
Public Records Request :: R005373-032425

From MESAAZ Support <mesaaz@govqa.us>

Date Mon 3/24/2025 1:45 PM

To Heather Dukes <hdukes@dukeslawaz.com>



Dear Heather Dukes:

Thank you for your interest in public records of City of Mesa. Your request has been received and is being processed in accordance with the State of Arizona Public Information Act, [ARS §39-101](#). Your request was received in this office on 3/24/2025 and given the reference number R005373-032425 for tracking purposes.

Records Requested: All email correspondence and letters submitted to the Development Services Department or the Mayor and City Council Members regarding the Legacy Recovery Center located at 2338 E. Minton Street between February 1, 2025 and the present.

Your request will be forwarded to the relevant department(s) to locate the information you seek and to determine the volume and any costs associated with satisfying your request. You will be contacted about the availability and/or provided with copies of the records in question. PLEASE NOTE: The State of Arizona Public Information Act, ARS §39-101 does not require a governmental body to create new information, to do legal research, or to answer questions.

You can monitor the progress of your request at the link below and you'll receive an email when your request has been completed. Again, thank you for using the City of Mesa Public Records Center.

City of Mesa

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From: Maribeth All <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 5:25 PM
Subject: Concern Regarding Mental Health & Addiction Rehab Facility Near Hermosa Vista Elementary

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I would like to understand how this approval was granted and whether existing zoning laws allow for such placements. If current regulations do not provide adequate safeguards, I urge the city to reconsider this decision and take immediate action to prevent similar placements in the future. The safety of our children must be a top priority.

I appreciate your attention to this serious matter and look forward to your response.

Legacy Recovery Center <https://www.legacyrecoverycenter.com/>

Hermosa Vista Elementary at [2338 E Minton St!](#)

A Mental Health and Addiction Rehab next to an elementary school is CRAZY

Sincerely,
Maribeth All

[REDACTED]

From: Nana Appiah
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 5:10 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Mayor; District 1
Subject: Legacy Recovery Center (2338 E. Minton Street)
Attachments: Community Residences and Other Group Living FAQ.pdf

Dear Resident:

Thank you for reaching out to the City of Mesa.

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Thanks again for the inquiry.

Sincerely,

Nana Appiah, PhD, AICP
Development Services Department Director
City of Mesa
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Mesa, AZ 85211-1466
Phone: 480.644.2181
Email: Nana.Appiah@mesaaz.gov

[REDACTED]

From: Jocelyn Condon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2025 10:10 AM
To: District 1
Subject: Legacy Recovery Center does not belong behind HV elementary

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Hello Rich,

We wish you had been here Friday afternoon when Legacy Recovery Center held a public meeting at 3:00 hoping not very many could attend due to work and school. Boy, were they wrong!! They were woefully unprepared for the concerned residents (300 showed up)! A neighbor went home to get a speaker, microphone and extension cord so we could hear the very soft spoken Dr. , CEO and legal counsel. They were not forthcoming in their answers to questions, like why has their website changed over the past week regarding the type and length of stay a person would have? They said sex addiction could be treated here, and they are willing to risk our most vulnerable population to that exposure.

What happens if this company sells to another business in a year? Are they grandfathered in? What happens to our property values? Why wasn't a fully gated home without a school and without close homes nearby explored, like on Val Vista? We need answers from you please!

Jocelyn and Dan Condon

ProtectHV.org

Legacy Recovery Center does NOT have a Special Use Permit

- Long-term stay Community Residences (1+ year *typical* stays) are considered "Family Community Residences". These are allowed without a Special Use Permit. This is what Legacy Recovery Center said they were even though their typical length of stay is only 30 days.
- Short-term stay Community Residences (less than a year *typical* stays) are "Transitional Community Residences", these require a Special Use Permit. A Special Use Permit is difficult to obtain and requires public notification and City Council meetings; *a democratic process where all of us could have a voice.*
- In the Mesa Zoning Ordinance, it discusses limits on stays and length of stays "*in practice*". "In practice" in this instance means, what a facility will actually do. Some will say, "Well we don't limit stays"... but if the average length of stay is 30 days, in practice they do limit stays.

Legacy Recovery Center should be honest and apply for a Special Use Permit

Sent from my iPhone

From: teresa [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 7:50 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: Legacy Recovery Center

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Mayor Freeman,

I'm very concerned about the Legacy Recovery Center set to open at 2338 E. Minton Street for several reasons.

First, they lied to the city about the nature of their business to obtain an easier license instead of applying for a short-term care license. This facility may have a minimum 30-day stay, but by the owner's admission, patients can check out any time. The owner also admitted the average stay falls under the short-term umbrella. Plus, with a month-long stay costing \$25,000, it's cost prohibitive for almost all patients to stay much longer than a month.

Second, it is located right next door to Hermosa Vista Elementary School. During our meeting with the owner, he publicly admitted the facility will treat people with sexual addictions or, at the very least, not refuse to treat them. Additionally, he agreed that people do relapse sometimes during this point of their treatment. It's not hard to imagine someone trying to discard the evidence of their relapse by tossing syringes or unused pills over the fence and into the school yard.

I'm also concerned for the safety of my neighbors, many of whom are elderly. The owner admitted people at the recovery center can walk right out the front door and into the neighborhood any time they like, and staff can't stop them. They can only stop that person if staff even sees them leave. (If an alarm sounds, staff has to be available to drop everything and follow that person.)

Finally, I'm concerned by the owner's attitude that he can do anything he wants on the property. Rather than work with us to address our concerns by taking measures like applying for a short-term care license, he flaunts the Fair Housing Act. And early this morning, when I past the property, I noticed a shuttle in front of the house and a car that appeared to have been there overnight in the driveway. It makes me wonder if he isn't trying to move people in early to entrench himself.

This is all very upsetting. While I understand that under the FHA he has a right to provide accommodations for people with addictions, I don't understand why it has to be in a residential neighborhood next to an elementary school. I'm also very upset that having this treatment center five houses away can potentially decrease the value of my property by up to 20 percent. At the very least, I ask that you ensure he gets the proper licensing for this short-term care facility.

Thank you for your consideration.

Teresa Bitler -- [REDACTED]
Author of InFocus: Grand Canyon

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From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 1:25 PM
To: 'Maribeth All'
Subject: RE: Concern Regarding Mental Health & Addiction Rehab Facility Near Hermosa Vista Elementary

Maribeth, thank you for contacting me in this regard. I share your concerns. I am waiting for information from the City Attorney before I respond further. I will be in touch.

Rich Adams, District 1 Councilmember

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Maribeth All, M.Ed | Marketing, and Consulting

[REDACTED]

From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 10:46 PM
To: 'Susan Jarvie'
Subject: RE: Concerns Regarding Legacy Recovery Center in Residential Neighborhood

Thank you for contacting me regarding this matter. I understand and share your concerns and those of your neighbors. I have requested that the City Attorney provide me with a briefing of what the City of Mesa is legally allowed to do and where we are restricted due to Federal and/or State law. I ask your patience while I gather this information. Please know that I hear your concerns loud and clear. The paragraphs in italics below are additional information provided by our City Development Services Director.

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Rich Adams, District 1 Councilmember

From: Susan Jarvie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 9:11 AM
To: Mayor <mayor@mesaaz.gov>; District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>; CityManager <COMmanager@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Concerns Regarding Legacy Recovery Center in Residential Neighborhood

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Dear Mayor Freeman, Council Member Adams, and City Manager Chris Brady,

I am writing to express my concerns about the Legacy Recovery Center, a substance abuse and mental health behavioral residential facility that has recently purchased and is remodeling a high-end home in our residential neighborhood. As a community member, I have several questions about this facility's operation and its impact on our neighborhood and local school. I am requesting your assistance in addressing the following concerns:

Zoning and Licensing

1. What specific zoning classification allows this type of facility to operate in a residential neighborhood and has this facility been granted such zoning?
2. Has the facility obtained all necessary licenses and permits from the City of Mesa and the Arizona Department of Health Services?
3. Was a Special Use Permit (SUP) required, and was the public properly notified before approval?

Safety and Security

4. What security measures will be implemented to ensure the safety of nearby residents and the adjacent elementary school?
5. Will there be 24/7 supervision of residents, and what is the staff-to-resident ratio?
6. How will you handle situations where a resident becomes a danger to themselves or others?
7. What kind of background checks are performed on residents and staff?
8. Have you consulted with the elementary school regarding safety protocols or potential risks?

Impact on the Neighborhood

9. What is the plan for parking and transportation to avoid overcrowding streets or driveways?
10. How will this facility address concerns about noise, traffic, and other disruptions to the neighborhood?
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12. Have you conducted an impact study on how this facility might affect property values?

Communication and Accountability

13. Why were residents not notified sooner about this project?
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17. How will the facility ensure ongoing compliance with state and local regulations?
18. Has the facility operated in other residential neighborhoods? If so, can you provide references or feedback from those communities?
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As you may be aware, this facility is located directly next to Hermosa Vista Elementary School, with classrooms and windows facing the property, which raises concerns about the safety of the children and residents in the area.

Are you aware that the neighborhood meeting scheduled for March 28 at 3 PM coincides with parent pickup time at Hermosa Vista Elementary School? Parents commonly use Minton Street for this purpose. Since the meeting is planned to take place at the house, where will attendees gather? It may be too hot outside, and I don't believe there will be enough space inside the house to accommodate the entire neighborhood that is planning to attend. How do you plan to handle this situation?

I appreciate your attention to these questions and look forward to your prompt response.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

SUSAN JARVIE



The Groves of Hermosa Vista

[REDACTED]

From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 10:46 PM
To: 'Robin A Passey'
Subject: RE: Concerns Regarding Legacy Recovery Center in RESIDETIAL Neighborhood

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Rich Adams, District 1 Councilmember

From: Robin A Passey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 9:43 PM
To: Mayor <mayor@mesaaz.gov>; District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>; CityManager <COMmanager@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Concerns Regarding Legacy Recovery Center in RESIDETIAL Neighborhood

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Robin & Kerry Passey

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

From: Yvonne Anaya
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 1:12 PM
To: Amanda Misinco
Cc: Councilmember Adams
Subject: RE: Hermosa Vista - Substance Abuse Rehab Center

Dr. Misinco,

Thank you for sharing. I've forwarded to the appropriate City staff as well.

Best,

Yvonne Anaya

Executive Assistant to the Mayor | City of Mesa
480.644.2388



From: Amanda Misinco <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 1:07 PM
To: Yvonne Anaya <Yvonne.Anaya@mesaaz.gov>; Councilmember Adams <Councilmember.Adams@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Re: Hermosa Vista - Substance Abuse Rehab Center

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Yvonne and Mr. Adams,

I appreciate both of your responses. My family will be in attendance for the meeting this afternoon, and hope to voice our concerns.

Just to bring to your attention, I have included content from Legacy Recovery Center stating their treatment period is 30 days. This is far from a long-term tenant situation. See the direct link below:

<https://www.legacyrecoverycenter.com/our-facility/>

A Different Kind of Treatment Facility

Legacy Recovery Center provides substance addiction and mental health treatment in a non-institutional setting. Our building, amenities and grounds resemble a large, upscale residence more than a typical rehabilitation center. Designed to convey privacy, comfort and safety, we believe that our facility offers the ideal environment for introspection and healing.

A peaceful, stress-free setting helps you stay on track and get the most out of your journey to recovery. While deciding if you wish to seek treatment at Legacy Recovery Center, please review the information on these pages. **You want to be sure that our accommodations meet your needs for comfort and privacy during the 30-day treatment period.**

I appreciate your attention to the matter.

Kindly,

Dr. Amanda Misinco, O.D.

[REDACTED]

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On Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 9:12 AM Yvonne Anaya <Yvonne.Anaya@mesaaz.gov> wrote:

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Yvonne Anaya

Executive Assistant to the Mayor | City of Mesa

480.644.2396



From: Amanda Misinco <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 6:52 PM
To: Mayor <mayor@mesaaz.gov>
Cc: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>; CityManager <COMmanager@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Hermosa Vista - Substance Abuse Rehab Center

Dear Mayor Freeman,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the location of a proposed mental health and substance abuse rehabilitation facility at 2338 East Minton Street, which is situated in close proximity to Hermosa Vista Elementary School.

While I fully support the importance of rehabilitation and mental health services in our community, I believe that the facility's location raises valid concerns, especially given its proximity to a school with young children. The presence of such a facility near the school could potentially create safety concerns for students, faculty, and staff. Additionally, it might contribute to increased anxiety among parents and residents about the potential impact on the environment surrounding the school.

I would appreciate it if the local authorities, planning committees, and relevant parties could review this matter closely and consider the safety and well-being of the children attending Hermosa Vista Elementary School when making any final decisions regarding the facility.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you regarding any steps that can be taken to address these concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Amanda Misinco, O.D.

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Amanda Misinco, O.D.

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From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 10:46 PM
To: 'Rochelle Deriso'
Subject: RE: Legacy Recovery - a problem - please help

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Rich Adams, District 1 Councilmember

From: Rochelle Deriso <rrderiso@mpsaz.org>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 11:51 AM
To: Mayor <mayor@mesaaz.gov>; District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Legacy Recovery - a problem - please help

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Hello Mayor Freeman,

Thank You for what you do in dedication to our community. I am also dedicated to this wonderful city. I grew-up in, was educated in, worship and work in Mesa. I have always been a believer of being involved in and contributing to the community I live in. I do this as a Math and AVID teacher at Mountain View High School.

At Mountain View, I am the chairperson of the SIAC committee as well as the AVID program coordinator. I am pursuing my second Master's degree through NAU, in Educational Administration, as well as participating in two leadership classes in the community, one through MPS and the other through Hispanic Leadership Institute- East Valley. Needless to say, I am a contributing resident of Mesa. I love this city. It is my forever home.

I live right next door to the proposed site of Legacy Recovery Center, at 2338 E Minton St. I am not happy about the *Transitional* Rehab and Therapy center being right next door, but would, in any other situation, just deal with it without making a fuss. However, it is extremely concerning that the center is within immediate access to Hermosa Elementary School. That property and mine share a back wall with the school. We are separated from Elementary children merely by 8 inches of block wall.

The area immediately behind our back walls is where the PE classes conduct their activities. Eight inches of block wall separates addicts of various kinds and those with mental health issues from hundreds of kids at active and organized play every day.

The property is the second one on our block, only one residential property away from where most of the students access and leave the campus at the start and end of the school day. Hundreds of kids walk by the front of the property twice daily. Those of us in opposition to this rehab center have recorded videos to show the immense amount of foot and bicycle traffic. In talking with a woman at the State Licensing Compliance department for these kinds of facilities, I learned that this Transitional Rehab center is not designated as a "secure" facility, as defined by the State. This means the temporary residents are encouraged not to interact with the community, but are not restricted from doing so. There is seemingly nothing but a verbal guideline to prevent the residents from interacting with the hundreds of children that walk or ride their bikes past this property twice a day, five times a week.

Rehab and recovery is a messy process. It is not linear and often not continuously forward. There are wins and losses. Losses involve manifestation of the problem behavior that landed these residents in this transitional facility. The implications of the danger are gigantic. With its proximity to our community children so immediate and regular, it is not a matter of if something bad happens to one of our children, but when. This is why zoning for these types of properties is restricted to Special Use permits.

The city granted a permit to this facility to operate as a residential treatment center. The standard practice for residential centers is to host residents for periods of time of a year or longer. Legacy Recovery Center has self-disclosed via their website and conversations with Richard Miller, the owner, that the standard practice for their programs is to host residents for 30 days. Thirty days is far from a year. Thirty days means the residents of this rehab center are in transition. This facility, in standard practice, is a Transitional Rehab Center, not a Residential Treatment Center. I and my concerned community of parents, neighbors, educators and others, believe that the facility misled the city in its application for the permit to operate as a residential treatment center, knowing that disclosure of the standard practice of only 30 day stays would require a Special Use permit.

Please, I implore you, pull the issued permit and require this facility to apply for a Special Use permit. This is not about neighbors simply not wanting a place like this nearby. It is about protecting our

most vulnerable community members, our children, who are not able to protect themselves from the manifestation of potentially very dangerous behavior. Are we, are you, willing to allow even one of our precious innocent ones to become a victim?

Rehab and therapy is good and right and needed. But there are zones where it is restricted because of the dangers involved by the process. Next to a public school of any kind, is not a safe place for this facility. Please act to protect our children.

I would love to see both of you at the public meeting today at 3pm at the proposed address. If you will attend, please notify me, I will even leave my driveway open for your vehicles. Parking will be a mess as many of our community plan to show up to the meeting. I will give you VIP parking for the meeting, so you are minimally inconvenienced.

I would also love to see the city hold a special counsel to act upon pulling the residential permit and requiring Legacy Recovery Center to apply for a Special Use permit. By definition, this is what is required for the type of facility and services provided therein.

Thank You for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Rochelle Deriso



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From: Councilmember Somers
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:13 PM
To: Alicia Martinez
Subject: Re: Legacy Recovery Center (2338 E. Minton Street)

Umm. We should talk about this.

Scott Somers
Vice Mayor
Mesa City Council | District 6

On Mar 22, 2025, at 1:17 PM, Alicia Martinez <Alicia.Martinez@mesaaz.gov> wrote:

Prepared by Nana, to respond to constituents, if you'd like (w/attachment) D1

Dear Resident:

Thank you for reaching out to the City of Mesa.

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Based on inquiries from several residents, City staff is in contact with the State to obtain the application information submitted. Staff will be able to provide you with more details once we review that information.

Thanks again for the inquiry.

Sincerely,

Nana Appiah, PhD, AICP
Development Services Department Director
City of Mesa
55 N Center St
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Mesa, AZ 85211-1466
Phone: 480.644.2181
Email: Nana.Appiah@mesaaz.gov
<Community Residences and Other Group Living FAQ.pdf>

[REDACTED]

From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 11:20 AM
To: 'Jocelyn Condon'
Subject: RE: Legacy Recovery Center does not belong behind HV elementary

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Rich Adams, District 1 Councilmember

From: Jocelyn Condon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2025 10:10 AM
To: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Legacy Recovery Center does not belong behind HV elementary

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Hello Rich,

We wish you had been here Friday afternoon when Legacy Recovery Center held a public meeting at 3:00 hoping not very many could attend due to work and school. Boy, were they wrong!! They were woefully unprepared for the concerned residents (300 showed up)! A neighbor went home to get a speaker, microphone and extension cord so we could hear the very soft spoken Dr. , CEO and legal counsel. They were not forthcoming in their answers to questions, like why has their website changed over the past week regarding the type and length of stay a person would have? They said sex addiction could be treated here, and they are willing to risk our most vulnerable population to that exposure.

What happens if this company sells to another business in a year? Are they grandfathered in? What happens to our property values? Why wasn't a fully gated home without a school and without close homes nearby explored, like on Val Vista? We need answers from you please!

Jocelyn and Dan Condon

ProtectHV.org

Legacy Recovery Center does NOT have a Special Use Permit

- Long-term stay Community Residences (1+ year *typical* stays) are considered "Family Community Residences". These are allowed without a Special Use Permit. This is what Legacy Recovery Center said they were even though their typical length of stay is only 30 days.
- Short-term stay Community Residences (less than a year *typical* stays) are "Transitional Community Residences", these require a Special Use Permit. A Special Use Permit is difficult to obtain and requires public notification and City Council meetings; *a democratic process where all of us could have a voice.*
- In the Mesa Zoning Ordinance, it discusses limits on stays and length of stays "*in practice*". "In practice" in this instance means, what a facility will actually do. Some will say, "Well we don't limit stays"... but if the average length of stay is 30 days, in practice they do limit stays.

Legacy Recovery Center should be honest and apply for a Special Use Permit

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 7:03 AM
To: Councilmember Adams
Subject: RE: Legacy Recovery Center

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Dear Councilman Adams,

Thank you so much for your support on this issue!

Erin Sherman

Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for iOS

On Tue, Apr 1, 2025 at 7:00 AM, Councilmember Adams <Councilmember.Adams@MesaAZ.gov> wrote:

Thank you for contacting me. City staff are still investigating this situation, and I am awaiting a briefing from the City Attorney. **Personally**, I am adamantly opposed to this business locating in the neighborhood. I am waiting for the City to finish its examination of the facts before making a public statement. There are laws we must comply with in matters like this. If there is a legal way to prevent this business from operating in the neighborhood, I will be supportive of that. I appreciate your patience.

Rich Adams, District 1 Councilmember

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 6:55 AM
To: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Legacy Recovery Center

Dear Councilman Adams,

I wish to voice my objection to Legacy Recovery Center, the proposed acute mental illness, drug rehabilitation, sexual addiction short-term care facility planned for 2338 E. Minton Street in Mesa.

I have lived in the Hermosa Vista neighborhood for 36 years and haven't left because of the wonderful family atmosphere, great neighbors, and safety I feel being here. My children went to Hermosa Vista Elementary School and I never hesitated to let them bike to school by themselves once they were old enough.

If this center is able to open, I would never let a child in my care walk or bike to the school or even want them on the playground. My granddaughter is supposed to go to kindergarten at Hermosa Vista next year but her parents and I have reconsidered because of this. Being adjacent to a school is not an appropriate location for this type of business. This would be terrible for the safety of Hermosa Vista's students and all who live in the neighborhood.

Please rescind the existing permit from Legacy Recovery Center and protect our Hermosa Vista neighborhood!

Thank you,

Erin Sherman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 6:51 AM
To: 'Brad Miller'
Subject: RE: Recovery Center

There may be ways to accomplish what you suggest. I will know more after Staff completes its examination of the facts, and the City Attorney reviews the laws governing these types of uses.

