

Dear Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community, Allies, and Partners,

We are thrilled to celebrate this groundbreaking and heartwarming update that marks a true win for accessibility in our state!

Harry Reid International Airport (LAS), in partnership with Aira and the Aira ASL App, has officially launched a new program designed to support Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) travelers. This initiative is the first of its kind in Nevada and could not have come at a more perfect time—with more than 16,000 D/HH travelers that arrived for DeafNation World Expo 2025 – Las Vegas in July!

This moment is the result of months of dedication and collaboration. Since our initial conversations with airport leadership in August 2024 and our following check-ins, they have not only heard our community's concerns, they acted on them. Through thoughtful planning, inclusive research, and direct input from D/HH stakeholders, this visionary team delivered a program that sets a new standard for accessible travel.

The Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing continues to work diligently to ensure that access, equity, and inclusion are upheld in all spaces impacting our community.

A special thank you to our community partners at Las Vegas Deaf Seniors (LVDS) who recently had the opportunity to test and experience the new program firsthand. Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive! From staff engagement to the seamless use of the Aira ASL App, every aspect exceeded expectations.

To the staff at Clark County Department of Aviation, and team members of Harry Reid International, Henderson Executive Airport, and North Las Vegas Airport: Thank you for your commitment to accessibility. Your leadership in embracing innovation and prioritizing customer care for all travelers—especially those in our Deaf and Hard of Hearing community—is inspiring and deeply appreciated.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to Director of Aviation, Rosemary Vassiliadis, for her unwavering support and allyship. Your dedication is not only seen—it's felt across our community.

Let's celebrate this moment together! This is more than an achievement—it's a testament to what we can accomplish through true collaboration and community engagement.

We look forward to sharing feedback from DeafNation and other Deaf Event travelers and continuing to work closely with airport leadership in the weeks and months ahead. To coordinate a follow-up meeting with our Commission's Accessibility Subcommittee, please reach out to our Commission directly.

With immense gratitude and pride, please help us Welcome Clark County Department of Aviation to our D/HH CommUNITY.

Sincerely,

Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing