residential facilities for groups and non disabled home owners living in the same communities.
- 7) Understanding the dollar cost to limiting residential care facilities for groups of 5-10 disabled persons which are a cost effective alternative to much more expensive nursing home care. If the number of these residential care homes were to fall due to your legislation, the state would face a devastating increase in the costs of Medicaid for caring for these disabled residents in much more expensive nursing home setting. Medicaid chooses this care setting since it is a high quality care setting, saves them money, and is a choice the people on Medicaid make. Many of the persons in HOA currently will need this same service in the future or are using it right now by having a senior or disabled person on Medicaid and in a residential care home.

8) I believe defining a family as only 4 unrelated individuals, does not treat disabled and non disabled alike. I believe there are numerous "families" or groups of people living together in real, extended family, situations that exceed 4 persons.

First, Inadequate enforcement -- not inadequate legislation. Spend more time and money on educating the community and various enforcement agencies like the code enforcement and HCQC enforcement agencies so that all can work together on enforcing the laws we currently have.

It seems to me the problem and complaints of the home owners at the meeting all stem from having unlicensed and poorly operated facilities near them. The easiest and most effective response to their concerns would be to better utilize the current code enforcement agency and HCQC licensing agency. If large groups are congregating in the front lawn of a house and any neighbor, felon, addict or Alzheimer person, is threatening a neighbor that home owner should call police, then code enforcement and the HCQC. I also noted that it seemed that you had not really been involved with HCQC when you said on the issue of getting a city license before one gets a HCQC license you "may" have to talk to HCQC. I strongly suggest added input from HCQC to your proposed changes. HCQC has stepped up enforcement and has recently doubled the scheduled frequency of inspections for HIC homes and has made other changes to strengthen enforcement and consistency of enforcement.

Indeed, the problem was identified when the community police officer who spoke from the audience noted he does not know the rules and he felt that limits his ability to enforce the rules. I would second that.

I believe that forming a committee composed of HOA representatives, home owners and group home owners of various types could quickly identify a process to identify unlicensed and licensed facilities and produce a check list of items for the code enforcers and police to check. I noted several operators in the audience and home owners in the audience who volunteered for such a task during the meeting and I also would be happy to volunteer.

Second, unfairly defining the size of a community residence to 7-8 disabled residents and the 2-3 caregivers that care for them instead of maintaining the old standard of 10 disabled seniors and 3 caregivers that care for them. Your proposed change to limit a residential facility for groups or a community residence or any group of unrelated people in a conditional use home to 10 INCLUDING LIVE IN CARE GIVERS is discriminatory.

If 10 disabled people need 2-3 care givers then you would functionally / practically be limiting the number of unrelated disabled seniors to 7-8 plus the 2-3 caregivers. That is a 20 % - %30 reduction in the size of a residential facility for groups compared to the current 10 disabled person plus 3 live in caregivers that is the current standard. While the stated goal of your new legislation is to increase fairness for the disabled that seems to materially reduce fairness.

Third, specifically creating different names for each entity from the names currently used by the state and federal government seems to create confusion, confusion that I believe will lead to unfair law suits against operators of homes to help the disabled.

Your assertion that having different names makes it clearer, in my view is incorrect. I believe that having many names for the same thing creates confusion and loop holes that others (HOA members) might use for potentially discriminatory purposes like suing an operator of a residential facility for groups to purge their community of those disabled Alzheimer's patients.

I believe you are correct to note the groups on your own list of protected groups. I believe you have to make it clear to all home owners and HOA's that those *are* protected groups or risk the funding cuts you noted in the meeting of HUD and other agencies. One such issue is in specifically listing the housing options that are specifically protected for disabled groups of 10 or less given the conditional use regulations which are needed for the safety of disabled persons.

Fourth, omitting, and not clearly defining the definition of single family residence.

I believe it is very important to define the term single family residence as it was defined in the past state law 278.02386 to prevent flagrant violations of federal laws by HOA's and others in suing Residential Facilities for groups.

NRS 278.02386. (See attached)

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I know you said it is not your job to define single family residence and that it is a state issue. However, it clearly was the very issue you quote in NFHC Vs Clark county in the hand out you circulated at the meeting (drawing a distinction between homes for the disabled and single family residences ...) and is the impetus for your proposed changes. Since 60% of all houses are in HOA's, it is mandatory in my view that the definition of single family residence has to include residential facilities for groups or all the new names you are giving to them for entities that are on your own list of protected groups. Or many group home residential care operators who now provide care and services to the disabled will face unfounded litigation by HOA's.