From: Brad Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 4:39 PM
To: Councilmember Adams <Councilmember.Adams@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Re: Recovery Center

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Thank you for your response and I appreciate you looking into this situation.
Is it possible for the City to make a distance boundary from schools where recovery or rehab centers are not allowed? Maybe a 1/2 mile boundary from all schools? I just see this as a very big potential problem and think that there should be rules in place to minimize this risk.
Thanks again for your efforts!
Thanks, Brad

On Mar 31, 2025, at 11:02, Councilmember Adams
<Councilmember.Adams@mesaaz.gov> wrote:

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Rich Adams, District 1 Councilmember

From: Brad Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2025 9:07 AM
To: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Recovery Center

Good morning, the Recovery Center that is moving in next to Hermosa Vista Elementary school is a huge mistake and I can't believe there aren't some kind of rules keeping this type of business away from any school!!

I have been a resident of this area for 30 years and attended the public meeting they held last week. The meeting was a joke, the CEO, Lawyer and head Doctor were not prepared for the meeting and didn't provide truthful answers to the questions we all had. I feel like the meeting was “lip service” so they could check the box saying they did their “due diligence”.

I believe that this company will have people in their facility that will increase the safety risk to the neighborhood, let alone the elementary school that is RIGHT NEXT TO IT!! I believe that the City of Mesa should not allow this to happen in the current location, and should ABSOLUTELY put some rules in place to set a distance boundary to keep all facilities similar to this away from any and all schools!!

Thanks, Brad

[REDACTED]

From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 11:08 AM
To: 'Susan Jarvie'
Subject: RE: URGENT: Concerns Regarding Legacy Treatment and Recovery Center in a Residential Neighborhood MEETING TODAY

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Rich Adams, District 1 Councilmember

From: Susan Jarvie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 9:37 AM
To: JOlsen@azleg.gov; RHeap@azleg.gov; DFarnsworth@azleg.gov
Cc: Mayor <mayor@mesaaz.gov>; District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>; CityManager <COMmanager@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: URGENT: Concerns Regarding Legacy Treatment and Recovery Center in a Residential Neighborhood MEETING TODAY

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Dear Representatives Olsen, Heap, and Farnsworth,

I hope this message finds you well. I am a resident of Mesa, AZ (ZIP code 85213), and I am writing to express my concerns regarding the planned establishment of the Legacy Treatment Center at 2338 East Minton Street, Mesa, AZ 85213, in our residential neighborhood.

The Legacy Treatment Center, which will serve as a recovery and rehabilitation facility for individuals dealing with substance abuse and mental health issues, including schizophrenia, per their website and Facebook page, is planning to move into a residential home located next to Hermosa Vista Elementary School. The property's backyard faces the school, and I am concerned about the safety and impact on the surrounding community, particularly for the children attending the school.

While I understand that facilities like Legacy Treatment Center play an essential role in supporting individuals on their path to recovery, I am concerned about the facility's location in a densely populated, family-oriented neighborhood. I was not made aware of this development until recently, and it seems that the necessary licensing for this facility has not been issued yet. Additionally, there has been limited communication between the owners and the residents of the neighborhood. The City of Mesa has been made aware of the neighborhood's opposition to this facility being placed in such close proximity to a school and residential area.

Recent news coverage has revealed that the owner of the Legacy Treatment Center purposely avoided informing neighbors about their plans for the facility to sidestep the negative publicity that has followed. This lack of transparency has heightened the concerns of residents, and it is alarming that this important information has been withheld until now.

As a concerned member of the community, I respectfully request the following:

1.

Clarity on the Zoning and Licensing: Does the Legacy Treatment Center meet the zoning requirements to operate in a residential area, particularly one so close to Hermosa Vista Elementary School? Are there specific conditions for operating such a facility in a neighborhood like ours?

2.

Community Safety Concerns: What steps are being taken to address any potential safety concerns that may arise from the proximity of the facility to the school and nearby homes?

3.

Transparency and Communication: Please encourage the owners to engage with the neighborhood more transparently, offering an open forum for neighbors to voice their concerns and gain information about the facility's operations.

4.

Alternative Locations: I request that you consider exploring whether a more appropriate location for the treatment facility can be found, one that ensures the safety of the children attending Hermosa Vista Elementary School and respects the concerns of surrounding residents.

I have attached a document from Legacy Treatment Center detailing a meeting scheduled for today at 3 PM at the facility's location, as well as news coverage from yesterday that addresses the issues surrounding this development. The City of Mesa required the meeting after receiving a neighborhood petition opposing the Center. I believe the proper protocol would be to conduct this meeting in a neutral location. However, Legacy has chosen to conduct the meeting at the treatment center's residence on Minton Street. I expect most of the neighbors will be standing outside in the heat. This meeting time also coincides with parent pick-up for Hermosa Vista Elementary School, which will cause quite a bit of traffic drama.

I hope this information will help you better understand the situation and encourage you to act on our behalf.

As a constituent, I believe it is important for the development of recovery facilities to be balanced with the safety and well-being of the surrounding community. I would appreciate your attention to this matter and your efforts in addressing the concerns I have raised.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and hope that we can find a resolution that ensures the safety and best interests of everyone involved.

Sincerely,

Susan Jarvie

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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WORRIES OVER REHAB CENTER IN MESA NEIGH

NEIGHBORS CONCERNED ABOUT FACILITY BEING STEPS AWAY FROM ELEM

Neighbors concerned about rehab center in Mesa
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[REDACTED]

From: Michael Stephan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 4:18 PM
To: Nana Appiah
Cc: Mayor; District 1; CityManager; [REDACTED]
Subject: 2338 E Minton St - Legacy Recovery Center
Attachments: LRC - Email.pdf; LRC - Website Screenshots.pdf; LRC - Audio Recording.m4a; LRC - Affidavits.pdf; LRC - Petition.pdf

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Dear Nana,

I, along with Brad Arnett and hundreds within our community, want to express our gratitude for all the hard work you are doing regarding the issue of Legacy Recovery Center's planned facility at 2338 E. Minton St. We want to assist you in any way we can.

To that end, we are writing to provide additional information regarding this facility. It is our hope that you will use this information, along with all the other information you are so dutifully collecting, to define this facility as a Transitional Community Residence and require them to apply for a Special Use Permit as required by the Mesa Zoning Ordinance ("MZO").

Time is of the essence, as the operator of this facility has told several neighbors that they have received their license and are moving in residents this coming weekend. Neither us nor our counsel have been able to find that the operator has actually received a license from ADHS, as required by MZO 11-31-14.A.3.

We have attached several items that serve as proof that this facility will be operated as a Transitional Community Residence.

Sworn Affidavits

We have attached three Sworn Affidavits from concerned neighbors who on Friday, May 21st, attended an open house of the facility and spent over an hour talking with Richard Miller, Chief Executive Officer / Founding Member of Legacy Recovery Center. A few points I'd like to draw out of these affidavits. Mr. Miller stated:

- The typical stay is 4-6 weeks.
- He will charge each resident around \$35,000.00 per-month to stay in a room with two double-beds during the course of their treatment.
- He will be moving residents into the facility this coming weekend.
- They will be operating this facility in a very similar manner to their only other facility, located in Chandler, that is also advertised on their website.

- He did not deny that the company website, www.legacyrecoverycenter.com, accurately describes how this facility would be operated.

Audio Recording

The operator, as evidenced in the attached recording taken during a tour of the home on March 21st, had the following exchange between a touring individual (TI) and an operator representative (OR):

TI: What's your length of stay, typically? I'm sure it varies but—

OR: Four to six weeks, that's usually the, where it ends, six weeks.

TI: And then at that point if they need more care you're helping connect them with more long-term facilities?

OR: Yah, absolutely, outpatient programs. We work with a number of dif (sic), depending on their insurance, where they're gonna be at, um, you know, what area they're in and stuff..."

As stated, "in practice" their length of tenancy is much "less than a year [and] measured in weeks or months" (MZO 11-86-2).

Website Screenshots

The operator on several occasions has referred people to their company website to learn more about how this facility will be operated. And when asked specifically about items on the website, the CEO did not deny that the website accurately describes how this facility would be operated. I have attached 4 different screenshots of their website referring to their typical stay as 30-days. That is to say, their own website describes a tenancy that in practice can only be described as, "less than a year...measured in weeks or months", or in their words, days. (Definition of Transitional Community Residence, MZO 11-86-2)

Email Between a Concerned Citizen and the CEO of Legacy Treatment Center

When responding to an emailed question regarding the typical length of stay, the CEO responded with 4 different lengths of stay that in practice they provide, none of which is over a year. Then he continued to say, "The key thing is we do not have a limit on how long someone can stay." Legacy Treatment Center seems to believe that the definition of "Family Community Residence" in 11-86-2 is a list of disjunctive requirements where they can meet the definition by meeting any *one* of a set of requirements, rather than all of them. This contrasts with what the definition of a "Family Community Residence" actually is, a list of conjunctive requirements where all conditions must be met to qualify. They believe that if they have no *technical* limit on the length of stay, they are absolved of the requirements that, "in practice", they provide a "relatively permanent living arrangement" where the "minimum length of tenancy is typically a year or longer" (MZO 11-86-2).

In summary, *never* do they discuss that "in practice" the residents stay a year or longer:

- Not while asking the CEO face-to-face about the typical length of stay while on a tour of the facility.
- Not while asking a company representative face-to-face about the typical length of stay while on a tour of the facility.
- Not while emailing the CEO about the typical length of stay, and he responds while copying his attorney.
- Not while reviewing *every single* published page of their website after being referred to it by the company.

By *all* accounts, this facility does not meet the definition of a Family Community Residence by providing a "relatively permanent living arrangement" where the "minimum length of tenancy is typically a year or longer". For them to be a Family Community Residence, their typical stay would involve someone paying \$420,000.00 in exchange for a year on a twin-bed in a basement bedroom

that they share with someone else; a thing Legacy Recovery Center never has done, and never say or advertise they actually will do.

Petition

In an effort to gauge just how much of the community was concerned about this facility, we asked for signatures from anyone who supported our effort. In just a few days, with minimal effort, we collected 733 signatures. We invite you to peruse the list of people that have lent their names to this effort. All of them care deeply about this community and what is happening at 2338 E Minton Street. There is a very clear mandate by the community that this facility be required to follow the rules.

Please let us know if there is any other way we can assist you.

Thank you!

Mike Stephan, Brad Arnett and 733 of our neighbors

[REDACTED]

From: Susan Jarvie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 9:11 AM
To: Mayor; District 1; CityManager
Subject: Concerns Regarding Legacy Recovery Center in Residential Neighborhood

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Dear Mayor Freeman, Council Member Adams, and City Manager Chris Brady,

I am writing to express my concerns about the Legacy Recovery Center, a substance abuse and mental health behavioral residential facility that has recently purchased and is remodeling a high-end home in our residential neighborhood. As a community member, I have several questions about this facility's operation and its impact on our neighborhood and local school. I am requesting your assistance in addressing the following concerns:

Zoning and Licensing

1. What specific zoning classification allows this type of facility to operate in a residential neighborhood and has this facility been granted such zoning?
2. Has the facility obtained all necessary licenses and permits from the City of Mesa and the Arizona Department of Health Services?
3. Was a Special Use Permit (SUP) required, and was the public properly notified before approval?

Safety and Security

4. What security measures will be implemented to ensure the safety of nearby residents and the adjacent elementary school?
5. Will there be 24/7 supervision of residents, and what is the staff-to-resident ratio?
6. How will you handle situations where a resident becomes a danger to themselves or others?
7. What kind of background checks are performed on residents and staff?
8. Have you consulted with the elementary school regarding safety protocols or potential risks?

Impact on the Neighborhood

9. What is the plan for parking and transportation to avoid overcrowding streets or driveways?

10. How will this facility address concerns about noise, traffic, and other disruptions to the neighborhood?

11. What is the expected duration of each resident's stay, and what is the turnover rate?

12. Have you conducted an impact study on how this facility might affect property values?

Communication and Accountability

13. Why were residents not notified sooner about this project?

14. What is your plan for ongoing communication with the neighborhood if issues arise?

15. Is there a designated point of contact we can reach out to with concerns or complaints?

16. Will there be regular community check-ins or forums to address concerns as the facility operates?

Compliance and Oversight

17. How will the facility ensure ongoing compliance with state and local regulations?

18. Has the facility operated in other residential neighborhoods? If so, can you provide references or feedback from those communities?

19. What happens if the facility is found to be non-compliant with zoning or safety regulations?

20. Is there an oversight board or organization that conducts inspections or reviews the facility's operations?

As you may be aware, this facility is located directly next to Hermosa Vista Elementary School, with classrooms and windows facing the property, which raises concerns about the safety of the children and residents in the area.

Are you aware that the neighborhood meeting scheduled for March 28 at 3 PM coincides with parent pickup time at Hermosa Vista Elementary School? Parents commonly use Minton Street for this purpose. Since the meeting is planned to take place at the house, where will attendees gather? It may be too hot outside, and I don't believe there will be enough space inside the house to accommodate the entire neighborhood that is planning to attend. How do you plan to handle this situation?

I appreciate your attention to these questions and look forward to your prompt response.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

SUSAN JARVIE

[REDACTED]



The Groves of Hermosa Vista

From: Robin A Passey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 9:43 PM
To: Mayor; District 1; CityManager
Subject: Concerns Regarding Legacy Recovery Center in RESIDETIAL Neighborhood

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6. How will you handle situations where a resident becomes a danger to themselves or others?
7. What kind of background checks are performed on residents and staff?

8. Have you consulted with the elementary school regarding safety protocols or potential risks?

Impact on the Neighborhood

9. What is the plan for parking and transportation to avoid overcrowding streets or driveways?

10. How will this facility address concerns about noise, traffic, and other disruptions to the neighborhood?

11. What is the expected duration of each resident's stay, and what is the turnover rate?

12. Have you conducted an impact study on how this facility might affect property values?

Communication and Accountability

13. Why were residents not notified sooner about this project?

14. What is your plan for ongoing communication with the neighborhood if issues arise?

15. Is there a designated point of contact we can reach out to with concerns or complaints?

16. Will there be regular community check-ins or forums to address concerns as the facility operates?

Compliance and Oversight

17. How will the facility ensure ongoing compliance with state and local regulations?

18. Has the facility operated in other residential neighborhoods? If so, can you provide references or feedback from those communities?

19. What happens if the facility is found to be non-compliant with zoning or safety regulations?

20. Is there an oversight board or organization that conducts inspections or reviews the facility's operations?

As you may be aware, **this facility is located directly next to Hermosa Vista Elementary School**, with classrooms and windows facing the property, which raises concerns about the safety of the children and residents in the area.

Are you aware that the neighborhood meeting scheduled for March 28 at 3 PM coincides with parent pickup time at Hermosa Vista Elementary School? Parents commonly use Minton Street for this purpose. Since the meeting is planned to take place at the house, where will attendees gather? It may be too hot outside, and I don't believe there will be

enough space inside the house to accommodate the entire neighborhood that is planning to attend. How do you plan to handle this situation?

I appreciate your attention to these questions and look forward to your prompt response.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Robin & Kerry Passey

[REDACTED]

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From: Erin Lyman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 7:27 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Concerns Regarding Legacy Recovery Center

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Mayor Freeman, I am sharing with you the email that I sent to City Manager, Chris Brady. As a resident in the Hermosa Vista Elementary neighborhood, I am hoping to draw your attention to what is happening with Legacy Recovery Center and asking you to look into it. There were at least 100 people at the meeting this afternoon concerned about what this will mean for our community. We left without answers to most of the questions that were being asked and concerned that they are not seeking the proper permits for the program they are wanting to run.

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Additionally, there are questions surrounding the type of treatment they provide and whether it is short term or long term. They indicated they recommend a minimum 30 day stay and also indicated it is a 4-6 week program but "clients can stay as long as they like." They wouldn't answer how long people stay, on average, in their other locations. They are providing conflicting information and I'm asking that the City of Mesa take a closer look at the type permit required to operate this type of facility and deny the permits if they can't provide adequate information showing they are operating within the law.

The residents in this neighborhood are overwhelmingly not in support of Legacy opening a program here.

Erin Lyman



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From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 6:34 PM
To: Alicia Martinez
Subject: FW: Request for Meeting regarding Legacy Recovery Center

I've asked Jim Smith for a briefing on what the law is in these matters. I'm thinking I delay or decline this meeting until the City has thoroughly reviewed the applicable law, the application Legacy submitted, and so forth. Thoughts ?

From: Heather Dukes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 1:37 PM
To: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>
Cc: Alicia Martinez <alicia.martinez@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Request for Meeting regarding Legacy Recovery Center

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Good afternoon, Councilman Adams,

I am requesting a meeting to discuss the Legacy Recovery Center community residence approval for the home at 2338 E. Minton Street. I represent the operator with regard to zoning, ADHS licensing and Fair Housing Act issues. I understand that the City has recently received some neighborhood opposition regarding this use. We are scheduling a neighborhood meeting on Friday 3/28 at 3 pm at the residence. If you would like to discuss this use either before or after that meeting, I would make myself available.

Please let me know if there are any dates or times that would work best for you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Heather N. Dukes, Esq.

Email:

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[REDACTED]

From: Lauren Lacasse [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 1:38 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Halt Legacy Recovery Center From Opening Next to HV Elementary

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Dear Mayor Mark Freeman,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed opening of the Legacy Recovery Center next to Hermosa Vista Elementary School.

As a resident of our community and a family member of children attending Hermosa Vista, I am profoundly troubled by the potential impact this center may have on the safety and well-being of our school children. Hermosa Vista Elementary School is a place where our young ones should feel secure and focused on their education, free from any external distractions or potential hazards.

While I understand the necessity of recovery centers and the essential services they provide, situating such a facility in close proximity to an elementary school raises several issues:

- **Safety Concerns:** The presence of individuals undergoing recovery treatment could pose unforeseen risks and increase anxiety among students and parents.
- **Disruption to Learning Environment:** The activities and traffic associated with the recovery center may disrupt the calm and focused environment that is critical for effective learning.
- **Community Impact:** There may be broader implications for the neighborhood, affecting property values and the overall perception of the area as a safe and desirable place to live and raise children.

Given these concerns, I urge the city council to reconsider the location of the Legacy Recovery Center. It would be more appropriate to situate such a facility in an area that does not directly impact the daily lives and safety of schoolchildren.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that the council will make a decision that is in the best interest of our community and its future.

Sincerely,

Lauren Lacasse
[REDACTED]



From: Rochelle Deriso <rrderiso@mpsaz.org>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 11:51 AM
To: Mayor; District 1
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Legacy Recovery - a problem - please help

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Hello Mayor Freeman,

Thank You for what you do in dedication to our community. I am also dedicated to this wonderful city. I grew-up in, was educated in, worship and work in Mesa. I have always been a believer of being involved in and contributing to the community I live in. I do this as a Math and AVID teacher at Mountain View High School.

At Mountain View, I am the chairperson of the SIAC committee as well as the AVID program coordinator. I am pursuing my second Master's degree through NAU, in Educational Administration, as well as participating in two leadership classes in the community, one through MPS and the other through Hispanic Leadership Institute- East Valley. Needless to say, I am a contributing resident of Mesa. I love this city. It is my forever home.

I live right next door to the proposed site of Legacy Recovery Center, at 2338 E Minton St. I am not happy about the *Transitional* Rehab and Therapy center being right next door, but would, in any other situation, just deal with it without making a fuss. However, it is extremely concerning that the center is within immediate access to Hermosa Elementary School. That property and mine share a back wall with the school. We are separated from Elementary children merely by 8 inches of block wall.

The area immediately behind our back walls is where the PE classes conduct their activities. Eight inches of block wall separates addicts of various kinds and those with mental health issues from hundreds of kids at active and organized play every day.

The property is the second one on our block, only one residential property away from where most of the students access and leave the campus at the start and end of the school day. Hundreds of kids walk by the front of the property twice daily. Those of us in opposition to this rehab center have recorded videos to show the immense amount of foot and bicycle traffic. In talking with a woman at the State Licensing Compliance department for these kinds of facilities, I learned that this Transitional Rehab center is not designated as a "secure" facility, as defined by the State. This means the temporary residents are encouraged not to interact with the community, but are not restricted from doing so. There is seemingly nothing but a verbal guideline to prevent the residents from interacting with the hundreds of children that walk or ride their bikes past this property twice a day, five times a week.

Rehab and recovery is a messy process. It is not linear and often not continuously forward. There are wins and losses. Losses involve manifestation of the problem behavior that landed these residents in this transitional facility. The implications of the danger are gigantic. With its proximity to our community children so immediate and regular, it is not a matter of if something bad happens to one of our children, but when. This is why zoning for these types of properties is restricted to Special Use permits.

The city granted a permit to this facility to operate as a residential treatment center. The standard practice for residential centers is to host residents for periods of time of a year or longer. Legacy

Recovery Center has self-disclosed via their website and conversations with Richard Miller, the owner, that the standard practice for their programs is to host residents for 30 days. Thirty days is far from a year. Thirty days means the residents of this rehab center are in transition. This facility, in standard practice, is a Transitional Rehab Center, not a Residential Treatment Center. I and my concerned community of parents, neighbors, educators and others, believe that the facility misled the city in its application for the permit to operate as a residential treatment center, knowing that disclosure of the standard practice of only 30 day stays would require a Special Use permit.

Please, I implore you, pull the issued permit and require this facility to apply for a Special Use permit. This is not about neighbors simply not wanting a place like this nearby. It is about protecting our most vulnerable community members, our children, who are not able to protect themselves from the manifestation of potentially very dangerous behavior. Are we, are you, willing to allow even one of our precious innocent ones to become a victim?

Rehab and therapy is good and right and needed. But there are zones where it is restricted because of the dangers involved by the process. Next to a public school of any kind, is not a safe place for this facility. Please act to protect our children.

