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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a current resident of the Los Angeles area in California. I am hoping to relocate to San Antonio within the next five years. There are many things that I find positive in the city of San Antonio. I love that housing prices as well as the prices of gas and food are much lower than they are here in Southern California. I am also impressed with the crime rate and the political and religious organizations present in the city. I do, however, find the city to be lacking on two fronts.

First, while there are many things to do in San Antonio, the city cannot compete with the wide variety of options available in Southern California. I love to visit the River Walk, the historic Alamo, Sea World, and Six Flags Fiesta Texas, but I find that the lack of such places as Disneyland and Universal Studios is disappointing. I'm also saddened by the lack of proximity to outdoor activities such as the beach and mountain resorts. Upon contemplation, I know that the city can do nothing about the lack of natural wonders, but do suggest that Disney be contacted about the possibility of building a theme park in or near the city of San Antonio. There is quite a bit of open and uninhabited land north of the city perfect for Disney to build another Magic Kingdom as well as a second movie studio theme park. This would kill two birds with one stone – I'd not lose access to Disneyland, and I'd have access to a theme park similar to Universal Studios.

My second concern is with the rate of pay I'd be receiving in San Antonio. Here in Southern California, I make approximately \$5200.00 a month after taxes, discounting August and September. Once I move to San Antonio, even if I find a teaching job in the highest paying district in the city, I stand to make about \$2000.00 a month less. Because the cost of living is so much more affordable, this pay cut is not as painful as it could be, but I really think that the school districts in San Antonio need to look nationally at what teachers are being paid so that they can offer competitive salaries and benefits to other districts in the United States.

Overall, I'm very excited about my potential move to your great city. I look forward to cheering on the San Antonio Spurs as they compete for the playoffs and eating dinner at one of the fabulous restaurants on the River Walk. My first purchase when I arrive will be a bumper sticker that reads "I'm not from Texas – but I got here as soon as a could!"

Sincerely,

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