If you take 60% of the housing choices out of the mix for the disabled that undoubtedly will be called discriminatory by the federal government. It is unclear why you won't clarify the term "single family residence" and instead you specifically avoid it. That omission could be considered discriminatory. I believe that confusion as to the definition of "single family residence" will lead to numerous law suits by HOA's to discriminate against disabled seniors living in this valued housing option called residential facilities for groups. Indeed, since 278.02386 was struck down I know of one such suit that was sparked by that change, Frink VS McGivney, a suit against a Alzheimer's facility for 10. In that case, the house in question has more curb appeal from the street than the other houses on the block

and has a higher staff ratio than other care homes, and as such, this case questions the motives of the suit centering solely on the definition of a single family residence. I also note that case is not against a house for felons or active alcoholics or drug users but a group of seniors with Alzheimer's which means the residents are unlikely to be threatening or bothering anyone.

It is not a question of if, but how many and how severe the senior and disabled community will be hurt if you choose to abstain from defining "single family residence" to specifically include the groups you feel should be protected. If you choose not to openly protect those disabled groups that you listed in the meeting, then that should be clear too. But creating many names for all entities and then shying away from defining the very words all HOA's will use(defining single family residence not to include the protected groups including groups of 10 Alzheimer's patients) to sue entities in the protected class seems discriminatory. That would be an implied or unexpected discriminatory outcome of your new legislation even if unintended.

Fifth, I want to applaud you for your statement about senior safety and the need for a safe evacuation plan.

This is a vital safety issue and home operators should be required to make these changes. Just as cost and paying for enforcement should be an acceptable cost for the city government so should building and operating a safe home be for the operator which is precisely why we have code enforcement and HCQC to make sure homes are adequately staffed, safe and have redundancy in safety measures.

Sixth, distance separation. As I mentioned in the meeting the change to door to door is a more powerful factor than the change from 1500 ft to 660 ft. In searching for a home the straight line is very restrictive.

As the other gentleman opined it is likely that two homes could be back to back in a lot or just two or three houses away. If there is a provision that they can't be connected physically by a walking path, which is what you said in your response, then back to back is not an issue. If the owners of the two facilities join them then with a walking path, then by code they would be illegal.

I also understand your concern with the ruling of the judge tending to zero separation. As a group home owner I feel that some separation *is needed* to prevent unscrupulous operators/ real estate developers from getting several houses in a row and making a large facility of more than 10 beds and skirting the local zoning rules. While the judge is correct to defend senior rights he would be misguided in ruling zero distance. Inevitably a real estate developer might try to skirt the local zoning laws in that fashion and in so doing rob disabled seniors and local home owners from the chance to live in a home style, single family residential setting. If the walking path rule is included and you enforce it and they check the back block wall to be sure it is solid on each annual inspection or with complaints from neighbors to code and HCQC enforcement agencies then that should hold up.

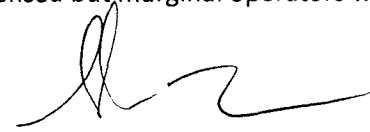
Seventh residential care homes currently provide a valuable low cost care alternative for disabled persons getting Medicaid. Limiting this choice, even if indirectly, will cost the state millions of dollars when those disabled seniors have to move into more expensive and lower quality nursing homes.

Group homes provide a cost effective care alternative for seniors on Medicaid to nursing homes and save the state millions of dollars by keeping people out of the nursing home Medicaid system. Indeed, the state Medicaid waiver in group homes is the most cost effective and highest quality care alternative for disabled seniors who otherwise would be in nursing homes.. Likewise the state programs that care for the mentally ill are now faced with a large back log of disabled people and *are requesting group homes to offer more group home beds*. Many residents of all ages do best in a small, family style care setting. Restricting this care option by making confusing names and opening up venues for legal challenges by HOA's seems counterproductive in terms of quality of care, cost for government programs and discrimination. The economics of Medicaid waiver group homes are perhaps the most powerful thing to consider. In that they provide the most, high quality care, currently available for the money Medicaid pays. As a doctor and person with decades of experience in the field I can un-equivocally say that. Likewise high end assisted living and high end private pay residential facilities for groups also provide a cost effective choice that many disabled seniors choose to privately pay for.

