

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF**  
**JULY 17, 2024**  
**VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT – AGENDA ITEMS 63 – 64**

1 **NOT TO BE HEARD BEFORE 2:00 P.M. ITEM NO. 63 - 24-0072 - PUBLIC HEARING -**  
2 **APPLICANT/OWNER: THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
3 **- For possible action on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 20.00 acres**  
4 **at the southeast corner of Hickam Avenue and Grand Canyon Drive (APNs 138-06-801-010**  
5 **and 018), Ward 4 (Allen-Palenske). The Planning Commission (6-0-1 vote) and Staff**  
6 **recommend APPROVAL on the Land Use Entitlement project.**

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8 **NOT TO BE HEARD BEFORE 2:00 P.M. ITEM NO. 63a - 24-0072-GPA1 - GENERAL**  
9 **PLAN AMENDMENT - FROM: DR (DESERT RURAL DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO:**  
10 **PF (PUBLIC FACILITY)**

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12 **NOT TO BE HEARD BEFORE 2:00 P.M. ITEM NO. 63b - 24-0072-ZON1 - REZONING -**  
13 **FROM: U (UNDEVELOPED) [DR (DESERT RURAL DENSITY RESIDENTIAL)**  
14 **GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION] TO: C-V (CIVIC)**

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16 **NOT TO BE HEARD BEFORE 2:00 P.M. ITEM NO. 64 - 24-0152-SDR1 - SITE**  
17 **DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT/OWNER: THE**  
18 **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS - For possible action on a**  
19 **Land Use Entitlement project request FOR A PROPOSED HOUSE OF WORSHIP**  
20 **DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING A THREE-STORY, 68-FOOT TALL (216 FEET TO**  
21 **TOP OF STEEPLE), 70,194 SQUARE-FOOT TEMPLE; A ONE-STORY, 15,982**  
22 **SQUARE-FOOT MEETING HOUSE; A ONE-STORY, 1,807 SQUARE-FOOT**  
23 **MAINTENANCE BUILDING; AND A ONE-STORY, 1,800 SQUARE-FOOT PAVILION**  
24 **on 20.00 acres at the southeast corner of Hickam Avenue and Grand Canyon Drive (APNs**  
25 **138-06-801-010 and 018), U (Undeveloped) Zone [DR (Desert Rural Density Residential)**  
26 **General Plan Designation [PROPOSED: C-V (Civic)], Ward 4 (Allen-Palenske). The**  
27 **Planning Commission (6-0-1 vote) and Staff recommend APPROVAL.**

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28    **Appearance List**

29    CAROLYN GOODMAN, Mayor  
30    SETH FLOYD, Community Development Director  
31    JENNIFER LAZOVICH  
32    JEFF DOROCK, City Attorney  
33    VALERIE JUICK  
34    BRINTON MARSDEN  
35    NATHAN TAYLOR  
36    PATRICIA REID  
37    BUD STODDARD  
38    RANDY GORDON  
39    MEL HECHT  
40    VICTORIA BREMNER  
41    DEBORAH R. SMITH  
42    VICKI SHEARIN  
43    DONNA TAGLIAFERRI  
44    RENEE NEWMAN  
45    ANTHONY LONGO  
46    DEBBIE DRUMMOND  
47    JAMEL TAYLOR  
48    STEPHANIE DAHLGREN  
49    MELISSA LOWE  
50    STEVE STARR  
51    JULIE MESERVEY  
52    LEE DUSBABEK  
53    JOE CRAPO  
54    TODD GEIB  
55    KARLEE BURTON  
56    LUANN D. HOLMES, City Clerk

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57 MATT HACKLEY  
58 LEWIS VASQUEZ  
59 KATHERINE CASTLE  
60 CHRIS FIGGINS  
61 SANDY REED  
62 LORI FIGGINS  
63 SUE KRISTENSEN  
64 DAN GILBERT  
65 AMBER RILEY  
66 SCOTT BLEAZARD  
67 ELENA GASCA  
68 AURORA MORATA  
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70 JOHN STEINBECK  
71 BRIGITTE SOLVIE  
72 BILL WELLS  
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74 JULIE ANN YOUNG  
75 EUGENE YAZZIE  
76 KELLY RICHARDS BAKER  
77 CAROL CHANEY  
78 TYLER BRADY  
79 MATT DELOE  
80 SCOTT BIGGS  
81 CHRISTINA BIGGS  
82 HARRY VANGORP  
83 DARRYL HARDY  
84 WEST ALLEN  
85 NANCY BRUNE, Councilwoman

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87 OLIVIA DIAZ, Councilwoman  
88 LUCIEN PAET, Engineering Project Manager  
89 FRANCIS ALLEN-PALENSKE, Councilwoman  
90 JOEY PASKEY, Public Works Director  
91 AARON DELOE  
92 BOB ORI  
93 PETER LOWENSTEIN, Deputy Community Development Director  
94 CEDRIC CREAM, Councilman

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100 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

101 Good afternoon, everyone. It is 2:00, and we are reconvening from our recess. For those of you  
102 who are outside or in the Now Cafe, we're sorry you're outside. We are moving along here.  
103 And I am gonna begin our Agenda Item 63. And I want you to know this is Agenda Item 63 and  
104 64, and we have this appropriately set out that we will hear the presentations. I will read into the  
105 record, and then we will be hearing from the Applicant for 20 minutes. And then for those  
106 comments on the other side, we have already notified everybody that they will have the same 20  
107 minutes, which has already been determined that we have individuals who have gotten together  
108 and decided how those 20 minutes will be divided. Then there will be public comment with one  
109 minute each, no giving away of time this time because we do expect we'll have a lot of  
110 comments and asking for everyone please to be sure you don't restate the same things 'cause I  
111 think we're all here in the best interest of this wonderful community that we call home. And this  
112 is truly probably just about a building, a facility, a project, and we wanna make sure we're doing  
113 the right thing.

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So Ms. Lazovich, hello, and let me get started with this. We're going to start off though, once I've read everything into the record, hearing from our Director of Planning, Mr. Seth Floyd. So this is Item 63 through 64. And 63, 24-0072 on the following Land Use Entitlement project requests on 20.00 acres southeast corner of Hickam Avenue and Grand Canyon Drive. Number 63a, 24-0072-GPA1, From: DR (Desert Rural Density Residential) To: PF (Public Facility). Number 63b, 24-0072-ZON1, From: U (Undeveloped) [DR (Desert Rural Density Residential) General Plan Designation] To: C-V (Civic). Number 64, 24-0152-SDR1, a Land Use Entitlement project request for a proposed house of worship development including: a three-story, 68-foot tall (216 feet to top of steeple), 70,194 square-foot temple; a one-story 15,982 square-foot meeting house; a one-story, 1,807 square-foot maintenance building; and a one-story, 1,800 square-foot pavilion on 20.00 acres at the southeast corner of Hickam Avenue and Grand Canyon Drive, U (Undeveloped) Zone [DR (Desert Rural Density) General Plan Designation], Proposed: C-V (Civic). The Applicant/Owner for both items is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval on both land use entitlement projects. These are in Ward 4 with Councilwoman Palenske and are public hearings, which I now declare open.

In order to keep the meeting moving and ensure a fair public hearing process, the Applicant will have 20 minutes to speak, followed by a 20-minute opposition presentation. Anybody else wishing to speak will be given one minute each. There will be no passing time to other speakers. And please do not be repetitive. And when you come forward, please state your name clearly for the record and indicate if you reside in the city or the unincorporated Clark County. And so we will start now with our Director of Planning, and Mr. Seth Floyd, please.

**SETH FLOYD**

Thank you, Mayor. Seth Floyd, for the record. And Mayor, if you notice, we have a little bit of extra staff here today. We know there have been a lot of questions that came in. So if you have any questions, we'll do our best to answer those after everybody gets through with their presentations.

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Mayor, with regard to land use, the subject 20-acre site is part of Planning Area A2 as defined by the 2016 Interlocal Agreement between Clark County and the City of Las Vegas. The terms of the Interlocal Agreement are explicit in disallowing amendments of the General Plan or rezoning properties in Planning Area A2 for the purpose of permitting commercial and industrial uses and residential densities above two dwelling units per acre. However, the Interlocal Agreement is silent with regard to the allowance of public and quasi-public uses, including religious land uses on these properties.

Religious land uses are allowed in every standard zoning district within the city of Las Vegas. However, within the current U (Undeveloped) Zone or any "R" prefix zoning district, the church/house of worship use is not permitted on sites larger than five acres. The proposed C-V (Civic) district is designed to accommodate such uses on larger sites than five acres. The appropriateness of development on C-V zone properties is determined on a case-by-case basis. The C-V zoning district conforms to the proposed public facility land use designation of the General Plan, which allows for public and semi-public buildings and facilities, civic uses and spaces, infrastructure, and utilities. Staff therefore recommends approval of the requested General Plan Amendment and rezoning.

The subject site is not located in the Rural Preservation Overlay District within the City's jurisdiction and is not subject to Clark County residential adjacency standards. Lots north of Hickam Avenue within the city limits, zoned R-E (Residence Estates), and west of Grand Canyon Drive, zoned R-D (Single Family Residential-Restricted), are also not located within the Rural Preservation Overlay District, but are considered protected properties in relation to the City's residential adjacency standards.

The temple and meeting house buildings are in conformance with the City's residential adjacency standards. Per Title 19, church steeples, utility transmission lines and towers, wireless communication towers, small wind energy systems, and municipal utility facilities are exempt from the 3:1 slope requirement that determines the maximum height of structures and minimum setbacks from protected properties. The development complies with other Title 19 development standards, with the exception of the spacing of trees in the landscape buffer along Hickam Avenue, which is addressed through a condition of approval.

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171 The development has been designed in such a way as to be compatible with the surrounding  
172 properties, all of which will be separated from the subject site by public right-of-way. Staff  
173 therefore recommends approval of the requested site development review, subject to conditions.  
174 Thank you.

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176 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

177 Thank you very much. Okay, at this point then, if you will introduce yourself and proceed with  
178 your presentation.

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180 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

181 Good afternoon, Mayor, and members of the City Council. My name is Jennifer Lazovich, 1980  
182 Festival Plaza Drive. And I'm here today representing The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
183 Saints. You see me hitting my phone because I am timing myself. I've heard your rules, and I've  
184 got my timer going as well.

185 On the aerial in front of you, the site where the church would be located is outlined in yellow. It  
186 would be 20 acres. Immediately to the north of the site would be Hickam Avenue, and then north  
187 of that, in blue, would be a school site that is presently owned by the Clark County School  
188 District. There are some vacant and undeveloped residential lots, or I should say to be developed  
189 residential lots. And then over here, there are two existing single family homes. As you move to  
190 the east, this is Tee Pee. Tee Pee is also a 60-foot wide right-of-way. And again, we have a blue  
191 color across the street, which is land that is owned by the BLM, but which the Clark County  
192 School District has a reservation to do a school site in the future.

193 As you come to the south, in green, we have a piece of property that has C-V zoning on it. It is  
194 presently being used by the Las Vegas Valley Water District. And then you have, in blue,  
195 another school site that is owned by the Clark County School District. And farther south of that  
196 is Alexander, which is 100-foot wide right-of-way. South of Alexander, in this area down here, is  
197 property that has been zoned R-CL, with lots sizes of approximately 3,800 square feet and a  
198 density of 6.7 units to the acre. As you move this way, in green right here, is Majestic Park. And  
199 as you come back up north, this is Grand Canyon. Grand Canyon is an 80-foot wide street.

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200 Directly across from us are lots that will eventually be developed for residential. As you continue  
201 to the west, you have Lone Mountain itself, and you also have Lone Mountain Park here in  
202 green. And then, of course, farther west is the 215.

203 The site itself is located within an Interlocal area. It is defined in the Interlocal Agreement as  
204 Area A2. The Interlocal Agreement's purpose, because there's some patchwork of land  
205 designations out here in the sense that some are in the county and some are in the city, so the  
206 goal of the Interlocal Agreement is for the county and the city to work together to try to have  
207 some type of cohesive development out here. When you read the Interlocal Agreement,  
208 specifically in the area that's described as A2, it is very, very specific as it relates to the type of,  
209 for residential projects, the lot sizes and the density. It is also very, very specific that it prohibits  
210 any commercial or industrial uses. But what the Interlocal Agreement in that section is  
211 completely silent about is churches, schools, and parks, things that you typically find in  
212 neighborhoods and communities. It is completely silent. And, in fact, the reason why I went  
213 through where all of these uses are is Lone Mountain Park is also in the Interlocal Agreement  
214 area, and it's a park. So the point being is that churches, parks, and schools belong in  
215 communities. They are thought of being in communities. And the Interlocal Agreement is silent  
216 with respect to that. Your staff, in their analysis, determined that this application does not violate  
217 the Interlocal Agreement.

218 There are three applications before you today. There's a General Plan Amendment that would  
219 take the site from Desert Rural to Public Facility, a Zone Change from Undeveloped to Civic,  
220 and a Site Plan Review for a temple and a meeting house. Speaking specifically to the General  
221 Plan Amendment and the Zone Change, the site is not located in a Rural Preservation Area. The  
222 site is about 600 feet away from Alexander, which sits to the south. And the site is surrounded on  
223 three sides by land that is either owned or in some way controlled by the Clark County School  
224 District.

225 There are several types of zoning that surround the site. There is R-D, which is over in this area.  
226 It's a residential. There's an existing C-V (Civic). There's R-E, which are some of these lots in  
227 this area. There's PF, which is the park up here. There's R-CL, which is south of Alexander. And  
228 there's PD, which is where Majestic Park is. So when you look at all of those varying zoning



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229 designations that are in the immediate area, staff has noted that the General Plan Amendment and  
230 the Zone Change for this application is compatible with the surrounding area and is  
231 recommending approval. The site plan has two religious buildings. The temple sits here in pink,  
232 and the meeting house sits here in pink on this side. The thing that if you can see this all, which I  
233 believe you can, that's notable about this site plan, again I want to just say again it's 20 acres in  
234 size, but there is more green and other colors than there is pink. What I mean by that is that over  
235 89 percent of the site will not have any structures on it. So only 11 percent, said the other way,  
236 11 percent of the 20 acres will have structures. Eight-nine percent of the site will either be  
237 landscaping, hardscape, or parking lot.

238 The temple itself is 70,194 square feet. The height of the temple to the occupiable space is 65  
239 feet. The height of the temple to the occupiable space is 65 feet. And there are three levels above  
240 grade that make up the temple, with a basement level, and all of those levels have religious  
241 significance within the design and programming of the temple. The first level will have an office,  
242 waiting areas, dressing rooms, a small chapel, and a baptistery. The second level will have  
243 instruction rooms and celestial room. The celestial room is designed to represent life with God.  
244 By design, it must be tall to lift spirits towards the heavens. The room itself will start on the  
245 second floor, with vaulted ceilings of 31 feet, and into the third floor. The celestial room is the  
246 culmination of everything we do in the temple. The third level will have the sealing rooms.  
247 Sealing rooms are used for marriage ceremonies and the sealings two families who come  
248 together for eternity.

249 So the size of the building, and I'm not talking about the steeple yet, I'm talking about the  
250 occupiable space, the size of the building, including those tall walls that exist on the sides have  
251 religious significance because they allow the programming for the faith, and internally it allows  
252 for religious teachings, contemplation, and service to a higher power. The remaining height of  
253 the temple is for the steeple. The steeple, to the maximum height, is 216 feet. There is no  
254 occupancy of this part of the building. So where we stop at about 65 feet, that's the occupiable  
255 space, and above that is the remaining steeple height. A steeple is one of, if not the most  
256 universally distinctive religious and architectural features of any faith known throughout the  
257 world. The steeple intentionally and symbolically is designed to direct all eyes towards heaven.

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258 The setbacks from the temple are very significant, and it's, you know, when you have a 20-acre  
259 site, the temple itself sits not quite in the middle, but almost in the middle. So as you remember,  
260 as I walk through what all the uses are around the site, from starting on the west side, from the  
261 temple, the edge of the temple to the property line of where the homes are is 447 feet. If you  
262 move to the north, the temple edge to the property line of and directly across from the temple  
263 what is the future site of the Clark County School District site. So directly to the north of us, that  
264 distance is 248. As you move to the east side, this is a distance of over 700 feet to, again, where  
265 the BLM land is located and the Clark County School District has a reservation. And then to the  
266 south, again we have the school district property over here. That total distance is about 200 feet  
267 coming this way to the south.

268 The temple and temple grounds are closed on Sunday and Monday. And I want to just make  
269 something clear because this will come into discussion later on some issues. But the temple, if  
270 the temple is closed, and that happens at night when the temple is closed, but it also occurs on  
271 Sundays and Mondays, the only people that will be in the temple on Sundays and Mondays could  
272 be maintenance workers. But overall, the temple itself is closed to members.

273 There is a fence that goes around the portion of the site, not the entire portion, but the portion of  
274 the site that includes the temple. So when the temple itself is closed, the gates that allow a person  
275 to either walk through or drive through into the temple grounds or onto the temple grounds will  
276 also be closed. So that part of the site will be closed on Sundays and Mondays or at night when  
277 the temple is closed. The temple's hours really are from Tuesday through Saturday, about 5:00  
278 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. We have volunteers. The volunteers come in four-hour shifts, and they  
279 typically arrive before 6:00 a.m., and they typically finish, the last volunteer shift typically  
280 finishes sometime before 11:00 p.m. The temple will not serve food. There is no food there of  
281 any kind. And the front door of the temple will face towards the west.

282 Here's what the temple is not. The temple is not a megachurch. A megachurch would be a church  
283 that on the inside of it has a tremendously huge area where a lot of people could congregate all at  
284 one time. The temple does not have that. It is not designed or programmed to have that. It is not a  
285 place for carnivals or festivals or a place where you'll hear loud music. And it is not in any way,  
286 shape, or form a homeless shelter. What the temple is, is a place for worship, reverence, and

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287 sacred ceremonies, a place where you may see a bride and groom taking pictures after a sealing  
288 ceremony, and a quiet place where members of the church perform their most sacred duties. The  
289 meetinghouse sits on the east side of the site and includes approximately 15,982 square feet. A  
290 meetinghouse is similar to what you see when you drive around a lot of neighborhoods. The  
291 main structure is 27 feet, and the height to the top of that steeple is 67 feet. That building, the  
292 meetinghouse building is similar in size to where the neighborhood meeting was held, which is at  
293 Alexander and Buffalo.

294 The meetinghouse itself is primarily used on Sundays for worship services. So again, the temple  
295 is closed on Sundays and Mondays. And the meetinghouse is, I'll say has its most busy day on  
296 Sundays. Again, as you have driven around these, and I hope that as this application has moved  
297 through the system you've just taken a look, if you've seen meetinghouses in and around your  
298 drives around town, they typically do not get a lot of cars throughout the week, except for a  
299 Sunday and maybe on a Wednesday night. Wednesday night there are some family night  
300 activities. But typically the meetinghouse has little to no cars in the parking lot, except for on  
301 Sundays.

302 The last two buildings make up the grounds building here and the pavilion over on this side.  
303 The landscaping for the site is very robust. As you can see, there's, of course, a significant  
304 amount of perimeter landscaping. And then when you are on the site itself, there's a significant  
305 amount of landscaping on site as well. The site itself exceeds the tree requirements required by  
306 code. We are providing 203 trees, where 158 trees are required. When you look at that site, and  
307 remember I had explained earlier that it's a 20-acre site and the majority of it doesn't have any  
308 buildings, there's almost eight acres of landscaping throughout the site. That's what you see on  
309 this. The additional areas, we consider these the hardscape areas. While they don't have  
310 landscaping, they aren't areas that have parking stalls, but we consider those to be hardscape  
311 areas and they go with the design of the temple itself. The hardscape areas are about 2.5 acres of  
312 the entire site. One thing to note importantly, the Church has made the decision for the entire site  
313 to use concrete instead of asphalt. The reason why that's something notable to point out is that  
314 the use of concrete instead of asphalt reduces the heat island effect by about 20 percent.

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315 The parking on the site, we do have over 500 parking spaces throughout the site. This is a co-  
316 located site, where it has the temple and the meetinghouse at the same time. So the Church  
317 wanted to make sure that there was ample parking when the temple uses are occurring, that  
318 there's ample parking when the meetinghouse is being used. And as a reminder, when the temple  
319 is closed on Sundays, the gates here are also closed. So this becomes the area of parking for the  
320 meetinghouse. And then as I mentioned, the front door to the temple faces west, so this becomes  
321 probably the more likely area where people will park for the temple itself when the temple is  
322 open.

323 The lighting, the meetinghouse, there will be no light on top of the steeple for the meetinghouse.  
324 There is no light on top of the steeple for the meetinghouse. The lighting for, there's been much  
325 discussion about the lighting for the temple. This is an exhibit that gives kind of a bird's-eye  
326 view of if the temple was lit up, what you need to look at are the areas that are in green. As you  
327 move up the temple, it's wall wash lighting. The reason why this exhibit is important is because  
328 of any concern about spillover lighting onto adjacent properties. This exhibit is intended to show  
329 that the lighting, as it lights up the temple, doesn't glow outwards. It doesn't even glow outwards  
330 within our own site, let alone crossing the public streets that surround us. This is probably hard  
331 to see, but this assumes that the temple, it is nighttime and it is again probably difficult to see,  
332 but these areas in green reflect the lighting of the temple. As you can see, even if you come to  
333 this edge of our parking lot or this edge, there's no lighting that bleeds over. And then, this gives  
334 you a rendering perspective of what the temple would look like lit up at night. It is meant to be  
335 gentle and only light up the temple portion and not the areas surrounding it.

