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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Sixth Annual Chinese New Year in the Desert / Las Vegas Spring Festival hosted by the Fashion Show Mall, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, and Golden Catalyst, LLC.

From the arrival of the first Chinese immigrants in the 1850s to the first nonstop flight between China and Las Vegas in 2016 until today, Chinese Americans have played an integral role in our city's cultural, social, and economic development. In fact, Forbes Magazine named Las Vegas as one of the "8 Great Places to Celebrate Chinese New Year" in the United States and Canada.

Chinese New Year is recognized as the most important Chinese holiday and is known as "Spring Festival" in China, "Tet New Year" in Vietnam, and "Seol-lal" in Korea. I am once again delighted that Chinese New Year in the Desert will be held in multiple locations throughout District 1, including the Fashion Show Mall, Downtown Container Park, and The LINQ Theater.

I look forward to joining you for New Year's celebrations and for the great food, music, dance, and shopping. Please do not hesitate to call if I can be of service; and if you find yourself in Downtown Las Vegas or in Washington, D.C., come by our office anytime.

Gong Hei Fat Choi!


Member of Congress