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"A Glimpse into Ethiopia's Rich History and the Inauguration of Little Ethiopia on October 24, 2023"

Introduction:

Ethiopia, a land steeped in history and culture, has always been a source of fascination and intrigue for people around the world. This ancient land, often referred to as the "Cradle of Humanity," is known for its diverse heritage, stunning landscapes, and a history that spans millennia. In this magazine, we will embark on a journey through Ethiopia's remarkable past and explore the significance of the upcoming inauguration of Little Ethiopia on October 24, 2023.



COUNTY COMMISSIONER



Michael N. Naft
Commissioner
Board of County Commissioners

Dear Little Ethiopia Cultural District Community Members,
Congratulations to the Ethiopian Community Center of Las Vegas and the Little Ethiopia Project subcommittee for their concerted efforts and commitment to the historic Clark County Cultural District designation, Little Ethiopia.

I want to thank the entire community for their dedication and the commitment to the vision of the Little Ethiopia Cultural District, particularly Girma Zaid, for his invaluable leadership.

Through the Ethiopian Community Center of Las Vegas and the Project subcommittee's adherence to County policies and procedures throughout this project's lengthy timeline, I'm proud to say the designation was unanimously ratified by the Board of County Commissioners on June 20, 2023.

I have always supported cultural and religious diversity in Clark County, and I am proud to have the Little Ethiopia Cultural District in District A!

Sincerely,
Michael Naft
Clark County Commissioner

Sincerely,



Michael Naft
Clark County Commissioner

COUNTY COMMISSIONER



JUSTIN C. JONES
Commissioner
Board of County Commissioners

October 18, 2023

Dear Members & Allies of the Ethiopian Community,

On behalf of the Clark County Commission and my constituents in District F, I am thrilled to welcome Little Ethiopia Cultural District in District F & A! Congratulations to the Ethiopian Community Center of Las Vegas and the Little Ethiopia Project Subcommittee for your efforts and commitment in completing the Clark County Cultural District designation of Little Ethiopia.

With over 40,000 Ethiopians in the Vegas Valley, this is a big deal for the Ethiopian community and for Southern Nevada. I'm proud to say the designation for the Little Ethiopia Cultural District was unanimously ratified by the Board of County Commissioners on June 20, 2023.

I have and will always support the cultural and religious diversity in Clark County. I am proud to have Little Ethiopia in District F!

Sincerely,

Justin Jones
Clark County Commissioner, District F

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Jones', written over a faint printed name and title.

Justin Jones
Clark County Commissioner, District F

SHERIFF OF LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT MESSAGE



Sheriff Kevin McMahill
Las Vegas Metropolitan Police
Department

What an exciting day! For the first time in Clark County history, a group of passionate leaders obtained a cultural district designation for their people. The area is a gathering place for Ethiopian businesses, residents and culture. The official designation as Little Ethiopia acknowledges the contributions of the Ethiopian people, and the commitment from County leaders and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to support this growing community. The LVMPD celebrates and protects all cultures and religious groups, providing a respectful, safe, reliable, trustworthy service to our diverse population. Congratulations to the Ethiopian Community Center of Las Vegas, the Little Ethiopia Project Subcommittee, and the 40,000 Ethiopians who call Las Vegas home. We are proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with you in celebration of this special designation.

Sheriff Kevin McMahill

Las Vegas Metropolitan
Police Department

ETHIOPIAN COMMUNITY CENTER



Derbew Negash
ECCLV President

Chairman message

Ethiopian Relief Society in Nevada (1992)

A. No. C9751-1992

Dear Members and Supporters,

I am writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support you have provided to the Ethiopian Relief Society in Nevada since its inception in 1992. With tax number 501C(3) granted by the government, we established a community center committed to serving without profit, fostering connections, sharing knowledge, and preserving our rich Ethiopian culture for the generations to come. Over the years, your dedication and contributions have propelled our organization's growth and impact.

Originally established under the name "Emema" , our center transitioned to the Ethiopian Community Center Las Vegas Nevada in November 2017. Since then, we have continually strived to strengthen our ties with the Ethiopian community and enhance our services. With a robust board, dedicated sub-committees, and a strong partnership with the government, we have achieved significant milestones.

