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MAYOR MARQUEZ AND LAS VEGAS HOUSNG AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT MEET WITH HUD

LAS VEGAS, NM - On January 2, 2009, Mayor Tony E. Marquez, Jr. Housing Director, Robert Pacheco and Housing Administrator, Lori Gonzales met with Floyd Duran, Program Coordinator of the HUD Office in Albuquerque to introduce themselves, open their lines of communication, obtain a status and program update on the City of Las Vegas Housing Authority. HUD indicated that the Housing Authority has made improvements over the previous year on the management portion of the Housing Authority but there are still some concerns about the physical condition of the housing units. Since the last physical inspection of the units was conducted in 2007, there was a slight decrease in the scores mainly due to the weather conditions during the onsite inspection, according to Mandy Griego HUD employee.

HUD will be providing approximately \$125,000 for the next 10 years to replace the 80 units that were demolished in the Macario Gonzales Neighborhood site off Mills Avenue. This means that the Housing Authority will be required to find innovative ways to replace those units. HUD also urges and recommended that the Homeownership Program be implemented as soon as possible so that the Homeownership Program does not stall

Mayor Marquez stated, "this meeting was very successful and the entire dialogue was positive, supportive and we are committed to working together to restore the credibility of the Las Vegas Housing Authority, which has eroded over the years." Floyd Duran accepted the Mayor's invitation to speak at the next City of Las Vegas Housing Commissioner's Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2009.

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