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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF MAYOR DEBBIE KLING

Future of Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho

For several years, the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho, located at 315 Stampede Drive in Nampa, has had minimal use. It has been a concern for Hispanic community members within Nampa who requested assistance from the City of Nampa which has been leasing the land to the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho for $1 per year since July 22, 2002.

In response to community concerns, the City of Nampa began the slow process of meeting and communicating with the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho leadership with the intent to share concerns and work towards a resolution without legal proceedings.

On May 12, 2023, a judgment was awarded to the City of Nampa for possession of the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho. After a 42-day opportunity to contest the judgment, on June 27, 2023, a writ of restitution was issued to the City of Nampa. The City of Nampa now has ownership and possession of the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho pursuant to the judgment and writ of restitution issued. The vacation of the building is being handled by the Canyon County Sheriff's Office in accordance with the writ.

The Hispanic community is extremely important to Nampa and the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho was built to "improve the quality of life for all people as well as to recognize, celebrate, and preserve Hispanic heritage, culture and values," as shared in the lease agreement between the City of Nampa and Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho.

The City of Nampa will be working with Hispanic community leaders to identify next steps to maximize the use of the facility moving forward. If interested in being part of a working group to discuss the future of the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho, please contact the Mayor's office at (208) 468-5401 or mayor@cityofnampa.us. The City of Nampa will also be working with any events currently scheduled at the facility and we ask event organizers to please contact the Mayor's office.

Nampa Mayor Debbie Kling shared, "The Hispanic community is very important to the City of Nampa. I look forward to working with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Community Council of Idaho and other local Hispanic organizations as we look to fulfill the original mission and vision for the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho."

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