

To Whom It May Concern:

I have reviewed the proposed Opportunity Village development and am pleased to offer my support of Betty's Village as a community based residential setting for people with disabilities. The residents of Betty's Village will engage in an active life, be integrated in society, have support of individual choice, and be encouraged to foster independence to the highest degree possible. As such, Betty's Village will enrich the lives of its residents, their families, the Southern Nevada community, as well as the State of Nevada as a whole.

Encouraging interaction, independence and self-determination is the key to a full and fulfilling life. Betty's Village includes the many components needed to encourage greater independence and self-direction while ensuring the appropriate supports are available. I am in support of the project for many reasons, including the aforementioned. Additionally, I would like to suggest that this situation presents a situation in which the Southern Nevada community and the State of Nevada can make a bold statement that can be messaged nationwide, demonstrating our progressiveness in providing cutting edge facilities for people with disabilities. Showing our progressiveness in this area would provide a great example of what a great community and state it is in which we live, and help combat the stereotype that people often associate with those living here.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Dunn