Eighth, I believe defining a family to just 4 unrelated individuals does not treat disabled and non disabled alike. I believe there are numerous "families" or groups of people living together in real extended family situations that exceed 4 persons. Many of the extended family persons are live in help that help children with disabilities and seniors with disabilities. Such individuals might include cousins, very extended family members and friends, nannies and caregivers. I also do not see how you can enforce the code when any one can claim that a non married couple composed of two divorced couples who have two kids each attempt to live together. In your rules will that be against code since they have no direct blood or legal marriage relationship? Who will enforce the complaint made against two such families living as one but two families who do not possess a valid marriage certificate? Numerous federal cases, including the Supreme Court case of Oxford house vs. city of Edmonds, have shown that a community, HOA or city cannot define the word family as narrowly as you do.

In sum, it is safety and fairness that are the goals. In some fashion I think that legislating concerns away, like reducing the number of unrelated seniors living in a group home to 7 plus the three caregivers from the current standard of 10 disabled persons plus 3 live in caregivers, or not defining "single family residence" will create and promote a back door for switching the costs of enforcement from enforcement agencies (code enforcement and HCQC) to the civil litigation systems by opening up the flood gates of HOA law suits against facilities claiming they are not the "definition of single family residence". As you know, currently the state law specifically requires all communities to include residential facilities for groups of 10 or less in the definition of single family residence and to change that by omission, not commenting on whether residential facilities for groups of 10 or less are included as a single family residence or defining it specifically, seems to be discriminatory to this writer. I believe that the operators of facilities on the protected list would be a good resource to you in improving enforcement. The woman in the audience who reported 10 years of good surveys in the drug and alcohol recovery home industry undoubtedly does not approve of illegal, unlicensed, or poorly run

facilities. Why you have chosen to keep your research team small and in house is unclear to me. There are clearly resources out there including HCQC, operators of licensed facilities, and home owners willing to join a joint panel to assist in drafting fair, non discriminatory, legislation. In my opinion focusing on enforcement of our current rules without discriminating against people in the protected classes will go a long way to closing down unlicensed facilities and removing any licensed but marginal operators who are not adhering to the rules and regulations they agreed to.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shawn McGivney', with a stylized, flowing script.

Shawn McGivney

James B. Lewis

From: Sheila Lambert
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 4:18 PM
To: James B. Lewis
Subject: FW: An Ironwood "Thank You"

Can you read the email below and let us know a "response"...

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-----Original Message-----

From: Michelle Thackston
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 4:17 PM
To: Steven Ross; Sheila Lambert
Subject: Fw: An Ironwood "Thank You"

FYI

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]
To: Michelle Thackston
Sent: Tue Feb 02 16:01:10 2010
Subject: RE: An Ironwood "Thank You"

Hi Michele,

Thank you for the kind words. As a FYI you may wish to pass on to Councilman Ross that 100% of the residents that have seen the "Group & Recovery Homes" Bill # 2010-, are against it. After the meeting Thursday, one of the residents circulated the City PDF file to all Neighborhood Watch participants.....so it was like a blog on our email discussions.

Anyway, I guess one of our attorney residents found some loopholes in the 600' door to door Reg#1. She said that Reg#3 and Reg #11 effectively nullifies Reg #1...the 600 feet thing.

Is this Bill being driven by the Feds.? Or Fed \$\$?

Thank you, again, and take care,
Dean

---- Michelle Thackston <mthackston@LasVegasNevada.GOV> wrote:

> Lynn and Dean,

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> We would like to thank you for inviting us to attend the Ironwood
> Neighborhood Watch meeting. We really enjoy having the opportunity to
> come out to neighborhood meetings to answer questions and hear the
> concerns of the residents. It is wonderful to see how active and
> involved your community is. We look forward to working with you in
> the future. Keep up the good work.

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> Thanks,

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James B. Lewis

From: James B. Lewis
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 11:44 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Michelle Thackston; Sheila Lambert; Val Steed
Subject: RE: Response to your February 2, 2010 e-mail to Michelle Thackston re: Community Residence Amendments

Mr. Dapkewicz,

Thanks for your response. Even though you indicated a response was not necessary, we want to provide you and your community any answers or assistance that we can.