336 The applicant has provided both a traffic study and a pedestrian study to the City of Las Vegas.  
337 Both have been reviewed and accepted by the City. That's somewhat out of order. Typically what  
338 happens is that a traffic study would be conditioned if and only if the entitlements were  
339 approved. But we've certainly gotten a lot of questions and concerns about traffic, so we wanted  
340 to go ahead and supply a traffic study. In addition, the City requested a pedestrian study, have  
341 that reviewed by the City. And those have been accepted by the City.

342 The offsite improvements we will be putting in the four streets, Tee Pee, Hickam, Grand  
343 Canyon, and Florine. The driveways will come off of Grand Canyon, two off of Hickam and two

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344 off of Tee Pee. As we've moved through this process, which has been going on for a handful of  
345 months now, we've heard a number of comments and questions and concerns, and by no means  
346 is this an exhaustive list. The neighbors are very articulate, and they will express their own  
347 views. But this is a summary of some of the things that have been notable to me. One is reduce  
348 the height. Two, move the entire project somewhere else. Three, change the access points from  
349 Hickam to Florine. Eliminate the blinking red light if one is required at the top of the temple.  
350 Eliminate the easternmost driveway on Hickam. Create a larger buffer on the north side of the  
351 site. The north side of the site would be towards Hickam. Reduce the lighting on the site at night,  
352 if not eliminate the lighting on the site. Overall traffic concerns with the number of parking  
353 spaces that we have, and a general concern that the light, that the site itself is not open to the  
354 public. In response to these comments, we offer the following statements. The temple and  
355 meetinghouse comply with Title 19 as it relates to residential adjacency standards. So again, the  
356 meetinghouse and the temple, to the occupiable portion of the temple's buildings, meets Title 30,  
357 sorry, Title 19 requirements. But steeples, per your code, are expressly exempted from height  
358 requirements. All of the grounds will be accessible to the public, except for Sunday and Monday,  
359 when the temple is closed or at nighttime. So all of this, if the temple is open, all of the grounds  
360 are accessible to anybody who would like to, and we would welcome anyone to come onto the  
361 grounds.

362 We are unable to move the Hickam access driveway points over to Florine, although we did look  
363 at it. And the reason why we are unable to do that is because the site slopes from Florine towards  
364 Hickam. So it's higher over on the south side, and as a result, that would impact our drainage.  
365 And if we did that, it would actually require us to raise the site, which then in turn raises the  
366 height, and we didn't want to do that. So we wanted to just follow the natural grade of the site,  
367 the way it is today, not artificially raise it. We do need to do whatever is required by the drainage  
368 study. But it is not our intent to raise the site, and it is part of the reason why we chose to take  
369 access off of Hickam rather than force access onto Florine and have us have to raise up the site  
370 more than we absolutely need to for drainage purposes.

371 We can eliminate the easternmost driveway. We could do that if that's something that the  
372 Council is interested in. If we closed this driveway, that would mean we'd continue this

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373 landscape buffer, and it would only be the easternmost. And the reason why that's important is  
374 because again, as I've mentioned, this portion of the temple is fenced. On Sundays, when the  
375 meetinghouse is at its busiest, it would mean that the only two driveways that could be used are  
376 off of Tee Pee. So it is something we could do. But I just want to be honest and upfront about  
377 how that would perhaps change a little bit of the traffic pattern on Tee Pee.

378 There are two existing residential homes to the north of Hickam. They sit right about here, and  
379 they are directly across from the site. We could take 18 parking spots, that's roughly right in  
380 here, and increase that landscape buffer across from those two existing homes. So it would take  
381 that landscape buffer to something closer to 40 feet. We are deferring installation of street lights  
382 on Tee Pee, Hickam, and Florine. And for the street lights on Grand Canyon, which we're  
383 required to put in, we are going with an upgraded design. This is one of the designs that the City  
384 of Las Vegas considers I don't want to say an upgraded street light, but they do have these, and  
385 so it would be appropriate for us to use one of these designs. And these street lights would be put  
386 in along Grand Canyon.

387 We have submitted and received an acceptance of the traffic and pedestrian study. We've agreed  
388 to turn off the parking lot lights across the whole site from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. The only  
389 exception to that is that they will have some motion sensor for safety reasons. We have also  
390 agreed to submit documentation to the City that demonstrates that all installed lighting meets the  
391 spillover provisions of 19.08.040.H. The intent of that is to make sure that something that you're  
392 doing on this site is not spreading to the other side. We will reduce the concrete, and we are  
393 planning more trees. For purposes of the Planning Commission, we turned in a petition with over  
394 3,000 signatures from Las Vegas residents and 730 from county residents. Today I'm going to  
395 submit a binder with an additional signatures that represent over 2,000, specifically 2,069 city of  
396 Las Vegas residents and 1,057 Clark County residents. I would like those in the audience who  
397 are here in support to stand, and while they are standing, I want to turn in a binder also to the  
398 City Clerk that summarizes a lot of my presentation and includes RLUIPA requirements to  
399 address some of the comments that were raised at Planning Commission.

400 And my final summary. After careful consideration by your staff, they have determined that this  
401 application complies with code and is harmonious and compatible with the surrounding area.

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After a lengthy hearing at the Planning Commission, where both opposition and applicant was heard, as well as speakers in the audience, the Planning Commission unanimously supported the application. So we would respectfully ask that you follow staff and Planning Commission and recommend approval of this application. Thank you.

**MAYOR GOODMAN**

Thank you, Ms. Lazovich. And we will add a minute and 16 seconds to the other side. We will, what I'm going to ask you to do is rather than get the questions from Council, at this point they may have already made notations of things that aren't clear, that you could answer. We'll go ahead and hear from those that are speaking from the community, different on the other comments. And then if you'll just have a seat somewhere up front, we'll ask you questions. Then we'll ask them questions. And thank you, Ms. Lazovich.

So at this point, Mr. Dorocak, we have gotten, 'cause I asked you to make sure that those who are making comments on the other side, that you would speak to them so they know exactly they will have 20 minutes, 21 minutes and 16 seconds. Also, how is it divided, please?

**JEFF DOROCAK**

Thank you, Mayor. Jeff Dorocak, City Attorney, for the record. As you mentioned, our goal was to create a setup that was as fair and transparent as possible. The applicant always gets to speak, to lead off. What's going to come next is actually extra. It's not required, but we wanted to make sure the opposition was represented. To that point, we know Mr. Nathan Taylor and Ms. Valerie Juick have been two people that we've heard from at the City in terms of the opposition. So each of them will have 10 minutes and, as the Mayor said, approximately, what, 38 seconds. So we'll see if LuAnn can pull that one off, but 10:38 for the clock for each of them. And then who's going first, Ms. Juick or Mr. Taylor?

**MAYOR GOODMAN**

And I would add, Mr. Dorocak, it would seem to me that if between the two of them, as the designees, if one doesn't use up their portion, certainly in this case as part of that 21 minutes and

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431 16 seconds divided between the two of them, that the other person can use it to finish the full  
432 allotment. Twenty-one, please.

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434 **JEFF DOROCAK**

435 Yeah, that makes sense. We'll watch the clock.

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437 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

438 Okay, 20 minute, 21 minutes and 16 seconds is the clock.

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440 **LUANN D. HOLMES**

441 For each one?

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443 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

444 No, no, no, together, the entire. And then we will, afterwards, I'm going to ask our Council then  
445 if they have any pertinent questions while you're all here and listening to this, to have your  
446 moments of the questions from Council. And then we'll have the public comment, everybody, as  
447 I said, one minute. So are you ready?

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449 **VALERIE JUICK**

450 We're good.

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452 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

453 So they're getting a half or a half of the 21 minutes and 16 seconds

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455 **VALERIE JUICK**

456 Can we start now?

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458 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

459 Okay. So if you'll announce your names, both of you, please.



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460 **VALERIE JUICK**

461 Hi, Valerie Juick. We are—

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463 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

464 And your, and do you live in the city portion, or are you in the—

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466 **VALERIE JUICK**

467 —City, ma'am.

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469 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

470 Okay. And, sir, you are?

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472 **BRINTON MARSDEN**

473 My name is Brinton Marsden, and I live in the county.

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475 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

476 Okay. Thank you. In the county island there.

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478 **BRINTON MARSDEN**

479 That, that's correct, ma'am.

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481 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

482 Okay.

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484 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

485 Do they live close to the county island?

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486     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

487     And how close are you? Are you on the north side or the southeast, west? Which side of the  
488     project do you live?

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490     **BRINTON MARSDEN**

491     I'm on Tee Pee, Tee Pee Lane, roughly about 100 feet away from the project.

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493     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

494     In East County Island. And you, ma'am?

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496     **VALERIE JUICK**

497     Me, I live about a mile away, but I use the Equestrian Park.

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499     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

500     But I mean which way. On the east side, the west side, the north side?

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502     **VALERIE JUICK**

503     I live on the east side.

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505     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

506     Okay. Okay, so.

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508     **VALERIE JUICK**

509     I'm just hard of hearing. I'm sorry.

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511     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

512     Okay.

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513 **VALERIE JUICK**

514 May I start?

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516 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

517 So we'll go ahead, and you'll, we'll notify you certainly at 10 minutes.

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519 **VALERIE JUICK**

520 Okay. Thank you, ma'am.

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522 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

523 And if you have that you're not using and you're finished, we'll give it to Mr. Taylor.

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525 **VALERIE JUICK**

526 Thank you.

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528 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

529 Okay. Thank you.

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531 **VALERIE JUICK**

532 Today we're going to present evidence that—

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534 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

535 Wait, and start all over, your name clearly for the record, please.

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537 **VALERIE JUICK**

538 —Valerie Juick.

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540 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

541 Thank you.

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542 **VALERIE JUICK**

543 Today we're going to present evidence that the area that we're talking about is in the RNP, and  
544 we consider it protected property. The Master Plan chart indicates, in green, that DR, RNP, and  
545 R are in the Rural Preservation District. If you follow that over, it shows two X's that permit  
546 zoning categories, and they are U and R-E only. If you keep following it over to C-V, there's no  
547 X there. C-V is not allowed in the DR area. The next map is R-E district, is consistent with the  
548 policies of the DR. Churches on the site larger than five acres shall not be permitted in an U or R  
549 district, which this is. The planning map shows the U and RPN is south of it. So it's surrounded  
550 by RPN. The Northwest Rural Preservation Association map shows it's in the RPN. We're  
551 missing some maps, my friend.

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553 **BRINTON MARSDEN**

554 Oh, sorry.

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556 **VALERIE JUICK**

557 250 General Plan map identifies that it is in the DR and R-E Residential area. The Lone  
558 Mountain Master Plan area map also shows that is in the green, in the Rural Preservation Area.  
559 The Centennial Hills Interlocal map shows that it is green in the Rural Preservation Area. Keep  
560 going. The future land map also shows it as green Rural Preservation Area. Yeah, just keep  
561 showing them those. The Ninth Circuit Court has ruled that denying a church's zoning  
562 application did not violate RLUIPA substantial burden provisions. The court identified the  
563 bedmark (sic) principles that agencies may deny zoning applications for religious use for  
564 legitimate zoning concerns. The winning evidence in that *Douglas* case cite inappropriate traffic  
565 problems, decreased public safety, incompatibility with the quiet neighborhood. Important  
566 evidence from the DOJ, RLUIPA does not exempt religious assemblies and institutions from  
567 local zoning laws. RLUIPA is not a blanket exemption from zoning laws. Religious institutions  
568 must apply for the same permits, follow the same requirements, and go through the same land  
569 use processes as all other land users.

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570 We supplied you with 11 cases. Two of those cases were from LDS, which they also failed in  
571 court referenced zoning laws. On the 2020 19th, the *Douglas* case went through the Ninth Circuit  
572 Court. It basically mirrors ours, but we're on steroids. And that church lost. The zoning won.  
573 What was their evidence? Negative impact, dark skies, protect, project not compatible. It does  
574 not preserve the character and integrity of the neighborhood. Generates pedestrian and vehicle  
575 traffic. Will be hazardous or conflict with existing anticipated traffic. In that court case, they said  
576 no substantial burden, no RLUIPA. The laws say they cannot just have free rein. The *Great (sic)*  
577 *Bible Way Temple* case, they say no such free pass for religious land use. Substantial burden  
578 must place more than an inconvenience on the religious exercise. It must place significant  
579 pressure, which actually coerces the religious behavior. That's not happening here by following  
580 the zoning laws. The 2000 *Hubbard* case says churches are private clubs, operate for the benefit  
581 of its members, not open to the public. All cases clearly state that churches are mandated to  
582 follow zoning laws.

583 The Master General Plan outlines preserving neighborhood character, branding, and quality of  
584 life, ensure rural character is preserved. Lone Mountain has its own chapter in this thing. Focuses  
585 on low density and preservation of ranch-style neighborhoods. The City has placed safeguards to  
586 ensure compatibility with the surrounding areas. The plan indicates the Interlocal Agreement and  
587 Dillon's Rule are important. Zoning, according to the Master Plan says, considers existing views,  
588 building heights, and shadows being casted on homes, ensures character of the neighborhood,  
589 long-range financial impact. Ensure protection of existing residents in rural preservation  
590 neighborhoods. The County Master Plan mirrors ours. The Interlocal Agreement. Must remain  
591 two homes per acre. It says shall not accept any GPAs rezone or special permits to allow  
592 industrial commercial uses. C-V is an industrial commercial. It does not fit in the neighborhood.  
593 On the January '02 City minutes indicated City Council must honor the agreement. We are  
594 setting precedent with the IA. The City Attorney Jerbic, we're bound to be honored by the IA.  
595 Could potentially be a lawsuit if we do not. This will bind the City and County. Councilman  
596 Mack said the bottom line is we're trying to set a precedent for the northwest that will set a  
597 precedent throughout the community. Councilman Brown said City and County acknowledges  
598 we will protect and preserve. The City respects the residents in unincorporated rural areas and

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599 those that choose that lifestyle. What's happened? Land Use and Rural Neighborhood  
600 Preservation Element Plan. Objective is the preservation of the rural residential area, intend to  
601 protect rural residential communities from encroachment. Each plan has planning categories that  
602 must be compatible and in agreement with the Master Plan. This is not. This plan clearly  
603 identifies the RPN and the DR that they are the same. They are considered rural. It also states  
604 that the rural communities represent a quality of life that should be protected.

605 The C-V, on three of 2024, Peter, excuse me, Lowenstein, Deputy Community Director, a church  
606 falls under a specific zoning district. That is churches on sites larger than five acres shall not be  
607 permitted in the U or R districts. That is what this district is. The temple is not. On 11/23, Fred  
608 Solis, Planning Manager, said shall be designed to ensure compatibility with existing uses  
609 adjacent surrounding the area. The amendment maintains the residential protection standards.  
610 Protected property as a single family residential property is located adjacent to the property  
611 which is zoned R-E and DR, that is what these things are designated. C-V is commercial  
612 industrial district. It is not permitted in a U or DR district. C-V is not compatible or harmonious  
613 with our rural neighborhood and will have a significant impact on us residents.

614 Your staff report says, overall intent, whatever is built must be compatible with the surrounding  
615 area and uses. C-V district is intended to be open to the public. The temple is not. Churches will  
616 be expected to develop in appropriate zoning districts for the use being proposed. This is not the  
617 appropriate zoning district. Your precedent cases, 2009 International Church of Las Vegas, all of  
618 you were here, except for you Francis. They asked to put an 85-foot prayer tower. They were  
619 denied. They said it was too tall. It's not compatible with the existing surrounding area. They  
620 were only approved after it was brought down to two stories and 35 feet. Two thousand three  
621 Canyon Ridge Christian Church wanted a 77-foot, you think it's funny? We're speaking from our  
622 heart, Francis, and you're up there smiling. David Klapsail, Planning Department, said the cross  
623 is part of the structure and would have to meet a 35-foot criteria. Deputy City Attorney Brian  
624 Scott said there is a height limitation of 35 feet, no different if cross or steeple. What's changed?  
625 The law hasn't changed, but the interpretation of it has.

626 In 2019 and '20, the prior land owner was denied GPA and rezoning on the same lot. Does not  
627 conform to the Interlocal Agreement. Does not permit, is not permitted in the zoning district. In

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628 '22, Church of God was denied. Not compliant with the surrounding area. April 2024, Century  
629 Communities denied the same day the LDS was approved. Denied in the Rural Preservation Area  
630 like us. They only asked for a medium low density change, not a C-V change, industrial change  
631 in our rural neighborhood. Said it did not meet the 2050 Master Plan. Neither does this.  
632 The LDS are not the victims here. They're not. The residents are being victimized. Their property  
633 rights are being violated, and the LDS doesn't care. They don't care. And we wonder if you care  
634 because the laws say you can't do it, but we're told you're going to do it. You don't care what the  
635 community says. We're not rich. We're not politicians. We don't have \$200 billion. But you  
636 know what? These people bought there believing they were going to have what they were going  
637 to have for the rest of their lives. And you sit there with no empathy for them, zero. It's just  
638 another thing to stamp. But you're destroying their homes. They were there first. Mayor, we  
639 submit these to the record.

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641 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

642 Thank you.

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644 **VALERIE JUICK**

645 We need to submit those too.

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647 **BRINTON MARSDEN**

648 Oh, all this?

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650 **VALERIE JUICK**

651 Yeah. Sorry for being upset.

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653 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

654 No, part of passion, and passions are good.

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655 **VALERIE JUICK**

656 Can I give them this?

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658 **BRINTON MARSDEN**

659 Yeah.

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661 **VALERIE JUICK**

662 Thank you. That's all yours, ma'am.

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664 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

665 Thank you for coming down. Mr. Taylor. Good afternoon.

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667 **NATHAN TAYLOR**

668 Mayor, Council members, Nathan Taylor, 8414 West Farm Road, representing about 70 of the  
669 neighbors. I'm going to set my timer too, just to make sure I don't go over.

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671 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

672 Okay. We've got you there.

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674 **NATHAN TAYLOR**

675 I'll hit start.

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677 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

678 Okay.

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680 **NATHAN TAYLOR**

681 As a Las Vegas native, someone who's worked in land use consulting for over 20 years, I have to  
682 tell you this is probably one of the most difficult issues I've had to work on. The one thing I think  
683 that bothers me the most being, you know, from Las Vegas is kind of watching neighbors get



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684 pitted against neighbors. And that, that bothers me as someone from here. So I just wanted to put  
685 that on record that I just find that really unacceptable and really sad that it, it got to this point. In  
686 my opinion, I think that a lot of this could have been avoided had this process been fair for the  
687 property owners. And I'll go through that. I think fairness is important.

688 When you have something of this great impact being proposed to property owners, it involves  
689 some serious considerations all around. I wanna kind of talk about how we got to where we are  
690 here today and talk about the fairness issue. And my opinion is what it is, right? But I gotta lay it  
691 out here on the record so that you know. And everything I'm gonna state is fact because that's  
692 what I'm supposed to do. The applicant only held one neighborhood meeting. And in my many  
693 years of doing land use consulting, I've been asked by this Council and other councils many  
694 times to hold multiple neighborhood meetings for a variety of reasons. They not only held only  
695 one neighborhood meeting, but they held it at their place of worship with their members present.

696 In my opinion, that's unacceptable. Regardless of what the religion is, that's unacceptable.  
697 Neighborhood meetings should have been held at a neutral location, where we normally hold  
698 these types of meetings. There was a second meeting held. That was a Zoom meeting, a meeting  
699 in which the property owners could not speak, could not give their opinions, other than in  
700 writing, and could not have any type of dialogue regarding this process.

701 Then there was a third meeting. This meeting was referred to as a roundtable. This meeting was  
702 where we were asked to come to the City, to sit in a room where only six property owners were  
703 present. And we and myself, as a representative of the homeowners, was not granted the ability  
704 to bring certain homeowners that I represent to the meeting. I was told that I have to just show up  
705 and whoever they invited is allowed to be in the meeting. One of the first things said in that  
706 meeting was that, as a housekeeping item, this was very – the first thing said was, this is not a  
707 negotiation. That was the first thing said in the meeting. Now I was brought into this to negotiate  
708 this project. That's it. It was the only reason why I was brought into this to negotiate the project,  
709 to make this work for the property owners. Then we go to our final meeting, which was last  
710 Friday. That meeting was facilitated by the applicant's representative. Let me take this  
711 opportunity to say that Jennifer Lazovich has some of the best, most unbelievable integrity of  
712 anybody in this business, anybody that comes before this Council. Jennifer Lazovich is honest.

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713 She's fair, and she truly cares about everything she works on and everyone that's involved in it.  
714 And that needs to be said. She's just doing her job here today, just like I am. Jennifer didn't have  
715 to have that meeting. I talked to her. I requested it. She talked to the applicant, and it was  
716 granted. Now at that meeting, this was the first time up to this point, which was Friday, this was  
717 the first time that we've had the opportunity to even do anything that looks like a negotiation.  
718 Jennifer was nice enough to get some of the representatives of this application from Salt Lake  
719 City on the Zoom in her office. We were able to have some dialogue with them and speak about  
720 this project. And I thought it was a good discussion. But in my opinion, Council, this was a start.  
721 It was an hour meeting, but it was a start. And I think if anything, having a start is better than  
722 having an end, and so that's where we left off on Friday.

