

May 18, 2017

The Honorable P. Kevin Castel
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Dear Judge Castel,

My name is Jane Greenspun Gale and I was born in Las Vegas nearly 68 years ago, about a year before my father started the Las Vegas SUN newspaper. Not only have I seen my hometown grow from a small, western desert town to a city with more than 2,000,000 citizens today, but I've had the sort of education that comes from living in a place the rest of the country calls Sin City, yet I know to be a wonderful place to live. I've known many wonderful characters who've helped shape our city into the smart, civilized, fun place it is today, most of them transplants from parts of the country that looked down gambling.

Billy Walters is one of those wonderful characters. I've known Billy and Susan for more than 15 years. I was chairman of the board of The Animal Foundation, a non-profit organization operating the municipal animal shelter for Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Clark County, as well as a non-profit animal adoption center, from the late 1990's until 2007. As dog owners and lovers, Billy and Susan have been ardent supporters of The Animal Foundation.

Over the years we've had to expand and build new facilities to house all the animals. Whenever I asked for support, Billy was there. In the early 2000s, we needed a veterinarian to assist with our low-cost community neutering and spaying program. At the time, there was a shortage of veterinary graduates who specialized in high volume neutering and spaying. Billy offered to fund a scholarship paying for a student's veterinary studies in exchange for the student committing to work at the Animal Foundation for a few years after graduation. He paid for a young woman to attend the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Kansas and after graduation she returned to Las Vegas to work at our shelter. She was a wonderful veterinarian and significantly advanced the work of our spay and neuter clinic.

In 2005, we began fundraising for the construction of a dog adoption park. Billy not only made a generous donation, but he also allowed us to use his various clubhouses and restaurants for meetings, luncheons, and fundraisers—whatever we needed, with no ask in return.

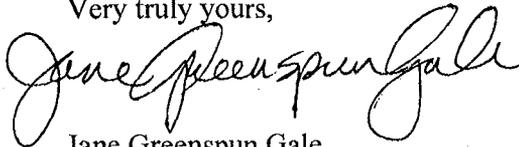
I've attended many other fundraisers for other organizations at Billy's golf courses and clubhouses, something that shows the kind, generous citizen Billy is, always helping to make the town grow in positive ways.

Something meaningful Billy did was build a beautiful golf course near our animal shelter in a very rundown part of town. The neighborhood is now a much better place to be. It was a big gamble, but Billy took it and the blighted community came to life.

In closing, I would just like to say, I really feel sorry this is happening to the kind, polite, generous and really good guy I know and admire.

Thank you, Judge for listening.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jane Greenspun Gale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jane Greenspun Gale