Of your three issues, let me respond to the issue that is at the heart of this matter--the federal anti-discrimination laws. You indicated that many residents "don't understand how discrimination fits this issue," and I can understand the point completely. This is a very complicated subject matter, and believe me, it takes a significant amount of time to understand the practical effect of these federal laws on a local government's ability to provide what a local government decides are appropriate land use controls in its community.

I'll try to describe the interaction and the practical effect in 500 words or less (and try to not communicate in lawyer-speak)--

There are two broad types of multi-population residential living arrangements.

First--residential living for related individuals, AKA a traditional family, which may include grandparents, cousins, aunts, or any number of related disabled or non-disabled individuals up to a maximum number pursuant to the City's housing code (seven in a studio/one bedroom, with two more persons for each additional bedroom).

Second--residential living for unrelated non-disabled individuals, such as unrelated roommates. The proposed maximum number of non-disabled unrelated persons living together in a single family residence is four.

The important point is this--as proposed, any number of related disabled or non-disabled persons may live together in a single family house, but the City is capping the number of unrelated persons living in a single family residence at 4 or fewer, with an exception for unrelated disabled persons living in a single family residence (the Community Residence) based upon the federal anti-discrimination laws.

Now the complexity comes in--

Federal laws require laws in the City of Las Vegas to be free from discriminatory intent or effect regarding those who suffer from a legal disability, such that when it comes to persons living together in a single family residence, the City cannot treat a residence that is occupied by the legally disabled differently than the non-disabled, such as a requirement for unique permitting requirements or notification requirements. We are permitted to treat the related and unrelated differently, just not the disabled from the non-disabled. As such, we are better casting the related/unrelated distinction and specifically treating a residential facility for those with disabilities like a residence for a traditional family.

Courts have determined that discrimination occurs where a municipality treats a single family residence for those with disabilities differently than a traditional family residence on paper or in action. If a single family residence for a traditional family is permitted as a

matter of law in an area zoned for single family residences, then the single family residence for those with disabilities must be treated similarly.

This is where I think we need to do a better job of educating the public--there are many different types of multi-population residential living arrangements for unrelated people. For example, a fraternity or sorority house is a type of congregate living arrangement. A boarding house is a congregate living arrangement. A facility for transitional living for released offenders is a congregate living arrangement. A hospice is a congregate living arrangement. A residential facility for persons recovering from alcohol and drug addiction is a congregate living arrangement. A non-foster care home for juveniles released from juvenile detention is a congregate living arrangement.

Only some of these types of multi-population residential living arrangements house the legally disabled, and receive the benefit of the proposed amendments. Let me be clear--a Community Residence is NOT: a facility for transitional living for released offenders, a non-foster care home for juveniles released from juvenile detention, a sex offender counseling facility, a boarding or rooming house, or a facility for the treatment of narcotics. These uses are NOT protected by federal law, and will not receive any additional benefit from the proposed amendments. For the most part, the above uses are considered only in R-3 or R-4 residential zoning districts or C-2 commercial zoning districts upon approval of a special use permit. If any of these uses exist in your neighborhood, the uses are most likely illegal, and our code enforcement department can address these issues immediately.

The types of multi-population residential living arrangements that are given additional consideration because of federal law are those that house the legally disabled. Federal anti-discrimination laws and court opinions interpreting these laws over three decades have determined who is "disabled." For the most part, those persons who you would normally consider disabled are disabled for purposes of the law--the blind, persons afflicted with alzheimers, persons afflicted with autism, persons afflicted with severe depression, persons who are physically challenged, and persons afflicted with down's syndrome, to name a few. The most controversial of the legally disabled for purposes of federal anti-discrimination legislation are those persons who are RECOVERING from alcohol or drug abuse. Residential facilities for those recovering from alcohol or drug abuse DO receive the additional benefits of the proposed code amendments, and DO qualify as Community Residences.

In sum, the discrimination that we are attempting to thwart is a treatment of the disabled residences in a different manner than the treatment of a traditional family residence. This amendment does that by permitting between five and ten disabled persons in a single family residence upon certain conditions, one of those conditions being a 660 foot distance separation requirement. Those residences with 11 or more must go through a specific City Council special use permit approval process based upon a higher population of residents, and greater impact to neighborhood.