I would love to see both of you at the public meeting today at 3pm at the proposed address. If you will attend, please notify me, I will even leave my driveway open for your vehicles. Parking will be a mess as many of our community plan to show up to the meeting. I will give you VIP parking for the meeting, so you are minimally inconvenienced.

I would also love to see the city hold a special counsel to act upon pulling the residential permit and requiring Legacy Recovery Center to apply for a Special Use permit. By definition, this is what is required for the type of facility and services provided therein.

Thank You for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Rochelle Deriso

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From: Jocelyn Condon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 3:33 PM
To: District 1
Subject: Legacy recovery center draws over 100 residents and we are not getting honest answers.

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From: Robin A Passey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 4:48 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Legacy Recovery Center
Attachments: 20250328_151630.jpg

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There were 278 people come at 3:00 in the afternoon who apposed to having this facility in our residential neighborhood. State Behavioral Health said they were already licensed and the city of Mesa approved it. This is not right. We as a neighborhood and parents of children at the school didn't get to go to an office hearing so we could voice our opinion. This was done under the radar.

Please help us.

Thank you.

Robin Passey

[REDACTED]

From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 5:20 AM
To: 'Linda Brown'
Subject: RE:

Linda, thank you for contacting me regarding this matter. I understand and share your concerns and those of your neighbors. I have requested that the City Attorney provide me with a briefing of what the City of Mesa is legally allowed to do and where we are restricted due to Federal and/or State law. I ask your patience while I gather this information. Please know that I hear your concerns loud and clear.

From: Linda Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 9:18 PM
To: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>
Subject:

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Dear Mr.Adams,

I am writing to you today to urge you to please consider not allowing the Legacy Recovery Center to be anywhere near Hermosa Vista Elementary School.

This would be a grave miscarriage of justice to allow a business of this nature to be within steps of an elementary school.

It is our job and our duty to protect our children.

How a business of any kind let alone of this nature is even allowed to petition the City for license in a residential neighborhood is beyond my comprehension.

Please protect our children.

Thank you for your time,
Linda Brown

From: Michael Stephan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 9:56 AM
To: Councilmember Adams
Subject: Re: 2338 E Minton St - Legacy Recovery Center

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Thank you so much for your support, Rich. As it pertains to the Fair Housing Act, you cannot discriminate against a protected class. Said another way, if any place in the zoning ordinance permits by right, without a special use permit, short-term multifamily stays in the RS zone, then the City could not require this property to apply for a special use permit; that would be discriminatory. So the question is, is there any place in the Mesa zoning ordinance that permits by right, without a Special Use Permit, short-term multifamily stays in the RS zone?

On Tue, Mar 25, 2025 at 5:31 AM Councilmember Adams <Councilmember.Adams@mesaaz.gov> wrote:

Michael,

I applaud and support the good work you, your volunteers and neighbors are doing here. I am fully supportive of your efforts, and am hopeful we can find a solution that is acceptable to the neighborhood. It is unfortunate that Mesa is bound to a degree by laws the originate at higher levels. I am looking into all of these, and have asked staff to give me a thorough analysis of what we are able to do to deal with this situation.

My personal opinion is that while recovery centers, if properly, professionally and ethically operated are needed, the location in this case is out of the absurd and out of the question. I will do all I legally can to prevent it from operating in your neighborhood.

Rich Adams, District 1 Councilmember

From: Michael Stephan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 4:18 PM

To: Nana Appiah <Nana.Appiah@mesaaz.gov>

Cc: Mayor <mayor@mesaaz.gov>; District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>; CityManager <COMmanager@mesaaz.gov>;
[REDACTED]

Subject: 2338 E Minton St - Legacy Recovery Center

Dear Nana,

I, along with Brad Arnett and hundreds within our community, want to express our gratitude for all the hard work you are doing regarding the issue of Legacy Recovery Center's planned facility at 2338 E. Minton St. We want to assist you in any way we can.

To that end, we are writing to provide additional information regarding this facility. It is our hope that you will use this information, along with all the other information you are so dutifully collecting, to define this facility as a Transitional Community Residence and require them to apply for a Special Use Permit as required by the Mesa Zoning Ordinance ("MZO").

Time is of the essence, as the operator of this facility has told several neighbors that they have received their license and are moving in residents this coming weekend. Neither us nor our counsel have been able to find that the operator has actually received a license from ADHS, as required by MZO 11-31-14.A.3.

We have attached several items that serve as proof that this facility will be operated as a Transitional Community Residence.

Sworn Affidavits

We have attached three Sworn Affidavits from concerned neighbors who on Friday, May 21st, attended an open house of the facility and spent over an hour talking with Richard Miller, Chief Executive Officer / Founding Member of Legacy Recovery Center. A few points I'd like to draw out of these affidavits. Mr. Miller stated:

- The typical stay is 4-6 weeks.
- He will charge each resident around \$35,000.00 per-month to stay in a room with two double-beds during the course of their treatment.
- He will be moving residents into the facility this coming weekend.
- They will be operating this facility in a very similar manner to their only other facility, located in Chandler, that is also advertised on their website.

- He did not deny that the company website, www.legacyrecoverycenter.com, accurately describes how this facility would be operated.

Audio Recording

The operator, as evidenced in the attached recording taken during a tour of the home on March 21st, had the following exchange between a touring individual (TI) and an operator representative (OR):

TI: What's your length of stay, typically? I'm sure it varies but—

OR: Four to six weeks, that's usually the, where it ends, six weeks.

TI: And then at that point if they need more care you're helping connect them with more long-term facilities?

OR: Yah, absolutely, outpatient programs. We work with a number of dif (sic), depending on their insurance, where they're gonna be at, um, you know, what area they're in and stuff..."

As stated, "in practice" their length of tenancy is much "less than a year [and] measured in weeks or months" (MZO 11-86-2).

Website Screenshots

The operator on several occasions has referred people to their company website to learn more about how this facility will be operated. And when asked specifically about items on the website, the CEO did not deny that the website accurately describes how this facility would be operated. I have attached 4 different screenshots of their website referring to their typical stay as 30-days. That is to say, their own website describes a tenancy that in practice can only be described as, "less than a year...measured in weeks or months", or in their words, days. (Definition of Transitional Community Residence, MZO 11-86-2)

Email Between a Concerned Citizen and the CEO of Legacy Treatment Center

When responding to an emailed question regarding the typical length of stay, the CEO responded with 4 different lengths of stay that in practice they provide, none of which is over a year. Then he continued to say, "The key thing is we do not have a limit on how long someone can stay." Legacy Treatment Center seems to believe that the definition of "Family Community Residence" in 11-86-2 is a list of disjunctive requirements where they can meet the definition by meeting any *one* of a set of requirements, rather than all of them. This contrasts with what the definition of a "Family Community Residence" actually is, a list of conjunctive requirements where all conditions must be met to qualify. They believe that if they have no *technical* limit on the length of stay, they are absolved of the requirements that, "in practice", they provide a "relatively permanent living arrangement" where the "minimum length of tenancy is typically a year or longer" (MZO 11-86-2).

In summary, *never* do they discuss that "in practice" the residents stay a year or longer:

- Not while asking the CEO face-to-face about the typical length of stay while on a tour of the facility.
- Not while asking a company representative face-to-face about the typical length of stay while on a tour of the facility.
- Not while emailing the CEO about the typical length of stay, and he responds while copying his attorney.
- Not while reviewing *every single* published page of their website after being referred to it by the company.

By *all* accounts, this facility does not meet the definition of a Family Community Residence by providing a "relatively permanent living arrangement" where the "minimum length of tenancy is typically a year or longer". For them to be a Family Community Residence, their typical stay would involve someone paying \$420,000.00 in exchange for a year on a twin-bed in a basement bedroom that they share with someone else; a thing Legacy Recovery Center never has done, and never say or advertise they actually will do.

Petition

In an effort to gauge just how much of the community was concerned about this facility, we asked for signatures from anyone who supported our effort. In just a few days, with minimal effort, we collected 733 signatures. We invite you to peruse the list of people that have lent their names to this effort. All of them care deeply about this community and what is happening at 2338 E Minton Street. There is a very clear mandate by the community that this facility be required to follow the rules.

Please let us know if there is any other way we can assist you.

Thank you!

Mike Stephan, Brad Arnett and 733 of our neighbors

[REDACTED]

From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 10:42 PM
To: 'Erin Lyman'
Subject: RE: Concerns Regarding Legacy Recovery Center

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The City is still investigating this entire situation. I am aware of what Legacy is attempting to do. Based what I know at this time, I personally am not supportive of this facility operating as planned. The City will take appropriate action under the law once all the facts are known.

Rich Adams, District 1 Councilmember

From: Erin Lyman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 7:24 PM
To: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Concerns Regarding Legacy Recovery Center

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Erin Lyman

From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 9:43 PM
To: 'Erica Ward'
Subject: RE: Drug rehab opening next to an elementary school?!
Attachments: Community Residences and Other Group Living FAQ.pdf

Erica, thank you for contacting me regarding this matter. I understand and share your concerns and those of your neighbors. I have requested that the City Attorney provide me with a briefing of what the City of Mesa is legally allowed to do and where we are restricted due to Federal and/or State law. I ask your patience while I gather this information. Please know that I hear your concerns loud and clear. The paragraphs in italics below are additional information provided by our City Development Services Director.

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Rich Adams, District 1 Councilmember

From: Erica Ward <ejonesy13@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2025 8:49 AM
To: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Drug rehab opening next to an elementary school?!

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Hi Mr. Adams,

There is a rehabilitation facility trying to open up near my children's school and I find it highly inappropriate for their location to be so near an elementary school. Some of my children's friends would walk right past this address on their walk home. They're trying to open it at 2338 East Minton Street which is right next to Hermosa Vista Elementary School. Please help us stop this.

Thank you,
Erica Pace

[REDACTED]

From: Amanda Misinco <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 1:07 PM
To: Yvonne Anaya; Councilmember Adams
Subject: Re: Hermosa Vista - Substance Abuse Rehab Center

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Yvonne and Mr. Adams,

I appreciate both of your responses. My family will be in attendance for the meeting this afternoon, and hope to voice our concerns.

Just to bring to your attention, I have included content from Legacy Recovery Center stating their treatment period is 30 days. This is far from a long-term tenant situation. See the direct link below:

<https://www.legacyrecoverycenter.com/our-facility/>

A Different Kind of Treatment Facility

Legacy Recovery Center provides substance addiction and mental health treatment in a non-institutional setting. Our building, amenities and grounds resemble a large, upscale residence more than a typical rehabilitation center. Designed to convey privacy, comfort and safety, we believe that our facility offers the ideal environment for introspection and healing.

A peaceful, stress-free setting helps you stay on track and get the most out of your journey to recovery. While deciding if you wish to seek treatment at Legacy Recovery Center, please review the information on these pages. **You want to be sure that our accommodations meet your needs for comfort and privacy during the 30-day treatment period.**

I appreciate your attention to the matter.

Kindly,

Dr. Amanda Misinco, O.D.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(714) 793-7464

On Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 9:12 AM Yvonne Anaya <Yvonne.Anaya@mesaaz.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for reaching out to the City of Mesa.

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Based on inquiries from several residents, City staff is in contact with the State to obtain the application information submitted. Staff will be able to provide you with more details once we review that information.

Thanks again for the inquiry.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Anaya

480.644.2396



From: Amanda Misinco <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 6:52 PM
To: Mayor <mayor@mesaaz.gov>
Cc: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>; CityManager <COMmanager@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Hermosa Vista - Substance Abuse Rehab Center

Dear Mayor Freeman,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the location of a proposed mental health and substance abuse rehabilitation facility at 2338 East Minton Street, which is situated in close proximity to Hermosa Vista Elementary School.

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I would appreciate it if the local authorities, planning committees, and relevant parties could review this matter closely and consider the safety and well-being of the children attending Hermosa Vista Elementary School when making any final decisions regarding the facility.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you regarding any steps that can be taken to address these concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Amanda Misinco, O.D.

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Amanda Misinco, O.D.

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From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 10:43 PM
To: 'Jocelyn Condon'
Subject: RE: Legacy recovery center draws over 100 residents and we are not getting honest answers.

Thank you for contacting me regarding this matter. I understand and share your concerns and those of your neighbors. I have requested that the City Attorney provide me with a briefing of what the City of Mesa is legally allowed to do and where we are restricted due to Federal and/or State law. I ask your patience while I gather this information. Please know that I hear your concerns loud and clear. The paragraphs in italics below are additional information provided by our City Development Services Director.

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The City is still investigating this entire situation. I am aware of what Legacy is attempting to do. Based what I know at this time, I personally am not supportive of this facility operating as planned. The City will take appropriate action under the law once all the facts are known.

Rich Adams, District 1 Councilmember

From: Jocelyn Condon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 3:33 PM
To: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Legacy recovery center draws over 100 residents and we are not getting honest answers.

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From: Stephanie Howells Scoville <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 1:07 AM
To: Councilmember Adams
Subject: Re: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Rehab next to elementary school????

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Thank you for your response. I appreciate it.

On Fri, Mar 21, 2025 at 5:03 AM Councilmember Adams <Councilmember.Adams@mesaaz.gov> wrote:

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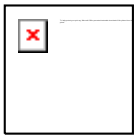
District 1 Councilmember

From: Stephanie Howells Scoville <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 3:45 PM
To: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Rehab next to elementary school????

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Dear Mr. Adams

Surely, someone dropped the ball on this plan, right? Who would approve a Substance Abuse & Mental Health Rehab Center to be literally backed up to an elementary school? [2338 E Minton Street, Mesa](#) is where they are trying to open it. 🤔 That move makes zero sense and is just trouble waiting to happen!!! This is the street that fills up with parents' cars to pick up their minor students from grades 6 and below. NOT a smart combo!!!

I'm writing to make you aware of this egregious error so you can help rectify the problem before it begins!! I understand these centers are needed, but location does matter!! Thanks for your attention to this matter and I have confidence you will be able to find a more ideal location for the center and keep the young children of Hermosa Vista Elementary School safe for years to come. Thank you!



Stephanie Howells Scoville

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From: Alicia Martinez
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 7:21 PM
To: Councilmember Adams
Subject: Request for Meeting regarding Legacy Recovery Center

Agreed ..

From: Councilmember Adams <Councilmember.Adams@MesaAZ.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 6:34 PM
To: Alicia Martinez <Alicia.Martinez@MesaAZ.gov>
Subject: FW: Request for Meeting regarding Legacy Recovery Center

I've asked Jim Smith for a briefing on what the law is in these matters. I'm thinking I delay or decline this meeting until the City has thoroughly reviewed the applicable law, the application Legacy submitted, and so forth. Thoughts ?

From: Heather Dukes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 1:37 PM
To: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>
Cc: Alicia Martinez <alicia.martinez@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Request for Meeting regarding Legacy Recovery Center

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Good afternoon, Councilman Adams,

I am requesting a meeting to discuss the Legacy Recovery Center community residence approval for the home at 2338 E. Minton Street. I represent the operator with regard to zoning, ADHS licensing and Fair Housing Act issues. I understand that the City has recently received some neighborhood opposition regarding this use. We are scheduling a neighborhood meeting on Friday 3/28 at 3 pm at the residence. If you would like to discuss this use either before or after that meeting, I would make myself available.

Please let me know if there are any dates or times that would work best for you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Heather N. Dukes, Esq.
[REDACTED]

Mobile:

Email:

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From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 11:50 AM
To: Rich Adams

Services Director.

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Rich Adams
Councilmember / District 1
480.644.4002



[REDACTED]

From: Susan Jarvie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 9:37 AM
To: JOlsen@azleg.gov; RHeap@azleg.gov; DFarnsworth@azleg.gov
Cc: Mayor; District 1; CityManager
Subject: URGENT: Concerns Regarding Legacy Treatment and Recovery Center in a Residential Neighborhood MEETING TODAY
Attachments: FILE_7128.pdf

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Dear Representatives Olsen, Heap, and Farnsworth,

I hope this message finds you well. I am a resident of Mesa, AZ (ZIP code 85213), and I am writing to express my concerns regarding the planned establishment of the Legacy Treatment Center at 2338 East Minton Street, Mesa, AZ 85213, in our residential neighborhood.

The Legacy Treatment Center, which will serve as a recovery and rehabilitation facility for individuals dealing with substance abuse and mental health issues, including schizophrenia, per their website and Facebook page, is planning to move into a residential home located next to Hermosa Vista Elementary School. The property's backyard faces the school, and I am concerned about the safety and impact on the surrounding community, particularly for the children attending the school.

While I understand that facilities like Legacy Treatment Center play an essential role in supporting individuals on their path to recovery, I am concerned about the facility's location in a densely populated, family-oriented neighborhood. I was not made aware of this development until recently, and it seems that the necessary licensing for this facility has not been issued yet. Additionally, there has been limited communication between the owners and the residents of the neighborhood. The City of Mesa has been made aware of the neighborhood's opposition to this facility being placed in such close proximity to a school and residential area.

Recent news coverage has revealed that the owner of the Legacy Treatment Center purposely avoided informing neighbors about their plans for the facility to sidestep the negative publicity that has followed. This lack of transparency has heightened the concerns of residents, and it is alarming that this important information has been withheld until now.

As a concerned member of the community, I respectfully request the following:

- 1.

Clarity on the Zoning and Licensing: Does the Legacy Treatment Center meet the zoning requirements to operate in a residential area, particularly one so close to Hermosa Vista Elementary School? Are there specific conditions for operating such a facility in a neighborhood like ours?

2.

Community Safety Concerns: What steps are being taken to address any potential safety concerns that may arise from the proximity of the facility to the school and nearby homes?

3.

Transparency and Communication: Please encourage the owners to engage with the neighborhood more transparently, offering an open forum for neighbors to voice their concerns and gain information about the facility's operations.

4.

Alternative Locations: I request that you consider exploring whether a more appropriate location for the treatment facility can be found, one that ensures the safety of the children attending Hermosa Vista Elementary School and respects the concerns of surrounding residents.

I have attached a document from Legacy Treatment Center detailing a meeting scheduled for today at 3 PM at the facility's location, as well as news coverage from yesterday that addresses the issues surrounding this development. The City of Mesa required the meeting after receiving a neighborhood petition opposing the Center. I believe the proper protocol would be to conduct this meeting in a neutral location. However, Legacy has chosen to conduct the meeting at the treatment center's residence on Minton Street. I expect most of the neighbors will be standing outside in the heat. This meeting time also coincides with parent pick-up for Hermosa Vista Elementary School, which will cause quite a bit of traffic drama.

I hope this information will help you better understand the situation and encourage you to act on our behalf.

As a constituent, I believe it is important for the development of recovery facilities to be balanced with the safety and well-being of the surrounding community. I would appreciate your attention to this matter and your efforts in addressing the concerns I have raised.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and hope that we can find a resolution that ensures the safety and best interests of everyone involved.

Sincerely,

Susan Jarvie

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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From: Shay Petree <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 6:26 PM
To: District 1
Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Location of Legacy Recovery Center

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Thank you for your time and service.

Best regards,

Shay Petree Quitno

From: Priscilla Gutierrez
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 11:36 AM
To: Councilmember Duff
Subject: FW: Legacy Recovery Center (2338 E. Minton Street)
Attachments: Community Residences and Other Group Living FAQ.pdf

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Priscilla Gutierrez

City Council District Coordinator
Office of Councilmember Jenn Duff | District 4
(480) 644-4745 priscilla.gutierrez@mesaaz.gov



From: Nana Appiah <Nana.Appiah@mesaaz.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 4:51 PM
To: Nana Appiah <Nana.Appiah@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: Legacy Recovery Center (2338 E. Minton Street)

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Sincerely,

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Development Services Department Director
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55 N Center St
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Mesa, AZ 85211-1466
Phone: 480.644.2181
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From: Lauren Lacasse <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 1:38 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Halt Legacy Recovery Center From Opening Next to HV Elementary

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Given these concerns, I urge the city council to reconsider the location of the Legacy Recovery Center. It would be more appropriate to situate such a facility in an area that does not directly impact the daily lives and safety of schoolchildren.

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Sincerely,

Lauren Lacasse

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Alicia Martinez
Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2025 1:18 PM
To: Councilmember Somers
Subject: Legacy Recovery Center (2338 E. Minton Street)
Attachments: Community Residences and Other Group Living FAQ.pdf

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Prepared by Nana, to respond to constituents, if you'd like (w/attachment) D1

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From: judy grant [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 11:48 AM
To: District 1
Subject: Legacy Recovery Center

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Sincerely,

Judy Grant
[REDACTED]



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From: Susan Lawrence [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2025 12:08 PM
To: Mayor; District 1
Subject: Proposed Substance Abuse and Mental Health Community Residence

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Hello Mayor and Council Member,

My neighbors have just become aware that a recently purchased \$1.7 million dollar home that backs up the Hermosa Vista Elementary school and one house in from 24th Street is scheduled to be a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Rehabilitation community residence.

This is not a safe place for this type of shared residence when the playground and classroom portals are directly behind this property. It is also one house from 24th street where the school crosswalk is located and children walk home from school.

The address is 2338 E. Minton Street, in Mesa. The City of Mesa Development office has also been contacted with concerns of this permit being approved and they are going to inquire with the state on what licensing has been submitted. At this time it is under the umbrella permit for a Family Community Residence. The owners of the property are two psychiatrists who are affiliated with multiple recovery facilities in Arizona. We do not believe the full intention for this property was ever fully disclosed to the City of Mesa during the permit process.

This is not the place for this type of a facility in a residential neighborhood next to an Elementary School.

There is a petition circulating in the neighborhood as well, since we have all just been made aware of this.

I do not support the location of this facility and I am hopeful this can be stopped.

Thank you for your help and attention to this matter.

