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MAYOR

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Mr. Jason King, P.E.  
State Engineer  
Division of Water Resources  
State of Nevada  
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Dear Mr. King,

As we look toward the future and evaluate opportunities that will benefit our great state, it is critical that we maintain a secure and stable drinking-water supply for Nevada citizens. For this reason, I support the Southern Nevada Water Authority's groundwater applications in Spring, Delamar, Dry Lake and Cave valleys.

The City of Las Vegas contributes nearly a third of Southern Nevada's total residents, and more than 20 percent of Nevada's total population. Our citizens support diverse industries, including world-renowned tourism that welcomes approximately 37 million visitors each year. Southern Nevada's residents and guests spend billions of dollars annually, which filter to communities throughout Nevada providing a number of benefits to our state's citizens.

To ensure a similar economic trend, Las Vegas must have access to water supplies that will meet the demands of our communities. As drought conditions continue to impact the Colorado River—the source for nearly 90 percent of Southern Nevada's water supply—it is necessary that we develop additional water resources that will guarantee long-term water availability. Las Vegas, this region, and our state depend on it.

Water in the west has traditionally been a contentious issue. Most of Nevada's towns and cities were founded around the availability of this precious resource. Today, our limited supply of Colorado River is no longer sufficient to meet our needs.

I urge the Nevada State Engineer to approve the Water Authority's groundwater applications, and grant unused groundwater resources to Southern Nevada for the benefit of the entire state.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Las Vegas

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