



Cultural District Designation Application

(Note: This document and accompanying materials become public record once received by Clark County.)

Due to Clark County's rapid growth, the population of the County is becoming more and more diverse. Clark County has benefited and will continue to benefit in countless ways from the contributions of its many ethnic communities. Many of the visitors to Clark County immerse themselves in the unique cultures, aesthetic, and artistic traditions found across the County. Clark County has the ability to create an effective strategy to strengthen areas of the County that represent cultural heritages.

The Clark County Board of County Commissioners (County Commission) adopted the Clark County Cultural District Designation Policy (Policy). The Policy seeks to preserve, strengthen, and promote our cultural assets and diverse communities, so that individuals, families, businesses, non-profit organizations, community arts, places of worship, and education institutions are able to live, work, and prosper within the County.

For the purpose of the Policy and this application, cultural district shall mean a well-defined geographic area within unincorporated Clark County that embodies a unique cultural heritage. Cultural heritage is defined as containing a concentration of cultural and historic assets, culturally significant enterprise, arts, services, or businesses and a significant portion of its residents or people who spend time in the area.

If you or an organization that you are a member of wishes to apply for a cultural district designation, please complete this application. Following receipt of the application, a representative from Clark County will be in touch to discuss the next steps and answer any questions.

If you have any questions related to the Policy or this application, please email AdministrativeServices@ClarkCountyNV.gov.

Section I: Primary Contact

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Section III: Proposed Cultural District

Proposed Cultural District Name: LITTLE ETHIOPIA

Provide a description of the proposed cultural district boundaries. The description shall include the cardinal designations (north, east, south, and west) on any of the major cross streets listed. Please note that the proposed boundaries shall be small enough to develop a sense of identity and community among residents, businesses, and organizations. Additionally, please note that the proposed boundaries must be contiguous, not overlap with other cultural districts, and not encompass any portion of the Las Vegas Strip. (Reminder: The proposed cultural district boundaries must be in unincorporated Clark County.)

NORTHERN BOUNDARY-TWAIN

SOUTHERN BOUNDARY-UNIVERSITY DRIVE

WESTERN BOUNDARY-500FT FROM DECATUR

EASTERN BOUNDARY-500 FT EAST OF DECATUR

If applicable, please provide a map of the proposed cultural district upon submission.

Describe how the proposed geographic area is distinguished by a concentration of cultural resources that play a vital role in the lives and cultural development of the community. In your response, please provide details about structures, residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, community arts, places of worship, educational institutions, and cultural activities. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

There are an estimated 40 thousand Ethiopian immigrants who have made Clark County their home. They are hard working members of our community. Small business owners bring rich diverse culture that complements our diversity. The Ethiopian community of Clark County has 5 orthodox churches, 7n Protestant churches, and 1 Muslim Community Center and place of worship. There are 17 restaurants, coffe shops and mini marts that serve delicious Ethiopian dishes flavored with home made spices and herbs patronized by local residents of Clark County, and others (tourists) coming from many different countries, while shopping in many Ethiopian owned cultural clothings and jeweleries. In total, there are over 50+ small businesses, owned and operated by Ethiopian immigrants in the County, The Ethiopian Community Center is the hub for this community. It is a place for tutoring, mentoring youth to maintain their culture and religious faith, Spring Valley and Paradise are homes for many Ethiopians

Describe if there are any significant events and/or festivals that highlight the community's unique cultural identity. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

- Ethiopian New Years Day-September 11
- Meskel (Celebration of the finding of the true cross- January
- Ethiopian Christmas-January 7
- Timket (Ethiopian Epiphany) the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ)
- Ethiopian Easter-April
- Eid Al Fitir-June
- Other Biblicall annual celebrations throughout the year

Describe the cultural values and contributions that the establishment of the cultural district would help to preserve. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

The designation will help in the preservation and celebration of the Ethiopian culture and religious traditions while introducing this 3000 year old Ethiopian culture and history to the residents of Clark County and entertain the tourists who visit our City, that makes Clark County a diverse community. It introduces the delicious Ethiopian food and authentic Ethiopian coffee drinking ritual which is a unique experience by itself that has gained popularity by its patrons, the locals in particular. We pride ourselves with thousands of years of history, land of Lucy (Oldest Human Skeleton found in Ethiopia), origin of the coffee bean and decendancy from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba of Ethiopia. We strive to bring the Ethiopian experience to our County of Clark residents without having to travel to Ethiopia. We also take pride to be a part of the most diversified County.

Please provide any other additional comments or information related to the proposed cultural district that have not yet been provided. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

Section IV: Certification

I verify by my signature below that all statements made on this application, as well as any information attached hereto, are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that I have read the Clark County Cultural District Designation Policy and understand the requirements set forth in the Policy. With my signature below, I understand that all costs to create and maintain a cultural district will be borne by myself or my organization. I understand that an electronic signature has the same weight and effect as a handwritten signature. Furthermore, I understand that an incomplete application and any modifications to this application will not be accepted or considered.



YUSSEL LITTLE ETHIOPIA PROJECT SUB-COMM CHAIR

02/01/2023

Signature

Date

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The map shows the Twain Estate area in Las Vegas, NV, highlighted by a blue rectangle. The estate is located between S Decatur Blvd and S Lunt Pl Rd. The map includes various landmarks, streets, and points of interest. A blue line is drawn across the map, passing through the Twain Estate area.

Northern Boundary – Twain
Southern Boundary – University Ave.
Western Boundary – 500 ft from
Decatur
Eastern Boundary – 500 ft from
Decatur