723 One of the things we talk about when we speak about land use is, is it harmonious and  
724 compatible, what you're bringing before the Council. In this case, this project is not harmonious  
725 and compatible with the existing development. This is surrounded by a very rural part of Las  
726 Vegas, a very unique part of Las Vegas. And this project just doesn't work. And they're asking  
727 for this zone change, this GPA, all of this in an area that's Desert Rural, as you know, that is  
728 zoned for 2.49 dwelling units per acre. If approved, we do know that this will introduce  
729 something of commercial into the neighborhood. There's no way around that. These buildings are  
730 international destinations. They're not just visited by local people. They're visited by people all  
731 over the world. It will increase traffic. We know that. We know that it'll forever change the  
732 landscape of this area of this community. We also know that the views that are there now won't  
733 be there anymore. We also know that there will be light pollution. There's no way around that.  
734 There are so many other ways that if this is built, that it will impact this neighborhood, that I  
735 would need much more time that I don't have here today. So I can't get into all those. But these  
736 are people's lives we're talking about. This is their largest investment. These are their homes.  
737 This is their community. This is where they chose to live because they knew they would never  
738 have a building like this built next to their homes. That's why they built these homes. That's why  
739 they moved there because they knew that this was never going to happen.

740 We've been pretty consistent, and I've met with all of you and I appreciate your time. We've been  
741 pretty consistent over what we've been requesting. We've be requesting three simple things up to

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742 this point. And one was to hold this item for 30 days, to not have it heard today, to not have it  
743 voted on today. And I explained the reason I was asking for the abeyance was because I wanted  
744 the applicant to have a second neighborhood meeting. I felt like the neighborhood deserved that  
745 much. You know, throw them a bone or somethin', right? You know, a second neighborhood  
746 meeting, I think, would be appropriate in this situation. At a neutral location, which I've already  
747 mentioned. And then I think 30 days would be enough for us to work with the applicant's  
748 representative to maybe have some more negotiations, to maybe get somewhere. I think that 30  
749 days was enough. That's why I didn't ask for more than that.

750 We're not here today saying don't build anything on this property. We're not saying don't move a  
751 rock, don't move dirt. That's not what we're here for. We've been consistently in saying that we're  
752 okay with them building a temple here, completely okay with them building a temple here. I  
753 want to make that clear. Build a temple here, just not one of this size. This is a monstrosity of a  
754 building. I mean, come on, 216 feet high, 70,000 square feet, additional buildings, 500 parking  
755 spaces. I mean, never seen anything like this, this close to this type of neighborhood in the city.  
756 This, this thing is, it's a big building. This is not appropriate. It's just not appropriate.

757 We wish we could be standing here in front of you today supporting this application. I would like  
758 nothing more than to be standing here saying, Mayor, Council, we support this application. I  
759 would stand behind on Ms. Lazovich and say we're here to support your temple design. We're  
760 here to do whatever we can as a community to stand behind you. That's not what we have here  
761 today. We have a lot of homeowners here that just don't want to see what's being proposed, built.

762 In closing, I will say this, that the City Council, you're not obligated to vote for this project as  
763 presented. No one's guaranteed a GPA. I've done GPAs myself. No one's guaranteed that. No  
764 one's guaranteed a zone change. No one's guaranteed a site development review as presented.  
765 These are things that have to be approved by you because you find them suitable, you find them  
766 harmonious, and you find them compatible. In this situation, it's not.

767 I can stand up here and cite a lot of court cases. You probably don't want to hear that. There was  
768 one in Douglas County, and they did rule that you did not have a burden, based on a religious  
769 use, to vote on an application like this just because it was a religious organization. You are  
770 allowed to follow your zoning law. You're allowed to do what you feel is right.

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771 We wind up coming back here, I do hope we come back here, depending on what happens today,  
772 and we're all on the same page on what's being built here. The impacts that this is gonna have,  
773 really in Southern Nevada and this northwestern community, is going to be great in nature. And I  
774 just hope that we can try and get somewhere where everyone's, you know, on the same page, that  
775 we're in agreement, and that we don't have a lot of hurt feelings. You know, I know not  
776 everybody can get 100 percent of the things that they're asking for. I understand that. But I would  
777 sure like to see this come to an end to where, you know, somebody gets something, not someone  
778 getting 100 percent of everything they're asking for. And so with that, I would just hope that you  
779 would take my comments into consideration, Mayor, and thank you for the time.

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781 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

782 Thank you very much. All right. What I think I'd like to do at this point, before we go directly  
783 into the public comment, I'd like to, or is there anyone on Council that has a question, not a  
784 whole stream, but either of our City management here or either Ms. Lazovich or Ms. Juick or  
785 Mr. Taylor at this point? Any question not answered by this? No. I guess we're okay. So at this  
786 point, and anything from, any question from staff here, that you're clear? Okay.  
787 So what we'll do, as you can see, we have a pro and a con aisle. What I'm going to ask you to do,  
788 first of all, is not be repetitive of each other. I think because all of us, at least from my  
789 perspective, this has been four months, and we've received so much input from both sides of the  
790 coin, but really trying to understand what are we dealing with here.  
791 The pride each of us has in, like yourselves, in this community and having watched it grow and  
792 change and understanding most of the zoning and special use permits learned a lot, the hardest  
793 thing is we know we're at a loggerheads here. We, in this project, in this proposal, one of the  
794 hardest things for us, and going back 25 years, I can do that through my husband's mayorship, is  
795 infill pieces are very, very challenging most often. And when you go to raw acreage, your  
796 community, if they like whatever is on the raw acreage, other people will come live there,  
797 whether it's commercial development or whatever type of development goes on. This happens to  
798 have obviously been an infill piece. So there is no way on an infill that you're not going to have  
799 questions with which you have to deal.

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800 I think we've heard the words harmonious and compatible. And for all of us, all of us, wherever  
801 we have chosen to purchase land and build or bought another piece of property, you take in a lot  
802 of considerations. And so we know here, in this community, I don't think it has anything in  
803 particular to do with a specific religion. We embrace everybody. And whether it's a mosque or a  
804 temple or a church, I mean, we can look throughout all of Southern Nevada and know we  
805 appreciate that.

806 And I think the thing I've learned on this is what's been articulated, one it's an infill piece in a  
807 neighborhood that's developed, where it happens to be at that time, by choice, no lights, no  
808 sidewalks, no commercial. And yet people of all different religions and faiths and maybe more of  
809 one than another. But I think what we've heard here is that absolute passion to hold on and enjoy  
810 the lifestyle you've chosen to live, and this is our ranchette area. And so it is not anything other  
811 than the comments that I've heard about the harmoniousness, compatibility, the reasonableness  
812 of a project that's being built. It's the project that's being built that is the concern, not  
813 disagreement with lifestyles or anything else.

814 And so originally I had asked Councilwoman Palenske, is there an opportunity that further  
815 dialogue is going to make a difference in the 50-50 or whatever imbalance it is? But in this, if we  
816 continued it for 60 days or 30 days, is anything gonna change? And the passion and beliefs, our  
817 religious beliefs are very, very strong. Our lifestyle choices are very strong. And what I have  
818 heard back from a variety of individuals is no.

819 And so this is a piece, and I gather from what I have learned, and I may be wrong, but when you  
820 get up to speak, is there any flexibility, one, in a different location, and I have been told no. And  
821 that is there any alteration that would really make a difference from the issues on the table? And  
822 I don't think there is that magnitude that would satisfy all the people all the time, or even some of  
823 the people some of the time, to make this 100 percent Las Vegas, where we're together as a  
824 family and we make things work.

825 So I was informed that probably to go ahead and grant any abeyance and take another 30 days,  
826 we're going to still be where we are. And for all of us who've watched the past few weeks and the  
827 political process, that split there, this is a hard time. It's a hard time all the way around. So what  
828 you can ask for and where it will go from here and what Councilwoman is going to inform us

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829 and talk about, in light of having this work through so that we remain a family of caring people,  
830 and that those who live in the neighborhood, they chose to live there, buy there, and raise their  
831 families there, is it just gonna come to be that this is going to be and you'll either stay there or  
832 move, and others will move in? Or is there any flexibility that can meet so it can be harmonious  
833 or not? And is there any other site?

834 And for all of us who love our diversity and having seen the magnificent temple on Route 5 in  
835 San Diego, that is absolutely the most outstanding building and center, and it's just awesome,  
836 then having been here on Sunrise Mountain, back in the '60s, early '70s, when it was just rural,  
837 couple of houses on Eastern, and then the temple came and was built, and congregants moved to  
838 be close to the temple. And it became a fly paper to bring people and a positive force. And then  
839 the other meetinghouses that are around. And I think the only thing I'm hearing from everybody  
840 it has nothing to do with belief or challenging one religion from another. It is all about the size of  
841 the temple in their location. And from what I'm hearing, that is the entire issue. And for us, as a  
842 body, whether we have issues with the harmonious and compatibility of this structure, and is it  
843 something just we have to accept and we will go forward? Or is there any way that we can pull  
844 everybody together? I know we have wide open land in Ward 6, and I know you welcome  
845 everybody in Ward 6 and in raw acreage and not infill.

846 So in a sense and it is good to be Mayor, even though I only have five months left, and I just  
847 have loved every moment of watching our community develop and how we accept each other  
848 and really know our strength is in our diversity and our different nationalities, cultures, races,  
849 religious beliefs, and everything that we're part of. And there is also the word that you've all  
850 heard of progress and watch Las Vegas grow and develop.

851 So with that, I'm gonna ask and we're going to try to keep this to a reasonable time tonight. I'm  
852 going to ask our City Clerk for a minute, if you would. And if you'll just make sure when you  
853 come to the microphones, in fact, we can take the pros over here on this mic and the cons over  
854 here, and you can just line all the way up to the door. And if you will just, we will not count your  
855 minute when you say your name or your residence. And it would help us to know that you are  
856 not from beyond the city. Even though you're in an island, if you're in a county island, we just  
857 want to know you're part of the county. But if you've come in from Henderson or Boulder City

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858 because you just believe, please leave, leave the city people that live in the confines of the city or  
859 let us know you're from beyond the city confines. And those of you who are in the county island,  
860 you're part of our city too. And maybe according to Tick Segerbloom, everybody will be part of  
861 the city of Las Vegas, which we welcome and would be happy to annex.

862 So please if you would, and again, for those of you who have caps and hats, if you'd be kind  
863 enough, out of courtesy to this body, remove your hats, and we'll get started. So we welcome you  
864 all. We thank you for taking your time to come here.

865 And you can just get a little closer to the person at the mic, and we're gonna start. And we always  
866 let ladies, I'm a traditionalist—

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868 **PATRICIA REID**

869 Thank you.

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871 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

872 —and a conservative, so we're going to start with the ladies.

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874 **PATRICIA REID**

875 Good afternoon.

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877 **JEFF DOROCAC**

878 Mayor, if I might interrupt for a second.

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880 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

881 Yes.

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883 **JEFF DOROCAC**

884 Jeff Dorocak, City Attorney. We're going to need only about 10 people in line at both, at a time,  
885 just because we don't want to block those exit aisles, especially the one on the, what is that, the  
886 east side of the building.

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887     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

888     Oh, on this side of the building?

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890     **JEFF DOROCAK**

891     Yeah. Well, in general though, yeah, let's keep it to about 10—

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893     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

894     Fire Marshal.

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896     **JEFF DOROCAK**

897     —so those lanes can stay open—

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899     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

900     Right.

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902     **JEFF DOROCAK**

903     —for Fire Code purposes.

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905     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

906     Right. We want to make sure you're safe. Okay. Yes, ma'am, your name—

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908     **PATRICIA REID**

909     Thank you very much.

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911     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

912     —and if you're in the city or county.

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914     **PATRICIA REID**

915     Patricia Reid and I do reside in the city. Thank you.



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916 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

917 Okay. So then as soon as they've said that, Madam Clerk, then put on their minute, and it will be  
918 registered overhead.

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920 **PATRICIA REID**

921 All right. Ready? Super. First of all, I'm surprised that the staff is recommending approval of  
922 this. If this was happening 15 or 20 years, ago the building would not be an issue because that  
923 was when all of the planning and development was happening there. What you've got now are  
924 families who have settled in this area decades ago, and if they knew this was going to happen  
925 now, you know, they would have a choice to live there or not. Basically, you're not giving them a  
926 choice now. I personally believe this belongs in Southwest Las Vegas. They're planning. They're  
927 developing. There's a lot of land. You hear about all of the battles that are going on in that part of  
928 the valley. It's still on the west side. You're not impacting any families or homes that are already  
929 there. It needs to be conducive to what's happening here. This has nothing to do with religion. It  
930 certainly would be, (sic) I'd talk if it was storage units. The bottom line is it doesn't belong there.  
931 Thank you. Don't vote.

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933 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

934 Thank you. And I'm going to let you know, you'll hear, what is it, how many seconds out that lets  
935 them know that you've got so many seconds left?

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937 **LUANN D. HOLMES**

938 Ten seconds out.

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940 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

941 Okay. At the ten – when you have 10 seconds left for your minute, that you'll hear that go off. So  
942 we'll help you stay on time. Yes, sir. Good morning or afternoon.

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943 **BUD STODDARD**

944 Thank you. Good afternoon, Mayor Goodman, members of the City Council. My name is Bud  
945 Stoddard, and I live at 9112 Frosty Morning Avenue, which is in Ward 4 of the city of Las  
946 Vegas. Can I just show a video while I speak?

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948 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

949 Yes, go ahead.

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951 **BUD STODDARD**

952 I'll just put it right here and just let it roll. I strongly support the proposed Lone Mountain  
953 Temple application. I serve as the President of the Las Vegas Nevada Lone Mountain Stake of  
954 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Our stake has seven congregations in the area  
955 immediately surrounding the proposed temple. I'm confident you've heard about this event, the  
956 thousands of people from our local community who packed the plaza for the Planning  
957 Commission in May. And I've personally spoken with hundreds of members of my stake who  
958 strongly support the construction of this temple. They live in the area. We hope that you will  
959 consider the voices of these thousands of individuals who have signed petitions, written letters,  
960 submitted comment cards, and shown up here this afternoon, in addition to the voices of whom  
961 you will hear today. Thank you.

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963 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

964 Thank you. Wow, that's impressive. Thank you.

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966 **RANDY GORDON**

967 Hi, my name is Randy Gordon, and I'm biased. I live in the neighborhood, less than a mile from  
968 where this temple is proposed to be built. I live southwest. But basically I live just southwest of  
969 Alexander and Grand Canyon. So I would ask anybody that's voting on this zoning, possibility of  
970 a zoning change to say, you know, have you been to Alexander and El Capitan? Do you know  
971 where those two cross streets are? Because there is an LDS church right there, and that LDS

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972 church at El Capitan and Alexander is aesthetically works with the surrounding neighborhood.  
973 This proposal, this building does not aesthetically work for what's in the surrounding  
974 neighborhood. I'm a surrounding neighbor. I used to live next to a church that needed traffic  
975 control every Sunday. And that's my minute. Thank you.

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977 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

978 Thank you very much. Thank you.

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980 **RABBI MEL HECHT**

981 Rabbi Mel Hecht.

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983 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

984 Hi.

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986 **RABBI MEL HECHT**

987 My address is 9324 Red Twig Drive. It's in Summerlin. I think I'm in the city.

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989 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

990 Yes.

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992 **RABBI MEL HECHT**

993 You never know nowadays with all the changes that are taking place. When I, when I first came,  
994 there was a cliché joke about Las Vegas needing a church on every corner. That's what my  
995 generation, when I came in July of 1980, were all referring to. I've seen major changes. And  
996 every decade, we've been faced with a different reality. And we started in the '80s, I believe, in  
997 asking the question, what do we want to be when we grow up? In the '90s, it began to take shape.  
998 We had the corporations come in, some magnificent tourist attractions on our boulevard.

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999     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1000    Rabbi, thank you. That's a minute. Thank you, Rabbi. I know you, and you would take longer.

1001    You're next up.

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1003    **RABBI MEL HECHT**

1004    Hello. Goodbye.

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1006    **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1007    Yes, ma'am.

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1009    **RABBI MEL HECHT**

1010    Can I say one more thing?

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1012    **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1013    No.

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1015    **RABBI MEL HECHT**

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1018    **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1019    Bye.

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1021    **RABBI MEL HECHT**

1022    I married her.

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1024    **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1025    All right. And if, and you're, we're not going to start you till you give your address and if you

1026    know if it's city or if it's in that county island, please.

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1027 **VICTORIA BREMNER**

1028 Okay. My name is Victoria Bremner, 7810 La Madre. I live in city and in the RNP.

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1030 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1031 Okay.

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1033 **VICTORIA BREMNER**

1034 I've lived in the RNP for 30 years in the same home. The Applicant's proposal size and scale is  
1035 simply incompatible with the residential area. They want to build a 20-acre commercial size  
1036 facility, including a 70,000 square-foot, three-story, gated compound, with 70,000, I need to read  
1037 from this, sorry. It's a private members club in the middle of a residential area. Any other  
1038 applicant with this size, scale, and scope would be swiftly denied and not allowed to build this  
1039 way. A vote yes would immediately undo decades of work of your predecessors. It would  
1040 immediately negate years of cooperation and community that the residents of this area have  
1041 fought for. A yes vote would dismiss over three decades of the efforts of everyone prior to you  
1042 and treating past decisions, protections, and considerations for the actual residents as disposable  
1043 trash. You are merely stewards of the land, and you are short term. But your decisions have long-  
1044 term, permanent effects. You cannot undo this. We should not be the experiment for a new  
1045 zoning.

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1047 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1048 Thank you very much. Good afternoon.

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1050 **REVEREND DEBORAH R. SMITH**

1051 Good afternoon. Greetings to all. My name is Reverend Deborah R. Smith, and I serve along  
1052 with my husband, Dr. Welton T. Smith, III, the Greater Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church at  
1053 1915 Lexington, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106. I have but three words to offer us on this evening,  
1054 and that is upward forward together. Let's build this temple. God bless you.

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1055 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1056 Good afternoon.

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1058 **VICKI SHEARIN**

1059 Hi, I'm Vicki Shearin, 4718 North Jensen Street in the city. We own a custom home on one acre  
1060 and two horses, which we ride to the Equestrian Park at the base of Lone Mountain at least three  
1061 times per week. We are not opposed to any house of worship in our neighborhood. Churches,  
1062 synagogues, mosques, and Mormon wards and meetinghouses are equally welcome, as are parks  
1063 and schools. We are opposed to changing zoning laws for a private, not public, monumental  
1064 structure which threatens not only our rural way of life, but our safety. Increased traffic to the  
1065 temple site, from the 215 Lone Mountain Road exit, would make horseback riding unsafe for us.  
1066 Mayor Goodman, Councilwoman Palenske, and members of the Council, please represent your  
1067 constituents fairly and oppose this devastating change. Thank you.

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1069 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1070 Thank you. Good afternoon.

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1072 **DONNA TAGLIAFERRI**

1073 Mayor Goodman, members of the City Council, my name is Donna Tagliaferri. I live at 6280  
1074 North Hualapai Way. I have lived in the northwest part of the valley for 30 years. I was honored  
1075 to sit on the Lone Mountain Citizens Advisory Council for 8 years and then 12 years as a County  
1076 Planning Commissioner for Larry Brown. Currently I am Vice President of the Northwest Rural  
1077 Preservation Association, and I have advocated alongside many of these neighbors with one  
1078 voice as we moved the beltway, kept commercial out, and maintained some of the largest lots in  
1079 the valley. I, like them, have always advocated for what is right for our area.  
1080 Although the Northwest Rural Preservation Association, of which I am a board member, hasn't  
1081 reached a consensus, I know that there are hundreds and hundreds of residents in the Lone  
1082 Mountain area who are looking forward to having a temple built nearby. This project is

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1083 compatible and harmonious with our neighborhood, our community, and Las Vegas. And I  
1084 encourage your support. Thank you.

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1086 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1087 Thank you. Thank you very much. Hi, ma'am.

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1089 **RENEE NEWMAN**

1090 Good afternoon. Hi, Mayor.

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1092 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1093 Hi.

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1095 **RENEE NEWMAN**

1096 Hi, Council members. Back in the '90s, I was part of that group that were forming that, the Rural

1097 Preservation. I'm a lifetime resident. I've lived here all my life. My family has been here since

1098 the Strip was dirt.

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1100 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1101 And your name? Sorry.

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1103 **RENEE NEWMAN**

1104 And my name is Renee Newman.

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1106 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1107 Your name?

