



Seth Floyd
Director of Community Development
City of Las Vegas
495 S Main Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101

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Re: Justification Letter for a SUP at 1150 S Las Vegas Blvd (APNs 162-03-12-003 and -004)

Dear Mr. Floyd,

Please accept this Justification letter for a Special Use Permit for an Existing Rescue Mission or Shelter for the Homeless use on 1.4 acres at 1150 S Las Vegas Blvd (APNs 162-03-12-003 and 004), C-2 (General Commercial) Ward 3 (Diaz).

Caridad is a local non-profit organization founded in 2014 that strives to humanize the homeless by providing customer service based street outreach. Our organization has long partnered with the City of Las Vegas because of our quality customer service and track record for delivering results to the community. We have assisted approximately 2,000 and provided housing to over 200 Las Vegans. We believe this land use and operation is appropriate, harmonious and compatible with surrounding land uses, and ensures the nutrition, safety and well-being of those in need in our community.

Please find the specifics of our operation laid out below, compared to the previous operator at this same location:

1. Three Square Food Pantry Site: Caridad will operate a community food pantry in order to fulfil our contract with Three Square. The public is allowed to come to the pantry Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday during the hours of 10am-4pm.
2. Homeless Assistance: Caridad will continue to provide emergency shelter, toiletries, clothing and water to clients at Caridad in order to fulfil the Emergency Shelter Grant Contract granted through the City of Las Vegas Neighborhood Services Department. This function must be conducted 7 days per week as needed based on our grant compliance contract.
3. Community Education/Prevention Classes: In partnership with the PACT Coalition and the Southern Nevada Department of Health we will continue to allow these partners and conduct classes on overdose prevention, NA, AA and Naloxone training classes for the general public.
4. Heating/Cooling Station: Caridad will continue to partner with the City of Las Vegas and Clark County Social Service in order to be a heating & cooling station for the homeless on days with inclement weather. In the case of extreme temperatures these station activation allow homeless to receive water and life-saving supplies during regular business hours 9am-5pm Monday through Friday and Saturdays 10am-4pm.

The previous operator of 1150 Las Vegas Blvd South, operating under Share, performed the following operations:

1. Three Square Food Pantry Site: The food pantry was open 7 days a week to the public with drive through pickups on Sundays for those in cars wishing to take away boxes of food items.
2. Homeless Assistance: Care kits, water bottles, small food items, referrals for case management and case management was provided 7 days a week 24 hours a day in the front office. Materials put out on the Neighborhood Services indicate this site was listed as a homeless resource.
3. Community Events: Quarterly events with food given out were conducted as local, state and federal leaders

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were assisted with distribution of food and clothing to the general public. (As sited in press articles, on the City of Las Vegas, and Share websites.)

4. Heating/Cooling Station: The front office was open to homeless for relief 7 days a week 24 hours a day. The City of Las Vegas and Clark County Social Service had Share listed as a heating & cooling station for the homeless on days with inclement weather. In the case of extreme temperatures these station activation allowed homeless water and life-saving supplies.

We request a Special Use Permit to allow for the same permitting as the previous operator as we are doing similar but paired down services. Please let me know if you any questions.

Sincerely,

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