## LETTER TO FUTURE VISITORS ABOUT SOUTHERN NEVADA

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When living in southern Nevada,

the mind often thinks

about sun, desert, and summer. While

winters are basic and ordinary, it's the hot summers

that you'll never forget.

You'll remember the experience of dry, high temperatures that cause

your sweat glands to work overtime.

Millions of sweat droplets give birth to new droplets of sweat.

It's a repeating cycle

that goes between the months of June through August. The heat seems unbearable in what feels like

twenty trillion years. Your body

feels like it can't cool off between the

months of June through August.

Soon, you feel hot, sweaty,

and exhausted, all because of

this. You wish that the intense

heat would go away once in a while.

Everyone tells you that Nevada is a desert

and once you've heard it, you probably would think in your

mind: Have they gone mad?

Trust me, though, once you've lived in the state for ten years,

you'd change your mind.

Despite all this, you'd be surprised

of how many sights await you in Nevada.

Nevada is home to Red Rock Canyon and Lake Mead, both of

which tires both the muscles and the mind,

every second you're out there. But

they have beautiful sights-your eyes just take in the color of the water

in Lake Mead, or maybe

the big mountains and the big, red rocks

in Red Rock Canyon, fascinated by the color

and when your parents give you insight,

your mind feels like it wants to dig deeper into the soil,

and find out more,

more about the fascinating sights of

Lake Mead's beautiful waters and Red Rock Canyon's red color.

More about the history of the two popular sites.

More about everything Lake Mead and Red Rock Canyon–you're just so fascinated that your mind blows up.

The Las Vegas Raiders are one of the teams

that play during NFL season.

It's fun when the whole family is underneath the red, hot sky

and the bright, orange sun.

The cheer of the crowd makes you want to cheer

and let out your excitement

because your favorite team has scored a touchdown.

The scream of excitement is hard to resist-you want to shout

because you feel so happy, and it's a feeling

that builds up inside you,

and you think that your team is going to win.

It feels good.

And when the Las Vegas Raiders win the game,

you feel pride, happiness, and excitement

just pushing to come out.

It tugs at you to come out.

It begs you to come out.

It would do anything to come out.

Your mind tells you that the Las Vegas Raiders

have won, and that gives you permission

to scream as loud as you can, giving out all that pride,

all that happiness, all that excitement,

and it comes out like water-

water that's in a bottle

that's turned upside down,

and when you screw off the lid,

it just comes out in huge amounts.

The Strip is a popular attraction

in all of Las Vegas-casinos, gambling

machines, and fancy restaurants

are found here.

You enter a hotel-it feels

so warm and so comfortable,

it reminds you of fluffy cotton

balls, and not even one or two.

It reminds you of a huge mountain of

cotton balls-a mountain the size of

Mt Everest

At six o'clock, it's time

to eat out.

You take a bite out of a fancy steak-

it's so good. It reminds you of heaven. It

reminds you of home. It reminds you of

the good things in your life.

As you bite through your steak, you

get lost in a dreamy world. You feel yourself

float to heaven slowly and at a comfortable pace.

You don't realize that you've finished your steak

in under five minutes. That's how good it was.

Before you go to bed that night,

you take a look at your view.

It brings you emotions

of both happiness and sadness.

The view of Las Vegas is so nice. Cars

zoom by with a loud roar. You hear

In the distance people's chatter,

making this the vacation of a lifetime.

You see the desert landscape

in the distance-the setting sun reminds you of

home, making you sad.

The setting sun makes you think-

think about the comfort of home,

the fluffy couches that makes you feel so

warm inside,

and the air conditioning that feels nice when it touches you.

Home is everything and it is truly missed.

But remember that you 100% will see home

again. In the meantime, take into consideration,

that Las Vegas has more to offer than

just steakhouses and football games.

There are many things

that have yet to be seen

in Las Vegas,

by you.