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1109 **RENEE NEWMAN**

1110 Renee Newman and I do live in this, I'm in the county now. I've been in the county 38 years at

1111 that island, and we've built in that same ZIP Code, this will be the third time. Long story short, I

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1112 don't believe that the General Plan Amendment should be changed and adapted for this project.  
1113 The project isn't suitable. I don't think that it's proper for that location. I don't know that I'd even  
1114 call that an infill piece because it is surrounded totally by rural and there are portions on the side,  
1115 as she mentioned in her explanation that the project itself is backed up to school property. But  
1116 they've had an opportunity to build a school there, and it's never had the chance to have a school  
1117 built there. In fact, I'd rather have a school if that was the case. But in this case right now, I don't  
1118 think that the temple, it's a compound, not just a church. And as was mentioned previous, there's  
1119 five or six different churches around that area, and they're all within that certain size. The size  
1120 and scope of the project is too big for the area. And I do live in an area that's visible. I can  
1121 actually see it from where I live, and I'm impacted by the traffic. And long story short, I was, my  
1122 whole family was impacted by—

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1124 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1125 Thank you.

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1127 **RENEE NEWMAN**

1128 —the traffic at Craig and Buffalo when the County owned portions and the City owned the other  
1129 portion.

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1131 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1132 Thank you. Thank you.

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1134 **RENEE NEWMAN**

1135 So thank you again. I just hope you vote against the GPA, and it doesn't belong. Thank you.

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1137 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1138 Thank you. Yes, sir.



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1139    **ANTHONY LONGO**

1140    Good afternoon, Mayor and members of the City Council. My name is Anthony Longo. I live in  
1141    the city of Las Vegas. I also live in Ward 4. I support the proposal application. Some in  
1142    opposition to this application are citing crime as an issue if the temple is built on Lone Mountain.  
1143    I'm a retired police officer from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. I have over 30  
1144    years of law enforcement training and experience. I know and understand crime statistics in our  
1145    valley. I've researched the crime data of the surrounding area where the current temple sits on the  
1146    east side of town on Sunrise Mountain. The neighborhood that surrounds the temple there has  
1147    one of the lowest crime rates and calls for service through the Las Vegas Valley. For those who  
1148    will come to worship in the temple at Lone Mountain and those who will just come to visit the  
1149    beautiful grounds that surround this sacred building will not be the ones who will bring crime  
1150    into the area. Thank you for your time.

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1152    **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1153    Thank you. Nicely said.

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1155    **DEBBIE DRUMMOND**

1156    Good afternoon, Mayor and Council.

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1158    **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1159    Hi.

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1161    **DEBBIE DRUMMOND**

1162    I'm Debbie Drummond. I live at 10250 West Tropical Parkway. I'm about two miles north of the  
1163    site. I'm in the county and in the RPN. I want to get these two maps on the record because,  
1164    following up on what Renee said, to change the GPA, they need to be able to show a hardship.  
1165    And I've seen in many of their letters supporting this thing, that it's a hardship to drive to the east  
1166    side. Well, I'm sorry. They have a meetinghouse 1.6 miles from this site. The current temple is  
1167    only 21 miles. Some of those letters that I see supporting it, they're from like the 89131, 89084

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1168 ZIP Codes. Those are just as close to the east side as to this side. So I don't see a hardship there  
1169 that justifies this temple. Thank you.

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1171 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1172 Thank you very much. And Madam Clerk, could we get that?

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1174 **DEBBIE DRUMMOND**

1175 Would somebody like to take this?

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1177 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1178 Thank you. Good afternoon.

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1180 **JAMEL TAYLOR**

1181 Good afternoon, Mayor and members of the Council. My name is Jamel Taylor, and I live at  
1182 3500 Lacebark Pine Street in the city of Las Vegas, Ward 4. And I am in support of this

1183 proposed temple application. I've owned a small landscape company here in Las Vegas for over

1184 18 years and have been in the landscape industry for over 30 years. I get the opportunity to

1185 design beautiful outdoor spaces for homeowners throughout the valley. And I appreciate, one

1186 thing I appreciate about the temple is the grounds and how beautiful the landscaping is. People

1187 from all walks of life get to visit the temple and observe the colors and textures that permeate the

1188 mature landscape grounds. Obviously, when a new project like this is being built and it's being

1189 installed with plant material, it's going to look small and immature, and this won't be any

1190 different with this proposed temple.

1191 However, one thing that the temple is doing is taking these 24-inch box trees that is, that is gonna

1192 be installed here and upgrading those to 36-inch box trees. This is very significant because not

1193 only is the cost going to be more, but it's gonna create a situation where there's going to have

1194 larger canopies. These trees are going to be bigger in girth and be more aesthetically pleasing.

1195 And so by – having those in there and having a larger root system, their survival rate is going to

1196 go up tremendously.

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1197 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1198 Thank you very much. That's it.

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1200 **JAMEL TAYLOR**

1201 Thank you so much.

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1203 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1204 Okay. Thank you.

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1206 **JAMEL TAYLOR**

1207 Appreciate your time.

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1209 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1210 Thanks. Yes, ma'am.

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1212 **STEPHANIE DAHLGREN**

1213 Hi, members of the City Council.

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1215 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1216 Hi there.

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1218 **STEPHANIE DAHLGREN**

1219 Thank you for hearing me. My name is Stephanie Dahlgren. I lived at 40- I live at 4037 Peaceful

1220 Dune Street. That is county. I just have a list of concerns. Basically, they start with the plans for

1221 a casino-size building, lit 24/7 like the Luxor in my backyard. And I'm within probably a

1222 thousand and six feet of it. And that's what I'll see now instead of Lone Mountain. Based on their

1223 planting plans, that's going to be a huge water usage. Why can't they use native planting? Why

1224 can't they make it fit our community better? I'm also concerned about the water drainage and the

1225 flood controlling. Concrete is less porous than asphalt, and the runoff coming, when we get our

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1226 flooding rains, is going to be much larger than one might consider. As far as there's a flat-out  
1227 disrespect in the planning and the push for this, for the local zoning that has been in place that  
1228 everybody living there has had to build to, and I just don't think it's appropriate.

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1230 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1231 Thank you. Thank you.

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1233 **STEPHANIE DAHLGREN**

1234 And finally, I don't know where it's written that size lighting and height is required to worship,  
1235 but there are documents in the packet showing from an LDS person—

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1237 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1238 Thank you. Thank you.

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1240 **STEPHANIE DAHLGREN**

1241 —LDS communities that have built to community specs.

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1243 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1244 Thank you. Yes, ma'am.

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1246 **MELISSA LOWE**

1247 Mayor Goodman—

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1249 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1250 Hi.

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1252 **MELISSA LOWE**

1253 —members of the Council, my name is Melissa Lowe. I live at 4113 Everest Street, which lies  
1254 on the corner of Hickam and Fort Apache in the city of Las Vegas, Ward 4. I support the temple

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1255 application. Our backyard has a clear view and direct view of Lone Mountain as well as the  
1256 proposed site. In my opinion, the temple will not block our view of the mountain in any  
1257 significant way. Rather I think it will have the opposite effect. I believe the temple will enhance  
1258 and beautify the neighborhood without distracting from the beauty of the mountain. Currently the  
1259 proposed site is a vacant lot that collects garbage and is unsightly. LDS temples are meticulously  
1260 maintained. And I sincerely hope the application is approved and we can enjoy the peace and  
1261 beauty it will bring. Thank you.

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1263 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1264 Thank you. I drove by your house yesterday.

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1266 **MELISSA LOWE**

1267 Oh.

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1269 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1270 Hi.

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1272 **STEVE STARR**

1273 Good afternoon, Mayor Goodman and Council members. My name is Steve Starr. I live at 4225  
1274 North Tee Pee Lane. I'm in the county. I'm not opposed to the LDS temple, but I am opposed to  
1275 the building, building this enormous temple in our rural neighborhood. It simply does not fit. Our  
1276 property backs up to Hickam Avenue, putting our home one of the closest to the proposed  
1277 temple. If Council approves this location and the building goes forward, there must be  
1278 compromises made – to benefit the neighbors. Important for our location is – moving all traffic  
1279 egress and ingress and street lights along Hickam Avenue and make Hickam Avenue an  
1280 equestrian trail as a buffer to the existing residents and a pathway for our equestrian neighbors –  
1281 and their horses. No structure over 35 feet in height, limited hours on the lighting. I'm putting  
1282 faith in you as our representatives to do the right thing and not approve the temple at this

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1283 location. Please consider this. If your family lived in this peaceful neighborhood, how would you  
1284 really vote? Thank you.

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1286 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1287 Thank you very much. Thank you.

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1289 **JULIE MESERVEY**

1290 Good afternoon, Mayor Goodman, members of the Council. My name is Julie Meservey. I live  
1291 at 40112 Flaming Peak Court in Ward 4, city of Las Vegas.

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1293 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1294 And who's the guy you brought with you?

1295

1296 **JULIE MESERVEY**

1297 This is Kyle Meservey, my oldest son.

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1299 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1300 How are you, Kyle? Nice to see you.

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1302 **KYLE MESERVEY**

1303 Hi.

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1305 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1306 Okay, good.

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1308 **JULIE MESERVEY**

1309 I support the construction of the proposed temple. Mayor Goodman, you asked us, and yes,  
1310 living nearby the temple is very, very important to me and my family. I'm an assistant principal  
1311 currently at Arbor View High School. And my work involves long hours, and I often return to

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1312 school in the evenings for sports and activities. Because of time constraints, it's difficult for me  
1313 to attend the temple worship on the Valley's east side. The temple is a place where I meditate,  
1314 find peace and serenity, and spend time in quiet reflection and prayer. My adult son, Kyle  
1315 Meservey, who is standing with me, would like a temple nearby to worship in. Kyle has autism.  
1316 He does not drive. He is very excited because he would like the convenience of being able to  
1317 walk to the temple. He lives with us, and he hopes to not only worship in the temple but also  
1318 volunteer and serve in the temple. We know that having a temple nearby will greatly enhance our  
1319 lives.

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1321 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1322 Beautiful.

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1324 **JULIE MESERVEY**

1325 Thank you.

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1327 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1328 Beautiful. Bye, Kyle.

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1330 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1331 Hi.

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1333 **LEE DUSBABEK**

1334 Good afternoon, hopefully not good evening.

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1336 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1337 Not yet.

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1338 **LEE DUSBABEK**

1339 I'm Lee Dusbabek. I live one block northwest of the proposed site. Been there 32 years. Back in  
1340 the late '90s, I was president of the Northwest Citizens Association. I was also on the Lone  
1341 Mountain Advisory Council. Back then, the City and County weren't talking to each other. And I  
1342 saw from your agenda 10, 20, 40 acre parcels being annexed. So I talked to the County  
1343 Commissioner, Paul Christensen. He didn't know anything about it. I was faxing him your  
1344 agendas. And for your younger people, you can Google what a fax machine is.  
1345 In any case, I met with City Councilman Matt McAllister, and he told, well, I won't tell you what  
1346 he told me. It had something to do with hell and snowballs or something. I don't know. But  
1347 through a miracle, we were able to get the County and you, the City together in the same room at  
1348 the same time, signed that contract. And I just want to say if anybody looks at that, I've got  
1349 people friends on both sides, look at that contract. You know what you can see, anybody can  
1350 see? Intent.

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1352 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1353 Thank you. Thank you. Good afternoon.

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1355 **JOE CRAPO**

1356 Mayor Goodman, members of the Council, my name is Joe Crapo, and I live near the proposed  
1357 temple site, in the county, at 4635 North Fort Apache Road. I am a professional electrical and I  
1358 specialize, professional electrical engineer, and I specialize in lighting. I, I'm a past president of  
1359 the Las Vegas section of the Illuminating Engineering Society. The Illuminating Engineering  
1360 Society is the worldwide authority on all things lighting. It publishes the standards for lighting  
1361 design and installation practices. I'd be happy to discuss foot-candles, color temperatures, glare,  
1362 light trespass, all that stuff, but time doesn't permit.

1363 So I would like to say I am not involved in the design or the construction of this temple, but I  
1364 could not be more excited for it to be built. The engineers are my professional competitors, and  
1365 I've known them for years. The lighting designer specifically is highly qualified. I also know the



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1366 general contractor and the architect. These individuals do not share my faith, but they, I know  
1367 their work and their professional reputations.

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1369 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1370 Nice.

1371

1372 **JOE CRAPO**

1373 They are some of the best in the business. I have full faith that they will build and design and  
1374 construct this project according to all applicable laws.

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1376 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1377 Beautiful. Thank you very much.

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1379 **TODD GEIB**

1380 Good afternoon, Council members and Mayor Goodman. Thank you for giving this opportunity  
1381 to speak. My name is Todd Geib. I live at 9613 Bending River Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, and  
1382 I have been in that location for over 20 years. I have been helping these folks with this battle. I  
1383 look at all the support documents. I look at the opposition documents. I have gone through a lot  
1384 of the support documents, and I see letters from all throughout the city and different states all  
1385 across the country. We have got the opposition that has about 6,000 signatures opposing it, and  
1386 that is this documents here, which you have there. I have gone through this because everybody, I  
1387 felt everybody is all over the board. I went through this and highlighted everybody that lived in  
1388 89129 that are opposed to the temple. There are 704 people on this list here. I have broken it  
1389 down into two different maps. I stayed within the 89129, my first area was the within the  
1390 thousand square foot area. There are 78 homes currently built, nine vacant land owners of  
1391 different names, 124 track homes to the south that are in this area. If you go according to the  
1392 map, there is 29 opposed and 10 in favor within the thousand-foot radius of the of the temple  
1393 site.

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1394     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1395     Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

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1397     **TODD GEIB**

1398     We go within a mile. Oh, I'm sorry. I'm over?

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1400     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1401     Yes, unfortunately.

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1403     **TODD GEIB**

1404     Okay.

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1406     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1407     But thank you very much. Unless, you get your minutes still, even though you were part of that.

1408     You can't, we're not giving minutes. You can finish up his, your own minute.

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1410     **VALERIE JUICK**

1411     Okay. Okay, great. We'll just finish this, ma'am. Go ahead, talk.

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1413     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1414     No, no, no. He can't.

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1416     **VALERIE JUICK**

1417     Oh. Oh, okay.

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1419     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1420     You're, you're on. It's your minute.

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1421 **VALERIE JUICK**

1422 Okay. So the second square here is within a—

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1424 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1425 Pull the microphone towards you, please.

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1427 **VALERIE JUICK**

1428 I'm sorry.

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1430 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1431 Restate your name.

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1433 **VALERIE JUICK**

1434 Valerie Juick.

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1436 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1437 Okay. And where do you live?

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1439 **VALERIE JUICK**

1440 The city, RNP.

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1442 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1443 Okay. Now you can continue on the information if you want.

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1445 **VALERIE JUICK**

1446 Thank you. This, this map here is a mile, a square mile. And out of that square mile, you have 72

1447 opposed and 20 in favor. We keep telling that it's five to one for the LDS. It's not when you pull

1448 the numbers and you map them. So that propaganda that we keep hearing that it's all the

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1449 Mormons, you know, they outnumber the residents, they do not. These are the numbers. These  
1450 are from the statistics that were pulled from the form stat, right? Is that what it's called?

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1452 **TODD GEIB**

1453 Form stat. Yeah.

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1455 **VALERIE JUICK**

1456 And so this just gives you a more realistic, instead of everybody saying we're out more, yeah, for  
1457 the whole community of Las Vegas, absolutely we're outnumbered. For the residents that live  
1458 here, no, they oppose this project, ma'am.

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1460 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1461 Thank you.

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1463 **VALERIE JUICK**

1464 Thank you.

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1466 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1467 Thank you.

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1469 **VALERIE JUICK**

1470 Can we submit this for the record?

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1472 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1473 Yes. If we could, Ms. Jacquie, could you get the map? Hi there.

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1475 **KARLEE BURTON**

1476 Hi, Mayor Goodman, members of the Council. My name is Karlee Burton. I live at 10723  
1477 Bendmore Court, which is in Ward 4. I'm so sorry. I grew up in Ward 4.

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1478 **LUANN D. HOLMES**

1479 Ma'am, we'll start you over again, but could you give us your name again? We didn't get it.

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1481 **KARLEE BURTON**

1482 Yeah, my name is Karlee Burton. And where I live?

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1484 **LUANN D. HOLMES**

1485 Kardi? We got it. Thank you.

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1487 **KARLEE BURTON**

1488 Okay.

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1490 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1491 Okay. Start. You're getting your whole minute.

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1493 **KARLEE BURTON**

1494 Okay.

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1496 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1497 See tears always work.

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1499 **KARLEE BURTON**

1500 I'm so sorry. I grew up in Ward 4 and graduated from, graduated high school from Centennial

1501 High School. I moved away to further my education and was fortunate enough to be able to

1502 move my family back to Ward 4 just over a year ago. I have two young kids, ages three and one,

1503 and a husband who's in medical school. I currently work as a nurse and will complete my

1504 doctorate in nursing practice next spring. I look forward to being able to practice as a nurse

1505 practitioner in our city once I graduate.

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1506 Life is busy right now, and it is difficult to attend the temple as it is across the valley. To have a  
1507 temple built in Ward 4 would mean I could attend more often. The temple would be compatible  
1508 with the preferences of both members and non-members of the church, serving as a good  
1509 neighbor to our community. Additionally, the temple will contribute to uplifting and beautifying  
1510 our community, enhancing the cultural and spiritual landscape of Ward 4. Thank you.

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1512 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1513 Your family must be very proud of you. Keep going. We welcome you. Yes, sir. Hi.

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1515 **MATT HACKLEY**

1516 Good afternoon, Mayor Goodman and Council members. Thank you for taking time to hear us  
1517 out. I can't imagine how difficult these decisions really are for you. My name is Matt Hackley. I  
1518 do live within the thousand feet of the proposed project, and I do oppose it. It is clear that this  
1519 group in blue shirts here, they desire a sanctuary and a place where they can worship their God.  
1520 However, they have one. If they think they need a new one here in our neighborhood, that's fine.  
1521 But as it is proposed, it does not fit into our neighborhood.

1522 To the gentleman who spoke about the crime being lowered in our neighborhood, I have to  
1523 oppose and disagree with that because since our neighbors have began opposing this project,  
1524 homes have been vandalized, property has been vandalized, and we have had mafia-style vans  
1525 and truckloads of men driving into the cul-de-sacs, giving this tear down to our neighbors, which  
1526 now creates unsafe environment for me and my children to play in our streets. I don't know why.  
1527 We shouldn't. We're all supposed to be neighbors here. They're claiming being a good neighbor,  
1528 but this isn't being a good neighbor at all. This project creates an unsafe environment for those  
1529 who, of us who love to recreate in the area riding horses, riding bikes, and walking through the  
1530 streets.

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1532 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1533 Thank you.

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1534 **MATT HACKLEY**

1535 Increased traffic will create safety hazards. Thank you.

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1537 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1538 Thank you for coming.

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1540 **LEWIS VASQUEZ**

1541 Good afternoon.

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1543 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1544 Hi there.

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1546 **LEWIS VASQUEZ**

1547 Good afternoon, Mayor and Council members. My name is Lewis Vasquez. I live at 2901 Lotus

1548 Hill Drive in Sun City Summerlin. I have been a resident of Las Vegas for the last 11 years. I

1549 served in the Las Vegas Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a

1550 volunteer worker weekly. It takes me approximately 45 to 60 minutes to travel to the east side of

1551 town where the existing temple is located. I have eagerly looked forward to the day when the

1552 church will build a temple on the west side of the valley.

1553 The news of the proposed Lone Mountain temple brought much excitement, not only to me but

1554 to thousands of other church members living in the community, especially in Sun City. As the

1555 population of a valley grows, so does the traffic. With this continued growth, traveling time to

1556 the existing temple is going to take even longer. This is why we must have this temple, new

1557 temple built closer to where so many of the members now reside. The temples of our church are

1558 places of beauty and peace wherever they're built. Therefore, the Lone Mountain temple will

1559 enhance our community greatly. I strongly urge you to vote in the affirmative for the

1560 construction of the Lone Mountain temple.

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1561 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1562 Thank you.

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1564 **LEWIS VASQUEZ**

1565 I appreciate your time given me to address you. Thank you.

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1567 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1568 Thank you. Thank you very much. Hi there.

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1570 **KATHERINE CASTLE**

1571 Hi. Good afternoon, Mayor, Council members, City Staff. My name is Katherine Castle. I live on  
1572 North Chieftain Street. I'm about a block and a half away from this proposed development. I've  
1573 been there for 30 years, and I've watched it grow and become what it is today. I would like to say  
1574 I don't have anything against a temple or any house of worship being built. I have friends in this  
1575 room who are wearing blue shirts and stickers today. They will always be my friends. I'm not  
1576 against the purpose of the house of worship. I'm against the things that has clearly been outlined  
1577 here today, and I believe that there's a lot of valid points being made. I do wonder, and it's been  
1578 mentioned briefly, what other sites were seriously considered for this project because really  
1579 didn't hear about the formality of all this until it was, and I'm going use the term bulldozed, it  
1580 was bulldozed down us that this was coming and this is where it was going to be. So there has  
1581 been reference to other parts of land, other vacant spots. And I do wonder. We deserve to know  
1582 what other parts were considered that were either chosen, that were not chosen and why is that.  
1583 Why is our quiet neighborhood the place this has to be?

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1585 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1586 Thank you. Thank you. I think I mentioned that in my opening remarks.

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1588 **KATHERINE CASTLE**

1589 You did.



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1590 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1591 So thank you very much.

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1593 **KATHERINE CASTLE**

1594 I also want to know, I know you mentioned the construction, when it starts and how tall is it  
1595 going to be.

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1597 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1598 That's it. Okay. That will do.

