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Mr. Steve Sisolak, Chair  
Clark County Commission  
500 S. Grand Central Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89155

Dear Mr. Sisolak,

Southwest Airlines is extremely concerned about the proposal to build a new stadium on the "Tropicana" site adjacent to Runways 19. McCarran International Airport is critically important to the Las Vegas economy and anything that restricts it damages both the community and Southwest Airlines. A stadium, whether open or domed, located less than half a mile from the ends of two of McCarran's major runways will restrict operations at McCarran International Airport, and will erode safety, security, and capacity at the airport.

Landing and take-off are the most critical stages of flight, and the industry is dedicated to removing conflicts, not creating them. Safety concerns stem from the activities that come with fan expectations of a modern sports arena including video boards and signage, light displays, fireworks, helicopters, and drones. A stadium on this site will also preclude "Next Gen" instrument arrival procedures (which are in the final stage of development) for the Runways 19, thereby shrinking capacity. Noise will become a conflict, as flights this close will render the stadium useless for anything but large sporting events, especially concerts. Finally, since most of our Customers arrive at the airport via Las Vegas Boulevard to Tropicana Avenue to Paradise Road, we must oppose this site due to vehicle gridlock alone.

It is well known that McCarran International Airport is the major artery by which visitors come to and from Las Vegas with an estimated economic impact of \$30 billion. Southwest Airlines alone transported nearly 12 million Passengers in and out of Las Vegas in 2014, employed 3,250 Employees, aided in creating roughly 36 thousand Las Vegas jobs, and stimulated nearly \$7 billion in Las Vegas area economic activity. To clog that artery by either restricting runway use or by creating roadway gridlock puts all of these benefits at risk.

Please consider an alternative site.

Sincerely,

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Bob Montgomery  
Vice President-Airport Affairs

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Captain Craig Drew  
Sr. Vice President Air Operations

Chairman Steve Sisolak  
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Cc: Rosemary Vassiliadis, Director of Aviation-McCarran International Airport  
Don Burnette, Clark County Manager  
Steve Hill, Executive Director-Governor's Office of Economic Development