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Good evening,

My name is Samantha Schwartz, and I've had the pleasure of living in Las Vegas for the past ten years after relocating from Framingham Massachusetts, where I experienced firsthand the impact of excellent education on both personal and community growth by growing up in the first year of a pivotal two-way Spanish bilingual program that became the model for many other towns and cities.

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Necca Academy. As a member of this community without children of my own, I have a deep appreciation for the role that high-quality education plays in shaping our future because it did for my siblings and I. I believe Necca Academy has the potential to be a significant catalyst for change in North Las Vegas.

North Las Vegas has so much to offer—vibrant neighborhoods, community spirit, and abundant recreational opportunities. However, to truly enhance the appeal of our city and attract more families, it's essential to improve our educational options. Necca Academy represents a crucial step forward in this regard.

This early college high school model is proven to be highly successful across the country. It provides students with not only a high school diploma but also a head start on college credits, preparing them to enter the workforce or pursue higher education with a strong foundation. By offering comprehensive support, transportation, and a robust academic program, Necca Academy promises to address some of the most pressing needs for the valley's overall educational needs.

The existing early college programs in our area, while valuable, are limited in capacity and access. Necca Academy's presence would not only provide more opportunities for students but also alleviate the pressure on the current schools, which are operating at full capacity and often rely on lotteries for admission. This school would help bridge the gap for families seeking quality education options and demonstrate that North Las Vegas is committed to fostering an environment where education thrives.

Moreover, the presence of Necca Academy could significantly enhance the perception of North Las Vegas as a desirable place for families. When families see a community invested in strong educational opportunities, they are more likely to choose our city as their home. This would contribute to the overall growth and prosperity of the area.

Education is the cornerstone of community development. By supporting Necca Academy, we are not just investing in a school but in the future of the entire city and its students within. I urge you to approve

Necca Academy's application and support this important step toward improving educational outcomes in our city.

Thank you for your consideration!

Best,

Samantha

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