

NORTH LAS VEGAS RESIDENTS TO SERVE ON THE CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT/REVITALIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The City of North Las Vegas is seeking applications from North Las Vegas residents to serve on the city's Redevelopment/Revitalization Advisory Committee.

The 15-member panel considers issues related to the North Las Vegas Downtown Redevelopment Area and recommends actions and/or policies regarding those issues to the North Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency, whose members also comprise the City

Council.

Issues the Committee will be addressing in future months include the possible adoption of design guidelines for new construction and rehabilitation in the Downtown Redevelopment Area, reviewing the feasibility and desirability of expanding the commercial zoning along the north side of Lake Mead Boulevard, from Civic Center Drive to Pecos Road, and other issues referred to the body by the Redevel-

opment Agency.

To receive an application to serve on the committee, or for more information, contact Kerry Lyman at the City's Economic Development Department at 649-0246, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

The deadline for submitting applications is noon on Thursday, July 30, 1992.

NEVADA DRUG CZAR TO APPEAR ON NETWORK SHOW

In late April, Mujahid Ramadan, Coordinator for State Substance Abuse Programs, was invited to appear on the network television talk show of Montel Williams. This taped appear-

ance was focused on a debate regarding the legalization of drugs.

Mr. Ramadan shared the platform with a District Court Judge from Orange County,

California who argued in favor of legalization, a district attorney from Los Angeles County - a county which has recently experienced violence and urban unrest - and a Pasadena Police

Officer.

Mr. Ramadan was invited to debate the legalization of heroin, cocaine and marijuana. The coordinator took the position that the legalization of these drugs

did not remove the poverty and social deficiencies such as educational instability, dysfunctional single parent homes, shrinking job markets, poor self-esteem and the other factors that drive

both the supply and the demand side of the drug market.

Mr. Ramadan's grave concern remains regarding the effect upon urban infants in terms of addiction, heart attacks, strokes, drug withdrawal, learning disabilities, emotional/education problems as a result of prenatal use and abuse on the part of both the mother and father. These and other points are brought forward in defense of his position against legalization.

This is a must see program that is thought provoking and challenging and offers an opportunity for considering the consequences either way.

The Montel Williams Show will air this program locally on Friday, July 17th at 10:00 a.m. on KVBC, Channel 3, the NBC affiliated station.

LV HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES BOARD CHAIR CHANGE

At its Annual Meeting on June 25, 1992, the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners named Juan C. Garcia as its new Chair, succeeding Commissioner Suzanne Ernst, whose year-long assignment as Chair expired on that date, according to Carl Rowe, the Authority's Executive Director. Moving into the Vice-Chair assignment for the next

year is Commissioner Sammie R. Armstrong.

Mr. Garcia is a CPA and the Controller at the Frontier Hotel and Gambling Hall. Prior to that he was an Audit Manager with Piercy, Bowler, Taylor & Kern (formerly Laventhol and Horwath.) He has been a member of the Las Vegas Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

since December 1989. Garcia's other community involvements include serving as a part-time instructor at UNLV, memberships on the Board of Directors of the Latin Chamber of Commerce and fund raising activities on behalf of the Boulder Dam area Boy Scouts of America. Garcia holds a Masters degree in Business Administration and

undergraduate degrees in Accounting and Arts from UNLV.

Mr. Armstrong is President of Ray & Ross Transport owner of the Armstrong's Travel. He is also heavily involved in community affairs. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club, he is Chairman of the Employment Programs Subcommittee for the Multijurisdictional Community Empowerment Commission, and Assistant Chairman of American Sight-

seeing International. In addition, he maintains memberships on the Advisory Board of the Clark County Community College, Better Business Bureau, Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce, Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Las Vegas Tourism Council, and the Latin American Chamber of Commerce.

Rowe said that Garcia and Armstrong will serve as Chair and Vice Chair for one year.

COURT UPHOLDS CONVICTIONS IN RACIAL KILLING

Carson City - The Nevada Supreme Court has upheld the convictions of two white supremacists who were sentenced to life in prison for the killing of a Black man in Reno in 1988.

The two, Michael Stringer and Matthew Faessel in their appeal had argued that their confessions were obtained illegally by police after Tony Montgomery was found dead.

However, the state court unanimously rejected their claims.

The court ruled that the allegations, that both men were coerced into confessing, were totally without merit, and charged

that Faessel shot Montgomery solely because he was black.

"Accordingly, we conclude that the evidence was germane to the jury's understanding of Faessel's motivation and state of mind at the time of the crime, the court said.

Stringer, 21 and Faessel, 22, along with Angela Stanley, who was 16 at the time of the killing and who testified against the men at the trial, reportedly went

looking for a black man to kill after attending a party at which another woman said she had been raped by a black man. The two men, both "skinheads," shot Montgomery as he was walking to his sisters house. Faessel fired the gun at Montgomery as they drove by him.

Stanley plead guilty to second degree murder in exchange for her testimony against Faessel and Stringer.

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