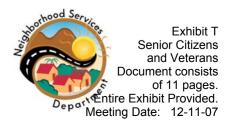
# Senior Outreach Programs City of Las Vegas Neighborhood Services Department

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## **Neighborhood Services Department**

- Connects local government to its diverse communities
  - Through partnering with neighborhood groups to improve neighborhoods with education, technical assistance and neighborhood improvement grants
  - Through development and services, providing community resources, attainable housing and public services directly to citizens

## **Neighborhood Services Department**

- Through quick responses to neighborhood complaints involving code infractions or conditions in need of repair
- Through the provision of community services to families, youth, seniors, homeless individuals and ex-offenders

# **Neighborhood Initiatives**

- Programs I administered through Neighborhood Initiatives Division:
  - Neighborhood Partners Fund (NPF) grant program
  - Faith-based initiative: collaboration with the faith community on the provision of services
  - Child lead poisoning prevention program
  - Senior outreach program

#### **NPF Grants**

- Seniors who live in Las Vegas Housing Authority complexes have received matching grants to improve their "neighborhoods."
  - Tables and chairs for dining area
  - Computers for training rooms
  - Refrigerators, stoves, paper plates and other supplies
  - Security doors
  - Washers and dryers for laundry rooms

# Senior Outreach Programs

- Outreach conducted primarily on behalf of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board
- Outreach conducted in collaboration with federal, state and county agencies and the City of Las Vegas Leisure Services Department

- Eight members appointed by LV City Mayor and Council
- Assigned to Neighborhood Services
   Department in 2001
  - Its mission is to advise the City Council and staff regarding areas of improvement for the senior population as well as providing information and referrals

- Outcomes from outreach and collaborations since 2001:
  - Developed and presented various security and safety presentations dealing with identity theft
  - Coordinated pre-retirement seminars to provide information about Medicare and Social Security
  - Advocated for seniors and the community with disabilities who had concerns with transportation and the paratransit system.

- Coordinated the creation of a PSA hosted by Mayor Goodman, which promoted the utility assistance program administered by the State of Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services.
- Coordinated six Medicare Part D informational workshops in each of the city Wards. Over 800 seniors attended.
- Collaborated with the city on the new Downtown Senior Services Center.

- Coordinated senior information fairs, providing health-related and legal information for seniors
- Adopted the Jude 22 Senior Nutrition Center (provides dry and canned goods to 700 seniors every month)
  - Raise funds for food bank through writing grants and contacting businesses for donations
  - Helped seek new food sources when local community food bank closed
  - Volunteer during special events for Jude 22 clients (i.e., Holiday party)

## **Questions?**

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