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## **Walker Resigns as Clark County Director of Aviation** 16-year County Employee Led McCarran International's Evolution into One of the World's Largest and Most-Respected Passenger Airports

LAS VEGAS -- Randall H. Walker announced Wednesday that he plans to resign his position as Clark County Director of Aviation on Jan. 31, 2007.

In his 16-year tenure with Clark County, Walker has overseen numerous improvements to Southern Nevada's critical aviation infrastructure. When he was hired as Deputy Director of Aviation in November 1990, McCarran International Airport handled only 19 million passengers per year. Thanks to several major capital improvement projects, McCarran last year handled more than 44 million passengers, making it the nation's fifth-busiest passenger airport.

Despite that rapid growth, Walker's intense commitment to customer service sparked numerous innovations that have benefited travelers in Southern Nevada. McCarran was the world's first airport to offer multiple common-use ticketing kiosks. Free airportwide wireless Internet access and a new Airport SpeedCheck Advance off-site baggage program are also among the many customer-friendly innovations McCarran introduced under Walker's leadership.

In June, a J.D. Power and Associates survey ranked McCarran first in overall passenger satisfaction among North American airports with more than 30 million passengers per year. McCarran received the highest ratings from travelers in the areas of check-in/baggage check, security check and terminal facilities, the survey said. Walker, 53, also spearheaded plans to add nearly \$4 billion in capital improvements to McCarran over the next five years, and was a key proponent of plans to develop a proposed second international passenger airport in nearby Ivanpah Valley.

"Randy is leaving us one of the best and busiest airports in the country and we'll ensure that there's a smooth transition so that the level of service remains top-notch," said County Manager Virginia Valentine. "Randy has been a critical part of the success of the airport and this community's ability to bring tourists to Las Vegas and sustain our economy. His leadership in other areas, such as working with commissioners to increase the reliability of this community's fuel supply, has been a real asset to Southern Nevada."

Since 2005, Walker has served as chairman of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Improve the Reliability of Southern Nevada's Fuel Supply. Created by the Clark County Commission to address an impending capacity shortage in the Las Vegas Valley's fuel pipelines, the Blue Ribbon Commission's action caused several private companies to develop plans to bring more fuel to the community, including

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Houston-based Kinder Morgan Energy Partners' October commitment to build a nearly \$400 million pipeline expansion between Clark County and Southern California.

Prior to his appointment as Director of Aviation, Walker was Assistant County Manager for Clark County from 1996 to 1997. In that role he oversaw 12 county departments and provided fiscal oversight for District Court, Justice Court, and all of Clark County's elected officials. In 1995, Walker served as Director of the County's Department of Finance.

In November 1990, Walker was named Deputy Director of Aviation where he was directly involved in the implementation of the Passenger Facility Charge program. McCarran was one the first U.S. airports to have its PFC application approved by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Walker earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting (Magna Cum Laude) from Provo, Utah-based Brigham Young University in 1977. He worked as a budget analyst in the Clark County Manager's Office in 1979, and was business manager for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department in 1980. Walker served as Deputy City Manager for the City of Las Vegas for six years prior to shifting to the airport in 1990. He also represented the City of Las Vegas in the Nevada State Legislature.

Walker was born in Boulder City and grew up in Henderson, where he and his wife Terry raised their six children. He has accepted a senior executive position at the Las Vegas office of Carter & Burgess, a full-service architecture, engineering, and construction company with 32 offices in 19 states.

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