One of our proudest achievements is the establishment of the Little Ethiopia sub-committee in March 2022. Their remarkable effort led to the renaming of a section of Las Vegas city road as the Little Ethiopia district. This accomplishment, celebrated during the grand opening on October 24, 2023, reflects not only our center's pride but also the pride of Ethiopians worldwide. We invite you to join us for this momentous occasion, starting at 10 am at Flamingo and Decatur Blvd, followed by various events at Clark High School, and a joyous celebration at the Serbian Church Hall from 10 pm to 3 am.

in line with our vision, a construction committee has been diligently working to establish a dedicated office space for our center. Additionally, our sub-committees, including Charity Fundraising, Sports, Youth Public Relations, and Social Services, have been instrumental in connecting our center with the community and relevant organizations. With your support and the reauthorization of our budget by the government, we have been able to cover our office expenses, maintain regular office hours, and meet the needs of our community effectively.

This achievement is a testament to the collective effort and commitment of our members and supporters. Your contributions, both in energy and resources, have made the Little Ethiopia project a reality, and we encourage you to take pride in these results.

Thank you for standing by us and helping us shape the future of our community. Together, we will continue to strengthen our bonds, preserve our heritage, and create a brighter tomorrow for Ethiopians in Nevada.

Warm regards,

Derbew Negash

Chairman of

The Ethiopian Community Center Of Las Vegas Nevada



LITTLE ETHIOPIA SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



Girma Zaide

Little Ethiopia Project
Subcommittee Chairman

Little Ethiopia Project Subcommittee Chair Message

The vision and mission of creating a cultural district for the Ethiopian Community as "Little Ethiopia Cultural District" was initiated after the Clark County Board of Commissioners adopted the Clark County Cultural District Designation policy in September of 2019 and ratified the policy in December of 2019. As the policy sought to preserve, strengthen and promote its cultural assets and diverse communities, so that individuals, families, businesses, non-profit organizations such as Ethiopian Community Center of Las Vegas, Nevada (ECC) community arts, places of worship and education institutions can live, work and prosper within the County, The Ethiopian Community Center initiated this noble concept soon after the Commissioners ratified the designation and began its journey within the framework of the policy. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and other mitigating circumstances, the journey faced a roadblock for over two years which resulted in a time out until ECC revived the vision in February of 2022 by creating a Little Ethiopia Project subcommittee. Fast forwarding, the subcommittee in collaboration and guidance from the Commissioners' Administrative staff was able to present its application to the Clark County Town Board on April 25, 2023 for approval and subsequently presented the application for final approval by the County Board of Commissioners on May 16, 2023. The Little Ethiopia Cultural District designation, first of its kind, was officially proclaimed by all commissioners on June 20, 2023. As the Chair of the subcommittee, It gives me pride and euphoric joy to celebrate this historic event on this day of October 24, 2023 with a heartfelt gratitude to the Clark County Board of Commissioners, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Ethiopian Community Center and other stakeholders for your unequivocal support. It also gives me pride to have Ethiopia being the pioneer of cultural district designation in Clark County for others to follow. Congratulations!!

THE RICH TAPESTRY OF ETHIOPIAN HISTORY

Ancient Civilizations: Discover the origins of Ethiopia's ancient civilizations, including the Aksumite Empire and the Kingdom of Axum, known for their impressive Obelisks and historical significance. - The Birthplace of Coffee: Uncover the legend of Kaldi and the fascinating history of coffee, which has its roots in the Ethiopian region of Kaffa. The Historic Battle of Adwa: Learn about Ethiopia's triumphant victory over Italian forces in 1896 and the impact it had on the global stage as a symbol of African resilience against colonialism.

LITTLE ETHIOPIA - A CULTURAL HUB

- . Little Ethiopia: Delve into the concept of "Little Ethiopia" as a cultural enclave within a city, where Ethiopian heritage, traditions, and Cuisine converge.
- . The Road to Inauguration: Explore the journey leading up to the grand inauguration of Little Ethiopia on October 24, 2023, and the significance of this milestone.
- . Celebrating Diversity: Learn how Little Ethiopia serves as a beacon of cultural diversity and exchange, welcoming people of all backgrounds to experience the essence of Ethiopia.



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ETHIOPIA'S CULTURAL TREASURES

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. The Rock-Hewn Churches of Lalibela: Witness the architectural marvels of Lalibela, with its stunning rock-hewn churches dating back to the 12th century.

. The Traditions of Timket: Experience the colorful and vibrant celebrations of Timket, the Ethiopian Epiphany, known for its grand processions and religious rituals.

