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Via U.S. Mail & Email (jestes@gssn.org)

Joanne Estes
Chief Operating Officer
Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada
605 Washington Street
Reno, Nevada 89503

Re: Elko Girl Scout House

Dear Ms. Estes:

This firm represents the City of Elko, Nevada.

It has come to our attention that the Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada (GSSN) has made the decision that the Elko Girl Scout House is longer sustainable for Girl Scout occupancy. Rather, the GSSN has stated that it intends to lease the Elko Girl Scout House to a third-party in order to generate revenue and has even gone so far as to list the property as available for rent with Elko Realty.

Please be advised that if GSSN proceeds to use the Elko Girl Scout house for any purpose other than the charitable or civic purposes of GSSN, the property will automatically revert to the City of Elko. This is stated both in NRS 268.055(3) and in the reversionary clause in the July 24, 2014 Grant, Bargain and Sale Deed from the City of Elko to GSSN (Doc. No. 689035).

While I anticipate you might respond by stating that funds generated from leasing the Elko Girl Scout House will be used to support GSSN, that is not the intent of either the statute or the reversionary clause. The statutory safeguard in NRS 268.055(3), reflected in the reversionary clause in the deed, is designed to prevent property conveyed from a city to a corporation for public benefit from being used for commercial purposes

such as those you are currently proposing. Commercial leasing is neither a charitable nor a civic purpose in any context, much less a charitable or civic purpose of GSSN.

In the event GSSN proceeds with its efforts to use the Elko Girl Scout House for revenue generation through commercial leasing, title to the property will automatically revert to the City of Elko and we will file an appropriate notice of reverter with the Elko County Recorder. To avoid this, please confirm that GSSN will not pursue any further efforts to use the Elko Girl Scout House for the purpose of generating revenue, but will continue to use the property for the charitable or civic purposes of GSSN.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. STANTON
CITY OF ELKO

DMS:

cc: Reece Keener, Mayor, City of Elko