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Subject: Support for Amended Listing Las Vegas Mormon Fort on the National Register of Historic Places

Dear Administrator Krupicz,

On behalf of the Nevada Division of State Parks, I am pleased to offer our full support for the amended nomination of Las Vegas Mormon Fort to the National Register of Historic Places.

As the site of the first permanent non-Indigenous settlement in the Las Vegas Valley, Las Vegas Mormon Fort is a resource of exceptional historical significance. Constructed in 1855 by missionaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the fort served as a way station, agricultural outpost, and point of cultural exchange between settlers and the Southern Paiute people. Its strategic location on the Old Spanish Trail, and later its role in the development of Southern Nevada, underscore its importance in the broader history of the American West.

The Nevada Division of State Parks has had the privilege of stewarding this landmark as a state historic park, providing opportunities for visitors to experience its preserved adobe walls, interpretive exhibits, and educational programming. Inclusion on the National Register will bring further recognition to the site's historic value, enhance preservation opportunities, and strengthen our shared mission to protect and interpret Nevada's cultural heritage for future generations.

We commend the State Historic Preservation Office for advancing this amended nomination and look forward to continued collaboration in preserving and promoting the history embodied by Las Vegas Mormon Fort. Please accept this letter as our strong endorsement of its listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R Mergell".

Robert Mergell  
Administrator  
Nevada Division of State Parks