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Elizabeth A. Brown Clerk of the Supreme Court 201 South Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701

Re: In the Matter of Residential Summary Eviction Actions and Notices During COVID-19: ADKT 0567

Dear Ms. Brown and Honorable Justices of the Nevada Supreme Court:

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada submits this letter in support of the proposed temporary residential summary eviction mediation rule issued by the Court on September 29, 2020.

We believe the proposed rule will benefit both landlords and tenants. Incorporating mediation into the summary eviction process will open lines of communication and foster creative problem solving and resolutions not otherwise unavailable in eviction cases. Ideally, it will reduce not only the number of tenants and landlords accessing the courthouse but also the total number of evictions ultimately granted by the courts. We know mediation works. It helped Nevada during the foreclosure crisis, and it can help Nevada now.

Legal Aid Center remains committed to the success of the envisioned mediation program. And, once more, we thank the Court for its leadership during these unprecedented times.

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