. Ethiopian Cuisine: Indulge in the flavors of injera, doro wat, and other traditional dishes that make Ethiopian cuisine a culinary delight.



LITTLE ETHIOPIA'S INAUGURATION

A SYMBOLIC EVENT



- . Unveiling Little Ethiopia: Get an insider's look at the inauguration ceremony on October 24, 2023, as it brings together the Ethiopian diaspora and local communities.
- . Cultural Performances: Witness mesmerizing Ethiopian dances, music, and performances that showcase the vibrancy of the nation's cultural heritage.
- . The Future of Little Ethiopia: Explore the aspirations and goals of Little Ethiopia as it continues to thrive as a cultural hub and a testament to Ethiopia's enduring legacy.

Conclusion:

As we turn the pages of this magazine, we embark on a journey through time and culture, celebrating Ethiopia's rich history and the inauguration of Little Ethiopia. This landmark event not only signifies the resilience and spirit of the Ethiopian people but also serves as a bridge connecting cultures and fostering a deeper appreciation for the remarkable nation that is Ethiopia. On October 24, 2023, the world will witness the convergence of heritage, tradition, and diversity, making Little Ethiopia a symbol of unity and cultural exchange for generations to come.

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አበው ሲተርቱ "ማን ይናገር የነበረ ፣ ማን ያርዳ የቀበረ" ይላሉ ።

በ 2019 ሕገ-መንግሥት ከማርቀቅ ጀምሮ ኢትዮጵያውያንን በማሰባሰብ ፣ የሊትል ኢትዮጵያን ስም ስያሜ ለማሰየም በአቶ አሌክሳንደር አሰፋ እና የኢትዮጵያ ማህበረሰብ ማዕከል ሊቀመንበር ወ/ሮ ፈለገህይወት ደምሴ የተጀመረው እንቅስቃሴ ፣ የኢትዮጵያ ማህበረሰብ ማዕከል የቦርድ አባላትን በማካተት እና ከ Las Vegas ኢትዮጵያውያን የተውጣጡ ነዋሪዎች በተገኙበት ሊሰራ መታቀዱ የሚታወስ ነው ። በ March 2020 ጀመሮ በኮቪድ ምክንያት እና በተለያዩ ምክንያቶች የተቋረጠው ይህ እንቅስቃሴ በብዙኃኑ ውስጥ ቁጭት ሳያሳድር አላለፈም ።

በዚህም ምክንያት በ October 29/2021 ሊትል ኢትዮጵያን የስም ማሰየም እንቅስቃሴን ለማስቀጠል በተፃፈ ኢሜል እና በአቶ ግርማ ዛይድ ምልክታ የኢትዮጵያ ማህበረሰብ ማዕከል ቦርድ አባል በሆኑት በምክትል ሊቀመንበር በአቶ ሞገስ ሸፈራው አማካኝነት በ 3/24/2022 በነበረን የኢትዮጵያ ማህበረሰብ ማዕከል ቦርድ ስብሰባ ላይ ጉዳዩ በመነሳቱ ፣ የኢትዮጵያ ማህበረሰብ ማዕከልም ይህን ትልቅ ስራ እንድንሰራ ከቦርድ አባላት አቶ ሞገስ ሸፈራው ም/ ሊቀመንበር እና አቶ ተሻገር ይልማ ህዝብ ግንኙነት ኃላፊነት በመውሰድ ሥራውን ምን እንደደረሰ ለቦርዱ እንዲያቀርቡ ተመድበው ስራው ተጀመረ። የህም የተመረጠው ጉዳይ አስፈጻሚ ጊዜ ላለማጥፋት ከስብሰባው በሆላ ይህን ጉዳይ እንዴት መስራት እንዳለበት ተወያይቶ ከነባር ኮሚቴው አባላቶች ለመጀመር በማቀድ ፣ ለነባር አባላቱ የስልክ ጥሪ ማድረግ ስራውን ጀመረ ። አንዳንዶች በገጠማቸው ችግር ፣ ሌሎች ከጊዜ መጣብብ የተነሳ ሥራውን ለመስራት ባይችሉም ጥሪውን ስናቀርብ በግንባር ቀደምትነት ይህን ሥራ እስከ ፍፃሜ ለማድረስ ወደፊት ከመጠኑ አቶ ግርማ ዛይድ አንደኛው ነበሩ ። ለዓላማው የተጠሩ ነባር አባላትን በመያዝ እና በአቶ ግርማ ዛይድ አማካኝነት ተጠርተው የተጨመሩትን ፈቃደኞች በማካተት ፣ ኮሚቴ በማዋቀር አቶ ግርማ ዛይድ የ Little ኢትዮጵያ ንዑስ ኮሚቴ ሊቀመንበር በመሆን ሥራው በ March 2022 እንደገና ተጀመረ ።

