

# LVMUN VII

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Greetings delegates to the Seventh Annual Las Vegas Model United Nations conference!

My name is Zachary Billot and I will serve as the Secretary-General as well as Co-chair of the Security Council during this event. As a senior at Spring Valley High School, and a four-year veteran member of Model United Nations, I, along with all chairs, advisors, and secretariat, have taken on a fantastic but rather challenging task. Every year, LVMUN continues to grow to encompass more Nevada students. With this growth, all individuals involved with planning the event have to take their involvement to an elevated level and rise to the occasion. After all, the United Nations is founded upon the core belief in actively endorsing inclusivity, and this would be impossible without many members working behind the scenes to establish a solid organizational plan. As Secretary-General, I make a personal promise that LVMUN can be one of the most engaging and educational experiences available for all levels of competitors.

Despite the fact that Model United Nations can become a competitive learning environment, and praises global leadership, it becomes especially important in times like today, to understand how our actions at this conference can make substantial impacts worldwide. As we have learned through our experiences in MUN, grassroots advocacy, groups that start with changing local concepts, can blossom into the most impactful of organizations. My job as Secretary-General and the job of each chair is to construct a learning environment that fosters leadership, creativity, and growth. Each and every delegate should leave this conference with a better understanding of the world, and a heightened interest in promoting social justice for marginalized groups of people as well as any other type of United Nations addressed issue. As you

proceed through debate, think about how you could legitimately make an impact in your community, no matter how big or small, and go DO it. Get out there into the world and make a difference, because as cliché as it may sound, change starts with you. It doesn't start from a place of power, but rather from a place of understanding and existence of humanity, not tainted by the influences of money, power, or politics.

I will lastly say, think outside the box. As you manufacture solutions to the issues you discuss, be creative and do something no one has ever thought of before. Every perspective is valid and should be of value in diplomatic negotiations, and your idea can reshape the world for the better.

Every committee's chairs have created background guides for your use, and to guide your research process. All the guides can be found on the LVMUN website (<https://www.svhs.mun.net/>) and feel free to send emails to your chairs or contact one of our advisors, Mr. Wabel at [wabeljm@nv.ccsd.net](mailto:wabeljm@nv.ccsd.net). We will do our best to respond punctually, but remember we are human and have other commitments too, so do not wait until the last minute to ask questions!!

Position papers should be submitted to your committee's email address before the conference. I personally suggest delegates do not procrastinate and send in papers as soon as possible.

If delegates have any questions, please again feel free to contact our advisor or the chairs. I am thrilled to be able to lead this experience and hope this conference will be as memorable for you as it will be for me!

Reminding you to be a global citizen,

Zachary Billot - Secretary-General