Susan Lawrence
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2025 5:03 AM
To: 'Shay Petree'
Subject: RE: Concerns Regarding Proposed Location of Legacy Recovery Center

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District 1 Councilmember

From: Shay Petree <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 6:26 PM
To: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>
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From: Councilmember Adams
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From: Matthew Huggins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 11:11 AM
To: Mayor <mayor@mesaaz.gov>
Cc: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>; CityManager <comanager@mesaaz.gov>; Matthew Huggins <[REDACTED]>
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Best Regards,

Matt Huggins

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2025 5:17 AM
To: 'leah'
Subject: RE: Legacy Recovery center in Hermosa Vista elementary School area

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District 1 Councilmember

From: leah <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 4:55 PM
To: mdstrom@mpsaz.com; District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>; Mayor <mayor@mesaaz.gov>; LChaffee@mpsaz.org
Subject: Legacy Recovery center in Hermosa Vista elementary School area

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From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2025 5:01 AM
To: 'judy grant'
Subject: RE: Legacy Recovery Center

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Rich Adams
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From: judy grant <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 11:48 AM
To: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>
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Sincerely,

Judy Grant



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Subject: RE: rehab facility on Minton street in Mesa

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From: Amy Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 2:35 PM
To: District 1 <District1@mesaaz.gov>
Subject: rehab facility on Minton street in Mesa

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Hello Council Member Rich Adams,

I am writing with concern about a rehab facility being opened on my street at 2338 E. Minton Street in Mesa

Permit # PMT24-21631

It is unfortunate that the facility was not required to let neighbors know before acquiring a permit. I know other cities require this for assisted living homes. It seems even more important for neighbors to know when a facility is housing people struggling with schizophrenia, bi polar, drug addictions, and sex addictions.

We have hundreds of children in our neighborhood. Hermosa Vista is one of 2 schools in the entire district that offers Dual Language Immersion. It is a highly sought after school and people come from all over the city to enroll their little children. This also creates a traffic problem so the parents drop off and pick up on our street, Minton street. Children often wait under the shade of the tree on 2338 Minton to wait for their parents. This will no longer be a safe place.

Id like to request that this permit be revoked so that it does not share a property line with an elementary school.

Thank you for your service and time,
Amy Johnson



[REDACTED]

From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2025 5:02 AM
To: 'Kelsey Huggins'
Subject: RE: Stop Legacy Recovery Center

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From: Kelsey Huggins <[REDACTED]>
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Kelsey Huggins

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Sent: Friday, March 21, 2025 5:04 AM
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Subject: RE: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Rehab next to elementary school????

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Dear Mr. Adams

Surely, someone dropped the ball on this plan, right? Who would approve a Substance Abuse & Mental Health Rehab Center to be literally backed up to an elementary school? 2338 E Minton Street, Mesa is where they are trying to open it. 🤔 That move makes zero sense and is just trouble waiting to happen!!! This is the street that fills up with parents' cars to pick up their minor students from grades 6 and below. NOT a smart combo!!!

I'm writing to make you aware of this egregious error so you can help rectify the problem before it begins!! I understand these centers are needed, but location does matter!! Thanks for your attention to this matter and I have confidence you will be able to find a more ideal location for the center and keep the young children of Hermosa Vista Elementary School safe for years to come. Thank you!



Stephanie Howells Scoville

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[REDACTED]

From: Heather Dukes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 1:37 PM
To: District 1
Cc: Alicia Martinez
Subject: Request for Meeting regarding Legacy Recovery Center

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Good afternoon, Councilman Adams,

I am requesting a meeting to discuss the Legacy Recovery Center community residence approval for the home at 2338 E. Minton Street. I represent the operator with regard to zoning, ADHS licensing and Fair Housing Act issues. I understand that the City has recently received some neighborhood opposition regarding this use. We are scheduling a neighborhood meeting on Friday 3/28 at 3 pm at the residence. If you would like to discuss this use either before or after that meeting, I would make myself available.

Please let me know if there are any dates or times that would work best for you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Heather N. Dukes, Esq.

[REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

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From: Tamara Larsen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 10:19 AM
To: Mayor
Cc: District 1
Subject: Why? Why in my neighborhood?

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One question: Why in my neighborhood?

But why in John Giles backyard?

A house in our ward boundaries, behind Hermosa Vista Elementary has been purchased by Roland Segal and Ehab Abdallah and marked as a rental. There other "rental" is in Chandler (24745 S Lindsay Road) called Legacy Recovery Center for Addiction treatment. That home appears to be on a busy street with a recessed off the road and allow for parking on their property.

Can someone answer a few more questions?

What about parking?

Daily and overnight traffic?

Facilities security measures?

Is there concern or consideration for families who live on Minton?

How many "patients" are allowed

Or is this just big business, big government money?

Critical thinking is a skill. Anxious to hear your thoughts!

Tamara Larsen



From: Priscilla Gutierrez
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 9:54 AM
To: Councilmember Duff
Subject: FW: Legacy Recovery center in Hermosa Vista elementary School area

FYI

Priscilla Gutierrez

City Council District Coordinator
Office of Councilmember Jenn Duff | District 4
(480) 644-4745 priscilla.gutierrez@mesaaz.gov



From: Yvonne Anaya <Yvonne.Anaya@MesaAZ.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 5:27 PM
To: Alicia Martinez <Alicia.Martinez@MesaAZ.gov>; Ian Linssen <Ian.Linssen@MesaAZ.gov>; John Zielonka <John.Zielonka@mesaaz.gov>; Katie Brown <Katie.Brown@mesaaz.gov>; Lucy Hambright <Lucy.Hambright@mesaaz.gov>; Marissa Sanchez <Marissa.Sanchez@mesaaz.gov>; Melissa Hollenbeck <Melissa.Hollenbeck@mesaaz.gov>; Priscilla Gutierrez <Priscilla.Gutierrez@mesaaz.gov>
Cc: Holly Moseley <Holly.Moseley@MesaAZ.gov>
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FYI.

Yvonne Anaya

Executive Assistant to the Mayor | City of Mesa
480.644.2396



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From: Mayor Freeman
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 3:31 PM
Subject: Fw: Legacy Recovery Center

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From: Matthew Strom <mdstrom@mpsaz.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 8:53:31 AM
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Dr. Matthew Strom
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To: Brad Arnett

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Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 8:18 PM
To: Nana Appiah; Mary Kopaskie-Brown
Cc: Councilmember Adams; Jim Smith
Subject: Fwd: Legacy Recovery Center

Nana,

I'm sure that you are looking into this for Councilmember Adams and my office as well. Please let us know what transpires. Thank you
Mayor Mark Freeman

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Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 7:18 AM
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Holy smokes!

How did this recovery center get permitted to open in a residential area adjacent to an elementary school.

I currently live at [REDACTED] next door to the proposed center. Every school day I witnessed fifty plus children walk past this home and street. The back fence of this home shares the fence of the elementary school fenced recess area. I don't know about you, but I wouldn't like a recovering bipolar person on the other side of the fence from my kids playing at recess. Quick hop over the fence and they are right there.

Please ask some serious questions as to how this center got permitted to open . Please fight for our neighborhood and children.

Thank you

Christina Frost

Sent from Christina's iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Alicia Martinez
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 5:55 PM
To: Councilmember Adams
Subject: Legacy Recovery center in Hermosa Vista elementary School area / D1

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From: Councilmember Adams
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 7:15 PM
To: 'leah'
Subject: RE: Legacy Recovery center in Hermosa Vista elementary School area

Ms. Spencer,

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If you have further questions, please reach out.

Rich Adams

From: leah <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 4:55 PM
To: mdstrom@mpsaz.com; District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>; Mayor <mayor@mesaaz.gov>; LChaffee@mpsaz.org
Subject: Legacy Recovery center in Hermosa Vista elementary School area

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To whom it may concern:

I've just become aware of a new recovery home opening in the Hermosa Vista elementary school area. I understand that they have received a permit but didn't do any public hearings. I am out of town and not able to make the city council meeting tonight, but I'd like my concerns to be documented.

I know we all want people to be able to receive the help they need, but it seems like there is a better fit for this facility in a place not adjacent to an elementary school or in a residential neighborhood with so many vulnerable residents like children and elderly. I am very much opposed to a facility of this sort in our neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leah Spencer
[REDACTED]

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S23 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

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From: Brad Arnett [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 12:37 PM
To: Councilmember Adams
Cc: Kim Arnett
Subject: Re: Legacy Recovery Center

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Councilmember Adams,

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Cc: District 1 <district1@mesaaz.gov>; [REDACTED]; Rich Adams <rich@swbcs.com>; sbenson@mpsaz.org; mhutchinson@mpsaz.org; lchaffee@mpsaz.org; cdavis@mpsaz.org; rwalden@mpsaz.org; Mayor <mayor@mesaaz.gov>; [REDACTED]
Subject: Legacy Recovery Center
Importance: High

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[REDACTED]

From: Amy Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 2:35 PM
To: District 1
Subject: rehab facility on Minton street in Mesa

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Hello Council Member Rich Adams,

I am writing with concern about a rehab facility being opened on my street at 2338 E. Minton Street in Mesa

Permit # PMT24-21631

It is unfortunate that the facility was not required to let neighbors know before acquiring a permit. I know other cities require this for assisted living homes. It seems even more important for neighbors to know when a facility is housing people struggling with schizophrenia, bi polar, drug addictions, and sex addictions.

We have hundreds of children in our neighborhood. Hermosa Vista is one of 2 schools in the entire district that offers Dual Language Immersion. It is a highly sought after school and people come from all over the city to enroll their little children. This also creates a traffic problem so the parents drop off and pick up on our street, Minton street. Children often wait under the shade of the tree on 2338 Minton to wait for their parents. This will no longer be a safe place.

Id like to request that this permit be revoked so that it does not share a property line with an elementary school.

Thank you for your service and time,
Amy Johnson
[REDACTED]

From: Stephanie Howells Scoville <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 3:45 PM
To: District 1
Subject: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Rehab next to elementary school????

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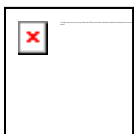
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Dear Mr. Adams

Surely, someone dropped the ball on this plan, right? Who would approve a Substance Abuse & Mental Health Rehab Center to be literally backed up to an elementary school? 2338 E Minton Street, Mesa is where they are trying to open it. 🤔 That move makes zero sense and is just trouble waiting to happen!!! This is the street that fills up with parents' cars to pick up their minor students from grades 6 and below. NOT a smart combo!!!

I'm writing to make you aware of this egregious error so you can help rectify the problem before it begins!! I understand these centers are needed, but location does matter!! Thanks for your attention to this matter and I have confidence you will be able to find a more ideal location for the center and keep the young children of Hermosa Vista Elementary School safe for years to come. Thank you!



Stephanie Howells Scoville

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LEGACY

RECOVERY CENTER

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We will be holding a community meeting at our property on:

Friday, March 28, 2025

2338 E. Minton Street

3pm-4pm

This is an opportunity for neighbors to share their concerns and also hear what steps Legacy Recovery Center takes to ensure the safety of the community and to operate the home as a family environment for the benefit of both the residents and surrounding single-family neighborhood.

Please understand that this meeting will remain civil at all times. Legacy Recovery Center reserves the right to end the meeting and request that all attendees vacate the property in the event common decency and respect are not observed.

Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to meeting you!

I. The residents we treat:

- Adults 18+ **Only**
- Individuals suffering from a variety of mental health disorders including: PTSD, Anxiety, Depression, Bi-polar disorder, Substance Use disorder, and other mental health disorders.

II. The residents we do not treat:

- Sex offenders
- Violent offenders
- Individuals who are experiencing detox symptoms
- Individuals who are psychotic or delusional
- Court ordered individuals
- Prison parolees
- Individuals who have a history of violence or destruction of property

III. What we are not:

- We are not a halfway house. Residents who check into our facility remain on site for the duration of their treatment (with the exception of weekend outings and any specialist medical appointments). Residents are not allowed to come and go from the property.
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- We are not an adolescent treatment center.

IV. Common Demographics of Residents

- Legacy Recovery Center typically treats individuals who are higher functioning and come from a middle class to upper class background. We have treated physicians, attorneys, nurses, veterans, professors, and CEOs. We also commonly treat individuals who are college students or individuals who are everyday citizens in the workforce and public safety sector.
- The average age range of individuals who are admitted to Legacy Recovery Center is between 27 and 50. This of course varies, but all individuals are 18 years or older.

V. Owners

- The owners of Legacy Recovery Center are:
 - Dr. Roland Segal (Medical Director/Founding Member)
 - Dr. Ehab Abdallah (Medical Director/Founding Member)
 - Richard Miller (CEO)
- Dr. Segal and Dr. Abdallah are highly trained, experienced psychiatrists who have been treating clients with mental health and substance abuse issues for over two decades, for a combined total experience of 40+ years.
- Richard Miller has successfully managed operations in the treatment industry for over a decade.

VI. Staff

- Legacy Recovery Center is staffed 24/7. Our staff is comprised of: Licensed Masters-Level Therapists, Psychiatrists, Physicians Assistants, Registered Nurses, Behavioral Health Technicians, as well as operators such as the CEO, and Executive Director.
- Legacy Recovery Center employs various safety measures meant to protect both the patients and the community. These will be discussed in detail at the community meeting.

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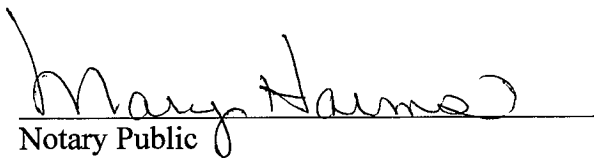
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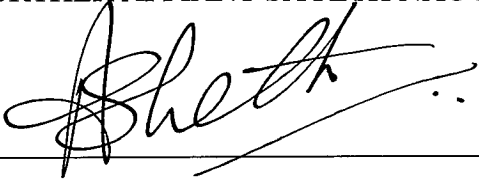
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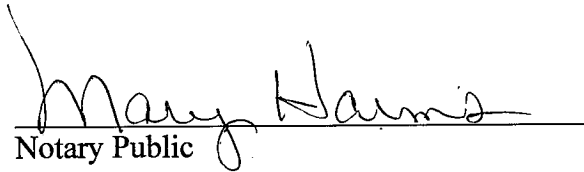
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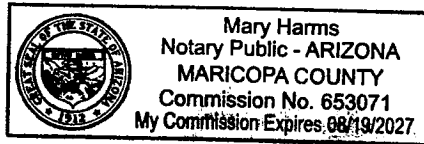
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Fwd: Minton house questions answered

1 message

Amy Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Mar 21, 2025 at 5:49 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Richard Miller <richard@legacyrecoverycenter.com>

Date: March 21, 2025 at 5:43:50 PM MST

To: Amy Johnson <[REDACTED]> Heather Dukes <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Minton house questions answered

Hello Amy,

Thank you for taking time to come by today and share your concerns. I also appreciate that we were able to have a civil dialogue, and I appreciate your willingness to hear us out on these tough subjects. I am CC'ing one of our attorneys who specializes in matters such as these. I know there were some questions surrounding the Federal Fair Housing Laws and Americans with disabilities Act as well. Heather can answer those questions should they arise. Also, before I answer your questions, I wanted to let you know we will be holding a community meeting Friday the 28th. I am still finalizing the time, but I will keep you updated, and I am also working with Heather to make a flyer I hope to distribute amongst the community. This meeting is for concerned individuals to come, share their concerns, and also learn more about what we do, and don't do.

To your questions: I will be elaborate with these as I want to make sure you have all the information.

1. residents will be on "lock-down" meaning they have to stay in the facility or backyard at all times, not walking around the neighborhood and busy with treatments during most daytime hours.

Yes. However let me explain a bit further- we are a voluntary facility. Meaning we cannot and do not hold patients against their will. If they wish to leave the program they may do so at anytime. In that sense we are not a "lock down" program. If a patient is with us, they will remain on site at all times (with the exception of weekend outings, or if they need an outside medical appointment etc).

Residents will not be allowed in the front yard, and will be allowed access to the back yard. All treatment is rendered on site. So no, you will not have to worry about our residents coming and going, or wandering about the neighborhood etc.

2. typical stay is 6-8 weeks but could be anywhere from 4 months to 6 months for residents with a very rigorous screening process

I wouldn't say any stay is typical. Every resident is different. Some residents stay for up to a year, some 6 months, some 8 months, some 2 months etc. It is all based upon the resident's clinical and medical needs, as well as their ability to finance the treatment. The key thing is we do not have a limit on how long someone can stay. I wish I could be more concrete with you here, but it truly is dependent on what the resident is seeking treatment for, their progression, etc.

Screening: All residents are screened prior to admitting to the facility. This screening is in depth, and it is reviewed by clinical, medical, and psychiatric professionals prior to admitting. If clinical, medical, and psychiatric both approve the patient, then they are cleared for admission. Upon admissions all residents receive a full psychiatric evaluation, as well as what's known as a Bio Psycho Social assessment. Our assessments are designed to do multiple things: one is to determine what the resident is struggling with specifically (think diagnosis here), we have additional assessments we conduct that determine: suicide risk, self-harm risk, harm to others risk(this is

where we screen out residents with a history of violence), mental state (determines if resident is psychotic/delusional), and other various assessments for things such as PTSD, sexual risk, etc. So yes, the entire first day of a residents stay with us is assessments, so all in all a patient is assessed for 6-8 hours by multiple different professionals. Additionally we re-assess all of our patients weekly.

3. residents are post-detox and have to be med-compliant and are mostly there by choice, and not under court order.

Yes, all residents have completed detox prior to admitting to our program. We are not licensed for detox, and we are not staffed or equipped to detox patients safely. No detox occurs at Legacy Recovery Center.

Med compliance: Yes for certain disorders (specifically psychotic disorders where a patient will become unstable if they do not take their medications) patients are required to take their medication as prescribed if they wish to remain in the program. A patient has a right to refuse medication. However if it will cause the patient to become unstable and a danger to themselves or others, the patient will be discharged and referred to the appropriate facility as they would no longer be appropriate for our level of care.

Patients here by choice: All patients are here by choice. We cannot legally admit a patient against their will.

Court Order: We do not treat these patients.

4. nearly all medication dispensed to patients is only over the counter. All prescribed medications are controlled by staff.

This is entirely dependent on the patient and their psychiatric needs. Many of our patients are on prescription medication. Such as anti-depressants, mood stabilizers, sleep aids, anxiety medications etc. So it is not accurate for me to say nearly all medication is over the counter.

However, very very few of our patients are on narcotics (think Benzodiazepines such as Ativan, or Valium). The only time these medications are prescribed is if the patient has a legitimate anxiety disorder that is not manageable with non-narcotic options. This decision is entirely between the psychiatrist and the patient. But I can tell you it is not common.

Staff and Medications: Every medication whether prescribed or over the counter is kept locked in our nursing office. Patients do not have access to their medications without staff present, and all medication is dispensed by trained staff.

5. you are not licensed to give methadone

This is correct. We do not, and cannot dispense methadone. We never will. Methadone is a very poor treatment for opiate dependence, and creates a "replacement addiction". It also does not align with our values or approach when it comes to providing treatment for opiate addiction. We can and do prescribe suboxone. This is for medication assisted treatment, and is a much safer and more successful medication to helping treat opiate addiction.

I hope I have provided enough information in response to your questions. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have more.

On Fri, Mar 21, 2025 at 4:07 PM Amy Johnson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello,

Just want to make sure I remember everything correctly that you told us:
please confirm each of these and feel free to correct if I have it wrong

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Richard Miller
Legacy Recovery Center
CEO/Founding Member (936) 615-0981
[24745 S Lindsay Rd. Chandler, AZ 85249](#)

Petition to Stop the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment Center next to Hermosa Vista Elementary

Introduction

We, the undersigned, are deeply concerned about the proposed Substance Abuse and Mental Health treatment center, or Community Residence, being planned for 2338 E Minton St in Mesa. This petition aims to call for immediate action from The City of Mesa to address this pressing matter. The applicant stated in their application that they are a Family Community Residence and that they have treatment lengths well below a year and sometimes over a year. Mesa City Code 11-86-2 requires that to be considered a Family Community Residence, the "minimum length of tenancy is typically a year or longer." *Typically* can be defined as between 71-81% of occurrences. This facility as described by the applicant should be considered a Transitional Community Residence and should be required to apply for a Conditional Use Permit as stated in Table 11-5-2 of the Zoning Ordinance. We ask the City of Mesa to review them against the standards of 11-31-14, which they do not meet.

Our Request

We request that the City of Mesa take the following actions:

- Action 1: Cancel Permit PMT24-21631 for further review.
- Action 2: Take further measures to ensure the applicant was truthful in their application for a permit to the City.
- Action 3: Require the applicant to apply for a Conditional Use Permit.

Call to Action

By signing this petition, we express our concern for this treatment center and call on The City of Mesa to take immediate and effective action. Our collective voices must be heard, and this issue must be addressed promptly and decisively.

