

# LAS VEGAS RANGER DISTRICT

## LEGION PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PURCHASE PROPOSAL

The Forest Service critically needs to expedite purchase of the Legion Park Elementary School Building to replace the current dilapidated facilities in lieu of a future rebuild.

Reasons include:

### Safety Concerns

The current district office does not meet required safety standards

### Community Support

Opportunity to invest in the community ravaged by the 2022 Hermits Peak/Calf-Canyon fire

### Morale Issues

Lack of amenities for basic workspace requirements and firefighter safety

### Financial Incentive

\$8.6M for a new building versus purchase \$1.8M + \$4-6M for refurb

### Current Building

4800 Sq. ft. building

### Proposed Building

31,733 Sq. ft. building

### Other reasons include

Cannot secure (lock) building to federal standards

Cracked floors/walls indicate foundation problems

Missing safety requirements to pass fire safety inspection

Condemned storage building (mold)

Building has never been checked for asbestos or lead

Does not have the square footage regionally required for workspace

Current building cannot withstand earthquake

ADA Noncompliant

Current building requires roof replacement estimated at \$50,000

In high demand due to post-fire recovery

Strong community and political support for purchase of building

Solves problem of unsellable building for school district

Potential center for excellence within the community

New building can be used as a training ground for development of youth

No Current Engine Bay

Insufficient office and storage space

USFS is one cohort of Gov Agency's in community

Current heating/cooling exposed to outside air

Lack of ventilation

Communication issues (lack of area separation)

Optics of insufficient and dilapidated building

Problematic cable management resulting in communication faults

Second in line in the region for construction of new building

Solves problems with quarters across the district

Less costly to buy and renovate

Quarters in new building would improve recruitment and retention

Infrastructure for personnel already available in new school building

New building would provide opportunities to promote local economic development



**Roof Damage**



**Foundation Cracks on most corners**



**Water damage**



**Cracks go all the way through building**



**"The fact that the US Forest Service would like to occupy a building that is already established in our community is good news to me. I commend the US Forest Service for wanting to expand their operations in Las Vegas. I am in full support of the acquisition of the Las Vegas City Schools building."**

**~ Mayor Louie Trujillo**

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### **The proposed facility would:**

- ◆ **Address lack of quarters districtwide**  
**Provide operational infrastructure for:**
- ◆ **Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District Staff**  
**(17 Additional positions)**
- ◆ **New Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon**  
**Disaster Recovery Team**  
**(10 New Positions)**
- ◆ **Adequate facility for Fire staff such as:**  
**engine bay, showers, and quarters**



**Floors have settled dramatically**



**Ceiling has warped and is sinking**



**Water damage under electrical box**