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1600 **KATHERINE CASTLE**

1601 So I'm sorry, but I've waited a long time.

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1603 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1604 No. Everybody is getting the same one minute.

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1606 **KATHERINE CASTLE**

1607 I also want to know. I heard a meeting that's been mentioned. There really has been very little  
1608 help on our end.

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1610 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1611 Well, we're trying to do this fairly, and so you want to be fair too. One minute. So please, come  
1612 right on. Thank you. It is good to be mayor. It's a little late for you all to file, but I highly  
1613 recommend it. Sorry.

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1615 **CHRIS FIGGINS**

1616 Good afternoon, Mayor and members of the City Council. My name is Chris Figgins, and I live  
1617 at 8910 Hickam Avenue, which is in that county island, which you spoke of, just a short distance  
1618 from the temple.

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1619 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1620 I'm sorry to interrupt you. And can we start his minute again? For some reason, the mic is not  
1621 high enough for you. You may, well, I shouldn't do that. Lean in. Thank you.

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1623 **CHRIS FIGGINS**

1624 Okay, I'll bend in.

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1626 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1627 Could you do it again, your name?

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1629 **LUANN D. HOLMES**

1630 We need you to repeat your name.

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1632 **CHRIS FIGGINS**

1633 Okay. My name is Chris Figgins. I live at 8910 Hickam Avenue, just a short distance from the  
1634 county, and I'm in that proverbial county island that you talked about. In 2018, my wife and I  
1635 built a home in the Lone Mountain Rural Preservation Area. We love this area, and we'll in full  
1636 support of the items before you. Before we purchased the lot, I did a due diligence with respect  
1637 to the traffic in the neighborhood. According to the RTC Regional Streets and Highways map,  
1638 Grand Canyon is an 80-foot street with a capacity of four lanes and 36,800 cars per day when  
1639 built out. Hickam, Tee Pee, and Florine are 60-foot streets, with a capacity of 18,000 cars per  
1640 day. This information is public information, is available to those who want to take a look at it. As  
1641 you're well aware, Fort Apache was recently expanded to a four-lane road from Alexander to  
1642 Tropical. In my opinion, this temple will not come close to even reaching the street capacity that  
1643 are mentioned in this map. I've been going to the temple on the east side of town for many years,  
1644 and never once have I seen more than three two or three cars come out of that driveway. The  
1645 temple—

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1646 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1647 Thank you, sir. That's it, one minute.

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1649 **CHRIS FIGGINS**

1650 —The temple is—

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1652 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1653 Thank you. Appreciate it.

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1655 **CHRIS FIGGINS**

1656 Thank you.

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1658 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1659 Thank you.

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1661 **SANDY REED**

1662 Hello—

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1664 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1665 Hi.

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1667 **SANDY REED**

1668 —Mayor and City Council members. My name is Sandy Reed. I live at 3605 Blackheart Street,

1669 just outside the 1,000-foot notification zone, in the city. I'm a former New Yorker, so I

1670 understand the value of space almost more than anyone. I lived in Manhattan, and I'll tell you the

1671 place that people go to is Central Park. People pay a lot of money to live close to Central Park

1672 and view Central Park. Could you imagine taking the Empire State Building and plopping it in

1673 the middle of Central Park, the only place that people have? Now I understand in Las Vegas

1674 there are other options where the temple can be built. But for me, who lives right near Lone

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1675 Mountain, I've been there 21 years, I think there's better location than where the temple is going.  
1676 There are other parcels. And I just feel that we are not being heard as a group. We seem like a  
1677 small group, but actually those stacks are not, a little bit of a fallacy because those of us who live  
1678 close by, most of us do not want it there. It has nothing to do with religion. It's all about the  
1679 building.

1680 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1681 Thank you. And you are being heard. You are being heard.

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1683 **SANDY REED**

1684 I have—

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1686 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1687 Thank you.

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1689 **SANDY REED**

1690 I just want to submit something.

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1692 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1693 Oh, you can give that to our, leave it there, right there in the box for our City Clerk. Thank you.

1694 Hi.

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1696 **LORI FIGGINS**

1697 Hi, hello Mayor and City Council. Lori Figgins, 8910 Hickam Avenue. I'm in full support of the  
1698 proposed temples as I truly believe that it is the perfect spot as a beautiful buffer between the  
1699 Rural Preservation Area and the high-density housing that has already begun to be built on the  
1700 north side of Alexander. My husband has worked in the Clark County DA's office for over 34  
1701 years. He worked with many city and county officials, and we've been asked to read a letter from  
1702 one of those former officials who could not be here today. Dear Mayor and City Council, My  
1703 name is Jay Bingham. I know how you feel sitting in your seat. I served 16 years, four on City

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1704 Council North Las Vegas and 12 as County Commissioner. I know the sacrifice you and your  
1705 family make for good government, so thank you. I'm asking you to vote yes on the new Lone  
1706 Mountain temple. I was involved in 1983 when the first temple in Las Vegas was zoned. There  
1707 was a tremendous amount of opposition, and feelings were running high. The old county  
1708 building on Fourth and Bridger was packed all the way out to the street. As you have seen, that  
1709 beautiful building on Bonanza, that was approved in 1983, has improved that neighborhood and  
1710 now is a peaceful part of our beautiful Las Vegas Valley. I always had a rule, when I had to push  
1711 the button, that schools and churches and synagogues belong in the neighborhoods. That's what  
1712 makes a great community. Thank you for your service, and I pray for peace in your lives and in  
1713 your family's lives.

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1715 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1716 And I know he counted every word. You made it in a minute. Good. Thank you, thank you.

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1718 **LORI FIGGINS**

1719 Can I put this into—

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1721 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1722 Yes, please. Just right there on, here we come. Thank you, Ms. Jacquie. Hi.

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1724 **SUE KRISTENSEN**

1725 Hi. Sue Kristensen, 9685 West Tropical Parkway. We're in the RNP and rural. I just want to  
1726 submit for the record some other sites that we've located that would be more appropriate for the  
1727 temple. I just want to put that in the record. And I just want to say, for someone who lost their  
1728 house in a wildfire in California a couple years ago, we moved here to the rural neighborhood  
1729 because we wanted, we had 22 acres there. We wanted the similar kind of thing. We didn't really  
1730 want to live in the city. So this is just not meant for this neighborhood.

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1731 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1732 We're sorry about your loss.

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1734 **SUE KRISTENSEN**

1735 Thank you.

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1737 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1738 We're delighted you've moved into nirvana.

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1740 **SUE KRISTENSEN**

1741 Yeah. Thank you.

1742

1743 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1744 Trust me. Hi.

1745

1746 **DAN GILBERT**

1747 Good afternoon, Mayor Goodman and members of the Council. My name is Dan Gilbert, and I  
1748 live at 4265 Kevin Way, approximately a half mile away from the proposed temple site, and it's  
1749 in the RNP and the county. My brother, Ladd, also lives very close to the proposed temple site,  
1750 but is unfortunately out of the country right now. So he asked me to share some of his words on  
1751 some research that he did. I quote, "I knocked on 40 doors in the immediate neighborhood  
1752 surrounding the existing temple on Bonanza. Eleven of the residents answered the doors, and I  
1753 told the people that I live near the proposed temple site on the other side of town. I then asked  
1754 them what it was like living next to the temple and if they could give me any feedback positive  
1755 or negative regarding it. I did not receive a single negative comment. The comments that I  
1756 received were the building was beautiful and well kept. It was a landmark for where they lived.  
1757 The people that came to the temple were quiet. They liked the feeling of security that the temple  
1758 brought, and it helped increase and stabilize their property values." End quote. Thank you very  
1759 much.

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1760 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1761 Beautiful. Beautiful. It's a lovely religion, yes. This is all. You can breathe. We don't charge for  
1762 that here.

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1764 **AMBER RILEY**

1765 Hold it together. Okay. Amber Riley.

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1767 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1768 Address?

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1770 **AMBER RILEY**

1771 Yeah, 9826 Cherry Canyon in the city.

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1773 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1774 Okay.

1775

1776 **AMBER RILEY**

1777 We understand city development is imperative. We all need a break from the city sometimes too.

1778 Connecting with nature is also imperative. Our family searched and purchased a forever home in

1779 the special corner of the valley called Lone Mountain for exactly that reason. Our home is our

1780 refuge with many incredible views of Lone Mountain from our windows in our backyard. We

1781 wanted a place where we can observe the stars and the planets with our children. We even have a

1782 great horned owl that migrates to our backyard eucalyptus tree every winter. A 200-foot, 24 hour

1783 a day, lit-up, bright white temple will take it all away from us. It will also take it away from all

1784 the hikers that go up to Lone Mountain, that are seeking that break from the city as well. They

1785 can build a temple. They should build a temple. But make it harmonious with the area. You can

1786 give them a sanctuary and not take away ours.

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1787 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1788 Okay. Thank you.

1789

1790 **AMBER RILEY**

1791 I submit some shows of how they've compromised before, and my favorite temple they've built.

1792

1793 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1794 Thank you. Ooh, beautiful. Thank you. Hi.

1795

1796 **SCOTT BLEAZARD**

1797 Mayor Goodman and members of the City Council, thank you for allowing us to speak. My  
1798 name is Scott Bleazard, and I live at 9375 West Verde Way, on a one-acre lot just north of the  
1799 temple. I'm a proud third generation of Las Vegas. My children and 10 of my 15 grandchildren  
1800 live in Las Vegas and all within this Centennial area. I support the proposed temple application  
1801 in every way. My career has been in real estate my entire life. I live here because of the lifestyle,  
1802 lot sizes, and peaceful nature of the area. There are currently over 430 platted, approved lots  
1803 being built around the temple, just north of the temple in that surrounding area, less than two  
1804 miles from the site. I am excited to have these new homes coming. The temple will be a  
1805 wonderful sanctuary for those residents living now and soon to live in the area. I could not be  
1806 more pleased to have the temple as my neighbor. Thank you for your time.

1807

1808 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1809 Thank you. You should go on the radio. You have a great voice. Hi.

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1811 **ELENA GASCA**

1812 Good afternoon. My name is Elena Gasca, E-L-E-N-A G-A-S-C-A. I'm at 8440 West El Campo  
1813 Grande Avenue, Las Vegas. I'm in one of those pockets of the Clark County. And I'm very sad  
1814 that the Council persons here have not taken into consideration in detail about our situation here.  
1815 It's not, you know, once again, it's not about religion. It's about the structure, the enormous



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1816 structure that will be in our sights every single day and how it will affect our people who have  
1817 horses who ride around, who have bicycles. I walk around with my dogs, and that will affect me.  
1818 It will affect my neighbors as well. I love my neighborhood, and I'm sorry to hear that you have  
1819 already made that decision when you're still hearing testimony here. Thank you.

1820

1821 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1822 Thank you very much. Hi there.

1823

1824 **AURORA MORATA**

1825 Hello. Good afternoon, Mayor Goodman, members of the Council. My name is Aurora Morata. I  
1826 live at 3320 Lingo Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89129, within Ward 4. I support the proposed  
1827 temple application. I understand that one of the concerns about the new temple is potential traffic  
1828 congestion. My husband and I have been volunteering at the temple on the east side of town  
1829 every Saturday for the past six years. Despite Saturdays being one of the busiest days, we have  
1830 never experienced traffic issues either arriving or leaving the temple.

1831 Additionally, during our travels, we love visiting temples of The Church of Jesus Christ of  
1832 Latter-day Saints and have consistently found that traffic is not a problem. This is likely because  
1833 temple visitors tend to arrive and depart at different times, rather than all at once, which prevents  
1834 traffic buildup. Based on our experiences, I believe the traffic concerns for the proposed temple  
1835 will not be an issue. Thank you very much for your time.

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1837 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1838 Thank you for coming down. Hi there.

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1840 **KRISTI REPP**

1841 They have the picture. They have the picture.

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1843 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1844 A picture?

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1845 **KRISTI REPP**

1846 Yeah, the one they just, you have the picture (inaudible).

1847

1848 **LUANN D. HOLMES**

1849 What picture?

1850

1851 **KRISTI REPP**

1852 Hello, Council members. The one she just had. My name is Kristi Repp. I'm five blocks from the  
1853 proposed site. Yes, thank you. I'm five blocks from the proposed site in the county. Regardless of  
1854 how many emails Councilwoman Palenske has on her desk from over the valley entirely  
1855 supposedly, I'm one of the nearly 94 percent of the community whose rights will be infringed  
1856 upon with this approved application as it stands. You ask about an alternative. Is there an  
1857 alternative? There is an alternative. The current Applicant refuses to listen to any part of it. Your  
1858 alternative is a 50-foot, 72,000 square-foot temple in Mesa, Arizona. From its inception in 1927  
1859 to today, it still serves the mission of the members who are authorized to go in there. So there is  
1860 an alternative. It's a current existing, active temple. And I've talked to many of the people around  
1861 it in the community. They like it. So it's great. So there is your alternative to put something into  
1862 an existing community. If you want to do something outside the community, like you said, with  
1863 Councilwoman Brune's wide open, bring your community to it. But you're already an existing  
1864 community. Almost, we talk about a temple. We have to remember that an LDS temple is not a  
1865 church or another temple or mosque. It is not open to the public, and that's me. And we have  
1866 visual noise now. I cannot turn it off. I have to look at it 24/7, unlike music that has a quiet time  
1867 from 10:00 to 7:00 a.m. So that's my thing is it, you know, can't stop seeing it.

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1869 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1870 Thank you.

1871

1872 **KRISTI REPP**

1873 Thank you.

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1874 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1875 Thank you so much. Hi there.

1876

1877 **JOHN STEINBECK**

1878 Good afternoon, Mayor Goodman and Council members. My name is John Steinbeck. I live at  
1879 4319 Maltese Crest Circle.

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1881 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1882 The John Steinbeck?

1883

1884 **JOHN STEINBECK**

1885 Yes, ma'am.

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1887 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1888 Wow, do you look good.

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1890 **JOHN STEINBECK**

1891 I do. We can close on that. Thank you. So I do live on one of the county islands. I'm 700 feet  
1892 from the current proposed temple site. My family and I have lived there for 21 years, and we are  
1893 very excited to have the temple so close to our home. We also welcome the awe-inspiring view  
1894 that we will have from our backyard. We completely support this project. Over the past few  
1895 months, I have heard many concerns about the new temple from my neighbors and friends. I  
1896 want to address a public safety concern brought up due to the increase in vehicles. I am not here  
1897 in an official capacity, and I'm not representing Clark County today. However, I have vast  
1898 experience in public safety, including supervising the area of the Las Vegas temple on Sunrise  
1899 Mountain. That building opened in 1989 and has not caused a significant volume of calls for  
1900 emergency services. It is a non-factor for emergency resources and traffic accidents. This  
1901 includes the roads adjacent to the temple and nearby neighborhoods. Thank you for your time  
1902 and consideration.

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1903   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1904   Thank you. Thank you. Hi.

1905

1906   **BRIGITTE SOLVIE**

1907   Good afternoon, Mayor and Council members. May I put this picture on the board?

1908

1909   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1910   Sure.

1911

1912   **BRIGITTE SOLVIE**

1913   My name is Brigitte Solvie. I reside at 7030 North Conquistador Street. I'm actually in the  
1914   county island. But I'm here as a representative of the Northwest Rural Preservation Association,  
1915   as the Acting President. This image would better fit if we had an option to discuss. I was sad to  
1916   hear what you had said that should we wait 30 days, we'd be at the same loggerhead. And that is  
1917   a testimony of how difficult the Applicant has been with the neighborhood. In all the years as a  
1918   private homeowner in a different area of the valley and here, I have never experienced an  
1919   applicant that was so resistant to discussion and compromise as this applicant.

1920   So as a representative of many people in the northwest area, as the Northwest Rural Preservation  
1921   Association President, I would ask the Council to please encourage the applicant for further  
1922   discussion, that it falls on your lap to have the applicant rise up to negotiate something more  
1923   pleasing. This would work.

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1925   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1926   Thank you very much.

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1928   **BRIGITTE SOLVIE**

1929   Thank you.

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1930   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1931   Thank you. Hi.

1932

1933   **BILL WELLS**

1934   Mayor Goodman, I like your style. Thank you for your humor that sometimes disarms people.

1935   Appreciate it.

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1937   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1938   When you live my life, you have to have humor.

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1940   **BILL WELLS**

1941   Isn't that right? Well, it's good, it's good to talk to you today. And Council members, thank you

1942   so much for your time and for your service to the community. I am, my name is Bill Wells. I am

1943   the Director of the Centro Hispano in Ward 3, at 1101 North Pecos, where we have educational

1944   services for Hispanic individuals in our community. I live at 6475 Spanish Garden Court. I'm

1945   here because I've lived the last 11 years near the temple at Sunrise Mountain. I'm happy to be in

1946   support of my fellow residents to bring a temple to the west side of Las Vegas. The area

1947   surrounding the temple on Sunrise Mountain has been part of my walking at night and running in

1948   the morning for many, many years. I've heard concerns about the increase in traffic, and I can say

1949   that that is not an issue at all on Sunrise Mountain, serving the whole of the Las Vegas

1950   community. If, the only, the only traffic we see really is in the morning when people are going to

1951   school and parents are taking their children to school. And that, we have several high schools

1952   down Hollywood and elementary schools and a middle school right in the, in the area.

1953   I love the rural setting. I love running. I love walking the area. It is rural. There are horses

1954   around. I own horses. It's just, it's beautiful. I especially like the nighttime walk because it is so

1955   quiet. The temple allows for individuals, anybody to walk around the grounds, and my daughter

1956   goes there to find peace and rest.

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1957   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1958   Thank you.

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1960   **BILL WELLS**

1961   I invite anyone to go there and just experience the same thing.

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1963   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1964   Thank you. I know it is. It's lovely there.

1965

1966   **BILL WELLS**

1967   Thank you.

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1969   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1970   Thank you.

1971

1972   **SUMMER GOLIA**

1973   Hi. My name is Summer. I'm at 9115 West Hammer Lane. And right here on, I just have an

1974   application from the City of Las Vegas.

1975

1976   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1977   Stay in front of your mic, if you would. You walk off, we can't hear you.

1978

1979   **SUMMER GOLIA**

1980   So the top application is from 2019. It's from Chris Templeton. He wanted to get a GPA on the

1981   same parcel, and they, and then, so also, they also recognize it as an RNP in 2019. And then the

1982   bottom one is the LDS application, and they're not recognizing the parcel in an RNP in that one.

1983   So I just don't understand why they're recognizing it in 2019 as an RNP parcel and not in, you

1984   know, now, so. Can you guys see it?

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1985   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1986   Thank you. Yes. Thank you very much. Hi.

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1988   **JULIE ANN YOUNG**

1989   Good afternoon, Mayor Goodman, members of the Council, and neighbors in Ward 4. My name

1990   is Julie Young. I live at 3728 Wilbur McGee Court, within the city and Ward 4. My family has

1991   lived here for 22 years. We live several blocks away from the temple site and west of Majestic

1992   Park. At night, we're able to see the glow of the field lights and can often hear the joyful sounds

1993   of the activities in the park. Having personally viewed many other temples at night, I believe the

1994   lights of the temple, the proposed temple will pale in comparison to the lights of the ball field.

1995   My family and I hike or walk around and up Lone Mountain multiple times each week.

1996   Over the years, I have watched the landscape change as subdivisions, homes, and apartment

1997   homes have been built. Change happens, and I believe this change, the temple will add to and not

1998   detract from the beauty of the surrounding area. I imagine the surrounding area will experience

1999   an increase in value as the temple will bring a peaceful, clean, well-kept property, amplifying the

2000   beauty of the area. To the neighbors I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, though you may

2001   not feel the same with regards to the spiritual fulfillment I will feel, I hope and suspect that we

2002   have more in common than the lovely place we chose to live and the passion we share for the

2003   future of the area. I look forward to meeting and getting to know you. I support the proposed

2004   temple application.

2005

2006   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2007   Thank you.

2008

2009   **JULIE ANN YOUNG**

2010   Thank you.

2011

2012   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2013   Very nice. Thank you. Hi there.

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2014     **EUGENE YAZZIE**

2015     I can't see. Is this on it there?

2016

2017     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2018     Yes.

2019

2020     **EUGENE YAZZIE**

2021     Okay. I would like to submit that with the record as well.

2022

2023     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2024     If you pull, before you get started, if you just pull that mic that's over it to the side, the center  
2025     mic, then everybody can see it.

2026

2027     **EUGENE YAZZIE**

2028     Oh, okay.

2029

2030     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2031     Thank you.

2032

2033     **LUANN D. HOLMES**

2034     (Inaudible)

2035

2036     **EUGENE YAZZIE**

2037     Oh.

2038

2039     **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2040     Right. Thank you.



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2041 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

2042 There you go.

2043

2044 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2045 Our clerk knows.

2046

2047 **EUGENE YAZZIE**

2048 Eugene Yazzie, 4235 North Tee Pee Lane, adjacent cul-de-sac, literally 100 feet from the site.

2049 We would consider the fall zone of this property, of this of the applicant here. A couple things,  
2050 you know, with the, you know, height and size, things like that, but one thing that keeps coming  
2051 up and has never been fully explained on the record is the FAA lights are going to be required.

