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Las Vegas City Council
495 S. Main St.
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Subject: Road Closure Strategy

I am writing this letter in support of the road closure strategy that is being proposed at the north end of Arpa Way. A significant amount of research has been conducted around the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom on street closure strategies. These strategies have been implemented to reduce a range of community problems, including drug dealing, prostitution, speeding, burglary, and gang activity.

The theory behind these strategies is that when entrance into a neighborhood is limited to residents and legitimate visitors, offenders from outside the community cannot easily become familiar with potential targets or gain access to them. Furthermore, residents who commit offenses in their own neighborhood cannot do so as easily because it is more difficult to blame those from outside the community.

Studies on this topic suggest that, when implemented properly and with the consent of residents in the impacted area, street closure strategies can reduce crime, disorder, and other community problems (i.e., traffic congestion, etc.). In addition, most research demonstrates that road closure strategies can be successful at reducing problems without displacing those problems to surrounding neighborhoods.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss the research on street closure strategies.

Sincerely,



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**METRO SERVICE CALLS
TO SIERRA OESTE COMMUNITY**

**SIERRA OESTE
CALLS FOR SERVICE COMPARISON
APRIL - MAY 2013/2014**

All Calls For Service
All Dispositions

ALL CALLS FOR SERVICE				
APRIL 2013	APRIL 2014		MAY 2013	MAY 2014
156	78		159	58

VIOLENT CALLS FOR SERVICE				
APRIL 2013	APRIL 2014		MAY 2013	MAY 2014
8	8		10	1

PROPERTY CRIMES CALLS FOR SERVICE				
APRIL 2013	APRIL 2014		MAY 2013	MAY 2014
9	2		3	4

HOURS OF SERVICE IN NEIGHBORHOOD				
APRIL 2013	APRIL 2014		MAY 2013	MAY 2014
84 HRS	60 HRS		84 HRS	27 HRS