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LAS VEGAS MAYOR TAKES STAND AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS

LAS VEGAS, NM – Las Vegas Mayor, Tony E. Marquez, Jr., is proposing an amendment to a City of Las Vegas Criminal Code to keep the children of Las Vegas safe from sex offenders. The Las Vegas City Council unanimously approved the publication for the proposed ordinance during their regular meeting on January 7, 2009.

“I made a commitment when I was elected that I will be beholden to no one, but to the citizens of Las Vegas,” Marquez said. “The amendment is just one example on how the City of Las Vegas will improve the public safety for every Las Vegas resident including our most vulnerable members of society - the children.”

The proposed amendment will prohibit convicted sex offenders from living within 1,000 feet from schools, playgrounds and daycare facilities.

“Sexual predators are a continuing threat due to their risk of recidivism,” said Marquez. “I want to ensure the safety of all children. This amendment is necessary to provide the children a safety zone from sexual predators.”

Penalties for violating the criminal code are subject to a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment up to 90 days or both for each violation. The enforcement of the criminal code will be the responsibility of the Las Vegas Police Department.

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