

EDUCATION-RELATED POSITIONS HELD OUTSIDE THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (List positions held, length of time in each position, and impact on K-12 education in Clark County, attach an additional sheet if needed.)

INVOLVEMENT IN ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES BENEFITTING CHILDREN (Attach an additional sheet if needed.)

PASTOR GASTON HAS BEEN INFLUENTIAL IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE HAS PROVIDED FOOD FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES AND PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITHIN THE CHURCH SETTING. PASTOR GASTON HAS DEVELOPED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUMS THAT PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THEIR EDUCATIONAL PURSUITS WITHIN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT. PASTOR GASTON WORKS CLOSELY WITH PARENTS TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THEIR EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS. PASTOR GASTON PROVIDES A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO HAVE A SAFE HAVEN OUTSIDE OF THEIR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE (Please explain how the nominee's activities have contributed to children or education or to the betterment of Clark County, attach an additional sheet if needed.)

Pastor Almary Gaston, Westsides moral leader" from ACORN

SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES, TALENTS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, OR CONTRIBUTIONS NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE (Please explain their impact on children and education in Clark County; attach an additional sheet if needed.)

AWARD

PASTOR SERVES THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE LOVE OF GOD. THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIMS NOVEMBER 11, 2008 AS ALMARY GASTON DAY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MAYOR OSCAR GOODMAN FOR HER COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES

- ORDAINED EVANGELIST
- MEMBER OF THE MELTONETTS GOSPEL SINGERS

FOR EXISTING FACILITIES ONLY

ADMINISTRATOR OF FACILITY:

NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED AT THIS FACILITY:

FOR AN EXISTING FACILITY, WHAT CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE SPECIFIED FACILITY/SCHOOL/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/PARENT GROUP? DO THEY SUPPORT THIS NAME CHANGE? (Attach an additional sheet if needed.)**COMMUNITY CONSTITUENTS**

IS THIS NOMINEE ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXISTING FACILITY? (Attach an additional sheet if needed.)

All Applicants

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide five (5) names of references, including addresses and phone numbers. References may not be related to the nominee. In addition, the committee will consider no more than three (3) letters of recommendation for each individual or joint nominee(s). Please provide documentation of school/parent support of requested change to an existing facility.

Clark County School District Policy 7223, which governs the naming of District facilities and portions of facilities states:

- Portions of school or nonschool facilities, (including libraries, athletic fields, multi-purpose rooms, theaters, etc.), may be named for former district employees or citizens who have made specific contributions to education in Clark County.
- Names of district personnel will not be considered while actively employed by the Clark County School District.
- Names of Board members may not be considered while actively serving on the Board of Trustees, in accordance with NRS 338.200.
- Names of elected officials will not be considered while they are actively serving in public office.

**Please submit this application and supporting documentation to Clark County School District,
Community and Government Relations, 5100 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89146.**

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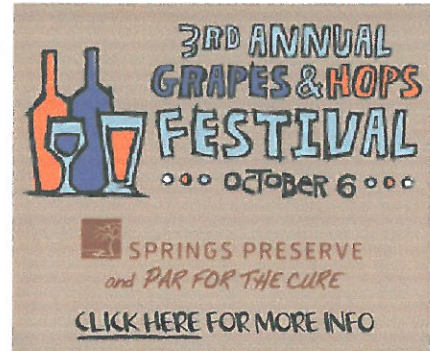
Almary Gaston, Westside's moral leader

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Anointed Tabernacle
3050 Holly Ave
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Pastor Almary Gaston is known for her active service that has been on-going in the community since 1959. She was born in Lake Providence, Louisiana in 1929 and moved to Las Vegas in 1957 with her husband to give her children a better life. Almary has been an avid pioneer of Civil Rights, equal rights and education for the betterment of all people. She's a firm believer that everyone is created equal and she was ecstatic to see the integration of the school system.

