

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to offer my support of Betty's Village as a community based residential setting for people with disabilities. As a father of a daughter with an intellectual disability that will require life long care, I can share with you my concern over the lack of residential options in Southern Nevada for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Betty's Village is an important step in the right direction. 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.

Encouraging independence and self-determination is the key to a fulfilling life and Betty's Village will include many of the components needed to encourage greater independence and self-direction. Furthermore, visitors and volunteers to Betty's Village will spend "meaningful time" interacting and socializing with the individuals, which will lead to a more fulfilling life. In summary, I am in complete support of the project.

Sincerely,

Donald G. Burnette