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Honorable Senator Harry Reid  
Majority Leader of the United States Senate  
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Scott Blackmun  
Chief Executive Officer  
United States Olympic Committee  
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**RE: VEGAS 2020 OLYMPIC BID**

Senate Majority Leader Reid and CEO Blackmun,

I am writing to express my strong support for the siting of the 2020 Summer Olympic Games within the incorporated limits of the City of Henderson, Nevada. We are the second largest city in the State of Nevada and we pride ourselves in being consistently nationally ranked as one of the best communities in which to live in the United States. There could be nothing more expressive of the values of our community than those embodied in the Olympic Movement.

This bid is being advanced through the VEGAS 2020 Organizing Committee led by Mr. Milam and the team at the Las Vegas National Sports Center. Mr. Milam and his team include some of the largest and most effective organizations in the programming, design, development and financing of major athletics venues. We have established a strong working relationship with them and believe strongly in their collective capacity to turn desire into action, and an idea into a winning bid and in turn successful Games.

Once launched, I envision the bid will become an effort of the entire Las Vegas community, the State of Nevada, and the nation. Having the opportunity to bid, much less the privilege to host, the 2020 Summer Olympic Games will require a significant and long term involvement by myself and many others throughout the community. I stand prepared to fully support this effort to further the objectives of the United States Olympic Committee, the Olympic Movement and the quality of life of the people of the State of Nevada.

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I understand that the time remaining to select a candidate community to represent the United States is very short. Consequently I would like to extend an invitation for Senator Reid, Mr. Blackmun and Mr. Sullivan, the USOC's Bid City Director, to be my guest in the coming weeks to discuss the qualifications and preparedness of the community to support VEGAS 2020.

Sincerely,



Andy Hafen, Mayor  
City of Henderson, Nevada

AH/ds

cc: Chris Sullivan  
Bob Herbert  
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Pat Lundvall  
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