2052 This is not an Applicant choice. This is not a City of, you know, Las Vegas planning, anything  
2053 like that. That's an FAA mandate, which was verified by the FAA State Nevada Obstruction  
2054 Evaluation Group Specialist Paul Holmquist.

2055 So at the 100, above 150 feet in height, there's going to be both mid-level and top-level red  
2056 beacon blinking lights all day. In the daytime, actually it's going to be also required because the  
2057 temple is not going to have the red and white slash, you know, painting up and down. And so  
2058 there's going to be white blinking lights all day long. So every for the rest of my life I live on this  
2059 property, I'm going have to go out and look up 100, you know, 215 feet in the air with these  
2060 lights blinking at me every day. I want you to imagine that's your backyard. You know, you live  
2061 this lifestyle. This is what you bought into. This is what you spent hard-earned money on. And  
2062 now I have to go back every, every night and look at this all night long. Thank you.

2063

2064 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2065 Thank you very much. You didn't know it. We didn't even start your minute till 50 seconds.

2066 Yeah.

2067

2068 **EUGENE YAZZIE**

2069 I got more if you want.

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2070 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2071 You could have gone longer.

2072

2073 **EUGENE YAZZIE**

2074 I got more.

2075

2076 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2077 Thanks. Hi there.

2078

2079 **KELLY RICHARDS BAKER**

2080 Hi. Good evening, Mayor and Council, Goodman, sorry I'm nervous, and Council members. My  
2081 name is Kelly Richards Baker. I live in Ward 4, in the city limits, at 90 Ghost Mount, I'm sorry,  
2082 9012 Ghost Mountain Avenue. I support the proposed temple application. I am a native of Las  
2083 Vegas coming up on 50 years now. I've raised 4 kids in this part of town over the last 23 years.  
2084 I've seen growth beyond belief. It's my home. From riding my horse as a youth through the  
2085 valley, this city is ever evolving, and we will continue to evolve and we will continue to evolve  
2086 with it. Though I (sic) sorry, though I empathize, of course, with the opposed, we're all  
2087 passionate, and I truly, truly believe that, I believe that the proposed temple will add more beauty  
2088 to an already amazing area. It will stand well below the skyline of Lone Mountain. The mountain  
2089 above the temple will (sic) excuse me, the mountain above, with the temple below, will only add  
2090 an even greater backdrop to our stunning west side valley. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-  
2091 day Saints has been a staple in this community, giving, supporting, volunteering, and growing  
2092 this valley since the beginning. I've seen it. The temple will stand as a reminder that the LDS  
2093 people not only serve the Lord, but will serve their, excuse me, serve their fellow man time and  
2094 throughout time and also the beloved Vegas community. Thank you.

2095

2096 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2097 Thank you very much. Hi there.

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2098 **AUDIENCE MEMBER**

2099 Can we see the faces on the monitors, like we were? Or is it frozen?

2100

2101 **SETH FLOYD**

2102 Hey, Jeff, if you guys can go back to the cameras. Thanks.

2103

2104 **AUDIENCE MEMBER**

2105 Oh, thank you.

2106

2107 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2108 Hi.

2109

2110 **CAROL CHANEY**

2111 Mayor, Council people, thank you so much for your time. My name is Carol Chaney. I live 416

2112 steps from the proposed temple. I live in my forever home. I do also have a business in the

2113 county for the last, in the city for the last 24 years. I'm a family practitioner, and so I want to

2114 address the health concerns with the light. Mr. Yazzie touched on the FAA beacons. But in

2115 regards to not only light pollution, but the negative effects to the health of those in the

2116 surrounding area with lights on 24/7, it impacts our circadian rhythm, our immune system, and

2117 our health. Those lights, City Commission talked about 4,000 Kelvin. Four thousand Kelvin are

2118 blue lights. We all are now knowledgeable of the negative effects of blue lights. Many of us pay

2119 extra to have those in our eyeglasses. So when we talk about not only the negative effect on

2120 human beings, what about domesticated and domesticated animals, our ecology, our wild birds,

2121 our whole area? I'm asking please do not allow anything over 150 feet. Not only for the FAA

2122 beacon, but the lights need to be turned off at 11:00 p.m.

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2124 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2125 Thank you. Thank you.

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2126 **CAROL CHANEY**

2127 Thank you. I'm entering all of this into the record, please.

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2129 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2130 Fine. Thank you. We'll get that from you.

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2132 **CAROL CHANEY**

2133 Thank you.

2134

2135 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2136 Thank you. Hi.

2137

2138 **TYLER BRADY**

2139 Hello. Is this working? All right. So hi, my name is Tyler Brady. I am a third-generation Las  
2140 Vegas native and live at 4081 Turquoise Falls in the city of Las Vegas, Ward 4, within 500 feet  
2141 of the new temple site. I'm the owner and broker of Luxury Homes of Las Vegas and personally  
2142 sell over \$100 million of, in residential real estate every year personally. This makes me one of  
2143 the top 10 real estate professionals in Southern Nevada.

2144 I mention this because I know where the temple site was when I purchased this parcel. I'm trying  
2145 to make sure I bought close enough to raise the value of my next property. My intentions, yeah,  
2146 so my family also owns parcels and lands neighboring the new temple site in St. George, Utah,  
2147 which those have also increased majorly in value. I'm in favor of the temple site being built as it  
2148 will help property values and give a constant reminder to everybody to do what is right. Thank  
2149 you guys for your time.

2150

2151 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2152 Thank you.

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2153 **MATT DELOE**

2154 Good afternoon, Mayor and Council.

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2156 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2157 Hi.

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2159 **MATT DELOE**

2160 Thank you for letting me speak today. As you can see, from the sea of blue shirts and

2161 Mr. Stoddard's video, this developer no doubt has the upper hand. They have the resources to

2162 hire, I would argue, probably the best law firm in town.

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2164 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2165 Yes. I'm sorry. Let's, oh, we didn't do it. You know why the Clerk didn't start you on your

2166 minute? Because you didn't give your name or address.

2167 **MATT DELOE**

2168 Oh. My name is Matt Deloe, 4265 North Chieftain.

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2170 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2171 Okay.

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2173 **MATT DELOE**

2174 My apologies.

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2176 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2177 Now click in, please.

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2178 **MATT DELOE**

2179 And back to what I was saying, this developer has the resources to hire the best law firm in town  
2180 and I would argue, after listening to Ms. Lazovich, probably one of the best lawyers. But today,  
2181 I'm asking you to please have the courage to stand up against this developer. Ask them to please,  
2182 all we're asking for is just please go back to the drawing board. And when, if you take a look at  
2183 the picture that I've laid out here, that's of the Phoenix temple. It's 30 feet tall, but yet it's very  
2184 close to the proposed square footage of the Lone Mountain temple. That's a structure that is  
2185 harmonious and compatible, and that really that's all we're asking for is just something that fits  
2186 the area. Thank you for your time.

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2188 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2189 Nicely said. Thank you. Hi.

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2191 **SCOTT BIGGS**

2192 Good afternoon. My name is Scott Biggs. This is my wife Christina Biggs. We live at 4161 Via  
2193 Montagna Street, which is approximately a thousand feet from the front of the proposed temple  
2194 site. We live in the county, and we strongly support the approval of the temple site plan. We live  
2195 in the Rural Preservation Area that has consistently, over the last number of years, been chipped  
2196 away at the development of homes. Many of these developments in the last few years have  
2197 received variances for building on homes on less than the original prescribed one-half acre. Now  
2198 this is, this is the norm.

2199 In my view, the building of this temple is the essence of the Rural Preservation. We must accept  
2200 the fact that this land will be developed in one way or another. In order to maintain any  
2201 preservation of ruralness, I would much prefer the construction of beautifully, impeccable,  
2202 manicured structure in lieu of a lot of homes, which in, which is the reality unfortunately. The  
2203 use of this land of the temple is much more compatible with the preservation of the rural  
2204 environment than countless track homes. This land is not in the Rural Preservation Overlay, so  
2205 the lots will be less than one-half acre if developed for sure. The stimulate, the construction of  
2206 the temple will be a (sic) will stimulate the building of homes at a larger scale and naturally

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2207 increase existing property values in the area and maintain a lower population density, which is  
2208 the essence of rural preservation.

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2210 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2211 Thank you.

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2213 **SCOTT BIGGS**

2214 Thank you.

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2216 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2217 Thank you.

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2219 **CHRISTINA BIGGS**

2220 Good afternoon. As my husband said, my name is Christina Biggs, and my address is 4161 Via  
2221 Montagna Street. Our close neighbor Richard Harris could not be here today. Richard Harris  
2222 lives at 4225 North Jensen Street, which is at the base of Lone Mountain and very close to the  
2223 proposed temple site, where we live. I'll point it out here, just right there.

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2225 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2226 Hmm, I drove by that one too.

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2228 **CHRISTINA BIGGS**

2229 I would like to provide a copy of his letter in support of the project for the record.

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2231 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2232 Thank you.

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2233 **HARRY VANGORP**

2234 I guess it goes right here, right? I'm not gonna (sic). My name is Harry Vangorp. I live at 5724  
2235 Centralia Street, at the corner of Ann Road and Durango.

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2237 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2238 You're not in front of a microphone, so we're—

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2240 **HARRY VANGORP**

2241 My name is Harry Vangorp. I live at 5724 Centralia Street, in the city, Ward 4, Las Vegas, in  
2242 Centennial Hills, at a master plan community since 1995, when there was nothing in Centennial  
2243 Hills at the corner of Ann Road and Durango. I've been there for 29 years. And I'm on the board  
2244 for 25 years. I'm not going to get redundant about this picture here. But at the top, you see that  
2245 temple was built in Tucson. It has an angel on the top, the gold, let me get the right word right,  
2246 Monori (sic) angel with the horn. It was proposed at a 95-foot steeple. They came up with a  
2247 compromise to the community. And it's desert landscaped. They aren't being unconscious about  
2248 water consumption. What they have proposed to put eight-acre, greenscaped (sic), well, I don't  
2249 know how many trees and how much grass, and don't care about water consumption of Las  
2250 Vegas. There are major water problems in Las Vegas. If you read this, this is from the Water  
2251 Authority of 2021. It says prohibit—

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2253 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2254 Thank you.

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2256 **HARRY VANGORP**

2257 —prohibit of installation of irrigated grass in new commercial.

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2259 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2260 Thank you. Thank you.



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2261 **HARRY VANGORP**

2262 And they want to put grass.

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2264 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2265 Thank you very much.

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2267 **HARRY VANGORP**

2268 I want this all on the record.

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2270 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2271 Okay. Thank you. Hi.

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2273 **DARRYL HARDY**

2274 Mayor Goodman.

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2276 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2277 Hi.

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2279 **DARRYL HARDY**

2280 Members of the Council, good afternoon. My name is Darryl Hardy. I live at 9788 Dream Brook

2281 Court, which is in Clark County and in the Rural Preservation Area. I have lived in the northwest

2282 valley area for 28 years, and I'm a fourth-generation Las Vegan. I fully support the proposed

2283 Lone Mountain temple application. As a contractor for 40 years, who specializes in commercial

2284 finishes, I review hundreds of project drawings each year. Projects rarely ever come close to

2285 upholding the high standards of design, construction, quality of materials, or workmanship

2286 sourced for temples. This includes utmost care for every detail. Temples are unique among all

2287 buildings and constructed to last hundreds of years and bring added value to the surrounding

2288 neighborhoods. I know that the Lone Mountain temple's presence will bless this community and

2289 stand as a beacon of light and goodness for all. Thank you for your time.

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2290 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2291 Thank you for coming down. Well, I think we're at a point, Ms. Lazovich, you and I had a  
2292 conversation.

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2294 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2295 I know that conversation.

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2297 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2298 I don't forget. I'm like something that never forgets.

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2300 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2301 Mayor, Jennifer Lazovich, 1980 Festival Plaza Drive, on behalf of the applicant.

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2303 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2304 And very impressive and most beautifully done. And you've had a lot of compliments today,  
2305 which you are deserved. And you are hardworking and kind and considerate and respectful. And  
2306 we certainly, sitting here, appreciate it. And having known you over these years, you do an  
2307 excellent job. And I want to commend Mr. Taylor and Ms. Juick as well, and all of the people  
2308 who've spoken here today. This is, we all deserve the privilege of having faith. Some choose not  
2309 to have faith. But I have to tell you, it's wonderful for us sitting up here today to feel the respect,  
2310 the warmth, the love for this community that all of, all of you have given here. And a lot of it is  
2311 your leadership.

2312 There have been suggestions made. I'm not sure where we're going to head at this time. But first,  
2313 I'd like to ask you to make your comment to those being so patient in line. I'm sorry I don't have  
2314 popsicles for you all. But we don't, we can't afford it. So, your comment, if you would, in case  
2315 there's somebody that really feels they have to.

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2316 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2317 Sure. Yes, thank you. So as we understand and we appreciate the balance that has been given and  
2318 afforded.

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2320 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2321 Oh, wait, you have to say your name again for the record.

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2323 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2324 Oh, again, okay. Jennifer Lazovich, 1980 Festival Plaza Drive. We appreciate the balance that  
2325 has been given by the Council to those who are here today in support of this application and to  
2326 those who are here today to express opposition or concern with it.

2327 One of the things that I committed to do, you can see there's a lot of support in this room. There's  
2328 a lot of people who took the time, because we didn't want to be repetitive, to have individual and  
2329 unique comments. But I did commit that we would keep this balanced. So perhaps, if the  
2330 opposition is, has concluded with their public hearing comments, we will conclude with ours,  
2331 unless there is an expertise on a question that is asked, where I may need to ask somebody to  
2332 come up.

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2334 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2335 What I'd like to say is there someone that is on the pro side here, that really feels we've missed  
2336 hearing something that Council really needs to hear specifically and if there is someone who  
2337 does feel that. I see somebody walking. And I am going to ask the somebody who's walking,  
2338 before you take a microphone, to step back. Would you please listen to his comments and see if  
2339 that's fact?

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2341 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2342 Sure.

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2343 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2344 And meanwhile, I'm going to look to Council to see, before we proceed on, do you have any  
2345 comments you'd like to make at this point? Okay.

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2347 **MAYOR PRO TEM KNUDSEN**

2348 (Inaudible) to see if there's anybody.

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2350 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2351 I will ask you to do that. But do you have any burning anything? Okay. We're going to find out  
2352 from of Councilwoman Brune, a comment that you just wanted to make before we go back to  
2353 Ms. Lazovich?

2354 **COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE**

2355 (Inaudible)

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2357 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2358 You'll wait. Okay, thank you.

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2360 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2361 Okay. While I don't know, I know everybody here standing up has a very important point that  
2362 they want to make and that it's coming from their heart and they've spent a lot of time working  
2363 on it. I would like to, I think, have just this gentleman come up and speak. There has been in the,  
2364 beginning part of the presentations from the neighbors, there's been invocation of our RLUIPA,  
2365 and he is a lawyer that – specializes in that somewhat. And so for one minute, I would like him.  
2366 And then I think that we can conclude our side.

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2368 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2369 Thank you. Please, if you'll come forward. One minute. That's hard for a lawyer.

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2370 **WEST ALLEN**

2371 We'll see. Yes.

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2373 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2374 No, no, no. We'll not see. One minute. Okay.

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2376 **WEST ALLEN**

2377 Good afternoon, Mayor Goodman and members of the Las Vegas City Council. My name is  
2378 West Allen. I am a resident of Ward 2 in the city of Las Vegas. I'm also an intellectual property  
2379 attorney and a constitutional lawyer, who recently served as the National President of the Federal  
2380 Bar Association. I rise to talk about the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act,  
2381 often referred to as RLUIPA. It is a federal civil rights law founded on fundamental principles of  
2382 our United States Constitution and, in particular, the First Amendment. Applying this  
2383 constitutional base law to the facts of this case strongly militates in favor of approving the Lone  
2384 Mountain temple project.

2385 RLUIPA applies to local governments and forbids governments' decisions that substantially  
2386 burden religious exercise. It is a municipal decision, if a municipal decision does burden the  
2387 applicant, then (sic) the government is then required to show that there is a compelling interest to  
2388 impose that burden. Generally, that interest require substantial threat to public safety, peace, and  
2389 order. RLUIPA further creates municipal liability when the RLUIPA is not followed closely and  
2390 (sic) the First Amendment is not adhered to. I'd take more time if we had it. But to be clear, the  
2391 federal law of RLUIPA is applicable in this case. Therefore, with the Title 19 being satisfied, I  
2392 encourage, and avoid, to avoid potential constitutional federal civil rights issues, I'd strongly  
2393 encourage the Council to adopt the application. Thank you.

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2395 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2396 And with that, don't go away, I'm gonna turn to our City Attorney for any response there or  
2397 concurrence or whatever you would add.

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2398 **JEFF DOROCAK**

2399 RLUIPA is one of the three legal topics that we're keeping our eye on with respect to this item,  
2400 Mayor. I know we're gonna probably get a couple questions from the Council on it. So I don't  
2401 know that I necessarily want to respond in general right now. But we're keeping track of an  
2402 arbitrary and capricious decision. We're keeping track of whether or not we would do anything  
2403 that would amount to a taking of their property. And then, as the gentleman pointed out, the  
2404 federal RLUIPA is the last topic that we are also cognizant of with this item. And I'll be available  
2405 for individual Council questions from the dais as we proceed.

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2407 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2408 Thank you very much. And thank you.

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2410 **WEST ALLEN**

2411 Thank you.

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2413 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2414 Appreciate it.

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2416 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2417 Thank you.

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2419 **VALERIE JUICK**

2420 Can I just a comment, please?

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2422 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2423 No, I'm sorry. At this point, I want to hear from Ms. Lazovich because we had a conversation.

2424 You already had an address in the beginning, plus the extra minute. So if you would, let's come

2425 back here at this point.

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2426 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2427 I think – Mayor, we've heard quite a bit today, and perhaps the best thing for me to do at this  
2428 point is stand here and answer any questions that may be directed my way.

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2430 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2431 Okay. Thank you very much. At this point, and comments from Council. Is there any follow-up  
2432 from City Planning at this point? Okay. So let's, before we go ahead with that too, and I have not  
2433 closed public comment yet, but that's the direction I'm moving. And Councilwoman, please,  
2434 Councilwoman Brune.

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2436 **COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE**

2437 Thank you, Mayor. I just have a couple of comments. I just want to thank everyone who came  
2438 out and expressed their viewpoints and was very cordial and gracious. So thank you for that. I  
2439 also want to publicly acknowledge and thank my colleague, Councilwoman Francis Allen-  
2440 Palenske. We know that the item that we are hearing today has prompted some passionate views,  
2441 and according to the City, this is probably one of the most passionate, heated discussion items  
2442 we've heard in 20 years. And Councilwoman, you've gone above and beyond any requirement in  
2443 terms of hosting opportunities to hear from neighbors, making yourself available by phone or in  
2444 your office to meet with supporters and opponents, and hosting town halls and roundtables to  
2445 share information and facts about the issue.

2446 Over the last few months, sadly you've been attacked. Your reputation and motives have been  
2447 called into question, and threats of physical harm have actually been cast out into the world of  
2448 social media. And yet, through it all, you have led with grace and composure. You've never  
2449 wavered in your willingness to meet individually with neighbors and talk to one more neighbor.  
2450 You've been thoughtful and diligent and persistent in your commitment to hearing the various  
2451 perspectives. So I want to thank you for leading with grace and class and providing leadership  
2452 that serves as a model, which I know I will follow moving forward.

2453 I also want to share that this has not been an easy decision. I have bothered our legal team and  
2454 Planning Department with lots of questions as recently as last night because I wanted to ensure

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2455 that the applicant had to apply for the same permits, follow the same requirements, and go  
2456 through the same land use processes as other land users. But as one of the speakers  
2457 recommended, I take very seriously the responsibility to represent my constituents fairly. In fact,  
2458 for those of you who know me, I ran on a platform of listening to my neighbors. And for the  
2459 record, my residents in Ward 6 overwhelmingly support the temple. I have received 745 emails,  
2460 92 of which have expressed support. So for me, it does feel like an easy decision because I am  
2461 committed to representing my constituents fairly. Thank you.

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2463 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2464 Thank you very much. I'm going to ask and unless you want to make your comment first, we do  
2465 have a stack of cards. And I've asked Mayor Pro Knudsen to go through these. And if you're still  
2466 here, which I hope you are, for if in fact you have anything, or is it okay at this point that we  
2467 move forward. So if you would, please.

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2469 **COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN**

2470 Thank you, Mayor. And you took the time to fill out a card, so if you haven't spoken yet, please  
2471 feel free. Victoria Bremner, Sandra Reed, Harry Vangorp, Christopher Darrell Grant, I can't read  
2472 your writing, so I'm sorry, Renee Newman, Matt Hackley, Vicki Shearin, Randy Gordon,  
2473 Stephanie Dahlgren, Steve Starr, Eugene Yazzie, Todd and Gail Geib. So if you haven't—

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2475 **COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ**

2476 Patricia Reed.

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2478 **COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN**

2479 Patricia Reed. If you haven't spoken, you did fill out a card. If you have though, thank you.

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2481 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2482 So is there someone whose name he read on a card that didn't get a chance to speak? Okay. So I  
2483 am assuming, yes, ma'am, then you please come up. Or didn't you speak? Yes. So we're not



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2484 doing overs, but thank you very much. Is there anybody else that didn't get a chance on those  
2485 lists? We just want to be sure we're very fair there. And is there anybody in the group that didn't  
2486 have a chance to speak that really has something to add?

