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## **Robert H. Gleason named new Chair of Airport Authority Board**

**SAN DIEGO — February 2, 2010** Robert H. Gleason was named the new Chair of the Board of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority by San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders on Friday, January 29, 2010. Gleason was originally appointed to the Airport Authority Board by Mayor Sanders last July for a term that ends January 31, 2011. Gleason replaces Chair Bob Watkins, whose term on the Board expired January 31, 2010.

Gleason is chief financial officer and general counsel for Evans Hotels, which owns and operates The Lodge at Torrey Pines, the Catamaran Resort Hotel & Spa and the Bahia Resort Hotel, where he has been employed for over 20 years. In addition, he serves as adjunct faculty member in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at San Diego State University.

Gleason is a long-time San Diegan who has played a leadership role with many community agencies and organizations, primarily in the areas of the arts, electoral politics, and civil rights. He is vice chair of the City of San Diego's Commission for Arts and Culture and a director of the Old Globe Theater. He also serves as director of the San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center and as chair of the San Diego LGBT Community Leadership Council.

"Robert has been a strong, conscientious member of the Airport Authority Board, and I have every reason to believe he will do an excellent job leading the Authority in the years ahead," said Mayor Sanders. "His solid financial background and strong work ethic will serve the Authority well."

Gleason received an A.B. in Economics from Princeton University and a Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law.

*The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was established by state law in 2003 to operate San Diego International Airport and to address the region's long-term air transportation needs. San Diego International Airport generates some \$10 billion in annual economic impact for the region.*

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