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## LVCVA Statements Regarding NPRI Report

*I am actively involved with the LVCVA and can attest first hand the value they provide to Southern Nevada. They have made Las Vegas the number one tourist destination in the world. The work the LVCVA does is vital to the economic health of our community. Please consider the source of these attacks. It comes from a group of individuals who has a political agenda. Over the years, some of these same individuals have sued the LVCVA, attempted to block the expansion of the convention center and tried to financially cripple the organization with a state ballot initiative. Don't be fooled.*

Mayor Oscar B. Goodman  
Chairman, LVCVA Board of Directors

*As Chairman of the (LVCVA) Audit Committee, I can attest that few public agencies have as much accountability and oversight as the LVCVA. The items mentioned in this report were first identified in a self-audit and the appropriate measures have been taken to rectify them. There is a vast difference between human error and a systematic pattern; and as we have determined, no such pattern exists here. The LVCVA has been enormously successful in positioning Las Vegas as one of the world's leading destinations and, I believe, will continue to be a leader in the tourism industry. Given my time on the Board over the last few years, I have seen first hand why this organization is such an integral part of the long-term future of Las Vegas.*

Keith Smith  
Vice Chairman, LVCVA Board of Directors  
President and Chief Executive Officer, Boyd Gaming