Almary was married to her husband of 50 years, the late Jesse T.C. Gaston. To that union came 19 children and a host of many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren. Pastor Gaston is very active in school issues because of her love and concern for her extended family and friends who are affected by district changes. Many years ago, she spoke with Sheriff Ralph Lamb and Sheriff Jerry Keller about concerns in the West Las Vegas community. Pastor Gaston was very active and supportive with Mrs. Ruby Duncan, Mayor James Seastrand, Senator Joe Neal, Assemblyman Lonnie Chaney, Mayor Pro-Temp Theron Goynes, Councilman Ricky Barlow, Dr. Beverly Mathis, Assemblyman Harvey Munford, Senator Steven Horsford, and the former NAACP president Gene Collins....just to name a few of many! She doesn't hesitate to attend city council meetings concerning various issues.

The love that she has for people is truly a gift from God. She is the pastor of Anointed Tabernacle Church, 3050 Holly Ave., LV, NV, 89106 (previously named Miracle Faith Temple on Bonanza in the Moulin Rouge Center). Prior to that, she served as the interim pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. Pastor Gaston is 83 years of age and continues to be an advocate for all people. She has a no-cost feeding program at her home where people can come to get produce, vegetables, pastries and much more. Her church, Anointed Tabernacle also has a branch of ministry that helps to feed the homeless.

Pastor Almary Gaston is affectionately known to everyone as Momma Dear or simply "Momma". Thank you for considering her, she is truly worthy of this acknowledgement and nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

The Gaston Family & Community

Character References for Pastor Almary Gaston

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December 19, 2012

Dear Black Educators Alliance of Clark County

As a Nevada State Assemblyman from District 6 in old West Las Vegas, it is my esteemed pleasure and honor to write this letter in support of Almary Gaston to receive recognition as an iconic resident of the community.

Pastor Almary Gaston was one of the early pioneers of Las Vegas when she arrived here in 1957. I have known Pastor Gaston for 25 years. Furthermore, I have had the pleasure of teaching many of her children in the Clark County School District. Since her arrival in the community, she has had 14 children and raised 21. 16 children are still surviving. Pastor Gaston has been a strong community advocate and a member of many active clubs and organizations that were committed to enhancing and improving the future and the lives of many of the residents of historic old West Las Vegas.

She has spent her life working on the behalf of the residents of the community in a very spiritual and religious capacity. She was pastor of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. She has also been an ordained minister of the Pentecostal Church, the Church of God and Christ and also the Baptist Church.

Almary Gaston, as a candidate for this award, is very deserving because of her legacy and the sacrifices she has made for the betterment and advancement of a community that has struggled to bring respectability and credibility to its residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harvey J. Munford".

State Assemblyman Harvey Munford



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December 21, 2012

CCSD School Naming Committee
Community and Government Relations
Clark County School District Administration Building
5100 W. Sahara Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89146

Dear School Naming Committee:

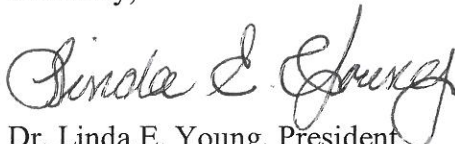
I am especially pleased to write a school naming recommendation letter for Pastor Almary Gaston to have the Multi-Purpose Room at Kit Carson Elementary School named in her honor. I have known and worked with Pastor Gaston in various educational and community programs for over 20 years in Las Vegas, Nevada.

During my years of community and educational involvements with Pastor Gaston, I have had the opportunity to observe her skills relevant to spiritual encouragement, emotional stability, social poise, vitality, initiative, judgment, professional ethics, communication, personality, interpersonal relationships, and conceptual skills. She has excellent ability in applying her spiritual community skills and professional educational knowledge to support students, parent, and family involvement in increasing student academic success.

It is without reservation that I highly recommend that the Multi-Purpose Room at Kit Carson Elementary School be named in honor of Pastor Gaston. I feel that this honor bestowed upon Pastor Gaston will signal to all in the CCSD and the community that the importance of life-long community and educational performance are highly valued.

Should you need additional information about Pastor Gaston's background and achievements, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 799-1072. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda E. Young". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Dr. Linda E. Young, President
School Board of Trustees
Clark County School District



Clark County School District
Community and Government Relations
5100 West Sahara Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89146

Dear School Naming Committee:

On behalf of the Las Vegas Alliance of Black School Educators we submit the name of Pastor Almary Gaston a distinguished citizen, an avid pioneer of civil rights, educational equality and equal rights for all people, for the dedication of the multi-purpose facility portion of Kit Carson College Preparatory Academy of Creative Arts and Technology.

