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SUBJECT: APPROVE RIGHT TURN FROM MCCARRAN

SWAN* fully supports the proposed FAA ruling to REINSTATE the Right Turn on departure from McCarran Airport. Attached please find 42 letters/emails supporting this position. They represent the majority of opinions from our membership (over 800 households/individuals).

Aircraft traffic from McCarran was routed north or south according to its final destination for over 30 years until the end of 2001 (post 9/11). At that time the decision was made to route all traffic to the south and west regardless of final destination.

After four years it has become apparent that the current single departure route is counter productive for the following reasons:

1. It reduced the efficiency of aircraft traffic flow out of the valley. Since our economy depends on this traffic flow, inefficiencies affect us all.

2. It increased the amount of fuel required (by 50 to 100 gallons per departure) for north and east bound aircraft since they had to fly south before turning to their final heading (40 to 50 additional miles). S11-1

3. It increased air pollution in the valley by decreasing ground handling efficiency and keeping aircraft idling on the runway for prolonged periods. This also wastes fuel.

4. If an in-flight emergency occurs on departure from McCarran, the aircraft will turn right (north) due to the lower terrain. Turning south or west increases the probability of introducing worse problems due to the rising terrain in those areas. Turning north is actually the safest thing for the aircrew to do.

5. Stage III engines have eliminated much of the noise previously associated with aircraft take off and climb out, and raised minimum crossing altitudes northwest of the airport by 1000' AGL.

* SWAN is a 501C3 non-profit organization. Our membership includes over 800 households/individuals living in the southwest portion of the Las Vegas Valley. The attached letters are representative of our membership's position on this issue.

Note: Forty-two (42) comment letters from individual citizens were included as an attachment to the Southwest Action Network (SWAN) comment letter, dated March 14, 2006. The submitters of the 42 comment letters are listed in the table below in alphabetical order by last name. Please see the Individual Comments section for responses to their comments.

Number	Name(s)	Comment Submission Date(s)
1	Bergren, John & Moonie and Rainwater, Jeffrey	2/27/2006
2	Busby, Sandee & Bill	2/27/2006
3	Chapel, Ed	2/26/2006
4	Chapel, Robin	2/26/2006
5	Cooper, Curtis R.	2/20/2006
6	Ellsworth, Carolyn	2/27/2006
7	Fresquez, Martha	3/3/2006
8	Frey, Denny & Kathy	3/13/2006
9	Grable, Keith & Lucrita	2/20/2006
10	Guerin, Pamela & Richard	2/19/2006
11	Gutbub, John	2/25/2006
12	Hamelmann, John & Tracy	2/20/2006
13	Harrah, Tanya	3/13/2006
14	Howard-Malm, Laurie A.	2/20/2006
15	Karli, Bruce & Donna	3/12/2006
16	Krieger, E.	2/19/2006
17	Krizewicz, Edward & Family	2/25/2006
18	LaFrombois, Lois & Larry	2/19/2006
19	Lamont, Tracey	2/22/2006
20	Leivas, Deanna	2/27/2006
21	Ludwick, Jim	2/25/2006
22	Magee, Heidi & Terrance	2/27/2006
23	Manning, Brendt & Darlene	3/14/2006
24	Miller, Dennis & Phyllis	2/26/2006
25	Nest, Mike	3/12/2006
26	Newton, Karie	2/26/2006
27	Noriega, James	3/13/2006
28	Okelberry, Angela & Gordon	3/13/2006
29	Patton, Bruce & Karen	2/27/2006
30	Pearce, William A.	2/19/2006
31	Phillips, Barbara	3/13/2006
32	Riley, Sonja	3/13/2006
33	Smythe, Thomas M. (Smythe Family Trust)	2/26/2006
34	Teller	2/18/2006
35	Temple, Mona	3/13/2006
36	Tripp, Jay & Dorothy	2/18/2006
37	Tripp, Jay & Dorothy	3/13/2006
38	Ushijima, Duane	3/13/2006
39	Visalli, Bud	2/21/2006
40	Wisnicky, Patrick	2/27/2006
41	Yake, Fred	2/21/2006
42	Yake, Jean	2/21/2006