Signatures Next Pages

Timestamp	First and Last Name	What City do you live in?	Email	Comments
3/19/2025 18:22:17	Rochelle Deriso	Mesa	[REDACTED]	I can help gather signatures and inform the neighborhood.
3/19/2025 18:24:32	Jenny Stephan	Mesa	[REDACTED]	So many children walk directly in front of this residence every school day and the back yard is right next to the school Playground. I am concerned for the safety of our students.
3/19/2025 18:34:41	Paij Jones	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/19/2025 18:49:31	Tami Johnston	Mesa	[REDACTED]	Please reconsider as I feel it is unsafe to be so close to an elementary school.
3/19/2025 18:59:24	Dennis Porter	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/19/2025 20:29:58	Amy Johnson	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/19/2025 20:48:39	Kim Arnett	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/19/2025 20:48:44	Rockne Arnett	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/19/2025 21:08:28	Jacque Arnett	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/19/2025 21:14:30	Brad Arentt	Mesa	[REDACTED]	I am strongly opposed to this use due to proximity to the school as well as the misrepresentation of use when applying for a permit to the city of mesa
3/19/2025 21:16:48	Lachelle Skousen	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/19/2025 21:48:59	Ryan Liljenquist	Mesa	[REDACTED]	It is a terrible idea
3/19/2025 21:49:59	Stephanie McKay	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/19/2025 21:56:48	Kara Gardner	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/19/2025 21:58:17	Daniel Skinner	Mesa	[REDACTED]	This is completely unacceptable to put this type of facility this close to an elementary school. I hope Mesa is smart enough to protect our kids and our community.
3/19/2025 22:13:00	Ryan Gardner	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/19/2025 22:22:54	Dawn Dyer	Mesa	[REDACTED]	A substance abuse facility is not a good fit next to an elementary school. This is a family community
3/19/2025 22:25:38	Sophie Weech	Mesa	[REDACTED]	My brother also lived in a home like this. It's a wonderful thing to have for those in need. The location however is not a good idea or location at all with schools and families with so many wandering free children.
3/19/2025 22:28:21	Leah Spencer	Mesa	[REDACTED]	We are very concerned that there was no public hearing or any community outreach to discuss this, before a permit of this magnitude was issued in our vulnerable neighborhood.
3/19/2025 22:33:51	Jan McBride	Mesa	[REDACTED]	My Grandchildren walk by that house from school to come to my home. It's too close to the school and should not be in a neighborhood with families. Not to mention how it will impact our property values. It doesn't belong in a family neighborhood.
3/19/2025 22:49:30	Ellie Arnett	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/19/2025 22:54:18	Destanie White	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/19/2025 23:42:00	Paul Winward	Mesa	[REDACTED]	I'd be concerned about people with serious addictions and mental instability coming and going, potentially interacting with the many children, including my own, who walk by the home daily.
3/20/2025 4:39:50	Lara Ellingson	Mesa	[REDACTED]	I teach at Hermosa Vista and my children attend Hermosa Vista. We don't want mentally unstable and substance abuser adults sharing a fence with our school! Nowadays it's scary enough to attend school.
3/20/2025 5:29:45	Hannah Reid	Gilbert (teacher in Mesa at HV)	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 5:41:46	Lil Eskey	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 5:55:01	Teresa Bitler	Mesa	[REDACTED]	I am horrified that a facility like this can operate in the middle of a residential neighborhood, right next to an elementary school. There were no public hearings, and based on my research, I've seen where recovery centers like this can impact home values by as much as nearly 20 percent. That aside, there is a major safety concern as the neighborhood is populated by families with children who play outside and retirees who have lived here most of their lives.
3/20/2025 6:12:41	Kyle Rohner	Mesa	[REDACTED]	

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3/20/2025 6:16:39	Tanya Fischbeck	Mesa	tf...	I strongly object to this facility being next to Hermosa vista elementary. Children are walking down this street every day, it is 2 doors down from the elementary school and is a threat to the welfare of our children: I can't believe there isn't a restriction on this and our neighborhood will not only fight this, but will fight to change law so this cannot happen in other areas so close to schools as well. The safety of our children should be top priority.
3/20/2025 6:43:51	Hillary Darnier	Mesa	hi...	I do not support this being so close to an elementary school.
3/20/2025 6:45:40	Rachael Burnett	Mesa	ra...	
3/20/2025 6:46:34	Brad Campbell	Mesa	br...	I'm one of the neighborhood Block Watch Captains and definitely agree that this is not a good location for this type of home. It would add a potential crime element to our very family focused neighborhood. The location near a school is not a risk that the city should be willing to take.
3/20/2025 6:51:04	Pam Ellis	Mesa	pa...	
3/20/2025 6:52:22	Shay Quitno	Mesa	sh...	
3/20/2025 6:55:13	Gabriela I. Humes	Mesa	gi...	The children, neighbors, and school staff will not be safe. Please consider placing these centers away from schools. Thank you!
3/20/2025 6:59:57	Gordon Huffer and Shirley Huffer	Mesa AZ	ad...	All of our neighborhood children attending this grade school walk within feet of this facility twice every school day.
3/20/2025 7:02:56	Michael Stephan	Mesa	en...	
3/20/2025 7:08:55	Abigail Stephan	Mesa		Please stop this!
3/20/2025 7:32:44	Camille Rohner	Mesa 85213	ca...	
3/20/2025 7:37:57	Brian Hurd	Mesa	si...	As my wife working in mental health this is an awful idea and could lead to horrible consequences! Please don't be the cause to a national news episode!
3/20/2025 7:43:11	Eric Eskey	Mesa	er...	<p>1 Safety & Well-Being of Our Children: The proximity of the facility to Hermosa Vista Elementary raises questions about the safety and mental well-being of our children. It's essential that we prioritize environments where our kids can learn and grow without unnecessary disruptions or concerns.</p> <p>2 Transparency and Accountability: We need complete transparency from the applicant regarding treatment lengths and the actual services provided. A clear and truthful disclosure is necessary to ensure that facilities are truly meeting the standards required by Mesa City Code. Accountability measures should be in place to verify all claims made in the application.</p> <p>3 Compliance with Zoning Regulations: The facility does not seem to meet the criteria for a Family Community Residence per our local zoning ordinance. It's crucial for the City of Mesa to reclassify the facility correctly. This would ensure that the necessary permits and conditional use requirements are strictly adhered to, protecting community interests.</p> <p>4 Community Involvement in Decision Making: Decisions that affect local neighborhoods and schools should involve robust community input. We ask the City of Mesa to hold public forums or hearings, ensuring that our collective voices are heard and considered before any permits are finalized.</p> <p>5 Potential Long-Term Impact: Beyond immediate concerns, there could be long-term consequences on property values, neighborhood dynamics, and overall community cohesion. It's important to consider how this facility will affect our community in the years to come.</p> <p>6 Call for an Independent Review: To ensure fairness and adherence to regulations, we request an independent review of the facility's application and its compliance with local standards. We must confirm that the facility is indeed following the appropriate guidelines for operation.</p>
3/20/2025 7:45:27	Snezana Mikalacki	Mesa	sr...	I pray that this is stopped immediately. Our elementary school children will NOT be safe.
3/20/2025 7:54:40	Oliver Bustillos	Mesa		
3/20/2025 7:56:27	Jeff Kerr	Mesa	ke...	These type of "centers" should NOT be permitted near elementary schools or inside any family-centered neighborhoods for that matter. Thank you for helping stop this!
3/20/2025 8:07:46	Brittany Wheatley	Mesa	Br...	Just doesn't feel appropriate to put that right next to an elementary school. There is too much risk
3/20/2025 8:09:17	Hilary Bowman	Mesa	hi...	We want to keep our children and neighborhood safe!
3/20/2025 8:14:13	Elia Valdivia	Mesa		

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3/20/2025 8:14:34	Elda silvestre	Mesa	silvestre@mesaaz.gov	El bienestar de los niños es muy importante
3/20/2025 8:15:00	Kate Robison	Mesa	kat@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 8:15:45	Emily Hernandez	Mesa	he@mesaaz.gov	This is a completely inappropriate location for a substance abuse facility. Our children should not be subjected to being exposed to this.
3/20/2025 8:15:49	Jesse Hoellerich	Mesa	ho@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 8:20:50	Varieur	Mesa	sk@mesaaz.gov	This neighborhood was is not a fit for a facility of this nature!!! It must be stopped.
3/20/2025 8:21:12	Beverly Kerr	Mesa	mk@mesaaz.gov	Our family and neighbors Strongly object . This will harm children and destroy a thriving neighborhood
3/20/2025 8:22:08	Kenneth R. Wenzel	Mesa	ke@mesaaz.gov	Unacceptable use of a residential home next to an elementary school of all things.
3/20/2025 8:23:42	Kerstin Whitten	Mesa	ke@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 8:23:49	Paul	Kerr	pa@mesaaz.gov	This facility is a clear and present danger to my kids and my family. It is unconscionable that it could be approved.. if this project is approved, this neighborhood will lose every family that makes it great!
3/20/2025 8:27:16	Merisa Owens	Mesa	mo@mesaaz.gov	We have a similar facility near a property we own in California and the men are always loitering around and smoking cigarettes all day as well as hanging out in the garage smoking. I applaud these people for getting help but this is not an appropriate location and we must protect children above others.
3/20/2025 8:27:51	Joseph Baker	Mesa	jb@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 8:31:08	Kalli Jandel	Mesa	ka@mesaaz.gov	This is not an appropriate location for a transitional facility so close to young and vulnerable children.
3/20/2025 8:32:56	Mike mancini	Mesa	az@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 8:32:57	Emily Kellett	Mesa	em@mesaaz.gov	Many children walk past this house to and from school unattended by their parents/adults every single day for school not to mention the amount of children who walk or play in that area DAILY. The backyard of the facility backs up directly to the school, sharing a wall. I completely understand that treatment is needed and required for these individuals but putting the facility in such close proximity to an elementary school is simple just asking for trouble. Children could potentially be exposed to alarming sights or individuals who could cause harm to them.
3/20/2025 8:34:44	June Nicholas	Mesa	jun@mesaaz.gov	While these centers are essential for helping people in need, their proximity to young children can present exposure to children who are vulnerable and potentially cause anxiety, fear and confusion for young students. It also puts the teachers in an unpredictable position in handling these situations. Patients at substance abuse or mental health centers may experience mood swings, erratic behavior and moments of instability. I am concerned as a parent if my child were to witness this or become involved in any way. Traffic congestion is also a concern. Please consider a location where the threat of psychological effects on children do not exist. Thank you.
3/20/2025 8:36:59	Shannon Leavitt	Mesa	sl@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 8:37:21	Brooke Kerr	Mesa	br@mesaaz.gov	This should NOT be allowed next to an elementary school!!! Or any neighborhood!!
3/20/2025 8:37:28	Gordana Mikalacki	Mesa	el@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 8:37:48	Angela Hardison	Mesa	an@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 8:38:11	Angie Brown	Mesa	an@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 8:38:12	Jolie Schultz	Mesa	js@mesaaz.gov	These types of centers should not be in residential areas, especially near schools
3/20/2025 8:38:59	Gene Sturner	Mesa	gs@mesaaz.gov	We have a good quiet neighborhood and two schools near this location this kind of business is not what the neighborhood needs A facility such as this should be more an industrial area or a medical complex, not next to schools or in a residential neighborhood
3/20/2025 8:40:19	Amy Kerr	Mesa	am@mesaaz.gov	Please change permits / zoning to ensure this does not happen. This would be very detrimental to our community.
3/20/2025 8:40:47	Ryan Sims	Mesa	si@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 8:41:12	Leslie Hansen	Mesa	le@mesaaz.gov	This is too close to the school. There is only the wall separating. I would be concerned about possibility of people at the facility, looking over the wall and speaking to children on the other side or yelling at kids for making noise. Any kind of interaction at all I would be very concerned about.

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3/20/2025 8:46:35	Ana duran	Mesa	do[REDACTED]nail.com	This kind of facility should not be allowed close to any school!
3/20/2025 8:46:59	Dan Van Dusen	Mesa	dv[REDACTED]il.com	Not acceptable and not happy this was planned without notice to the immediate community!
3/20/2025 8:50:04	David Hatfield	Mesa	dr[REDACTED]	those that are attempting to allow a "BUSINESS" to open next to an elementary school will be held accountable should something bad happen.
3/20/2025 8:51:12	Rudy Owens	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 8:51:58	Whitney Collins	Mesa	wh[REDACTED]com	My kids go to Hermosa vista and I do not feel comfortable sending my kids there with that kind of facility that close to the school
3/20/2025 8:53:11	Alisa Caldwell	Mesa	[REDACTED]	Right next door to an elementary school seems like a dangerous location for the children.
3/20/2025 8:54:19	Katie Brooks	Mesa	id[REDACTED]com	While I admire the work facilities like this do, I don't think they should be located next to an elementary school. I'm surprised they didn't take this into consideration when locating a potential place for their facility in the first place.
3/20/2025 8:54:39	Heather Melchor	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 8:54:54	Tayva Koch	Mesa	ta[REDACTED]	As a mother and someone who lives very close to the this proposed location I do not feel comfortable having this type of facility in this residential space so close to the elementary school. There are plenty of other options for places like this to go in. This is more of a commercial type place and we do not need this in a residential neighborhood, especially with so many children who walk home from school and who are out and about in the neighborhood playing as children should! Please reconsider this option as it is not something that would be good for this community.
3/20/2025 8:55:01	Taylor Worlton	Mesa	ta[REDACTED]com	We have to protect the children. Think of the people that need this, and think about giving them access to kids. Not a smart location at all.
3/20/2025 8:55:11	Lindsey Gillett	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 8:55:31	Schuyler Schultz	Mesa	so[REDACTED]om	
3/20/2025 8:55:54	Shelley Ricedorff	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 8:56:09	Brandy Troup	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 8:57:20	Kristy Felde	Mesa	kr[REDACTED]om	Please don't let this come into our neighborhood and right next to a school! Neighborhoods are not the place for these homes!
3/20/2025 8:57:37	Kristy Felde	Mesa	kr[REDACTED]om	Please don't let this come into our neighborhood and right next to a school! Neighborhoods are not the place for these homes!
3/20/2025 8:57:41	Ethan Caldwell	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 8:59:10	Randy Hansen	Mesa	ra[REDACTED]com	It would be ridiculous to allow this facility in that location. Hermosa Vista implemented a policy that keeps the students locked out of the campus until class time. Because of this policy, many students are forced to wait on the sidewalk where this facility is requested to operate. In addition, the entire rear fence of this facility is adjacent to the school's service access road. This creates an easy path for anyone in that facility that wished to harm children to gain hidden access to the campus.
3/20/2025 8:59:13	Shanna Huber	Mesa	hu[REDACTED]ail.com	
3/20/2025 9:02:41	Sondra Ostler	Mesa	so[REDACTED]om	It's hard to believe anyone would allow it knowing it is next to an elementary school.
3/20/2025 9:02:46	Dawn Giles	Mesa	[REDACTED]	This is a beautiful custom home in a family neighborhood backing up to an elementary school. A group home of any kind is an inappropriate use and negatively impacts the neighborhood.
3/20/2025 9:03:13	Megan Shearon	Mesa	[REDACTED]	Inappropriate and dangerous to place next to multiple schools (elementary, jr high, preschool and churches; not the right location)

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3/20/2025 9:05:03	Mary Porter	Mesa	portm@mesaaz.gov	I support a rehab facility, but where children are walking home from an elementary school school.
3/20/2025 9:06:39	Lindsay Cook	Mesa	lindsaycook@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 9:06:50	Amy Hardison	Mesa	ahardison@mesaaz.gov	It is unconscionable for a facility like this to be located next to an elementary school and in a family neighborhood. Please stop this from happening.
3/20/2025 9:07:08	Rebecca Jackson	Mesa	rebecca.jackson@mesaaz.gov	Bad idea
3/20/2025 9:08:49	Rylee perkins	Mesa	ryleep@mesaaz.gov	Absolutely not the right location! My nieces and nephews go there
3/20/2025 9:09:43	Jennifer Griffin	Mesa	jgriffin@mesaaz.gov	We had a similar facility by our school in Texas and it was not a positive thing for the neighbors or students.
3/20/2025 9:10:07	Christine Burrell	Mesa	cburrell@mesaaz.gov	I do not think a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment Center should back up to Hermosa Vista Elementary School.
3/20/2025 9:11:05	Matthew Shearon	Mesa	mshearon@mesaaz.gov	This type of facility should not be in close proximity to a school for children. This puts children at risk of danger.
3/20/2025 9:11:06	Brianne Anderson	Mesa	banderson@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 9:11:17	Jason Troup	Mesa	jtroup@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 9:11:49	Douglas Morris	Mesa	dmorris@mesaaz.gov	Next to a kids school!?! Are you fucking kidding me?
3/20/2025 9:11:50	Lori Rees	Mesa	lrees@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 9:13:40	Carla Zimmerman	Mesa	czimmerman@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 9:14:43	Melanie Steyskal	Mesa	msteyskal@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 9:14:53	Barbara Brimhall	Mesa	brimhall@mesaaz.gov	This is not a safe situation for our children, and those are who we must protect. Surely there is a more appropriate place than backing up to an elementary school. This should have had red flags all over from the beginning.
3/20/2025 9:15:12	Kellie Barney	Mesa	kbarney@mesaaz.gov	You need to protect your schools and the children attending them
3/20/2025 9:17:55	Chad Helser	Mesa	chelser@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 9:19:53	Alice Glidewell	Mesa	aglidewell@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 9:20:38	Dennis Warnick	Mesa	dwarnick@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 9:21:47	Jaclyn Fillerup	Mesa	jfillerup@mesaaz.gov	Not a good fit to have this right by our local elementary school
3/20/2025 9:22:10	Jennifer Wagner	Mesa	jwagner@mesaaz.gov	We put a fence around the school to keep the kids safe, yet you consider putting a rehab next to it. Stupid. Do NOT allow this to go in by the school!!
3/20/2025 9:25:10	Katherine Pond	Mesa	kpond@mesaaz.gov	There is no way any facility like this should be directly across from an elementary school. That's seems like asking for major problems
3/20/2025 9:26:46	Mckinley Barney	Mesa	mbarney@mesaaz.gov	Asa nurse who works with patients in drug rehab homes, I don't think this is a good idea to put this group home right next to an elementary school. Please reconsider for the safety of the children.
3/20/2025 9:26:50	Renae Ragudo	Mesa	rragudo@mesaaz.gov	This is a VERY bad idea and does nothing to consider the safety of the children and families in this area. I support recovery programs and facilities, but the location is not appropriate at all.
3/20/2025 9:27:45	Kelsey Huggins	Mesa	khuggins@mesaaz.gov	This is way too close to an elementary school and I am disappointed that we even need to sign this petition.
3/20/2025 9:30:22	Janell ostler	Mesa	jostler@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 9:31:45	Rachel Chumesky	Mesa	rach@mesaaz.gov	It is never okay to chance putting our kids in danger. Mental health needs peace and recess and traffic will destroy that. Plus kids first always!!!
3/20/2025 9:32:06	Melanie Syrek	Mesa	msyrek@mesaaz.gov	The back fence is share with an elementary school!!!! Not a good idea
3/20/2025 9:33:12	McKay Barney	Mesa	mbarney@mesaaz.gov	
3/20/2025 9:34:40	Tyson Haws	Mesa	tysonhaws@mesaaz.gov	My children attend Hermosa Vista Elementary and I don't feel it appropriate for this type of facility to share a wall with their school.
3/20/2025 9:35:11	Silva King	Mesa	7king@mesaaz.gov	Proximity to an elementary school is not ideal for this type of facility. Our children walk to school and we feel this would directly impact their safety. We appreciate and recognize these types of residences need to be provided, but in a location better suited for the type of rehab, not in proximity of 100s of children going to and from school daily. In addition the back yard fence is shared with the school, allowing easy access over the wall to the school grounds.
3/20/2025 9:36:50	Kamie Campbell	Mesa	kcampbell@mesaaz.gov	

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3/20/2025 9:37:03	Hayley Hatfield	Mesa	ha	
3/20/2025 9:42:01	Jill Scoresby	Mesa	jill	
3/20/2025 9:43:51	Mike Mccraw	Mesa		
3/20/2025 9:46:03	Ashley Varieur	Mesa	an	Young minds can be molded very easily at that age and should not be exposed to that vulnerability. They are suppose to be in a school where they can feel safe, protected, and able to learn comfortably without the risk of troubled and unstable influences so close to their reach. Kids innocence should always be protected and us adults are responsible for that.
3/20/2025 9:49:17	Edgar Barela	Mesa	ba	
3/20/2025 9:50:05	Genaro Pineda	Mesa	gp	We cannot allow such facility around our school.
3/20/2025 9:52:41	Bryce Rood	Mesa, AZ	be	I live in the neighborhood and have a child going to Hermosa Vista. I would prefer that a facility like this not be that close in proximity.
3/20/2025 9:57:30	Kim S. King	Mesa		
3/20/2025 9:59:41	Amanda Bradshaw	Mesa	ab	
3/20/2025 10:01:30	Leigh Stapley	Mesa	le	
3/20/2025 10:07:38	Marina Sanchez	Mesa	m	
3/20/2025 10:13:57	Carrie Phelps	Mesa, AZ 85213	ph	Our neighborhood is not a neighborhood type that can house this type of facility
3/20/2025 10:20:00	Tayva Koch	Mesa	ta	As a mother and someone who lives very close to the this proposed location I do not feel comfortable having this type of facility in this residential space so close to the elementary school. There are plenty of other options for places like this to go in. This is more of a commercial type place and we do not need this in a residential neighborhood, especially with so many children who walk home from school and who are out and about in the neighborhood playing as children should! Please reconsider this option as it is not something that would be good for this community.
3/20/2025 10:21:02	Cindy Flake	Meda	ci	This facility should NOT be opened by a school or in this neighborhood!! I'm all for people getting treatment but NOT in neighborhoods where lots of children live and it's directly behind a school. How would you allow even giving this a permit! How would you like that to be your next door neighbor and worry about your children and grandchildren even being outside by this! PLEASE do NOT let this in our neighborhood!
3/20/2025 10:23:15	Austin Arnett	Mesa		
3/20/2025 10:24:02	Kalee Riggs	Mesa		
3/20/2025 10:24:24	Cynthia Riggs	Mesa		
3/20/2025 10:24:47	Scott Riggs	Mesa		
3/20/2025 10:28:20	Tammy Wold	Mesa, AZ	ta	This is terrible that they move in close by Hermosa Vista Elementary school.
3/20/2025 10:37:27	Yuriana Campos	Mesa AZ		
3/20/2025 10:38:11	Audrey Herron	Mesa		Not a good location so close to an elementary school!
3/20/2025 10:39:09	Brooke Stokes	Mesa		
3/20/2025 10:41:47	Brian DeRiso	Mesa	br	My name is Brian DeRiso. I and my wife, Rochelle, are the homeowners of 2322 E. Minton St, the property immediately adjacent to the proposed facility. We are deeply concerned that a facility of this type is attempting to operate in such close proximity to an elementary school, let alone in a residential community. It is astonishing to me that consideration of such seems not to have been taken into account, although, based on the immediate negative reaction of the residents in the community upon learning of this, it doesn't surprise me that notification of such wasn't made public. We stand behind this petition, and will, through all legal avenues available, endeavor to our utmost to prevent this facility from becoming operational.
3/20/2025 10:42:16	Amy Smith	Mesa	an	This type of facility has no business being backed up to an elementary school. We already have multiple residential facilities in the half square mile. We do not want or need another.
3/20/2025 10:43:03	Brigham Stokes	Mesa		
3/20/2025 10:45:33	Suzanne Estes	Meda	es	No more rehabs in our neighborhood!!!

