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## **AIRPORT AUTHORITY VOTES TO APPLY FOR EXTENSION OF 2005 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF BURBANK**

*Airport Action Follows City Council's Unanimous Vote to Cooperate in Preparing Development Agreement Extension with Minor Amendments and Enable Community Outreach Regarding the Airport's Future*

BURBANK, Calif., May 3, 2011 – The Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority has voted to submit an application to the City of Burbank for a three-year extension of the 2005 Development Agreement between the Authority and the City, including amendments that would permit the City and the Authority to undertake a community outreach process aimed at creating a vision plan for the future of Bob Hope Airport.

The Authority action at its May 2 meeting follows a unanimous vote of the Burbank City Council April 19 authorizing its staff to work with the Authority staff to prepare the extension of the Development Agreement from its current expiration date of June 2012 to 2015. The outreach process would engage members of the community as well as airlines and the Federal Aviation Administration in the effort to define the Airport's future.

Some of the significant components of this visioning plan for the future would seek to identify measures to achieve meaningful nighttime noise protection, the need and desire to replace the existing 81-year old terminal building, and future development of the vacant former Lockheed Plant B-6 "Skunk Works" property. Both the City and the Authority agree that additional time is required, beyond the current expiration date, to permit adequate public education and debate.

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## DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT EXTENSION

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“This is a big step forward, and we have lots of other steps to take, but I am sure we’ll accomplish them,” said Authority President Frank Quintero prior to the vote.

The recommendation to extend the Development Agreement arose from joint meetings of a Land Use Working Group comprised of City and Airport staffs to explore options for charting a positive path for the future of the Airport after the Development Agreement expires. The Working Group identified three principles, which have now been adopted by the City Council and the Authority, to guide discussions:

1. Joint public outreach and planning for the purpose of educating the community, obtaining community input and planning for future uses at the airport.
2. Changes in governance of the Authority that would require a supermajority vote (a majority of Commissioners from all three Authority member cities) for certain capital projects.
3. Voter approval in Burbank for any capital project at the Airport that is subject to the requirements of Measure B.

The Development Agreement requires an amendment to permit public discussion about whether or not the Authority should pursue replacement of its existing terminal building. The Development Agreement currently prohibits such discussion until 2015.

The amendment and extension of the Development Agreement would be processed through established City procedures, including public notice and review by the Planning Board, before they are presented to the City Council and the Authority Commission for approval by mid-summer or fall of 2011.