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OCTOBER 1 FAMILIES AND SURVIVORS NOW HAVE ACCESS TO FREE LEGAL AID SERVICES AT THE VEGAS STRONG RESILIENCY CENTER

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada attorneys join staff at Resiliency Center to provide immediate assistance for those with civil legal needs

Las Vegas, NV – Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada has been approved to join the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center located at 1524 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89106. The Resiliency Center was established to provide a place for support, healing, and resources for those who have been impacted by the mass shooting. Services available include crisis intervention, counseling and spiritual care referrals, assistance for filing for victim compensation, referral to community resources, and case management. Now, services are expanded to include access to a free attorney who will assess individuals with legal needs stemming from the tragedy such as employment issues, financial issues related to loss of income like eviction and debt collection, and a host of other civil, legal arises that may arise.

“We stand with the rest of our nation in expressing our ongoing condolences and sympathy to those who lost loved ones and to those who attended Route 91, whether they are a music fan or employee who worked the festival. This tragedy was our call to action to help the community and do what we can to provide legal assistance to those impacted by the tragedy,” said Tennille Pereira, Esq. of Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. “The longer legal issues are left unresolved, the worse they become and harder to fix. That’s why it is important for the community to know that we are embedded at the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center where we can talk to individuals about legal needs, whether that is about insurance claims or reviewing debt collection notices for those who have been unable to work and cannot pay their bills. Tragedies can also take their toll on families and children which may result in educational issues. This is another area where we can provide assistance.”

For those who are out of state, they are still encouraged to contact the attorneys on site who will help identify the legal problem and if necessary, with the help of The State Bar of Nevada, coordinate free legal services in out of state jurisdictions. In addition to staffing the Resiliency Center, Legal Aid Center has a stable of local pro bono attorneys who have agreed to volunteer their time on cases not typically handled by Legal Aid Center such as workers’ compensation, employment issues, and probate matters. For more information and to speak with an attorney, contact Vegas Strong Resiliency Center at **(702) 455-2433** or outside Nevada toll-free at **(833) 299-2433**. You may also email LegalAidServices@lacsns.org. Information about other support and services offered through the Resiliency Center to survivors of 1 October and their family members is available on its website at www.VegasStrongRC.org.

About Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada

Established in 1958, Legal Aid Center is a private, nonprofit, 501(c) (3) organization that ensures equal access to justice through free legal advice and representation for those who cannot afford to hire an attorney. Service areas include domestic violence, child abuse, consumer fraud and social security. Free classes are offered in bankruptcy, divorce, custody, small claims, guardianship and foreclosure. Funding is provided through private donations, government grants and pro bono hours donated by local attorneys. Please visit www.lacsn.org for more inform

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