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To Whom It May Concern,

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada (BGCSNV) is writing on behalf of the Las Vegas Montessori Charter Academy that has applied for approval to serve the Spring Valley area. As the youth development organization of choice in Southern Nevada, BGCSNV is in full support of this application.

Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. At 13 clubhouses throughout Clark County, BGCSNV fills the gap between school and home by providing a safe, positive environment where youth have fun, participate in life-changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.

Through a variety of activities and programs in five Core Program areas – The Arts, Education, Health & Wellness, Leadership & Service, and Sports & Recreation - we offer programming that closely aligns with the developmental needs of all young people. For kids and families struggling to cope, our on-site, certified mental health clinicians provide a wide range of counseling services. With proven effectiveness and tremendous support from the Southern Nevada community for over 60 years, BGCSNV has been successful at responding to the needs of young people.

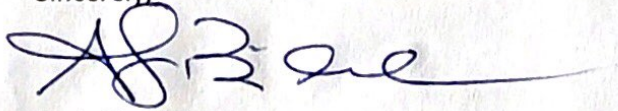
Through our relationships with trusted, long time partners such as Three Square Food Bank, Nevada Hand, and Lutheran Social Services of Nevada, BGCSNV understands the importance of collaboration among community organizations. We know just serving our kids is not enough; many community members need help also. To provide supportive wrap-around services, the Las Vegas West Family Resource Center, located at our Lied Memorial Clubhouse in Spring Valley, offers culturally competent information, referrals, and case management to help individuals and families access needed social services and support.

BGCSNV endorses the Las Vegas Montessori Charter Academy as an educational resource that

would benefit the Spring Valley community. With the area's public schools struggling to keep up, low-to-moderate income families and youth in grades K-8 would realize significant benefits from the lower student/teacher ratio and child-centered education that the Las Vegas Montessori Charter Academy can provide. BGCSNV looks forward working with Las Vegas Montessori Charter Academy in service to the youth of Southern Nevada.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact the undersigned at 702-367-2582. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Bischel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andy Bischel
President/CEO