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Robert H. Gleason appointed to Airport Authority Board

SAN DIEGO – July 31, 2009 – Robert H. Gleason was appointed as the newest member of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Board. The San Diego City Council unanimously confirmed Mayor Jerry Sanders' nomination of Gleason at its meeting on July 20, 2009. He will serve out the remainder of Alan Bersin's term, which expires in 2011.

Gleason is chief financial officer and general counsel for Evans Hotels, which owns and operates The Lodge at Torrey Pines, the Catamaran Resort Hotel and the Bahia Resort Hotel. He has been with the company for 22 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 a commissioner for the City of San Diego's Commission for Arts and Culture and serves on the Board of Directors of the Old Globe Theater. He is chair of the San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community Leadership Council, a group that is comprised of over forty organizations in the LGBT and allied communities, and is the former chair of the San Diego LGBT Community Center.

Gleason's prior appointed positions include Director of the San Diego Convention Center Corporation, Vice Chair of the City of San Diego Funds Commission and member of the City of San Diego Salary Setting Commission.

Gleason was named 2009 Champion of Pride by San Diego LGBT Pride in recognition of his involvement in fundraising, the arts and numerous political activities that focus on the LGBT community's quest for equal rights. He was also named one of San Diego County's Top Attorneys by the *San Diego Daily Transcript*.

He graduated from The Bishop's School and went on to receive an A.B. in Economics from Princeton University and a Juris Doctor (summa cum laude) 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 — funded through user fees — served 18.1 million passengers in 2008 and generates some \$10 billion in annual economic impact for the region.

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