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3/20/2025 10:45:34	Morgan Finn	Mesa	m[REDACTED]m	
3/20/2025 10:46:25	Vicki Wares	Mesa	wa[REDACTED]	Absolutely not appropriate or safe to have this sort of facility right next to an Elementary School I absolutely and firmly oppose this.
3/20/2025 10:47:48	Charlotte Rush	Mesa	ru[REDACTED]	Facilitate you was such as this should be on main streets far away from children. There are many homes in main streets that need renovation and would be suitable for a facility such as this and once renovated would be an asset to the aesthetics of community as well.
3/20/2025 10:49:08	David Hatfield	Mesa		
3/20/2025 10:50:46	Judy Grant	Mesa	ju[REDACTED]	This is too close to the elementary school for any business yet alone a business such as this.
3/20/2025 10:52:49	Lexie Funk	Mesa	fu[REDACTED]	Substance abuse and mental disorders do not belong near Elementary Schools! This home backs the school and provides easy access to the school grounds!! This home can hear the bells to know exactly when kids are in or out of school. Families pick up their children right in front of this home every school day!!! I know this because I lived in this home for 20 years and this home is not the place for that kind of business!!! Kids need to be protected from one's with substance abuse and mental disorders!!! Not exposed more to them!!! This home backs the school!!!!!!
3/20/2025 10:54:04	Rusty Flake	Queen Creek		NO It is dangerous
3/20/2025 10:54:44	Rusty Flake	Queen Creek		Danger
3/20/2025 10:56:25	Steven W. Smith	Mesa	ste[REDACTED]ail.com	We do not want a crack head facility in our neighborhood. Thank you. I live right next to this.
3/20/2025 10:56:49	Kristal Tyler	Mesa	kr[REDACTED]	I don't feel that this is a smart idea to have this around families in a neighborhood setting.
3/20/2025 10:57:09	Kimberly Wold	Mesa, AZ	ki[REDACTED]n	It is not appropriate to place a substance abuse and mental health treatment center adjacent to an elementary school.
3/20/2025 10:59:30	Pamela Kuhse	Mesa		
3/20/2025 11:00:38	Craig Campbell	Mesa		This is a potentially dangerous situation for the children who walk alone by the home daily. There is no justification that could possibly override the safety and well being of innocent children. The City of Mesa would ultimately be responsible for anything that happens if it were to allow any halfway house use. The effect upon the area would cause immeasurable damage to a safe productive neighborhood with taxpayers who deserve better protection from their elected officials. There exist much more derelict areas of Mesa which could reasonably accommodate a facility that wouldn't create an immediate danger for children.
3/20/2025 11:01:27	Jana Elcock	Mesa	sis[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 11:05:30	Harvey Reimer	Mesa	rei[REDACTED]	this is not the place for this facility pleas .Dabgers to children and a cessabiky for clients
3/20/2025 11:06:24	Jennifer Benzon	Mesa	rea[REDACTED]om	This is a family neighborhood sign sooo many kids and this home is RIGHT by an elementary school. We had a home like this on my street and the police were constantly being called. Please, this is not the area to put one of these homes in. I know they have to go somewhere, but this is not the place.
3/20/2025 11:06:46	Maribeth All	Mesa	all[REDACTED]	We do not want a rehab facility in our neighborhood and next to a elementary school is crazy!
3/20/2025 11:06:47	Shem Banda	Mesa	lar[REDACTED]om	
3/20/2025 11:10:59	Tyiesha Thaxton	Mesa	tth[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 11:11:21	John Thaxton	Mesa	tth[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 11:12:13	Matthew Huggins	Mesa	ma[REDACTED]com	
3/20/2025 11:12:15	Scot Thaxton	Mesa	sc[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 11:13:08	Remy Cavalleri	Mesa	rem[REDACTED]com	
3/20/2025 11:13:58	Brinley Teare	Mesa		
3/20/2025 11:17:17	Madeline	Mesa	ma[REDACTED]com	No
3/20/2025 11:19:29	Teresa Yetter	Mesa	ter[REDACTED]	This facility should not be in a family residential neighborhood!
3/20/2025 11:20:02	Ashlee Margerum	Mesa		
3/20/2025 11:20:46	Rebecca Jackson	Mesa	jac[REDACTED]om	Bad idea

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3/20/2025 11:23:21	Rose Edwards	Mesa	ca...@...com	These people are a threat to our children and the neighborhood recovering from addiction and mental illness. Absolutely not!
3/20/2025 11:24:24	Clint Hardison	Mesa	cl...@...com	Seems like a bad idea for it to be next to a school.
3/20/2025 11:26:01	Janice Carlson	Mesa	jr...@...com	There are young children in the neighborhood and it is a residential area . It wouldn't be good for extra traffic and the problems it would bring to the school and households living in the area.
3/20/2025 11:26:50	Maureen Fessler	Mesa	ma...@...com	My daughter was sexually abused and do not want more predators in our neighborhood.
3/20/2025 11:29:58	Steven S. Smith	Mesa	lo...@...com	To put a business like this next to an elementary school makes absolutely no sense at all. We should not as a society be placing any added burden and danger on our children. We implore to not allow this facility to be placed in our neighborhood community.
3/20/2025 11:30:31	Sheli Riggs	Mesa	sh...@...com	It's terrible that this is even being considered
3/20/2025 11:34:52	Susan Lawrence	Mesa	so...@...com	This is too close to the elementary school and residential neighborhood.
3/20/2025 11:41:00	Becky Huggins	Mesa	be...@...com	
3/20/2025 11:41:30	Tara Himler	Mesa	ta...@...com	
3/20/2025 11:42:31	Gaynor Taitano	Mesa	ga...@...com	
3/20/2025 11:42:45	Dyan Ricedorff	Mesa	dy...@...com	
3/20/2025 11:47:31	Alyson Dickson	Mesa	al...@...com	
3/20/2025 11:55:11	Lecia Crider	Mesa	le...@...com	These facilities are important but the placement is just wrong
3/20/2025 12:02:33	Melanie Gerard	Mesa	22...@...com	I am worried for the children as well as the potential threat to neighborhood
3/20/2025 12:03:31	Alicia Burke	Mesa	al...@...com	
3/20/2025 12:04:15	Caitlin Burr	Mesa	ca...@...com	
3/20/2025 12:04:40	Jeremiah Burr	Mesa	je...@...com	
3/20/2025 12:10:24	Jessica Kartchner	Mesa	je...@...com	
3/20/2025 12:10:33	Judi Brown	Mesa	jb...@...com	Stop the permit
3/20/2025 12:16:09	Jerry Kempf	Mesa	je...@...com	
3/20/2025 12:19:23	Susan Holliefield	Mesa	su...@...com	
3/20/2025 12:19:58	Ciara Williams	Mesa	ci...@...com	
3/20/2025 12:20:59	Norman Flake	Mesa	no...@...com	I strongly oppose the location of a substance abuse and mental health rehab center at 2338 East Minton St. in Mesa
3/20/2025 12:26:40	Karen Amann	Mesa	ka...@...com	This needs to stay a family neighborhood, not a business area, and especially not a facility like this so close to the elementary school!
3/20/2025 12:28:58	Lexi Pollard	Mesa	le...@...com	
3/20/2025 12:32:22	Kathryn Shaw	Mesa	kt...@...com	
3/20/2025 12:32:33	Teri Curtis	Mesa	te...@...com	Literally backs up to an elementary school dozens of children walk past to and from school each day
3/20/2025 12:34:27	Lisa Grier	Mesa, AZ	li...@...com	
3/20/2025 12:36:18	Sheila Biggs	Mesa	sr...@...com	
3/20/2025 12:37:52	Viridiana Quinteros	Mesa	vi...@...com	
3/20/2025 12:40:24	Brent Curtis	Mesa	br...@...com	This in no way should happen
3/20/2025 12:40:42	Karen Lirange	Mesa	kl...@...com	Not safe for children
3/20/2025 12:41:01	Brittany Tenney	Mesa	br...@...com	Keeping our kids in a safe area at school is highest priority. Putting in a substance abuse and mental health facility right next to an elementary school is not comforting. It is to close to such young kids.

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3/20/2025 12:43:39	Lacey Danielson	Mesa	la [REDACTED]	While I support the idea of rehabilitation centers, I strongly believe this is the wrong location to be offering such services. This is a residential neighborhood with a school right next door, and I'm deeply concerned about the impact this would have on the neighborhood and the potential safety implications to the children who attend this elementary school.
3/20/2025 12:44:49	Jocelyn Condon	Mesa	jo [REDACTED] m	This facility is not a good fit in our family centered neighborhood. Please reconsider somewhere away from elementary schools. Thank you
3/20/2025 12:45:57	Melinda smith	Mesa	lin [REDACTED] m	Shouldn't be near a school!!!!
3/20/2025 12:52:38	Jacqueline Simmons	Mesa	ja [REDACTED] ail.com	We will likely be pulling our child from Mesa School District if this goes through. A rehabilitation home backing up to an elementary school is absurd.
3/20/2025 13:00:49	Judie Tenney	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 13:02:15	Chante Ludlow	Mesa	co [REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 13:02:43	Melissa Fletcher	Mesa	m [REDACTED] m	
3/20/2025 13:12:42	Jennifer Cohill	Mesa	jo [REDACTED]	Do not want this across the street from an elementary school!!!
3/20/2025 13:13:03	Sarah Harris	Mesa	sa [REDACTED] l.com	I don't see how it is safe to have a substance and mental health rehab literally backyard to a school. I'm not usually one to get too upset about rehabs/facilities as people do need a place to do that, but literally attached to a school seems not right. What safety is put in place to protect our children?
3/20/2025 13:14:08	Dennis Warnick	Mesa	dv [REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 13:20:45	Melissa Sarager	Mesa	lis [REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 13:21:55	Shantel	Allen	sh [REDACTED] n	Not safe for the MANY children that go to school right there
3/20/2025 13:34:20	Michael Schachte	Mesa	m [REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 13:34:46	Brian Steel	Mesa	st [REDACTED]	Im all for supporting mental health and substance abuse issues. The location that close to the school is extremely dangerous.
3/20/2025 13:39:49	Yvonne Pearson	Mesa	[REDACTED]	Definitely not appropriate by any school or in the middle of a neighborhood
3/20/2025 13:45:31	Terri Rowley	Mesa	Tr [REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 13:45:34	Jeremy Spencer	Mesa	je [REDACTED] r.net	I am very concerned that this facility misrepresented themselves for their permit, so what else will they mislead our community on?
3/20/2025 13:48:50	Michelle Patchett	Mesa	da [REDACTED] com	
3/20/2025 13:49:23	David patchett	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 13:50:22	Steph Colpitts	Mesa	st [REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 14:01:11	Lynette Pearson	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 14:01:25	Macy Biggs	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 14:06:27	Debra Jensen	Mesa	m [REDACTED]	This should not even be a consideration to have this facility that close to an elementary!!! No one ever plans on something going wrong but it would only take once. Someone escapes from the home, a child is walking home from school, then disaster. This is an accident waiting to happen!!!! DON'T DO IT!
3/20/2025 14:06:37	Shana Wilson	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 14:10:26	Joan Christensen	Mesa	rp [REDACTED]	This is ridiculous. We can't put up with this next to our school. !
3/20/2025 14:10:47	Steven Shiflet	Mesa	cr [REDACTED]	I am concerned for my children's safety!
3/20/2025 14:12:22	Thomas turner	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 14:12:36	Jessie Heap	Mesa	je [REDACTED] n	This is right next to where hundred of kids get dropped off to go to school. Not safe
3/20/2025 14:13:49	Tiara Shiflet	Mesa	tia [REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 14:14:17	Alyssa varieur	Mesa	al [REDACTED] o.com	Why would a DRUG rehab and mental health facility be near let alone sharing a wall to an elementary school? Who is taking accountability for any dangers or possible situations that might arise from such a facility? Where all proper licensing , permits and zoning obtained? Something doesn't seem accurate.
3/20/2025 14:15:23	Colleen Joplin	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 14:15:51	Jan Harrison	Mesa	ac [REDACTED] n	This is not the right neighborhood for this facility. The back yard is right over the fence from the school.

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3/20/2025 14:16:17	Deborah Allen	Mesa	hid [REDACTED]	You can't put this kind of facility next to a school, where their children
3/20/2025 14:16:49	Maryjane Wilson	Mesa	[REDACTED]	We appreciate facilities like this existing. We love the people that run them and that are served by them. It is just not the right community for a facility like this. It does not make any sense at all to have people struggling with chemical addictions living in a home that borders a grade school. Countless numbers of children with and without parents walk right past this house on their way to ancho and back every single day of the school year. I hope this facility finds a good and proper place to open its doors.
3/20/2025 14:17:11	Alaenya Hendrix	Mesa	ste [REDACTED]	My children attend Hermosa Vista (5th grade and preschool.) My daughter is now in high school but also previously attended HV. I love the idea of people being helped with rehabilitation of substances especially when much of that is self-medicating and this planned facility will help with mental health. However, I am very concerned about having this facility be within steps of the elementary school and so many kids walking to and from. I am aware of so many ways this could be a terrible situation for the safety of the children and would be better housed in a memories or facility where there is less potential for issues that can easily arise.
3/20/2025 14:18:12	Brent Curtis	Mesa	bre [REDACTED]	This in no way should happen
3/20/2025 14:20:36	Lindsay Rhead	Mesa	lind [REDACTED]	I'm very concerned about this facility being right in my neighborhood and next to my children's school. My kids are 4 and 6 years old. We live close enough to walk and have loved the school. But I may consider sending them elsewhere if this goes through.
3/20/2025 14:24:38	Alina Bogle	Mesa	alin [REDACTED]	100% do not support- way too close to the kids!!
3/20/2025 14:26:03	Ashley Felten	Mesa	ash [REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 14:26:27	Miguel Saucedo	Mesa AZ	ma [REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 14:29:38	Sara Shaw	Mesa	sar [REDACTED]	This is a bad idea. The folks that linger before and after the open and close of these establishments should not be next to an elementary school or in a neighborhood
3/20/2025 14:31:09	Athene Porter	Mesa	ath [REDACTED]	This is not safe. It literally backs up to the school. Good for these people trying to get help with their mental health and substance abuse. But I would rather them do it no where near a school. My kids' school.
3/20/2025 14:31:13	connie king	Mesa	[REDACTED]	While I understand the need for assistance with addiction, and a functional home setting might be helpful. However, the location is not optimal for school children. This means the permit cannot be granted.
3/20/2025 14:33:39	Christina morris	Mesa	cm [REDACTED]	Please stop this! This affects children! This will bring nothing but harm and problems to the school and all of the children that go there.
3/20/2025 14:34:34	Karen Shiflet	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 14:39:12	Emily Payne	Mesa	ets [REDACTED]	I have a masters in social work with time spent in drug and substance abused rehabilitation. I respect the work that is done there, and that needs to happen, but it certainly doesn't need to happen in our neighborhood and across from an elementary school. The type of people coming in for treatment would not be considered safe for our area at all. Most of them were homeless, in a group home, a shelter, former prostitutes, and every single person I saw with the exception of one was unemployed. There will be loitering, people hanging around, etc. It's just how it works. Please strongly consider moving this center to another area, less populated, and less residential.
3/20/2025 14:39:31	Sam Biggs	Mesa	[REDACTED]	Too close to an elementary school.
3/20/2025 14:41:33	Janie Tenney	Mesa, Az	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 14:43:52	Summer Kartchner	Mesa	sur [REDACTED]	I'm not opposed to a facility like this in our community. But right next to an elementary school seems risky. Please consider an alternative location.
3/20/2025 14:45:32	John Misinco	Mesa	mis [REDACTED]	I have a child at HV and do not want this facility next to the school.
3/20/2025 14:45:39	Tara Holladay	Mesa	tara [REDACTED]	My kids go to this school and I am very, very concerned.
3/20/2025 14:45:58	Tammy Defilippis	Mesa	tan [REDACTED]	Who's brilliant idea was this?!
3/20/2025 14:49:17	Porter	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 14:52:02	Makiea McElprang	Mesa, AZ	ma [REDACTED]	My children attend Hermosa vista elementary. I do not understand why anyone would think it appropriate to put a substance abuse and mental health resource residence near an elementary school. The clientele that would frequent that facility should be distanced from an environment such as a school which is filled with vulnerable children.

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3/20/2025 14:53:11	Makayla Smith	Mesa		
3/20/2025 14:54:55	Kelsey Willius	Mesa	nk	
3/20/2025 15:01:02	Madison Stoddard	Mesa	ma	Would be unsafe to have this backing up to the elementary school. They are getting off of substances that shouldn't be around kids ages 5-12
3/20/2025 15:01:53	Anne Farnsworth	Mesa	an	This would NOT be a safe environment for the children and school area.... Drawing in this kind of business next to a school is far beyond common sense!!! KEEP OUR KIDS & GRANDKIDS PROTECTED!!
3/20/2025 15:03:38	Daryl Rhead	Mesa	dj	
3/20/2025 15:03:50	Shelby Skousen	Mesa	sh	
3/20/2025 15:06:28	Susan Jarvie	Mesa	sj	
3/20/2025 15:08:06	Mason Bradshaw	Mesa	ma	I am appalled that this project is being considered in this neighborhood so close to the elementary school. This is a safety issue and should not be allowed.
3/20/2025 15:08:33	Shawni Huntington	Mesa		
3/20/2025 15:14:01	Michael Millett	Mesa	m	
3/20/2025 15:16:46	Katie Young	Mesa	no	The potential for something bad to happen to one or more of the hundreds of kids that walk by this house multiple times a day is too high to risk if a substance abuse and mental health treatment center were to go in so close to an elementary school. Please do not allow this to happen for the safety of our kids. This is absolutely abhorrent. Literally backing to an elementary school!! Who in their right mind thought this was a good idea??? This facility has no place for it in a quiet residential neighborhood with a neighborhood school. This is dangerous for the children and harmful to the neighborhood in general.
3/20/2025 15:16:52	Heather Woolley	Mesa	he	
3/20/2025 15:16:59	Cory McElprang	Mesa	co	Facilities like the one proposed on Minton Street are poorly regulated and often detrimental to the neighborhood. They should not be so close to schools.
3/20/2025 15:19:41	Carlos	Mesa	To	I'm against this "facility" opening so close to an elementary school..... please reconsider granting the permit needed to operate this facility. Thank you.
3/20/2025 15:21:17	Kathleen Hoellerich	Mesa	ka	Not a good location to have a facility like this next to a school.
3/20/2025 15:23:43	Kelsey Jarman	Mesa		
3/20/2025 15:25:00	Heather West	Mesa		
3/20/2025 15:26:20	Kerri Wu	Mesa	ke	
3/20/2025 15:30:17	Lori Miller	Mesa		
3/20/2025 15:32:10	Alba VanderBand	Mesa		Completely inappropriate next to an elementary school
3/20/2025 15:42:23	Cortney Beth Turner	Mesa	co	This cannot be placed next to a school with young children.
3/20/2025 15:54:09	JoAnn Paulus	Mesa	m	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Rehab Centers can be beneficial however it can also be too risky to our children. Statistically substance abuse dependencies are repetitive and increase the potential to do bad and dangerous things regardless of anyone else it impacts. I believe this is too concerning for our young children and I vote No! Move them next to a professional building or establishment.
3/20/2025 16:09:00	Jennette Marble	Mesa 85213		This does not feel safe for our kids and for our community. Please help prevent this home from being established in our neighborhood.
3/20/2025 16:09:51	Luana Sadowski	Mesa	lu	This is obviously not an appropriate place to have this kind of facility. It definitely should not be allowed.
3/20/2025 16:32:05	Joan Hall	Mesa		
3/20/2025 16:46:04	Kathy Smith	Mesa	ks	A family neighborhood with an elementary school on the other side of the back fence is not the place for a facility like this, or any other business facility. If a patient ever had a breakdown or mental health episode their behavior can be unpredictable. It poses a risk to innocent children nearby.
3/20/2025 16:50:43	Brian Koch	Mesa	na	
3/20/2025 16:59:20	Angi Ferrin	Mesa		Not a good idea
3/20/2025 16:59:36	Heidi Jones	Mesa	he	It does not make any sense to put a substance abuse and mental health treatment center in the backyard of the neighborhood elementary school!
3/20/2025 17:02:56	Alan Hamberlin	Mesa	ak	Must meet current definitional regulations

