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On the topic of opening Las Vegas, Joe Schonenmann from KNPR interviewed Governor Steve Sisolak concerning the opening of Nevada, specifically Las Vegas. Concerns from the state arose after Mayor Goodman's comment during her national interview on CNN. The governor is questioned about the federal aid received, Covid 19 effects on the gaming industry, and the safety of Vegas residents on the slow opening of Vegas.

A hot topic arose to Governor Sisolak's attention when Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman was interviewed on CNN in April. Sisolak stated that her remarks on using Nevada residents, comparatively as lab rats, to use as a "control group" and open all gaming industries as well as all non-essential businesses. There's currently a petition for a recall on the mayor due to such comments made on the CNN interview. Governor Sisolak understands that it is her right to express her opinion due to the first amendment but states it was a serious mistake on her part. Schonenmann then followed the governor's statement with comments from the public stating that many will no longer want to visit Vegas as a tourist after learning the lack of respect and care for Vegas residents that the mayor expressed. Sisolak stated that Vegas highly relies on tourism on an economic level. Due to this, he proposes that Vegas open up in phases with the first phase opening up recreational outdoor activities. When asked about the opening of casinos and other entertainment industries, he states that he wasn't sure if people would even go due to high positive percentage rates still ranging from 12% to 13%. The topic of these rates was