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በ May 16 2023 ከጥዋቱ 9am ላይ በክለርክ ካውንቲ የኮሚሽነሮች የስብሰባ አዳራሽ በመገኘት ስለ ሊትል ኢትዮጵያ የኢትዮጵያ ማህበረሰብ ማዕከል ያዘጋጀውን ማስረጃ ለማቅረብ ሲጠባበቅ የነበረው የሃይማኖት አባቶች ፣ የንዑስ ኮሚቴ አባላት እና የኢትዮጵያ ማህበረሰብ ማክከል ቦርድ አባላት እንዲሁም በቴሌ ኮንፍረንስ፣ በፍላጎትና በፖስቲቭ በተዘጋጀ ማስታወቂያ በተጨማሪም ለአባላት በተላከ በ ኢሜል ጥሪ የመጣው ኢትዮጵያዊ ቀላል ግምት የሚሰጠው አልነበርም ። ከዚያም በአቶ ግርማ ዛይድ አማካኝነት ጉዳዮችን ቀርቦ ስለ ኢትዮጵያ ቀደምት ታሪክ ፣ ባሕል ፣ አለባበስ እና አመጋገብ ሳይቀር ስለ ሕዝቡ የስራ ጥንካሬ በደንብ ከተብራራ በኋላ ከዛሬ 35 ዓመት በ Los Angeles Little Ethiopia የመንገድ ስም ስያሜ መጠነኛና አጭር ገለፃ ከተደመጠ በኋላ ፣ ጉዳዮችን ለማጠናከር ከ2004 ጀምሮ በ Los Angeles የ Little Ethiopia Executive Director ወ/ሮ ንግስት ለገሠ ባቀረቡት ተጨማሪ የድጋፍ ንግግር እንዲሁም በ First Friday Executive Director Corey Fagen በተሰጠ የድጋፍ ንግግር May 16 2023 በ7 ኮሚሽነሮች በመጽደቅ በ South Decatur BLVD . ከ University Ave. እስከ Twain Ave. Cultural District Little Ethiopia በመባል ስያሜን አገኘ ። በወቅቱም የነበረው ደስታ እና ሐሴት ይህ ነው የሚባል አልነበረም ።

ለዚህ ታሪካዊ ግኝት መሳካት ከጎናችን የቆሙትን Commissioner Michael Naft, Dan Giraldo and Metro PR Betty Fisher እንዲሁም ዓላማውን በትጋት ለጠናቀቁት የሊትል ኢትዮጵያ ንዑስ ኮሚቴ አባላት ፣ በበላይነት ጉዳዩን ሲከታተሉ ለነበሩት የኢትዮጵያ ማህበረሰብ ማዕከል ቦርድ አባላት ፣ እና የኢትዮጵያ የተለያዩ የሃይማኖት ተቋማት ሃላፊዎች ፣ በዕለቱ ለተገኙ በኃሳብ ላልተለዩ የላስ ቬጋስ ነዋሪ የሆኑ ኢትዮጵያዊያን ፣ First Friday Executive Director Corey Fagen ፣ እንዲሁም ከ 2004 ጀምሮ Little Ethiopia of Los Angeles Executives Director ወ/ሮ ንግስት ለገሠን፣ የኢትዮጵያ ማህበረሰብ ማዕከል ቦርድ አባላት እና በመላው ኢትዮጵያዊያን ስም ሳናመሰግን ማለፍ አንችልም ። ክብር እና ምስጋና ለዚህ ለተቀደሰ ታሪካዊ ዓላማ ኃሳቡን አመንጭተው ኃሳቡን ተግባራዊ ላደረጉት እንዲሁም ጊዜያችሁን ፣ ጉልበታችሁን ፣ ገንዘባችሁን መስዋት አድርጋችሁ ከጅምሩ እስከ ፍፃሜ በትጋት ለሰራችሁ በሙሉ ምስጋናችን ላቅ ያለ ነው ።