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3/20/2025 17:05:27	Eden Porter	Mesa		The fact that this was even proposed in the first place is insane.
3/20/2025 17:09:28	Anne Garner	Mesa		
3/20/2025 17:11:56	Sarah Jackson	Mesa		
3/20/2025 17:24:36	Taryn Stock	Mesa	ta	
3/20/2025 17:30:43	Leslie Crandall	Mesa		
3/20/2025 17:33:05	Wayne Smith	Mesa	w	This is not an appropriate location for this type of facility. Based on their description this could be called a halfway house. Plain & simple this is a business that belongs in a business location not a quiet residential neighborhood right next to an elementary school!
3/20/2025 17:33:25	Randall Stock	Mesa	st	Please choose another area, this literally backs up to an elementary school, very poor decision by this company.
3/20/2025 17:46:10	Morgan Brimley	Mesa		
3/20/2025 17:55:11	Kevin De Rosa	Mesa	ke	
3/20/2025 18:17:14	Rachel Omerza	Mesa	ro	
3/20/2025 18:17:44	Miguel Gonzales	Mesa		
3/20/2025 18:24:43	David Reid	Mesa	d	A facility like this one should not be anywhere close to an elementary school.
3/20/2025 18:26:27	Vicki Reid	Mesa		A facility of this nature does not belong next to an elementary school.
3/20/2025 18:29:21	Myra Mora	Mesa		
3/20/2025 18:32:30	Ashvin Sheth	Mesa	a	This is best neighborhood. Such facilities should be in a commercial area
3/20/2025 18:39:29	James Omerza	Mesa	o	
3/20/2025 18:47:27	Susan Eagar	Mesa	s	
3/20/2025 18:53:41	Tamara Francis	Mesa	T	
3/20/2025 18:55:43	Teesha Martin	Mesa	te	
3/20/2025 18:56:35	Todd Martin	Mesa	ti	
3/20/2025 18:56:37	Amanda Misinco	Mesa	a	
3/20/2025 19:04:48	Dan Brimhall	Mesa		This should not have even been considered. The back fence of that residence backs up to the elementary school.
3/20/2025 19:05:07	Victoria Schonhoff	Mesa	V	
3/20/2025 19:05:48	Todd Sadowski	Mesa	to	I live across the street from Hermosa Vista. Children walk the streets peacefully. No one comes back here except those who live here. It is appalling that you would even consider this. We as a community completely reject this ridiculous proposal and condemn those who proposed it for Not considering the safety of children.
3/20/2025 19:08:29	D'Monica Schutze	Mesa	d	
3/20/2025 19:18:01	Lynn DeGreen	Paradise Valley (grandchildren in Mess)	d	Completely inappropriate
3/20/2025 19:20:48	Spencer caldwell	Mesa	s	
3/20/2025 19:21:15	Kathleen Hoellerich	Mesa	ka	Not a good location to have a facility like this next to a school.
3/20/2025 19:37:52	Matt eager	Mesa	m	
3/20/2025 19:43:28	Tiffany Kim	Phoenix		
3/20/2025 19:44:00	Laura Ruggiero	Mesa		
3/20/2025 19:48:39	Scott Walker	Mesa		
3/20/2025 19:50:25	Pamela Kuhse	Mesa		
3/20/2025 19:57:38	Melisse Saucedo	Mesa	ju	
3/20/2025 19:57:52	Lynn Simpson	Mesa	la	My kids ride their scooters home past that house

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3/20/2025 19:59:59	Curtis Simpson	Mesa	cr [REDACTED]	Please look out for the children and not someone's bottom line.
3/20/2025 20:04:04	Ayden Stock	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 20:07:06	Charl Riggs	Mesa	ch [REDACTED]	I am extremely alarmed that the City Council of Mesa would even consider approving a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment Center be located in a residential neighborhood right next to Hermosa Vista Elementary School. I am absolutely not in favor of this and believe this would be a tremendous detriment to this neighborhood.
3/20/2025 20:19:18	Katie brown	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 20:42:03	Brittany De Rosa	Mesa	br [REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 20:42:23	Jon Fillerup	Mesa	jo [REDACTED]	Not a good idea to have this so close to our local elementary school, Hermosa Vista.
3/20/2025 20:44:54	Lindsay Cook	Mesa	lin [REDACTED] oo.com	
3/20/2025 20:54:41	Kevin Kempster	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 21:04:52	Marissa Sanders	Mesa	m [REDACTED]	Bad idea
3/20/2025 21:15:26	Preston Johnson	Mesa	po [REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 21:23:29	James West	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 21:23:57	Rob Stephan	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 21:24:14	Jacob Richardson	Mesa, AZ	jr [REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 21:28:39	Amanda Stephan	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 21:42:51	David Collins	Mesa	d [REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 21:47:53	Melissa Barnett	Mesa	lis [REDACTED]	No drug rehabilitation center should ever be near any school, it's not safe or appropriate
3/20/2025 21:50:53	Megan Richardson	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 21:52:23	Brian Barnett	Mesa	br [REDACTED]	It's kind of facility next door to an elementary school is completely unacceptable.
3/20/2025 22:40:41	Alicia Lee	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/20/2025 22:48:50	Nicole Barney	Mesa	ni [REDACTED]	This is a purely residential neighborhood and a facility like this is not meant for a residential neighborhood.
3/21/2025 0:41:18	Jared Payne	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/21/2025 5:35:22	Tom Stapley	Mesa	to [REDACTED]	Please keep these facilities away from schools and residential areas
3/21/2025 6:40:44	Robert Gibbs	Mesa	ro [REDACTED]	I'm not against these generally, but not one so close to a school...
3/21/2025 6:43:18	Kathleen Nelson	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/21/2025 6:59:56	Wayne Syrek	Mesa	w [REDACTED]	Appalling project next to a school
3/21/2025 7:04:43	Joel Touchet	Mesa	to [REDACTED]	
3/21/2025 7:22:20	Jan Harrison	Mesa	ac [REDACTED]	This is not the right neighborhood for this facility. The back yard is right over the fence from the school.
3/21/2025 7:26:55	Michele Johnson	Mesa	sc [REDACTED] l.com	
3/21/2025 7:44:17	Sean Cook	Gilbert	se [REDACTED]	My nieces and nephews go to this school and I want them to have a safe clean neighborhood to live in.
3/21/2025 7:54:59	Sally Johnson	Mesa	sj [REDACTED]	The cancelation of this permit needs to be placed as high priority.
3/21/2025 8:04:24	Robin passey	Mesa	ro [REDACTED]	Not in our neighborhood!
3/21/2025 8:05:43	Val Turley	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/21/2025 8:13:21	Whitney Schrah	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/21/2025 8:13:55	Michael Johnson	Mesa	m [REDACTED]	This facility being established in a residential/ family neighborhood, right next to a grade school, makes no good sense at all. The city must intervene.
3/21/2025 8:14:15	Abbey Bodily	Mesa	[REDACTED]	
3/21/2025 8:14:45	Stacey Rettig	Mesa	st [REDACTED]	

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3/21/2025 8:17:58	Adelle Johnson	Mesa		
3/21/2025 8:18:11	Audrey Slade	Mesa	at	Terrible idea
3/21/2025 8:25:51	Cindy Allen	Mesa	tr	My grandkids go to this school and I'm deeply concerned or that this idea would even be considered a possibility in the neighborhood. PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!!!! Keep our kids safe. There are too many other possibilities and locations to have this type of facility in a neighborhood.
3/21/2025 8:27:10	Abraham Gamez	Mesa	as	The city needs to prioritize children's safety!
3/21/2025 8:28:45	Carlie Overstreet	Mesa		
3/21/2025 8:29:18	Erika Velasquez	Mesa	er	I believe that this project poses an unnecessary risk to the community and very young children that attend hermosa vista. There are other options where a mental health and substance abuse treatment center can be located that does not back up directly to an elementary school
3/21/2025 8:31:10	Sandy Nichols	Mesa		
3/21/2025 8:40:31	Sarah Cook	Gilbert		My sister in law lives close by. Please don't built this right next to the elementary school.
3/21/2025 8:41:18	Brenda Harman	Mesa	ha	
3/21/2025 8:42:30	Danny cook	Mesa		Absolutely not
3/21/2025 8:51:31	Erica Jones	Mesa		
3/21/2025 8:51:59	Grant Pace	Mesa		
3/21/2025 8:53:26	Crosby Stansfield	Mesa		
3/21/2025 8:57:40	Erin cook	Gilbert	er	
3/21/2025 8:58:29	Kristi Shedlock	Mesa		This is not safe for the kids going to school there.
3/21/2025 9:03:44	Lindsay Ake	Mesa	lin	
3/21/2025 9:05:15	Ashley Hills	Gilbert		
3/21/2025 9:10:37	Anaines Enriquez	Mesa	an	While I agree with people getting the help they need, the placement next to a school is not the ideal location and needs to be stopped.
3/21/2025 9:10:56	Rafaela Orosco	Tolleson	fa	
3/21/2025 9:11:08	Sarah Nicoll	Mesa		As a parent of a child at Hermosa Vista Elementary School, I don't believe that location is good for the students or to be honest those who would be using the residence. It's busy and noisy with the traffic from the school.
3/21/2025 9:11:36	Brian Shedlock	Mesa	br	
3/21/2025 9:13:39	Alejandra Casas	Mesa	ca	
3/21/2025 9:17:44	Stephanie Gibbs	Mesa	qa	
3/21/2025 9:19:34	Terri Cooper	Mesa	to	No way !! This is awful idea
3/21/2025 9:19:39	Berenice Gamez	Mesa	go	We don't need a rehab center behind my kids school
3/21/2025 9:20:42	Irma perry	Apache junction		My great grand children attend the school which border that property
3/21/2025 9:21:19	Geronimo casas	Mesa	Je	
3/21/2025 9:24:03	Jesus Gomez	Phoenix		
3/21/2025 9:24:44	Christopher Parada	Phoenix	ch	.com This facility should not be near any school or place where children are.
3/21/2025 9:25:56	Juan Bonilla	Mesa	jib	Facilities like this should NOT be opened next to a school.
3/21/2025 9:27:51	Stephen Crownover	Me	sj	No way this can happen next to our grade school! Common sense is needed! Thanks
3/21/2025 9:28:54	Rhonda P COOK	Mesa	rh	My grandchildren live there.
3/21/2025 9:30:35	Kristina Parada	Phoenix	kr	Facilities like this are important but there is no way something like this should be anywhere near a school, where vulnerable children are 5 days a week.
3/21/2025 9:31:25	Karla Marquez	Mesa	ma	I'm very concerned because I have daughters in the school.
3/21/2025 9:32:18	Jared Garcia	Phoenix		

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3/21/2025 9:42:00	Jessica Miller	Mesa		We urge the City of Mesa to cancel Permit PMT24-21631 for further review. The proposed Substance Abuse and Mental Health treatment center at 2338 E Minton St does not meet the requirements for a Family Community Residence under Mesa City Code 11-86-2.
3/21/2025 9:42:29	Eric Gonzalez	Mesa, AZ		This facility is near Hermosa Vista Elementary, raising serious concerns for the safety and well-being of our children. We ask the City to take immediate action to ensure zoning laws are properly followed and that our neighborhood remains a safe environment for families. Children are priority!
3/21/2025 9:42:30	Christine Nichols	Mesa		I have grandchildren that attend this elementary school. I am VERY concerned that a treatment center of this nature would be operating this close.
3/21/2025 9:54:10	Marc De Rosa	Mesa		
3/21/2025 10:00:30	Maria Herrera	Mesa		
3/21/2025 10:02:01	Erin Tarwater	Mesa		
3/21/2025 10:05:45	Melissa Brumund	Mesa		I think another location could be found to put the center not near the school
3/21/2025 10:08:45	Marisa Sawyer	Mesa		
3/21/2025 10:09:13	Christopher Parada	Phoenix		This facility should not be near any school or place where children are.
3/21/2025 10:09:32	Raul Lugo	Mesa		
3/21/2025 10:14:59	Brittany De Rosa	Mesa		
3/21/2025 10:21:12	Courtney Wick	Mesa		
3/21/2025 10:26:53	Jessica Caldwell	Mesa		
3/21/2025 10:32:32	Sonia Gomez	Mesa		I'd be happy to help get your press release to media channels. I work in this arena so feel free to call text or email me. Text preferred
3/21/2025 10:36:30	Ryanne Romo	Mesa		Opening a substance abuse treatment facility next to a school in a family neighborhood is a problematic decision for several reasons. The proximity to a school increases the risk of exposing children and adolescents to individuals who may be struggling with addiction or experiencing withdrawal symptoms, which could create an uncomfortable or unsafe environment. It could also lead to concerns from parents about the safety and well-being of their children. Additionally, the stigma associated with substance abuse treatment may create tension within the community, potentially lowering property values and causing division. The facility's presence could attract individuals who may loiter around the school or residential areas, which can contribute to feelings of insecurity and anxiety among families. Ultimately, this decision could disrupt the sense of safety and stability essential for a healthy, thriving community.
3/21/2025 10:37:30	Melissa Alonzo	Mesa		This is not a safe facility near an elementary school
3/21/2025 10:37:39	Cheri Sims	Mesa		
3/21/2025 10:40:27	Lina Garrity	Mesa		
3/21/2025 10:40:52	Zachary Fleming	Mesa		Placing a substance abuse treatment facility next to a school could have several detrimental effects. It might create a disruptive environment, with the potential for students to encounter individuals in crisis or struggling with addiction, which could lead to anxiety or fear. The close proximity might also contribute to a sense of insecurity among parents and school staff, who may worry about safety and the potential for incidents related to substance use or relapse. Additionally, the facility's location could inadvertently normalize substance abuse issues for young students, potentially affecting their perceptions of addiction and recovery.
3/21/2025 10:48:47	Vicky De Rosa	Mesa		
3/21/2025 10:53:19	Audrey Slade	Mesa		Terrible idea
3/21/2025 10:53:32	Morgan Merrick	Mesa		Having a mental health and substance abuse housing unit sharing a wall to a school is a reckless decision by the city and puts children at risk. First responders are 30% more likely to respond to this type of facility and first responders are more likely to have to use force again subjects housed in these types of facility due to mental or drug episodes. This occurring during school times would result in an unprecedented amount of lock downs for the school causing Unnecessary stress and trauma to students.
3/21/2025 11:01:26	Monica Crownover	Mesa		Safety is one of my primary concerns

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3/21/2025 11:19:01	Krista Cooper	Mesa		This is not a safe plan next to an elementary school.
3/21/2025 11:21:03	Clyde Church	Mesa	a	I don't like a facility as this in my close neighborhood area down the street from my residence
3/21/2025 11:29:18	Kristi Raban	Mesa	ke	
3/21/2025 11:36:56	Andrea Hall	Mesa		
3/21/2025 11:41:53	Andrea Aguilera	Scottsdale		
3/21/2025 11:44:06	Raban	Mesa	jr	
3/21/2025 11:49:57	Rich Rhoton	Mesa		Should not be next to an elementary school
3/21/2025 12:06:51	Rhonda P COOK	Rome Italy	rh	I have 3 grandchildren attending this school. Please do not let this 1/2 way house in this area.
3/21/2025 12:16:16	Amie Milczarek	Gilbert		Duh
3/21/2025 12:31:32	Jayne Oldroyd	Mesa	ja	Extremely concerning that just over the back wall of this home is an elementary school with children playing freely on the playground. Additionally, many children are walking to and from school in front of this home daily.
3/21/2025 12:37:02	Meghan O'Higgins	Mesa		
3/21/2025 12:38:29	Maren Pratt	Mesa		
3/21/2025 12:40:37	Wayne Pratt	Mesa Arizona	w	
3/21/2025 12:41:50	Nicholas Jandel	Mesa	m	
3/21/2025 12:44:34	Richard Phelps	Mesa	p	
3/21/2025 13:14:54	Susan King	Mesa		
3/21/2025 13:15:33	Darcy King	Mesa		
3/21/2025 13:36:36	Eliza Hernandez	Mesa, Arizona		
3/21/2025 13:38:00	Kailee Andersen	Mesa	ka	Find a different home! With this kind of price range you can go somewhere else
3/21/2025 13:50:20	Kelly Dee	Mesa	ke	
3/21/2025 13:51:24	Christina frost	Mesa	ch	m
3/21/2025 14:11:14	Peri Hammons	Mesa	pe	om
3/21/2025 14:22:49	Sandy Nichols	Mesa		
3/21/2025 14:40:36	Myra Sedillo	Mesa	m	
3/21/2025 14:48:13	Spencer Ellingson	Mesa	s	A bad idea to put those type of people right next to a school!
3/21/2025 15:04:05	Brenda Harman	Mesa	br	m
3/21/2025 15:13:27	Geoff Sims	Mesa	g	
3/21/2025 15:41:43	Nan Hinton	Mesa	n	It is very concerning to have a facility of this nature so close to an elementary school. Our children need to be protected.
3/21/2025 15:49:19	Clark Hinton	Mesa	cl	I am not happy to have this facility close to where I live. I am even more concerned that it is right next to our elementary school. I hope the city will consider the safety concerns of having such a facility so close you young children.
3/21/2025 16:08:29	Sikora Daniel	Mesa		
3/21/2025 16:13:08	Susie Eastwood	Mesa	se	com
3/21/2025 16:13:50	Irma perry	Apache junction		My great grand children attend the school which border that property
3/21/2025 16:24:18	Brianna Amezcua	Mesa	br	,com
3/21/2025 16:33:50	Steph Peterson	Mesa	st	This would be harmful to the children
3/21/2025 16:54:57	Marlene barber	Mesa	ba	h
3/21/2025 17:11:42	Christ Felde	Mesa	ch	I strongly oppose

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3/21/2025 17:41:56	Michelle Levanduski	Mesa	mi	We do not want this next to our residence. We moved here for the peace of mind of low crime.
3/21/2025 17:47:44	Brandon rennie	Mesa	Br	
3/21/2025 17:55:18	Linda Rennie	Gilbert, az		My daughter, and great grandson live close by there. Does not sound safe and secure for them.
3/21/2025 17:56:52	Courtney levanduski	Mesa	co	I have a 1 year old who plays outside, and a 7 year old who does the same.
3/21/2025 18:03:55	Danika Johnson	Mesa		We have young kids who play outside with their neighborhood friends and are concerned for their safety. It is so rare now hat kids get to walk safely to and from school and we want to protect that memory for years to come. We moved from Seattle where this same thing happened near an elementary and it did affect the safety of the children.
3/21/2025 18:17:19	Gary Schwartz	Mesa	gts	This is a family neighborhood with school just behind the proposed housing facility. I moved to this area for single family residences, not behavioral facilities.
3/21/2025 18:22:34	Lisa Schwartz	Mesa	lis	I feel this will bring an uneasy environment to near by neighbors as well as parents, teachers and children of Hermosa Elementary School.
3/21/2025 18:36:38	Cheryl Reed	Mesa		
3/21/2025 18:37:45	Michael Reed	Mesa		
3/21/2025 19:09:20	Melissa Simmons	Mesa		
3/21/2025 19:18:17	Rick Sherman	Mesa	res	
3/21/2025 19:25:08	Gina Hinton	Mesa		
3/21/2025 19:35:33	Rachel Mason	Mesa	tea	Absolutely not!
3/21/2025 19:41:47	Suzanne Gladden	Mesa	su	I thought they couldn't be near a school.. I don't want my grandkids near that sort of thing, or other kids..
3/21/2025 19:43:39	Miles Spencer	Mesa	mi	
3/21/2025 19:43:52	Laura Brannon	Mesa	lab	
3/21/2025 19:44:44	Sandhya kanabar	Mesa 85213		
3/21/2025 19:51:36	Dan Griffin	Mesa	d1	I live in this neighborhood. Why would the city want to put a facility like this next to an elementary school and endanger our kids in this area. This is a safe haven for the families and kids that live in this area and needs to be protected.
3/21/2025 20:14:23	Michelle Rogers	Mesa	mi	
3/21/2025 20:40:33	Heidi Chappell	Mesa	he	
3/21/2025 21:11:28	Jolene Douglas	Mesa	jol	These types of homes (facilities) do not belong near schools.
3/21/2025 21:21:50	Sarah Allen	Mesa	sa	
3/21/2025 21:58:42	Alexander Lorenz	Mesa		
3/21/2025 22:03:20	Herb williams	Mesa		
3/21/2025 22:05:58	Verna Lyons	Mesa	ve	

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				My husband and I think this would be terribly eggregious and irresponsible to allow something of this nature to be allowed anywhere near children of any age but especially elementary school children.
				I have lifelong personal experience with a drug addicted sibling and I can say with complete conviction that a majority percentage of addicts in these "treatment centers" are there and still finding ways to use drugs,steal and be a threat to society. My sibling would share that these experiences were the "norm," not the "minority."
3/21/2025 23:32:57	Linda Brown	Mesa	Linda.Brown@mesaaz.gov	It is our duty as adults to protect our children from harm or danger,imminent or actual. Please do not allow this to happen.
3/21/2025 23:58:06	Mariana Porras	Mesa	mporras@mesaaz.gov	
3/22/2025 1:03:03	Rebekah Douglas	Mesa	rdouglas@mesaaz.gov	
3/22/2025 5:22:27	Gunnar Schmid	Mesa	gschmid@mesaaz.gov	Seriously, next to an elementary school? Do I really need to add a comment.....
3/22/2025 6:36:29	Robert Chappell	Mesa	rchappell@mesaaz.gov	
3/22/2025 6:43:47	Lisa Morris	Mesa	lmorris@mesaaz.gov	Pleas keep any kind of drug treatment center away from our area!
3/22/2025 6:51:40	Deborah Westmoreland	Mesa	dwestmoreland@mesaaz.gov	Absolutely a no!! This type of facility should never be close to an elementary school
3/22/2025 6:51:48	Charlotte Bleakley	Mesa	cbleakley@mesaaz.gov	
3/22/2025 6:56:27	Brooke Williams	Mesa	brooke.williams@mesaaz.gov	
3/22/2025 7:00:19	Summer Andrino	Mesa	sandrino@mesaaz.gov	Should not be right next to an elementary school
3/22/2025 7:05:39	Sandra Griffith	Mesa	sgriffith@mesaaz.gov	These should not be in neighborhoods and not anywhere near a school.
3/22/2025 7:56:11	Gwen Reimer	Mesa	greimer@mesaaz.gov	Please do not proceed with this .Eith children next to this facility it puts many people at risk and uncertainty for future which could devalue the neighborhood
3/22/2025 7:56:37	Tyler Mason	Mesa	tmason@mesaaz.gov	There are other homes in the area. I just think that it is not a good idea to have that facility next to a school. I think it'll make people feel unsafe and if something does happen, there's gonna be a lot of told you so.
3/22/2025 8:22:52	chambry	mesa	chambry@mesaaz.gov	what the hell.
3/22/2025 8:35:17	Rita Lee	Mesa	rita.lee@mesaaz.gov	This type of facility puts myself, my family and friends at increased danger of break ins and other violent crimes.
3/22/2025 8:56:35	Haley Zazueta	Mesa	hzazueta@mesaaz.gov	
3/22/2025 8:57:42	Alyson Rogers	Mesa	arogers@mesaaz.gov	
3/22/2025 9:28:29	Corby Morris	Mesa	cmorris@mesaaz.gov	
3/22/2025 9:33:52	Gabriel sedillo	Mesa	gsedillo@mesaaz.gov	
3/22/2025 9:40:08	Guadalupe Dominguez	Mesa	gdominguez@mesaaz.gov	
3/22/2025 9:55:46	Lauren Miller	Mesa	lmiller@mesaaz.gov	
3/22/2025 10:42:19	Paula Tibben	Mesa	ptibben@mesaaz.gov	


