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VIA HAND DELIVERY

City of Las Vegas
Planning & Development Dept.
731 So. Fourth Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101

**Re: REVISED -- Justification Letter for Variance at 2222 Ash Street
APN # 139-35-713-035**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised our office represents the applicant on the above-referenced matter. The property is located at 2222 Ash Avenue, more specifically known as assessor's parcel number 139-35-713-035 ("Property"). The applicant is requesting a variance 1) to allow a 7 foot wall (3 foot, 6 inches of CMU block wall with 3 foot, 6 inches of rod iron on top) around the Property; 2) to allow a 4 foot rear yard setback where 15 feet is required and 3) to allow a shed in front of a primary residence.

The applicant was recently cited by Code Enforcement for not having permits for the block wall that was erected around the Property and for the laundry room addition to the house. The property owner hired a contractor to erect the 7 foot wall around the Property to prevent recurrent break-ins and vandalism that was occurring on the Property. The wall consists of 3 feet, 6 inches of CMU block wall with 3 feet, 6 inches of rod iron on top. The property owner was not aware that a variance was needed to exceed 5 feet in height and did not know that a permit was not pulled for the construction of the wall. The property owner relied on the contractor's expertise and paid the contractor for the construction of the wall. The wall is aesthetically pleasing and the rod iron on top allows for site visibility. Moreover, the wall has served its purpose by preventing further break-ins and vandalism on the Property.

The property owner believes the laundry room addition was constructed decades ago. According to the Clark County Assessor's records, the home was built back in 1948. There is a building permit number 27942 that was issued in 1964 for a remodel of the front of the home. This may have been the permit for the laundry room addition. Attached for your reference are all of the permits that were available from the City's Building Department. The construction of the laundry room should be grandfathered in considering it occurred decades ago. However, if needed, the property owner respectfully requests that the setback variance be granted to bring the Property into compliance.

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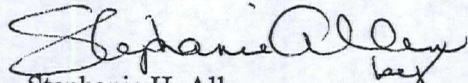
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Additionally, the property owner is requesting a variance to allow a shed on the property. The shed is set back approximately 52' from the Ash Avenue right of way. The primary and practical entrance to the existing house is off of N. 23rd Street. However, technically the address of the property is 2222 Ash Avenue. As a result, the practical use of the property and the primary front entrance of the property is off of N 23rd Street.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 792-7045. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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