Hopefully this explains the federal law dynamic that we're dealing with over here. If this does spur more questions than answers, please feel free to call me directly at 229-6629. I would also offer to meet directly with you and any other of your neighbors. You can contact me or my secretary Carolyn to set up a time. I've got a big conference room, so feel free to extend this invite to others as well.

Yours truly,

Jim Lewis
Deputy City Attorney

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Friday, February 05, 2010 5:18 PM

To: James B. Lewis
Cc: Michelle Thackston; Sheila Lambert
Subject: Re: Response to your February 2, 2010 e-mail to Michelle Thackston re: Community Residence Amendments

Thanks Jim,

We sincerely appreciate your time and efforts regarding this issue.

After discussing your email response with many residents, we wish to relate the common threads for your perusal:

1- Our experience, in this type of format, with the word discretion, usually means giving someone or some entity absolute power.

2- We don't understand how discrimination fits this issue.

3- Reg. #11 still seems to be too fuzzy and does not really insure that the 660' requirement is irrevocable nor subject to exceptions.

We realize you and your team are very busy with this and other City matters such as the Budget cuts. So please do not feel you have to respond to this email. Hopefully you'll be able to strengthen the 660' Reg. #1, so that it is not subject to interpretation in the future. We are still against the Bill in it's current form.

Please know that our community, like many others, has a high frustration level because we have experienced an increase in crime over the last two years due to:

1- The economy

2- Section 8 homes

3- Foreclosures which have spawned an "out of State"

landlord take over. Typically these are companies that came in and bought the foreclosures at auctions and have rented the homes, in many cases, to multiple families and thugs.

Our median size home is 5,500'. Just some examples that are documented by Metro, regarding how, many renters use the homes here:

o HQ for a high end car theft ring5 adults now in jail o Stolen credit card gang.....they got a tip off and left an hour before swat team arrived.

o Meth lab.....

o 4 brothels----closed down

o Kennel inside the home used for raising pit bulls for dog fights---evicted o Boarding house....vacated after Health dept. fined them for West Nile larvae in pool and other.

The list goes on. We have 178 homes here. Still have two with very suspicious activities.

Please also know that the above is in no way a criticism of METRO.

We strongly support them and are amazed how effective they are with so few resources as compared to other cities our size.

Hope this helps, and again thank you for listening.

Take care,

Dean Dapkewicz

Co-Chairman

Security and Safety Committee

Ironwood HOA

----- "James B. Lewis" <jblewis@LasVegasNevada.GOV> wrote:

> Dean,
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> Thanks for your input on the City's proposed ordinance. I am a City
> land use lawyer that is part of the City's Group Home Task Force and
> the author of the proproposed amendments. I read your e-mail and here
> are my thoughts.
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> While I can understand you concern about the #3 condition being a
> "loophole" to the 660' distance separation requirement, please be
> assured that the decision as to whether #3 is invoked will be in the
> complete discretion of the City. The City has no desire to permit
> community residences to escape appropriate review unless, as #3
> indicates, that the nature of the community residence requires some
> amount of confidentiality. For you information, I recognize that a
> community residence "for victims of domestic abuse" does not qualify
> as a community residence as defined, unless the residents were somehow
> otherwise disabled. Using that as an example should probably be
> avoided and I will have an internal discussion about striking that example.
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> As for the #11 condition, this speaks specifically to a situation
> where a community residence is proposed to be within 660' feet of
> another community residence. This condition governs the Planning
> Commission's and City Council's review of such applications, and is
> included to assist the Council in compliance with the relevant federal
> anti-discrimination laws.
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> Lastly, these changes are being driven by the need for the City to be
> in full compliance with federal anti-discrimination laws. There have
> been some setbacks at the Federal District Court in the last two
> years, and the City Manager has directed our staff to offer amendments
> to City Code to make sure the City is in compliance with Federal law.
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> If you or any of your fellow residents have further questions, the
> City is holding two community meetings tomorrow on this ordinance. The
> first meeting is from 2-4 at City Hall in the Council Chambers, and
> the second meeting is from 6-8 at the Las Vegas Valley Water District
> in the Mead room.
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> If you want to call and chat further, my number at the City is
> 229-6629.
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> Jim Lewis
> Deputy City Attorney