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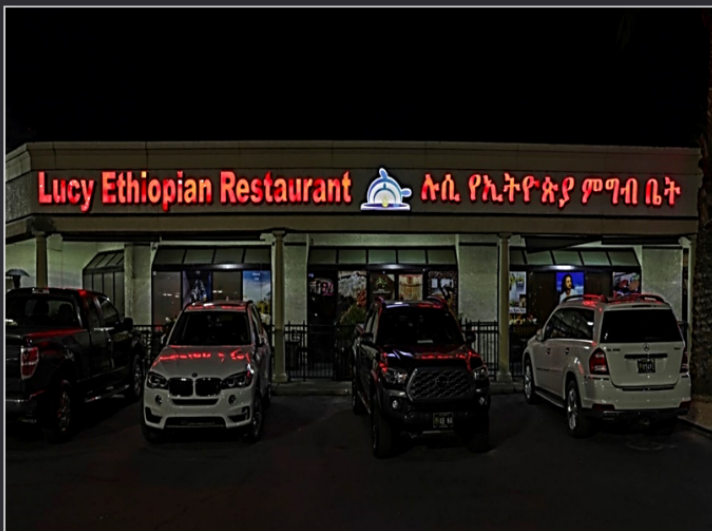


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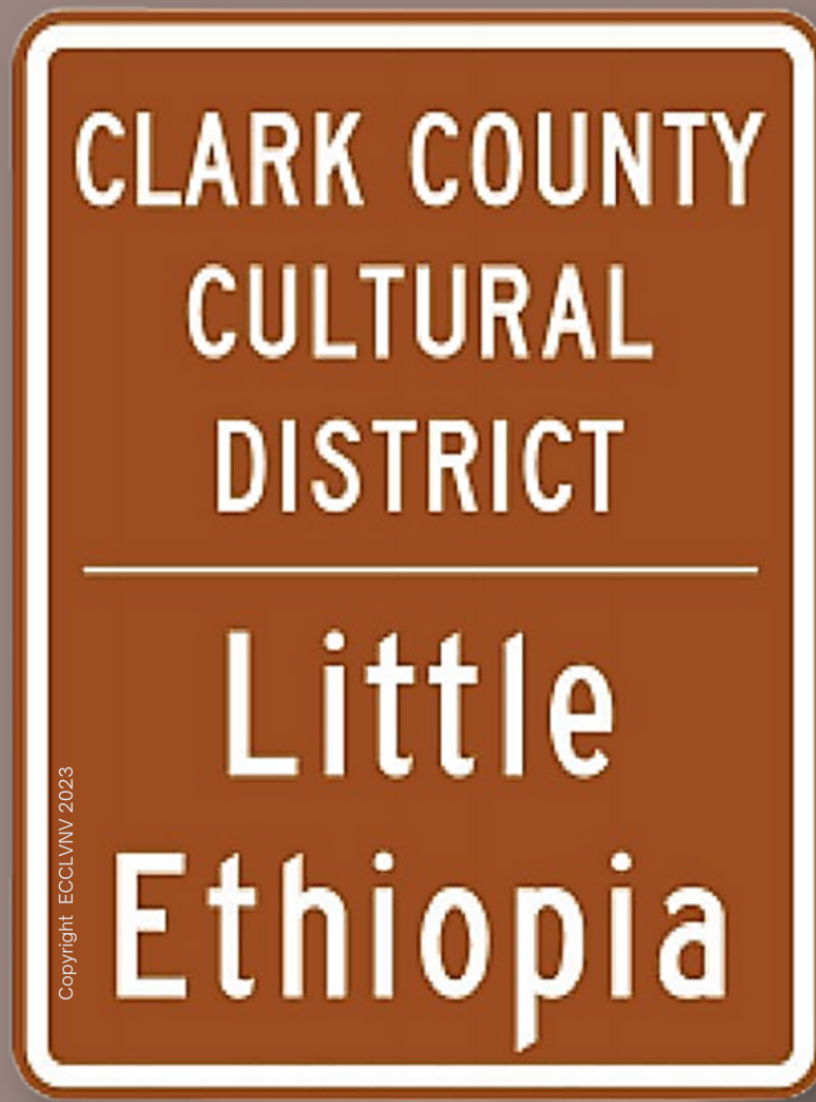
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