The recommended individual has proven to be active and dedicated to the service of our schools and wider community. Pastor Gaston has committed to helping others and making new connections that bring families, neighbors, and communities together.

Please consider recognizing Pastor Gaston for her volunteerism and service as she lives in pursuit of, enhancing our schools for children and building sustainable communities.

If you need additional information about Pastor Almary Gaston please contact me at (702) 812-8971, or email tlewis1@ccsd.net.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Lewis', written over a faint background of a map of Nevada.

Tracey Lewis, President
Las Vegas Alliance of Black School Educators

LAS VEGAS ALLIANCE OF BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS

P.O. Box 270736
Las Vegas, NV 89127
Contact Number (702) 507-0290

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December 18, 2012

RECOMMENDATION-The Right Honorable Almary Gaston

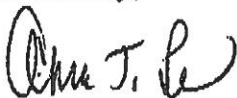
I have known Rev. Almary Gaston for about 30 years or more. I know her as a mother, friend, grandmother, counselor, helper, community person, church organizer, spiritual advisor, cook, lover of children, lover of adults and a law abiding citizen of the United States of America.

Rev. Gaston has been an example to the community with her service to all that is in need. She takes the time to assist with the personal, mental and physical concerns of people in the community. As she is an example in the community, she seeks to make sure she is addressing diversity, to her the needs of people has no color. Rev. Gaston knows all aspects of the Clark County School District in that her children and grandchildren are all products of the CCSD.

She enjoys working with people and giving them what they need as needed. It is no surprise to go to her home and have a meal on any day of the week, get a positive word to keep you inspired for the week or just to take a rest from a long hard day of work. This to me is a special person that the average person can't be, but Rev. Gaston seems to master all of the task of being a mother, friend, grandmother and pastor in a exemplary manner.

I do recommend that because of her service to the community, church, school and all mankind, that we do dedicate the multi-purpose building in honor of Rev. Almary Gaston. She has shown she is steadfast, a hard worker, a dedicated worker, an organized worker, a wonderful worker and a deserving worker. We can all be proud to have her name on the multi-purpose building. We must give Rev. Gaston her flowers while she yet lives and she can smell them, doing this dedication will do just that.

Sincerely,



Anna J. Lee

The Clark County School District

Pastor Almary Gaston has been a chief cornerstone for numerous years in the community. She and her husband moved to Las Vegas in 1957 with ten of her fourteen children. She was a pioneer in school activities and civil rights. Almary was involved with the neighborhood program located directly behind her home, the LuBertha Johnson Pre-School (now Lubertha Johnson Circle Park). The City of Las Vegas placed a memorial stone at this very park in honor of her grandson Michael Gaston. Upon his passing he was recognized for his commitment and achievements as a supervisor over the Parks and Recreation and street sweeping department for over 25 years. Almary was a member of the parent teacher association in the many different schools that her children attended.

Pastor Gaston was also a room mother assisting in many different classrooms where needed, especially Highland Elementary School, know known as Kermit R. Booker Elementary school . She worked closely with Dr. Theron H. Goynes while he taught at Highland ES. She's attended school board meetings and worked with CCSD personnel on various levels. All of Almary's children were graduates of the Clark County School District .

Almary has worked with many different programs throughout the school district as well as some of the civic leaders in the community inclusive of: Mr. H.P. Fitzgerald, Kit Carson School, Mrs. Shirley Barber, Mabel Hoggard School, H.P. Fitzgerald School, Dr. Linda Young CCEB, Dr. Beverly Mathis, Booker Elementary School, Dr. James McMillan, Dr. Claude Perkins, Superintendent Dr. Kenny Guinn, Dr. Brian Cram, Rev., Jesse Scott, NAACP, ACORN, Mrs. Marzette Lewis, Mrs. Ruby Duncan community activist, Assemblyman Harvey Munford, Dr. William (Bill)Robinson, County Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson-Gates, Mayor Oscar Goodman, Dr. Charles I. West, just to name a few.

Respectfully,

Gaston Family