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**Las Vegas Volunteers Needed for Long Term Care Ombudsman Program
Learn More at Informational Open House, Oct. 25**

Aging and Disability Service's Elder Rights Unit is hosting a Volunteer Informational Open House, Thursday October 25, 2012, 10 a.m. at the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD), located at 1820 E. Sahara Ave., Suite 201, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Open House is intended for those interested in learning about the Long Term Care Ombudsman Volunteer Program in Las Vegas which is designed to enhance the ADSD's Elder Rights Unit's Long Term Care Ombudsman program. During the training, volunteers will learn how to serve as advocates and the voice of the residents of Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living Facilities, who cannot speak for themselves or who request assistance and advocacy. Volunteers will promote resident rights, empower residents and help solve complaints. Volunteers will help to ensure residents are treated with dignity and respect and have a good quality of life and care.

Upon successful completion of a 12-hour training program, volunteers will be certified by the Nevada State Long Term Care Ombudsman as Volunteer Long Term Care Ombudsmen. Ongoing supervision will be provided by Long Term Care Ombudsmen staff. Volunteers must be 21 years or older, have a

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sincere interest in promoting the well being and protecting the rights of seniors over age 60 residing in long term care facilities, and be able to volunteer at least three hours a week.

Please contact Carol Shelton, Elder Rights Specialist, Aging and Disability Services Division at (702) 486-3516 or cshelton@adsd.nv.gov

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The mission of the Aging and Disability Services Division is to develop, coordinate and deliver a comprehensive support service system of essential services, which will allow Nevada's elders and those with disabilities to lead independent, meaningful and dignified lives.