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County Officials to Unveil Vegas Strong Resiliency Center Boston Marathon Team, Wish Them Well Media Invited to Cover Training Run to Sunset Park

As part of its outreach to victims of 1 October, the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center is sponsoring a local team of runners who will be participating in the Boston Marathon on April 16.

Clark County commissioners will host an event at the “Welcome to Las Vegas” sign at **11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 5**, to thank the team for their support of the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center and wish them well at the marathon. Commissioners also will kick off a 4.5-mile team training run to Sunset Park following introductions and remarks at the sign. The team consists of 22 local runners who are participating in the 26.2-mile Boston Marathon. The runners will be wearing running shirts sporting the resiliency center’s name and website address, www.VegasStrongRC.org, on the front, and the hashtag “#BostonStrong” on the back as a tribute to the Boston community’s strength and resiliency following the bombing there on April 15, 2013. Two additional local runners are wearing Vegas Strong Resiliency Center shirts as part of a 5K run over a portion of the marathon course during race weekend.

“We are reaching out to survivors and family members of victims of 1 October to let them know you are not forgotten and we encourage you to contact the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center for support and resources,” said Clark County Commission Chairman Steve Sisolak. “We stand in solidarity with the people of Boston and other communities that have endured attacks of mass violence, and are proud of our local team of runners representing us and sharing our message of support and resiliency in such a meaningful way.”

Commissioner Jim Gibson, whose district includes the festival grounds where the 1 October event occurred, added: “Six months have passed since the attack and thousands of people who were at the concert that night have gone home to their own communities, and we want them to know the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center is the one place to which they should turn if they aren’t sure where to go for help. Please visit our website, call us, or email the center. We want you to reach out to us, so we can connect you with resources.”

Commissioner Lawrence Weekly, chairman of the Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority Board of Directors, said: “These runners comprise a team of local residents who through their own initiative and endurance have earned a place to participate in the Boston Marathon, the oldest and one of the most premier running events in history. We believe they serve as powerful ambassadors for the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center to help our community remind anyone affected by 1 October, no matter where you live, that we are here for you.”

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Officials are reminding survivors of the shooting that they have six months, or until **Oct. 1, 2018**, to submit an application with the Nevada Victims of Crime Program. The program will help pay for expenses not covered by insurance such as counseling co-pays. Clark County worked with some local survivors of the shooting to create a TV and radio public service announcement to help promote the program and to encourage people to contact the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center. The PSA is available for broadcast locally and nationally. It's also posted on Clark County's social media sites including Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, and on the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center's Facebook page at: www.Facebook.com/VegasStrongResiliencyCenter.

The Vegas Strong Resiliency Center is located at 1524 Pinto Lane, 89106. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. It can be reached by phone at (702) 455-2433 (AIDE) or toll-free at (833) 299-2433 and by email at: vegasstrongresiliencycenter@clarkcountynv.gov. A link to the Nevada Victims of Crime Program application is posted on the resiliency center's website, along with other resource information.

Who:	Clark County commissioners and members of the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center's Boston Marathon Team
What:	Media event to thank marathon participants for their support of the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center and wish them well, and media photo opportunity of a team training run to Sunset Park.
When:	Thursday, April 5, 11:30 a.m. – approximately 1 p.m.
Event Details:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11:30 a.m. – “Welcome” sign media briefing followed by a 4.5-mile team training run to Sunset Park.• Approximately 12 p.m. – The runners are expected to depart the “Welcome” sign. A Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and Clark County Fire Department escort will accompany them along their route from the sign, south on Las Vegas Boulevard and east on Sunset Road to Sunset Park.• Approximately 12:50 p.m. – 1 p.m. – The runners are expected to arrive at Sunset Park, about 45 minutes after departing from the sign. Their finish line will be located in the southwest parking lot off Sunset Road & McLeod Drive and consist of a large American flag suspended between two Clark County fire trucks.

Note: Photographers from the News Bureau of the Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority will help provide Clark County with videos and photographs of the training run that includes footage from the back of a Clark County Public Works vehicle that will drive ahead of the team as they run. We will send out a link to media following the event so you can download video and photos.

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Clark County is a dynamic and innovative organization dedicated to providing top-quality service with integrity, respect and accountability. With jurisdiction over the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and covering an area the size of New Jersey, Clark is the nation's 14th-largest county and provides extensive regional services to more than 2.25 million citizens and 45.5 million visitors a year. Included are the nation's 8th-busiest airport, air quality compliance, social services and the state's largest public hospital, University Medical Center. The County also provides municipal services that are traditionally provided by cities to 1 million residents in the unincorporated area. Those include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development.

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JOIN US TO CHEER ON OUR TEAM!

VEGAS STRONG RESILIENCY CENTER MEET, GREET & TRAINING RUN
PHOTO OP WITH MEMBERS OF OUR BOSTON MARATHON TEAM

11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 5, 2018

Event Details: The Vegas Strong Resiliency Center is sponsoring a group of local runners who are participating in the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 16. Join Clark County's leaders as we wish our team well and thank them for supporting the Resiliency Center and our community's efforts to support those affected by 1 October.

Where: Our kickoff event begins at the Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign at 11:30 a.m. Following introductions and remarks, members of our marathon team will embark on a training run to Sunset Park, approximately 4.5 miles southeast of the Welcome sign. We welcome you to express your support by cheering them on as they depart the Welcome sign or upon their arrival at Sunset Park.



Schedule:

- **About 12 p.m. Training Run Departure from the Welcome Sign:** The runners will be accompanied by a Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and Clark County Fire Department escort.
- **About 45 minutes following departure from the sign: Arrival at Sunset Park (parking lot off Sunset Road & McLeod Drive):** When our team arrives at Sunset Park, they will cross a finish line featuring a large American flag suspended between two Clark County Fire Department trucks.