2487 Okay, thank you very much. I mean, I just, you can't imagine what it's like to live in this  
2488 community when you have a conversation going, and there's a truth and an honesty, not  
2489 happiness necessarily, but a compassion to keep it calm and keep control and feel that maybe  
2490 somebody is listening. So for the suggestions that have been made, the suggestions I even asked,  
2491 and then certainly in front of the client and Ms. Lazovich exactly what I said at the opening, is  
2492 there another site? It's not has anything at this point, other than the size of the project that's  
2493 planned. And nobody's opposed to anything with the religion or anything about it. It's just very  
2494 large, very magnificent, but somewhere else. And it's only in raw, in a more open area where  
2495 people haven't already invested.

2496 And so whether there's any appetite for that or any further conversation that they wish to  
2497 undertake on any of the suggestions, I'm sure we'll hear through Ms. Lazovich. And certainly  
2498 with Councilwoman Palenske. But to give you back the floor, at this point, we have no one else  
2499 from the cards. And I think Councilwoman Diaz did want to make a comment, please. And then  
2500 at that point, I'm gonna formally close the public hearing if you're okay and we've, everything, is  
2501 there anything more to add that anybody has, except a plea perhaps to hear what was said, know  
2502 the caring? And if there's no wiggle room, there's no wiggle room. But certainly hoping there  
2503 might be some. So please, Councilwoman.

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2505 **COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ**

2506 Thank you, Madam Mayor. Just two – points that I wanted to circle back to that were made, just  
2507 sparked it seemed like confusion because I thought I heard you say something in your opening  
2508 comments, and then the opposition kind of took me back and said did she not state that there was  
2509 a timeline on the lighting. So the lighting has been raised several times in terms of intensity,  
2510 duration, 24/7. And I thought I did hear you, in your, (sic) in your overall, overarching  
2511 presentation, that there was going to be a time limit on the lighting, that it would go dark certain

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2512 hours and certain days of the week. So I just wanted you to rearticulate that so that I kind of  
2513 know and keep that at top of mind as we move forward. That's the first question.  
2514 The second one was also about water conservation. And obviously, I sit on the Water Authority  
2515 Board, and we are trying to make strides forward. But I do know also the heat that we're feeling  
2516 currently at 120 degrees some days, sometimes it is because we lack enough tree canopy, and  
2517 tree (sic) trees require less water than grass. And so I do know that, as a, you know, one of the  
2518 people, one of the faces on that board, we do want to make sure we have a harmonious balance  
2519 and that we don't put in grass, which we know is very water intense, but we do favor trees going  
2520 into our communities because we know that we need the trees to bring down and cool our valley.  
2521 So just wanted reassurance that the landscape that are, is going to be part of this proposed project  
2522 is also gonna be water smart.

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2524 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2525 Sure. Jennifer Lazovich, 1980 Festival Plaza Drive, responding on behalf of the applicant. So I'll  
2526 take the answers to the questions in the reverse order. If you can look at the overhead, please.

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2528 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2529 Can you pull that a, push it up a little bit. There you go, good.

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2531 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2532 There we go. I could pull the bigger boards too. But I didn't know—

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2534 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2535 No, that's good. They do it.

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2537 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2538 —what questions were headed my way. So this is our landscape plan. Let me state for the record  
2539 very clearly we are not proposing any grass on any part of the site, as we know that's a  
2540 significant water user and it is not being proposed, number one. Number two, while you didn't

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2541 directly say it, some of the pictures that were shown, or if people have done their own research  
2542 for other temples perhaps in other states, there are sometimes water features that occur perhaps  
2543 right before the entrance or into the direction of where the entrance is. There are no water  
2544 features on this site for the same reasons. So then that brings me to the trees. The trees are in  
2545 compliance with trees on an approved list by the Southern Nevada Water Authority, and that is  
2546 really where we're getting our greenery. Yes, of course, there'll be shrubbery as well. But it'll  
2547 predominantly come, any kind of relief from the heat will come from trees that come from the  
2548 Southern Nevada Water Authority approved tree list. That's, I believe that answers your question  
2549 on the landscaping and the water.

2550 As it relates to the lighting, so what I said, and thank you if I was unclear or if it became unclear,  
2551 there are two different lighting issues at play here, I believe. There was, at the Planning  
2552 Commission, a condition that was placed on the application, that the applicant agreed to, that  
2553 takes the parking lot lights throughout the site and turns those off from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. In  
2554 addition, at the Planning Commission, there was a condition placed on the application that  
2555 deferred the street lights, again, those would be public street lights, but deferred the street lights  
2556 on Hickam, Tee Pee, and Florine. We are required to put them in on Grand Canyon. Grand  
2557 Canyon is an 80-foot wide street, and actually there are, diagonally across the site headed  
2558 towards the west, street lights there.

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2560 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2561 If I may interrupt you, to our Planning Commission, I thought the entire area beyond the  
2562 individual parcels, no street lights, no sidewalks. So what street lights are we talking about on  
2563 their property? I thought this was street light pure, the neighbor, that whole area beyond the 20  
2564 acres.

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2566 **LUCIEN PAET**

2567 Yes, Madam Mayor. Lucien Paet for the record. What Ms. Lazovich stated is correct. We did  
2568 require street lighting on Grand Canyon only, but not on any other streets.

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2569 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2570 So it would be only on the streets on this 20-acre parcel will be street lights, and these according  
2571 to, no.

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2573 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2574 No.

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2576 **LUCIEN PAET**

2577 Yes, there'll be street lights, the type like we have downtown, downtown standard lighting on  
2578 Grand Canyon.

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2580 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2581 Around this particular 20-acre parcel, but not throughout that entire area.

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2583 **LUCIEN PAET**

2584 Correct.

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2586 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2587 Okay.

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2589 **LUCIEN PAET**

2590 Not – on the other streets. Just as she explained, Grand Canyon only.

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2592 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2593 Okay. Thank you. Sorry.

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2595 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2596 So to go towards the concerns and comments about wanting less light—

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2597 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2598 Good.

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2600 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2601 —again deferral of street lights, meaning not putting them in with the project on our site, on  
2602 Hickam, Tee Pee, and Florine. But we are required to put them in on Grand Canyon. And then  
2603 the parking lot lights themselves will be turned off. This is already a condition on the application.  
2604 The parking lot lights themselves will be turned off from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. every night  
2605 throughout the whole parking lot. And then, the – other topic perhaps that I brought up, and I  
2606 don't, I didn't mean to confuse anyone, but it relates specifically to the temple itself and the lights  
2607 on the temple. So the lights on the temple are proposed to be, the temple itself is proposed to be  
2608 lit 24 hours a day. So that would mean despite that condition about the parking lot lights, we are  
2609 asking that the temple lights be allowed to remain on throughout the night. This is a lighting  
2610 exhibit which shows that the lighting of the temple at night does not bleed onto any other  
2611 adjacent properties, nor does it even cast a light glow when you step too far away from our  
2612 temple on our own site. And then this is a picture of what the temple would look like at night. It's  
2613 gentle lighting. It is not meant to be bright and overly aggressive. Did that answer your question,  
2614 Councilwoman?

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2616 **COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ**

2617 So basically it'll be similar to what currently exists on the east side temple? What's currently in  
2618 place there would be in place at this new site?

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2620 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2621 Yes, that's, it's similar, yes.

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2623 **COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ**

2624 Okay.

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2625 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2626 I think lighting standards have progressed since that temple was built in the late '80s. But it  
2627 would be similar.

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2629 **COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ**

2630 Okay, thank you.

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2632 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2633 So any other questions? Yes, Councilwoman Brune, please.

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2635 **COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE**

2636 I have a follow-on question. Thank you. So I realized today, Ms. Lazovich, that I haven't seen a  
2637 rendering of the meetinghouse. And I think you said it was going to be 65 feet tall. Which is that  
2638 equivalent to the base of the temple?

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2640 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2641 There it is.

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2643 **COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE**

2644 Okay.

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2646 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2647 The meeting house, this is Jennifer Lazovich. The meetinghouse, this is the meetinghouse that I  
2648 am showing right now.

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2650 **COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE**

2651 Okay.

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2652 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2653 The temple, and I'll contrast that in a minute, but the temple has that occupiable height of 65 feet.

2654 The meetinghouse to this ridge line point right here is just under 27 feet to this ridge line.

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2656 **COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE**

2657 Okay.

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2659 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2660 And then to the top of where the steeple is for the meetinghouse, there's the 65 feet, which I

2661 believe is what you were just asking about.

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2663 **COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE**

2664 Okay. And are you gonna have the same sort of lighting on the meetinghouse and with the same

2665 conditions? No.

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2667 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2668 No, the steeple doesn't have, the steeple on the meetinghouse does not have any lights on it.

2669 There could be low-level, and what I mean by that is there could be a wall light that for security

2670 purposes around the base of the building itself, but there are not lights on the steeple that reach

2671 up to 65 feet on the meetinghouse.

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2673 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2674 Okay. All right. So at this point, is there anyone out there that is burning to get to a microphone?

2675 Now before I turn this over to Councilwoman Palenske, I'm gonna—

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2677 **VALERIE JUICK**

2678 —Ma'am?

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2679   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2680   Yes.

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2682   **VALERIE JUICK**

2683   (Inaudible)

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2685   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2686   No, we can't let, well—

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2688   **VALERIE JUICK**

2689   Oh, I thought you said if anybody had anything else to say.

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2691   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2692   Yes, I just did say that. So you're still burning. We're going to give you one minute.

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2694   **VALERIE JUICK**

2695   Thank you.

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2697   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2698   Nobody else has gotten it. So you realize that you're being singled out.

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2700   **VALERIE JUICK**

2701   I'm hard of hearing, ma'am. I'm sorry.

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2703   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2704   And –you can, if – there's going to be somebody else, we can't do this. We've already said what  
2705   we're doing because we'll just be repetitive. So thank you.



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2706 **VALERIE JUICK**

2707 Just, just one thing, please.

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2709 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2710 No, no, no. What we can do is I'll talk to you afterwards, please.

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2712 **VALERIE JUICK**

2713 Is that a no?

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2715 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2716 Please, I'm going to close. Yeah. No because—

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2718 **VALERIE JUICK**

2719 Okay.

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2721 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2722 —it started somebody else. And that's only fair. What's good for one is good for all. So at this  
2723 point, I think and before you put forth your final words, before you do that, if you'll get back to  
2724 me, I'd appreciate it. I'm going to turn this over to you. Councilwoman Palenske.

2725

2726 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2727 Thank you, Madam Mayor. Today marks a significant moment as we gather to discuss the  
2728 proposed temple from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the northwest part of  
2729 Las Vegas. I'm glad to see so many people engaged in the government process. Thank you to  
2730 each of you who have taken the time to show up today and voice your opinions. Over the past  
2731 five months, we, that's the City of Las Vegas, has worked diligently to communicate with  
2732 residents. Here – are the few ways that we have done so. There was a legally required  
2733 neighborhood meeting. The City and I hosted a virtual forum. We hosted a small neighborhood  
2734 roundtable and produced an access City Council TV segment dedicated to sharing information

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2735 and education about the temple project. I personally have also offered over 280 residents, who  
2736 have reached out to my office in writing, office time. Two hundred and thirty-seven phone calls  
2737 have been made and returned. I've spent about 30 hours in face-to-face meetings listening and  
2738 learning. In addition, my team has created 40 informational social media posts relating to the  
2739 proposed temple in the spirit of transparency and information sharing.

2740 In front of me are the level of correspondence that we, the City have received. This is the support  
2741 stack, and this is the opposition stack. There are just over 8,000 letters of support and about  
2742 2,600 letters of opposition. I have gone through both support and opposition. I have also read  
2743 over 800 emails that have come to my individual City email address alone. I have given as much  
2744 time and consideration as possible to all sides of this issue. Just as a matter of clarity, the City of  
2745 Las Vegas does not solicit land use applications. I do not solicit land use applications. The choice  
2746 of the LDS Church to select this parcel of land and then purchase it was made independently of  
2747 me in my role as councilwoman. Jeff, can you please pull up the maps? To the neighbors who are  
2748 concerned about this application violating the Interlocal Agreement, I want to share a letter I've  
2749 received from Clark County Commissioner Ross Miller. Please take a look. I represent the  
2750 people who are in the blue homes, and Commissioner Miller represents the gold homes on the  
2751 screen above you. Commissioner Miller's letter states: Dear Councilwoman Allen-Palenske,  
2752 The proposed temple on APN number 138-06-801-010 and 018 is located within the City of Las  
2753 Vegas. As such, the City will make all decisions regarding the land use entitlements. Parks,  
2754 churches, and schools should be located within neighborhoods. Zoning designations for these  
2755 type of uses is typical in the county and in the city. In addition, most of the adjacent property  
2756 surrounding the proposed temple is land either owned by Clark County School District or BLM.  
2757 Based upon the foregoing, I have no opposition to the proposed application. Sincerely, Ross J  
2758 Miller, Clark County Commissioner, District C.

2759 The Interlocal Agreement is a cooperative agreement that encourages the City and the County to  
2760 work together. And in this case, we have. The commissioner and I are in consensus that the  
2761 proposed temple does not violate the Interlocal Agreement. Dr. Holmes, if you would add this to  
2762 the backup, I'd be grateful. At this time, I'd like to ask Public Works Director Joey Paskey to

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2763 please come to the mic for some general traffic questions and input. Oh, Ms. Paskey, one of my  
2764 favorite directors here.

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2766 **JOEY PASKEY**

2767 Good afternoon. Awe, thank you.

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2769 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2770 I've heard from the neighbors, and there is concern about traffic. Can you please give us a brief  
2771 synopsis about the amount of traffic the temple will attract?

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2773 **JOEY PASKEY**

2774 Certainly. Joey Paskey, Director of Public Works. So as Ms. Lazovich mentioned, the applicant  
2775 has submitted and gotten approved a traffic study. So just to, in a basic speak, that's a study that  
2776 anticipates the roadway and traffic conditions that a proposed development will bring. While this  
2777 development didn't generate a lot of traffic, we still felt it was important, being that this is a  
2778 special use site, that we have a traffic study on record and that we look at all of this.

2779 So the proposed development anticipated 195 trips in the evening peak hour or what's projected  
2780 to be the busiest hour of the day. That is just slightly above the minimum threshold to require a  
2781 study. This equates, if you do the math, to about just over three cars per minute during that peak  
2782 hour. For comparison purposes, an elementary school would be eight to nine cars per minute  
2783 during that, again, just that busiest hour of the day. So we usually make them designed for that  
2784 conservative part.

2785 So the study, as I said, the study has been reviewed and accepted. No additional improvements  
2786 are required to accommodate this minimal amount of traffic that would be brought by the  
2787 proposed development. We feel the existing roadway network has adequate capacity, and all  
2788 intersections that are adjacent in the vicinity of the proposed development would operate at  
2789 acceptable levels of service. They do now, and they also would with the projected traffic.

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2790 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2791 Follow-up. The integrity of the roads, people have questioned whether our roads can physically  
2792 handle this much traffic. Will they need to be upgraded?

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2794 **JOEY PASKEY**

2795 Absolutely. So our Streets and Sanitation Division of Public Works has gone out and inspected  
2796 the roadways in the vicinity of the proposed development. They looked at Grand Canyon,  
2797 Alexander, Tee Pee, and those. And there are some isolated locations that we have some age and  
2798 environmental-related deterioration. However, there's no in indications that there are structural  
2799 concerns with now or with the proposed development. So we do not anticipate that the increase  
2800 in traffic is going to have any impact on the structural integrity of the existing pavement.

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2802 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2803 Okay, last item.

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2805 **JOEY PASKEY**

2806 Sure.

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2808 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2809 It was mentioned earlier in dialogue between, I don't know where he went, Mr. Taylor and  
2810 Ms. Lazovich, the discussion about two entrances off Hickam. I'd like to discuss that. Do you, as  
2811 the (sic) City's traffic expert, have an opinion on whether the east entrance on Hickam should be  
2812 or should not be closed? Okay. Jeff, we need to turn on down here. Thank you.

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2814 **JOEY PASKEY**

2815 Okay. So what we're talking about is right now it was proposed is that there would be two access  
2816 points off Hickam. And it's being proposed or possible if this easternmost was—

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2817 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2818 We discussed it with you. What are your thoughts?

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2820 **JOEY PASKEY**

2821 Yeah, my thoughts on that are in the traffic study they estimated what was gonna go in and out of  
2822 each one of these driveways. The traffic is fairly minimal and would easily be able to be  
2823 accommodated off these two driveways here on Tee Pee if this driveway were to be eliminated.

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2825 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2826 Mr. Taylor, are you in the building?

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2828 **NATHAN TAYLOR**

2829 Yeah.

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2831 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2832 Do you want to come represent your clients on this matter? Ms. Juick, do you want to represent  
2833 the homeowners in the area?

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2835 **VALERIE JUICK**

2836 On what, ma'am?

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2838 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2839 The entrance off Hickam.

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2841 **VALERIE JUICK**

2842 Valerie Juick. Here's the bottom line. This is a rural community where we ride our horses. We  
2843 have children. If you look at the *Douglas* case, it says the traffic is a dangerous factor. That was  
2844 Ninth Circuit Court that we're going to, the same path that we're leaving, and the biggest issue  
2845 was traffic and the people's safety. So all I care about how they get in and out—

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2846 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2847 Thank you, Ms. Juick. We're speaking specifically about this—

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2849 **VALERIE JUICK**

2850 —it's the amount of traffic. If you're having anywhere from 12 to 2,000 vehicles when we

2851 usually have maybe 50, that's excessive. That's dangerous.

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2853 **AUDIENCE MEMBER**

2854 Where's the horse path?

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2856 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2857 Okay. I guess the neighbors don't want Hickam closed, then. We can table this dialogue?

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2859 **AUDIENCE MEMBERS**

2860 Yes. We do. You're not listening.

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2862 **ERIN DELOE**

2863 Can I just say?

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2865 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2866 Sure.

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2868 **ERIN DELOE**

2869 Hi. Erin DeLoe, and yes, we would like that, that entrance and exit point closed, please.

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2871 **JOEY PASKEY**

2872 Yeah, we wouldn't have a problem with that from a traffic standpoint.

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2873 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2874 Okay. It won't impact.

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2876 **JOEY PASKEY**

2877 It would easily be able to be accommodated over here with no degradation of a level of service  
2878 or safety to either one of these intersections.

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2880 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2881 Okay. Ms. Lazovich, will you ask your client if they're willing to concede to that?

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2883 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2884 Yes. Jennifer Lazovich, 1980 Festival Plaza Drive, on behalf of the applicant. The Church would  
2885 agree to close, oh, it's not back on that. Well, could you get the aerial back up or the map, the  
2886 overhead?

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2888 **MAN**

2889 We're up.

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2891 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2892 You're up, okay. We weren't. The Church would agree to close the easternmost access on  
2893 Hickam. It's right where my finger is pointing. Obviously, to make it look good, I think we  
2894 would want to continue a landscape buffer there. The reason I just want to point this out, the  
2895 gates, as we indicated earlier, the temple grounds itself will be surrounded by a wrought iron  
2896 gate, and the driveways into the temple gates, once you come on site are here, here, and here. So  
2897 when we close this easternmost driveway on Hickam, the access for the meetinghouse will come  
2898 on and off of Tee Pee. And as long as the City is okay with that, we can accept that as a  
2899 condition.

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2900 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2901 Okay, thank you. Thank you, Ms. Paskey. Next point of dialogue, Ms. Lazovich, I'm not  
2902 inclined, I haven't said this out loud, but I am not inclined to support an application that has a red  
2903 blinking FAA beacon on the top of it. Can you please address this matter?

2904

2905 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2906 With your permission, I am not an expert in FAA. But the Church has hired a consultant who is.  
2907 Could I bring that person up?

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2909 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2910 Please. Mr. Ori? Where is he? Oh, he's walking down.

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2912 **BOB ORI**

2913 Good afternoon. Bob Ori from Tampa, Florida. A little warmer. So we, my consulting firm and  
2914 we've been working with the FAA for over 35 years now, we do this all over the country. We  
2915 actually work, also work for Clark County in permitting structures. So as far as the red light's  
2916 concerned, anything 200 feet and below will not need a red light from the FAA. Now that study  
2917 is still at the FAA's office. The FAA has not ruled on it yet. Obviously, they're the official  
2918 source. But as far as our opinion is and our experience is, that (sic) steeple won't be, won't have  
2919 to be lit under 200 feet.

2920

2921 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2922 For clarity, a 199-foot building would not have to have a red flashing beacon on top.

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2924 **BOB ORI**

2925 No, the requirements are, first of all, it's got to be close to about three miles from an airport.  
2926 When somebody spoke earlier about 150 feet, it's got to be a surface close to the airport. In this  
2927 case, it's 200 feet above ground level. So if you take the ground level, add 200 feet, they will rule  
2928 that you'll have to have a red steady light on it.



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2929 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2930 A building height, again the question, a building height at 199 feet—

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2932 **BOB ORI**

2933 Will not require a light.

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2935 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2936 Thank you. That's all. Unless any of the other members have a question, that's all I'll have.

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2938 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2939 Thank you, Bob.