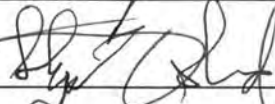
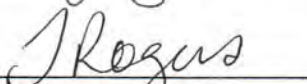
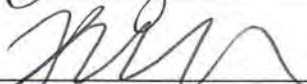
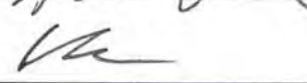
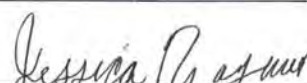
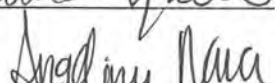
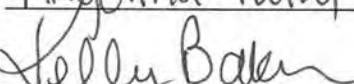
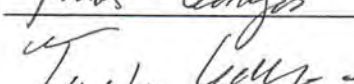
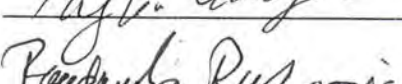
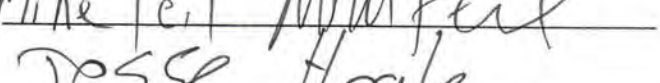
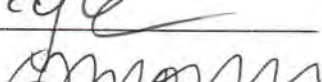
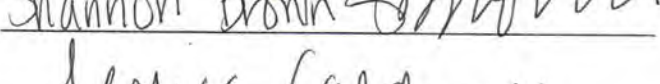
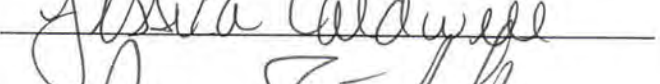
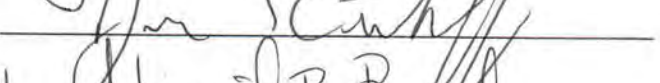
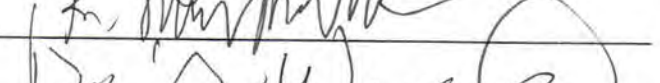
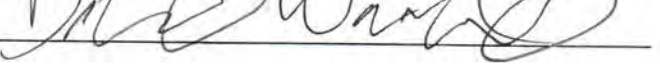
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3/22/2025 14:12:27	Joseph foley	Mesa	jfoley@mesaaz.gov	I have lived adjacent to the grade school for the past 34 years. An Airbnb was allowed 5 years ago next door to me. Now you want to allow another business 3 doors down that also backs up to the grade school on the same street. I am totally opposed to putting multiple businesses on the same block in what was formerly a purely residential neighborhood. Additionally putting a drug rehabilitation center directly adjacent to a grade school puts children at significant risks. I hope the reasoning is obvious to you. As a physician at Banner Baywood and MD Anderson for over 25 years I am certainly not opposed to drug rehabilitation but I am opposed to locations close to schools. Joseph Foley, M.D.
3/22/2025 14:40:57	Lois Scale	Mesa	LoisScale@gmail.com	The safety of our children must be our priority. Many children walk by this address daily. Anyone staying in this facility could simply "hop the back wall" and would be on school property. The city should not be choosing to allow housing people with mental illness or drug addictions in this location. As an RN that has worked on a Psychiatric unit, I strongly oppose this Family Community residence as proposed.
3/22/2025 14:51:53	Kim Foley	Mesa	afkfoley@gmail.com	There has not been enough information shared as to the treatment, scope and population of the center so it is concerning because there are young children out and about in the neighborhood all daytime hours.
3/22/2025 15:54:02	Debra Tolman	Mesa	debra.tolman@gmail.com	Please no. This community needs to stay safe. There are too many children that walk and ride bikes to school and we do NOT want this neighborhood to become familiar to the wrong kind of people. People addicted to drugs are still good humans but they tend to make terrible choices and we can not let that happen near so many innocent children
3/22/2025 16:00:19	Brooke Hunt	Mesa	brooke.hunt@gmail.com	It is a terrible idea to even consider this type of a facility right next to an elementary school!
3/22/2025 16:29:51	Brad Miller	Mesa	brad.miller@mesaaz.gov	This must be stopped! My children attend HV and everyday 100s of kids are walking, riding bikes and scooters home and to school, largely unattended from adult view. We cannot underestimate the long term harm this could potentially cause. This is not a responsible move on the part of city of Mesa to permit this nor the rehabilitation center. The reason these people are in rehabilitation in the first place is because they were exposed, most likely unsupervised, to these life threatening substances. Now they are trying to get themselves out of this hell. It makes absolutely no sense to increase the possibility of starting this cycle again! Please understand the long term harm this will cause to our community.
3/22/2025 17:23:16	Allie Johnson	Mesa	alliejohnson1984@gmail.com	I am 100% against this happening, especially adjacent to the school.
3/22/2025 17:28:25	Shayna Whiting	Mesa	shayna.whiting@gmail.com	There are a lot of children in the area as it's across the street from an elementary school.
3/22/2025 18:42:58	Erin Sherman	Mesa	erinsherman1984@gmail.com	This should not back an elementary school
3/22/2025 19:08:13	Karen Harris	Mesa	karen.harris@mesaaz.gov	Why do these have to go in by schools. Not safe and why in million dollar neighborhood that will bring the value of the home down. These home are needed yes, but not next to a school.
3/22/2025 19:31:40	Ioana Sherman	Mesa	ioana.sherman@gmail.com	This should never be placed near a school or in a residential community. What are you thinking???
3/22/2025 19:53:46	Mark Wagner	Mesa	mark.wagner@mesaaz.gov	Should not be this close to an school
3/22/2025 21:19:44	Lori Flake	Mesa 85213	lori.flake@gmail.com	Absolutely the applicant violates the code and should not be allowed.
3/23/2025 9:01:02	Charlotte Schenck	Mesa	charlotte.schenck@gmail.com	This is very concerning since there is an elementary school across the street!
3/23/2025 9:13:17	Terry Schenck	Mesa	terry.schenck@gmail.com	This is not the right place for this facility And should not be so close to any school
3/23/2025 10:00:48	Theodore Harris	Mesa	theodore.harris@gmail.com	A mental health and substance abuse treatment center should not be located in a neighborhood or near a school under any circumstance. This proposal is unacceptable and should be cancelled immediately.
3/23/2025 10:06:04	Aaron hou	Mesa	aaron.hou@gmail.com	
3/23/2025 11:40:16	Mireya Acosta	Mesa	mireya.acosta@gmail.com	
3/23/2025 11:40:35	Terri Mefford	Mesa	terri.mefford@gmail.com	
3/23/2025 11:45:41	Jeff Mansfield	Mesa	jeff.mansfield@gmail.com	
3/23/2025 11:47:11	Whitney Mendez	Gilbert	whitney.mendez@gmail.com	
3/23/2025 12:45:06	Krista Breinholt	Mesa	krista.breinholt@gmail.com	
3/23/2025 12:45:49	Boston Breinholt	Mesa	boston.breinholt@gmail.com	

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3/23/2025 12:55:15	Verna Lyons	Mesa	ve	
3/23/2025 13:06:49	Susannah Crider	Mesa	st	
3/23/2025 13:07:09	Brad Crider	Mesa		
3/23/2025 13:08:14	Melissa Crider	Mesa, Arizona		It's too close to the school. Just not safe.
3/23/2025 13:10:13	Natalie Morgan	Mesa		
3/23/2025 13:29:54	Lori Miller	Mesa		
3/23/2025 13:32:29	Corina Crosby	Mesa	cu	
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3/23/2025 14:23:37	Ray Bishop	Mesa az		
3/23/2025 17:36:44	Traci Allen	Mesa	ta	
3/23/2025 17:47:17	Rosalie Campbell	Mesas, Az.		
3/23/2025 18:51:37	Robyn Lewis	Mesa	ro	I moved to this neighborhood because my previous neighborhood only a mile away, was over run with these homes. Most gone completely unregulated. Our property values plummeted, there was a substantial increase in crime, and the homes looked horribly run down, after being nice family homes. Please do not let the same thing happen to our neighborhood. Mesa MUST be more proactive to regulate these transitional homes.
3/23/2025 18:54:41	Kent Lewis	Mesa	kt	Unbelievable that this would have passed any questioning
3/23/2025 19:49:52	Rajnikant Merchant	Phoenix		School is behind this residential area. This is not a good idea to have a facility like this in residential area.
3/23/2025 19:50:04	Hasmukh Kavathia	Scottsdale	hk	It is a very residential area and school is near by and it is not a good area so we oppose to this idea. Please do not approve..
3/23/2025 19:50:48	Hari Dave	Gilbert	hr	Please don't approve this as it is not appropriate next to school.
3/23/2025 19:53:13	Arvind Shah	Phoenix	Ks	Elementary school is behind this house. Nice neighborhood. Such facilities should be in commercial areas
3/23/2025 20:31:52	Sandi Bishop	Mesa	sa	
3/23/2025 20:32:59	Verica Avramovic	Mesa	ve	
3/23/2025 20:33:42	Dragomir Mikalacki	Mesa	vo	
3/23/2025 20:34:44	Slavica Mikalacki	Mesa	sa	
3/23/2025 20:35:39	Rade Avramovic	Mesa	ra	
3/23/2025 23:01:52	Rachel Williams	Mesa	ra	Absolutely problematic to house persons overcoming substance abuse directly next to an elementary school. Mental health facilities are extremely important but don't belong anywhere near a young children's school.
3/24/2025 7:34:30	Whitney Mendez	Gilbert	w	A mental health and substance abuse treatment center should not be located in a neighborhood or near a school under any circumstance. This proposal is unacceptable and should be cancelled immediately.
3/24/2025 7:34:32	Terry Schenck	Mesa	tk	
3/24/2025 7:34:32	Charlotte Schenck	Mesa	sc	This should never be placed near a school or in a residential community. What are you thinking???
3/24/2025 11:11:50	Jillian Salinas	Mesa	Ji	Absolutely ridiculous. Who approved this?!!
3/24/2025 12:45:40	Michael Potter	Mesa	ez	
3/24/2025 13:17:03	Lilly Koch	Mesa		I attended this elementary school as a child and I know I wouldn't feel as comfortable with this facility close by.
3/24/2025 13:28:45	Brennon Brown	Mesa	br	
3/24/2025 14:34:17	Lynne Wolfe	Mesa	ly	It's not right.!
3/24/2025 14:35:02	Jen Steiner	Mesa	je	

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3/24/2025 14:35:55	Savanna Hidalgo	Mesa	sa	Absolutely not. This does not belong in a neighborhood let alone within walking distance of an elementary school.
3/24/2025 14:35:59	Kent Johnson	Mesa		
3/24/2025 14:36:44	Annie Arnett	Mesa		
3/24/2025 14:36:51	Chandler Anderson	Mesa	ch	
3/24/2025 14:37:07	Dario Hidalgo	Mesa	hi	This is so dumb it's almost funny
3/24/2025 14:39:16	Blake Wolfe	Mesa		
3/24/2025 14:39:19	Jordan Carpenter	Mesa		How effective are these homes? There are 3 in my parents neighborhood and inspectors aren't allowed inside to even check if the people receiving help are in the home. I'm all for helping others, but this doesn't seem to be an accountable way, let alone having one next to a school
3/24/2025 14:44:53	Kelsey Carpenter	Mesa		
3/24/2025 14:57:24	Olivia Dana	Mesa	ol	this is absolutely absurd - zero peace of mind for parents who have children attending the school. who would ever think this is a safe, ethical idea?! good on the people who are trying to correct their wrongs & addictions but i will pick the safety and security of children over adults every single day.
3/24/2025 15:03:44	Jacob Dana	mesa	ja	I am all for people taking care of their wrongs but not next to an elementary school.
3/24/2025 15:06:09	Grace David	San Tan Valley	gr	
3/24/2025 15:08:29	Abby Oram	Mesa	ab	NOT next to an elementary school!!! So unsafe for the children.
3/24/2025 15:08:34	Emily Nicoll	Mesa	em	
3/24/2025 15:09:14	Lori choules	Mesa	lo	
3/24/2025 15:09:54	Bailey Baker	Mesa		
3/24/2025 15:10:19	Vicki Riggs	Mesa	vi	This is horrible idea! Putting this kind of facility near an elementary school is not ok! It puts young children at risk in so many different ways.
3/24/2025 15:11:27	Lauren Miller	Mesa		
3/24/2025 15:11:38	Krystal Arnett	Mesa		
3/24/2025 15:13:45	Ashlyn Bowyer	Mesa		
3/24/2025 15:14:34	Isabel Anderson	Mesa	isa	
3/24/2025 15:17:10	Irene Jeffs	Mesa		
3/24/2025 15:20:19	Payten Hunt	Mesa		
3/24/2025 15:20:18	Tara Rozendaal	Mesa		Unsafe to have next to an elementary school!!!!
3/24/2025 15:22:01	Shelby Fuller	Mesa		
3/24/2025 15:23:52	Ciera Thomas	Mesa	ci	So dangerous! I grew up in this home and kids walk home on that street everyday and even wait in the tree by the mailbox to be picked up! I cannot imagine something like this by them everyday!! Absolutely not!
3/24/2025 15:24:59	Kacey Reed	Mesa	ka	
3/24/2025 15:25:23	Paris pierson	Mesa	pa	
3/24/2025 15:30:36	Karen Shaker	Mesa		Do better to protect kids!
3/24/2025 15:34:07	Brandon Thomas	Mesa		Not a good idea to have a halfway house back up to an elementary school.
3/24/2025 15:37:21	Taylor Groberg	Mesa, Arizona	ta	I live in this neighborhood and I don't think this should be approved.
3/24/2025 15:37:38	Heidi Brown	Mesa		
3/24/2025 15:54:57	Haley syrek	Mesa		
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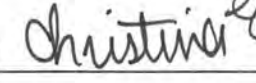
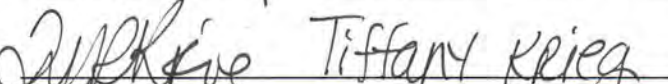
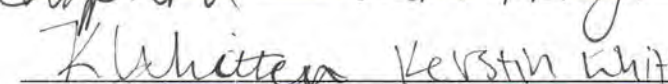
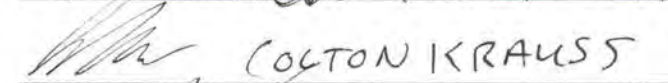
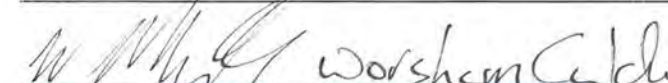
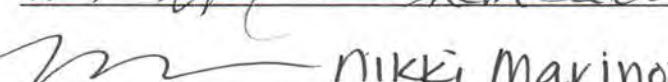
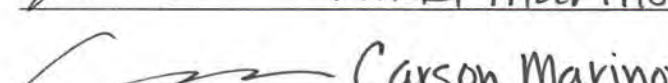
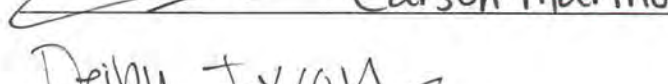
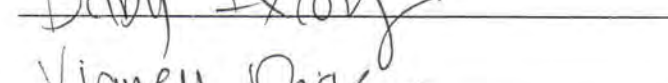
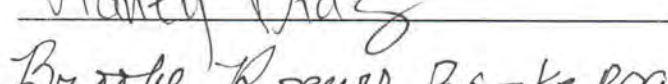
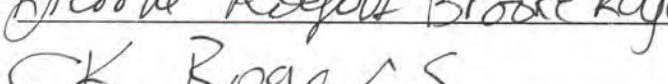
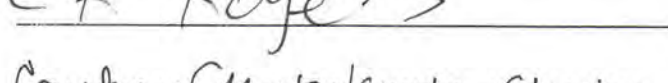
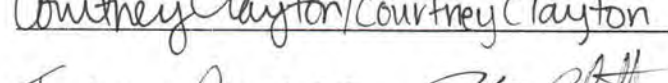
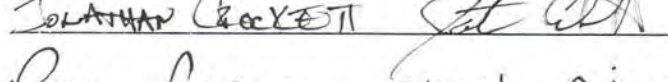
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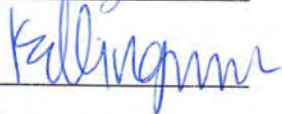
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Rehabilitate Your Body, Mind and Spirit

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Frequently Asked Questions About Our Mental Health and Addiction Services

What qualifications do the staff at Legacy Recovery Center have?

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Can I bring my cell phone and computer?

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Is Legacy Recovery Center an inpatient program?

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What types of mental health services does Legacy Recovery Center provide?

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How long do the treatment programs last?

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The duration of treatment programs at Legacy Recovery Center varies depending on the individual's needs. Typical programs are 30 days, but longer stays can be arranged if necessary.

What types of addiction treatment programs does Legacy Recovery Center offer?

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Does Legacy Recovery Center accept insurance?

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What is the admissions process like?

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Are family members allowed to visit?


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What kind of aftercare support does Legacy Recovery Center provide?

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Our staff is not only trained in clinical best practices but also brings a level of compassion and empathy that is unmatched. It is one thing to provide treatment; it is another to do so with a deep understanding and respect for the complexity of human emotions that accompany recovery.

Luxury and Comfort

Recovery should take place in an environment that promotes serenity and well-being, which is why Legacy Recovery Center offers a facility that speaks to the luxury and comfort expected by those seeking a peaceful retreat from the chaos of addiction. From our gated property to the pool, hot tub, and spacious living areas, every detail is designed to enhance your rehabilitation experience.

Our 30-day inpatient program allows you to immerse yourself fully in a nurturing environment, free from the distractions of the outside world. We understand that the setting for recovery is nearly as important as the treatment itself, and our residential facility reflects that understanding.

Holistic Approach to Recovery

When we speak of a holistic approach, we refer to a mode of treatment that looks beyond the physical symptoms of addiction. At Legacy Recovery Center, we incorporate nutrition, exercise, healthy habit building, and relationship training into our comprehensive care plans. This strategy ensures that we address all facets of wellness, enhancing your chances for sustained recovery.

Furthermore, our specialized programs for substance-specific addictions are complemented by our support for mental health challenges. We recognize that disorders such as anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, and trauma often coexist with addiction, necessitating an integrated approach to treatment.

Insurance and Financial Options

Concerns about the cost of rehabilitation can often deter individuals from seeking the help they need. At Legacy Recovery Center, we strive to remove financial barriers by accepting most major commercial insurance plans and offering various payment options. Our goal is to make our services accessible, ensuring that more people can take advantage of the quality care we provide.

Our admissions specialists are skilled in navigating insurance benefits and coverage, aiming to ease your worries and assist you in taking the first steps towards recovery. It is essential for us that finances do not become an impediment to anyone's journey out of addiction.

Legacy Recovery Center's Mission

Legacy Recovery Center was founded on the principle that quality, evidence-based therapy should be the cornerstone of any effective addiction treatment program. Since our inception in 2012, our mission has remained constant: to offer the highest caliber of therapeutic services, tailored to each individual's unique journey.

Our commitment extends beyond the walls of our center. Through our blog and community outreach, we continually provide insights and education on addiction and mental health issues. We understand that the road to recovery is ongoing, and our support for you never wavers, even after your stay with us is complete.


In pursuit of this mission, we stay abreast of industry developments and evolve our practices accordingly, ensuring that we always offer contemporary and effective treatment modalities. Our clients' success stories are a testament to the dedication and expertise that define Legacy Recovery Center. It is here, within our gates, that many have found the path to a new and vibrant chapter in their lives.

In the sometimes daunting landscape of Drug Rehab Mesa, Legacy Recovery Center stands out as a beacon of hope and transformation. Our blend of professional excellence and heartfelt compassion provides not just a treatment program, but a life-altering experience that resonates with the very essence of recovery.

Exploring the Personalized Approach to Drug Rehab Mesa

What makes the treatment plans at Legacy Recovery Center unique?


At Legacy Recovery Center, we believe that the uniqueness of an individual's journey through addiction requires a personalized treatment plan. Our approach assesses the personal history, specific challenges, and goals of each client, leading to a custom-tailored strategy. This goes beyond the usual one-size-fits-all model and often involves an integrated methodology combining psychotherapy, psychiatric care, and healthy lifestyle coaching. It's in these details and our commitment to adaptability that we find our plans being not just



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