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2941 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2942 Ms. Lazovich, let's talk about a very important, specific topic, the height. I understand your  
2943 client's position being disinterested in reducing the temple height. It's important to everyone and  
2944 many people in this room, and this, we here at the City understand fundamentally that property  
2945 owners have fundamental rights, and your clients have additional federal rights afforded to them.  
2946 I understand in negotiations with Mr. Taylor, your unwillingness to reduce the height.  
2947 I am asking you today, with hundreds of people before us, the 12th hour of this application, to  
2948 reduce the steeple height. I don't want a red flashing beacon in my backyard either. I'm going to  
2949 ask you to please consider in the most magnanimous way possible, a 20-foot reduction in height  
2950 to preserve your legal rights and to get it below the 199 requirement of the FAA. Could you  
2951 please consult your clients for this request?

2952

2953 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2954 I need a minute, please. Thank you. This is Jennifer Lazovich for the record. I just have a  
2955 clarifying question of the Councilwoman. Is the ask to go to 199 or a 20-foot reduction, which is  
2956 196.

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2957 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2958 An overall 20-foot reduction, preserving your legal rights, and preventing a beacon, 196.

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2960 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2961 Okay. Jennifer Lazovich, 1980 Festival Plaza Drive, here today on behalf of the applicant.

2962 Again, your request, Councilwoman, we understand where it's coming from, you know, too, and

2963 we, our expert has just testified from an FAA perspective that at below 200 feet, it is highly

2964 unlikely, and I say it only that way just because the FAA has to be the final say, but in his

2965 expertise, under 200 feet would not require a (sic) blinking or a steady red light at the top. If we

2966 did a nine percent reduction, which is approximately 20 feet, I think that would achieve what

2967 you're asking, and at the same time we still believe that because we do meet all of code

2968 requirements and this is kind of addressing the steeple height, we believe that's the most that we

2969 could do, but we could accept that.

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2971 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2972 Okay. And I realize I cannot force it. I don't have the levers I have with a normal developer.

2973 That's why I'm asking you in the most magnanimous way possible. And we're in agreement.

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2975 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2976 Yes.

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2978 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2979 Mr. Floyd, could you get going drafting that?

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2981 **SETH FLOYD**

2982 Yeah. Thank you, Councilwoman. While we were waiting, Mr. Lowenstein has drafted a

2983 condition that I think accomplishes that. So I'll let him read that into the record, and we'll see if

2984 that works.

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2985 **PETER LOWENSTEIN**

2986 So a condition concerning the height would be the maximum height of the temple shall be 196  
2987 feet, including the steeple.

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2989 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2990 Sounds good to me. You agree?

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2992 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

2993 Yes, we can agree to that.

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2995 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

2996 I ask a question here.

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2998 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

2999 Please.

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3001 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3002 Can that be pending a formal written approval by the FAA. I would hate for us to go ahead and  
3003 agree to something, and then, for whatever reason that's changing in the government and the  
3004 flight patterns, that this doesn't fly.

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3006 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3007 When will you anticipate having FAA vetting?

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3009 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

3010 I believe, I'm just looking really quickly. We are required, and perhaps I need Staff to weigh in  
3011 on this, but Condition number 12 in the Site Plan Review requires us to submit a form to the  
3012 FAA if required. So does that cover, or do we need to add it to the condition that we just read?

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3013 **PETER LOWENSTEIN**

3014 Through you, Madam Mayor, is the intent, if the FAA rules otherwise, that the height be adjusted  
3015 accordingly? Is that where you're going with it?

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3017 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3018 No, I defer to Councilwoman. I'm just concerned about the government changing requirements,  
3019 and we are responsible for protecting citizenry. And if, in fact, coming out of North Las Vegas  
3020 Airport or anything else, they have changed that requirement in the time frame it takes to build  
3021 out the full project.

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3023 **JEFF DOROCAK**

3024 Jeff Dorocak, City Attorney, on your point, Mayor, what the agreement to right now would be  
3025 196 feet, under the idea that at that height no light is needed. To your point, if the FAA came in  
3026 later and said that a light is still needed at that height, the condition wouldn't matter. They will  
3027 have to put the beacon on top of 196 feet.

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3029 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3030 Right.

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3032 **JEFF DOROCAK**

3033 So there's nothing that will, I don't see the need for additional language. The agreement is to  
3034 bring it down to 196 feet, under the idea that it won't need the light. If the FAA, the federal  
3035 government tells us we're gonna need a light later at 196 feet, a light's gonna go on top of that.  
3036 There's nothing a condition, nothing we can do with a condition.

3037

3038 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3039 I think he said that. Fine. So that light, if in fact the FAA, which is the highest form on this and  
3040 the government, were that to happen, it is a possibility that. And therefore, I just want to make  
3041 sure that we have covered our intent here, and that this could come to be with a higher level

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3042 government making that demand. And therefore, the guarantee to the residents in the area is it is  
3043 out of our hands at the point that Councilwoman Palenske has made this request and you have  
3044 agreed to it, that it is possible a higher order, not as high as the Church, of course, could come in  
3045 and say there will be a flashing air flight. That's it. I just wanna get that out there.

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3047 **AUDIENCE MEMBER**

3048 But you were also asking if she is right.

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3050 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3051 Okay.

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3053 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3054 Go back to you, Councilwoman.

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3056 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3057 Mr. Lowenstein, do you have the condition written, at your comfort level?

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3059 **PETER LOWENSTEIN**

3060 The condition as I read into the record was, covers the intent.

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3062 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3063 I'm comfortable. Okay, thank you. I've heard from all of you that relief from the temple lights  
3064 would be a welcome outcome, and I asked my City team to develop some options on how we can  
3065 mitigate the light in the entire area. I have instructed the City Attorney's Office, and the City of  
3066 Las Vegas has begun drafting a Dark Sky ordinance to apply to our area. The Dark Sky  
3067 ordinance will ensure that the steeple lights and the wall wash lights on the sides of the temple  
3068 will be turned off at specified times. This ordinance will apply to the temple and other non-  
3069 residential buildings with similar lighting situations. I live two miles away from the proposed  
3070 temple site, and I love our dark skies. The Dark Sky ordinance will go through the government

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3071 process, as all ordinances do. I look forward to all of you northwest residents coming back to  
3072 City Council and helping shape this in the months to come. This is a big win for all of us who  
3073 reside in the area.

3074 Once again, I thank everyone for taking the time to be here today, particularly for participating in  
3075 the city government process. This is democracy in action. It's been a passionate exchange of  
3076 ideas between neighbors. Change is hard. I too like our desert landscape and semi-rural way of  
3077 life. But we are an expanding city, with Las Vegas being one of the fastest-growing  
3078 municipalities in the country. There is very little land left in the city, and infill projects like these  
3079 have come to the forefront. In fact, as of 2019, there was a project proposed to be built on this  
3080 land. It was homes on approximately a fourth acre of land, but the neighbors adjacent rejected  
3081 that project too.

3082 I have spent so much time in dialogue with the opponents of this project. I want to thank a few of  
3083 them for being neighborly, open, kind, and sincere in their dissent. Carol Patton, Amber and  
3084 Jesse Riley, and Sandy Reed, just to name a few, and others who wish to go nameless due to  
3085 privacy concerns. I want each of you to know that I have given my very best efforts on  
3086 advocating on your behalf. While I acknowledge this is not everything you asked for, I have to  
3087 balance the needs of everyone within the parameters of the law. I also acknowledge that this isn't  
3088 a complete rewrite of the temple plans that many of you have suggested. But it's a lot better than  
3089 where we started. The temple height will be reduced. There will be no red flashing (sic) FAA  
3090 beacon on the top of the steeple, and the lights on top of the steeple will turn off at night to  
3091 protect our dark nighttime skies. More importantly, our dark nighttime sky protection will endure  
3092 beyond just this application by applying to all non-residential lighting in the area now and into  
3093 the future. Churches are not limited to only suburban or urban areas. Churches belong  
3094 everywhere. Madam Mayor, I'm prepared to make a motion.

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3096 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3097 Could I ask for one point of clarification? I thought that Ms. Lazovich said that the upper portion  
3098 of the temple has the lights on 24/7.

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3099 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3100 We do. I'm overruling her. We will overrule her with an ordinance. That's what I'm proposing.

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3102 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3103 Oh, okay. Thank you. I was unclear on that. Thank you. And yes, you go ahead, please.

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3105 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3106 A Dark Sky ordinance that myself and the six people to the right of, left of me will make  
3107 together. Those folks have opinions too. It just won't be what Francis Allen-Palenske wants.

3108 We'll all do it together with all the neighbors who want to come back and have input on the  
3109 specifics. At your—

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3111 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3112 Yes.

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3114 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3115 —Okay. In conjunction with the Planning Commission recommendations and consistent with  
3116 Staff recommendations of approval, I move to approve Item No. 63 and 64 with the agreed upon  
3117 conditions Mr. Floyd mentioned earlier. Would you like to reiterate them?

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3119 **SETH FLOYD**

3120 And Councilwoman, Seth Floyd for the record, we, there was discussion about closing the  
3121 eastern entrance on Hickam and adding—

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3123 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3124 Hickam, including that.

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3126 **SETH FLOYD**

3127 —landscape borders. So we have a, we drafted a condition when that discussion was going—

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3128 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3129 Please read it.

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3131 **SETH FLOYD**

3132 —which Mr. Lowenstein read into the record as well.

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3134 **PETER LOWENSTEIN**

3135 So I'm clear, during the original presentation, there was two components to that. One was the

3136 ingress/egress being closed, and then there was comment about expansion of the landscape

3137 buffer due to removal of some parking spaces. So if those are the two things I, when I was

3138 listening to the presentation, I was drafting those. So I can read those two into the record.

3139 So revised site plan and landscape plan shall be submitted to the Department of Community

3140 Development Planning Division prior to the issuance of a building permit to reflect the

3141 following: (a) The eastern most driveway on Hickam Avenue being removed and replaced with a

3142 continuation of the proposed landscape buffer; and then (b) The 18 easternmost parking stalls

3143 along the northern property line adjacent to APNs 138-06-701-019 and 020 are to be

3144 incorporated into the landscape buffer for additional width. Thank you.

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3146 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3147 I don't have a problem with that, but that wasn't discussed, the elimination of parking.

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3149 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

3150 I mentioned that. I mentioned in my presentation.

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3152 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3153 Oh, I'm sorry.

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3155 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

3156 It was one of the points that came up in the meeting with Mr. Taylor and some of his clients.



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3157 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3158 And your client doesn't have a problem?

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3160 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

3161 It wasn't quite that. They had wanted a bigger buffer all along the north boundary. So I want to  
3162 be clear and represent what they had been asking for. But so much of the property is across from  
3163 school district property.

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3165 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3166 Yes.

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3168 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

3169 So we concentrated on the two homes that are immediately, that are existing and that are  
3170 immediately to the north and removing, which is the reflection of the 18 parking spaces, and then  
3171 increasing that landscape buffer if, as a, as something to further protect those two homes.

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3173 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3174 Okay. If you are okay with it, I'm okay with it. The neighbors are okay with it. Mr. Lowenstein  
3175 read it. My motion is on the floor, Madam Mayor.

3176 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

3177 I'm sorry. Hold on one second.

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3179 **COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN**

3180 Councilwoman, can I ask a clarifying question?

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3182 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3183 Yes, please.

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3184 **COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN**

3185 So, so—

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3187 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3188 Wait for Ms. Lazovich to ask it.

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3190 **COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN**

3191 –Yeah, and I want to make sure Ms. Lazovich, you're here as well. So as I understand it right  
3192 now, as the project is proposed, the Applicant has the ability to have their temple lights on. You  
3193 are going to request that this Council—

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3195 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3196 Yes.

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3198 **MAYOR PRO TEM KNUDSEN**

3199 —look at an ordinance later on that would have an impact on, on them as well.

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3201 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3202 Correct. After talking to Legal, it would be imperative that we did this before building permits  
3203 were pulled. So in the coming months, there's no direct pressure, but before the end of the year  
3204 maybe.

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3206 **COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN**

3207 Okay.

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3209 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3210 I'm willing to entertain input.

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3211 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3212 Are you understanding?

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3214 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

3215 I think I am understanding. I do want to ask Mr. Lowenstein just as he read one of the conditions

3216 I want to be clear about one thing. As it relates to the Dark Skies ordinance, we're happy,

3217 obviously, we'll participate in that process as well, and we know it applies out to this area. And

3218 as long as it's not just targeted at the temple and it applies to other non-residential buildings,

3219 then, you know, we will be working with the City on that. But it can't, we wouldn't accept an

3220 ordinance that just directed solely at the temple. And then my other question was for Mr.

3221 Lowenstein. Could you read on the 18 parking spaces, could you just read that condition one

3222 more time?

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3224 **PETER LOWENSTEIN**

3225 So that was Subsection (b) of that condition, of that added condition. It says the 18 easternmost

3226 parking stalls along the northern property line adjacent to APNs 138-06-701-019 and 020 are to

3227 be incorporated into the landscape buffer for additional width.

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3229 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

3230 That's fine. That's fine. We will, we have excessive landscape widths around the site. So we will

3231 likely be just moving those parking spaces to somewhere away from the residential that doesn't,

3232 that still complies completely with landscape buffer widths and things like that. So we wanted to

3233 make sure we could have that flexibility to capture those 18 spots somewhere else. We do. I

3234 believe the question, although I walked away for a minute, but we would agree with the

3235 additional conditions that have been read into the record.

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3237 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3238 And Councilwoman, we have a question here, and both directed to you and counsel,

3239 Ms. Lazovich.

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3240 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

3241 Thank you.

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3243 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3244 Please, Councilman Crear.

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3246 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

3247 Thank you, Madam Mayor. Through you, my question is more from legal standpoint. The way it  
3248 sits now, and I understand what the Councilwoman is looking to do about creating a light  
3249 ordinance that will apply to every business, residential in the circumference of the rural area. My  
3250 question is that the way that the item that is presented to us now today, does not have a condition  
3251 regarding lighting. So if we approve this, they'll, they will leave here, and I'm not saying wrong  
3252 or right either way, they will leave here with the item, with them being able to have the lighting  
3253 on as they presented. Okay.

3254 Now if at a later date this Council decides to pass an ordinance that has a lighting ordinance  
3255 associated with it for that area, will this particular item be grandfathered in from that, or would it  
3256 have to be retro, or will it be retro to the, to today, right, because you can't, it seems as though  
3257 you would have to go back in any entity between now and when that ordinance is passed, they  
3258 would be in compliance with the laws that were passed as of today. If you go back, they would  
3259 have to, we would have to either make it retroactive to today, or they would be in compliance to  
3260 have their lighting established how they want it now 24 hours a day or between hours of  
3261 whatever and whatever. Correct?

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3263 **SETH FLOYD**

3264 So Councilman, Seth Floyd for the record. Let me, I think I'll let Jeff take the ordinance  
3265 application part. But I just wanted to clarify on the lighting. SDR Condition number 2, (sic) there  
3266 is a condition that was added on parking lot lighting, not allowing that to be illuminated from  
3267 11:00 to 5:00 a.m. So I just want to clarify we're talking about but steeple.

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3268 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

3269 Right. But the lighting of the, of the actual steeple, the actual church itself—

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3271 **SETH FLOYD**

3272 Yeah. I'll defer to Jeff for that.

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3274 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

3275 —there is nothing that states any stipulations or conditions whatsoever on that.

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3277 **SETH FLOYD**

3278 That's correct.

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3280 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

3281 Okay.

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3283 **SETH FLOYD=**

3284 There are no conditions on that.

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3286 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

3287 So I just want to make sure that Councilwoman we're, that you are on the page of where you

3288 want it to be, so that we can all have a just good understanding. Everybody else has an

3289 understanding. But the way it is now, if we approve it, they can have those lights on whenever

3290 they want to.

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3292 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3293 On the building. On the building.

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3295 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

3296 On the building—

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3297 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3298 Correct.

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3300 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

3301 —24 hours a day, between the hours of whatever. Just FYI.

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3303 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3304 Correct. Can I get your commitment to vote for the Dark Sky ordinance right now?

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3306 **JEFF DOROCAK**

3307 Jeff Dorocak, City Attorney. Through you, Mayor, to Councilman Crear, yes, I was gonna say  
3308 your summary, as Seth pointed out, of the lighting is correct. And Seth added the point about the  
3309 parking lighting already is a condition built in from Planning Commission.

3310 With respect to your second point, the intent Councilwoman Palenske directed, gave to our office  
3311 was that this project would not be grandfathered into any new ordinance. Therefore, the new  
3312 ordinance will be drafted in a way to capture this project, and likely that would require a  
3313 statement in it regarding projects that haven't had the building permits pulled yet or some other  
3314 objective criteria, that we will be able to grab them and any other similar lighting situation on  
3315 non-residential in the area that will be affected by the draft ordinance.

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3317 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3318 So the building, just to reiterate, the building up until the point the ordinance is presented and  
3319 passed by Council, if it were built tomorrow, would have the building, not the rest of the lighting  
3320 that is on the timeline, the building that you said would be lit 24/7 could remain lit if it were up.

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3322 **JEFF DOROCAK**

3323 Correct. That's a correct summation, yes.

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3324 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3325 Fine. Okay.

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3327 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

3328 But I'm still kinda unclear of when you, if we do, do an ordinance whenever, six –weeks from  
3329 now, how do you say to this organization this now applies to you? Or – can you? I mean, I guess,  
3330 you know, we – passed a – microchipping for pets that's gonna go into effect next month. It's for  
3331 new pets that are, that are, that you purchase then. You don't go back and say all, we didn't say  
3332 all dogs and cats need to be microchipped, and every dog that doesn't have it is going to get  
3333 fined. You have to go back. It's all moving forward.

3334 So I just want to make sure that we're all on the same page because the way it seems to me now  
3335 is that when they leave here today, if this is approved, they can do whatever they want to. And  
3336 I'm not sure how you can single them out in terms of making the other ordinance–

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3338 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3339 And that's exactly what Ms. Lazovich said. It's a comprehensive ordinance passed for the dark  
3340 night.

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3342 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3343 That's why it's meaningful.

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3345 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3346 That's why it's, it has been presented, that it would be for everyone, which includes the temple.

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3348 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

3349 Okay.

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3351 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3352 It's not that, unless in the discussion you came forward and said we're not able to do that.

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3353 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

3354 Yes, having that ordinance, that proposed ordinance being broad—

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3356 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3357 For everyone.

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3359 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

3360 —and not just apply to the, to the temple is critical to, you know, the temple understanding the, I

3361 believe intent. I've heard what the Councilwoman is saying today. For this area, this rural area,

3362 which does have the ability to have additional non-residential buildings, there's school sites

3363 planned on three sides of us, up to the school district on when they would build that, and

3364 probably other things that may occur, but that ordinance would need to capture more than just

3365 the temple for the church to be comfortable.

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3367 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

3368 Okay. So then City Attorney Dorocak, I just want to make sure that if this passes today, then the

3369 ordinance that will be passed at a future date will apply to – them, and they won't have to or we

3370 won't to have to claw them back in order to do that.

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3372 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3373 Which is what they seem to have agreed upon—

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3375 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

3376 Yes.

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3378 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3379 —as long as they totally understand that this might be coming within time, and therefore, for the

3380 entire area, including the temple, there will be dark, and the temple building, from the second

3381 level up, will not be lit.



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3382 **JEFF DOROCAK**

3383 Jeff Dorocak, City Attorney, to Councilman Crear, yes, the main point, as you indicated  
3384 similarly to the microchipping bill, is we have to put language in there that specifically will grab  
3385 a project like this, if approved today, and that's what we will do.

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3387 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

3388 Okay. Thank you.

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3390 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3391 And they've agreed to it. Do you have to go?

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3393 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3394 Madam Mayor, I've been informed by Legal that I need to revise my motion.

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3396 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3397 Oh, okay. Well, do we (sic) let's unvote us then and get a revision.

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3399 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3400 There has to be two votes, two separate item numbers.

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3402 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3403 Right.

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3405 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3406 Okay. I misspoke. In conjunction with the Planning Commission recommendation and consistent  
3407 with Staff recommendations of approval, I move to approve Item No. 63 with the  
3408 aforementioned conditions.

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3409   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3410   And is that 63 and 63a and b as well?

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3412   **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3413   Yes.

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3415   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3416   And not 64.

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3418   **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3419   Yes, ma'am.

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3421   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3422   Okay.

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3424   **SETH FLOYD**

3425   And Mayor, just to be, Seth Floyd for the record. Just to be clear, those conditions that were  
3426   added are actually on 64.

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3428   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3429   Right. That's why.

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3431   **SETH FLOYD**

3432   So 63 would just be the Staff conditions, and then 64 will have the added condition.

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3434   **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3435   Right. So now the next, go. There it passes. Go ahead, next one.

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3436 **COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE**

3437 In conjunction with a Planning Commission recommendation and consistent with staff  
3438 recommendation of approval, I move to approve Item No. 64 with the aforementioned conditions  
3439 by Mr. Floyd.

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3441 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

3442 And those motions pass. Thank you. Thank you all. Yes. And thank you very, very much. I think  
3443 we have, we have a couple of more tidying up things to do, but again to thank you all, the  
3444 sensitivity.

3445 **(END OF DISCUSSION)**