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GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE ADDS REGIONAL PLAN ASSOCIATION AND FORMER PORT AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(New York, New York) –The Global Gateway Alliance announced today the addition of two leading transportation voices – Tom Wright, Executive Director of Regional Plan Association and Angelo Genova, Founding Partner at Genova Burns Giantomasi Webster, LLC and a former New Jersey Commissioner of the Port Authority (2003-2007), to its Board of Directors. The new Board Members add to GGA’s impressive coalition, comprised of business, civic, labor, and academic leaders.

New York and New Jersey are home to the nation's busiest airports – welcoming more than 111 million passengers every year. GGA is the leading voice for the improvement and modernization of the region’s airports and related infrastructure, including spearheading the recent efforts to provide free WiFi, and advocating for an extension of the PATH train to Newark and a complete overhaul of LaGuardia’s Central Terminal Building.

“These two leaders represent decades of experience in infrastructure and airport improvement efforts in our region. I am confident that their partnership, together with our other outstanding Board members, will bring us closer to our goal: making strategic investments into our region’s airports and bringing them into the 21st Century,” **said Joseph Sitt, Founder of the Global Gateway Alliance.**

“GGA understands that airports are the key to improving our region today and in the future – and I’m proud to join their impressive team,” **said Tom Wright, Executive Director of the Regional Plan Association.** “The GGA board is comprised of leaders dedicated to improving New York and New Jersey by making critical investments in our region’s infrastructure. I am confident that this work will significantly contribute to the region’s long-term growth.”

“GGA brings together a wealth of knowledge and expertise on transit, infrastructure and investment in the metropolitan region,” **said Angelo Genova, founding partner at Genova Burns Giantomasi Webster, LLC.** “The mission of GGA is fundamental to upholding New York and New Jersey’s reputation as a global gateway, attracting international travelers and visitors from all parts of the world. I am honored to join the team.”

The Regional Plan Association recently announced plans for Mr. Wright to become President of the organization in 2015. The RPA has decades of experience as an advocate for airport expansion in the New York-New Jersey region. In 2011, the RPA authored the definitive “Upgrading to First Class” report on capacity needs.

Mr. Genova represents nationally recognized business and institutional clients in complex commercial, real estate and employment litigation. During Mr. Genova’s tenure as a Port Authority Commissioner,

the agency instituted important airport improvement efforts such as modernizing Terminals B and C at Newark.

With the addition of two new members to the not-for-profit's board of directors, Dan Glickman, former Congressman and U.S. Agriculture Secretary, will step down.

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ABOUT GGA

Global Gateway Alliance (GGA) was established to address the major challenges facing the metropolitan region's airports and related infrastructure that, if left unaddressed, will serve as a major impediment to the long-term growth of New York City and surrounding areas. By harnessing the expertise of leaders in business, government, academia, labor and other sectors, we seek to tackle these challenges head-on and serve as the leading advocate in an effort to improve our airports and facilitate the continued growth of the region. For more information regarding the Global Gateway Alliance, please visit www.globalgatewayalliance.org. Follow GGA on Twitter @GGA_NYNJ and 'Like' the organization on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UsqxGw>.

GGA's board of directors includes: **Joseph Sitt** (Chairman), CEO, Thor Equities; **Stuart Appelbaum** (Vice President), President of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union; **Angelo Genova**, Founding Partner at Genova Burns Giantomasi Webster and a former New Jersey Commissioner of the Port Authority; **Chris Giamo**, Regional President for TD Bank; **David Hopkins**, Senior Director of Aviation at the New York City Economic Development Corporation; **Jared Kushner**, Owner of Kushner Properties and the New York Observer; **George Miranda**, Teamsters' International Vice President; **Mitchell Moss**, Henry Hart Rice Professor of Urban Policy and Planning at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University; **William Rudin**, CEO of Rudin Management Company, Inc. and Chairman of ABNY; **Joseph Spinnato**, President of the Hotel Association of New York City; **Alvin S. Trenk**, Chairman and CEO of Air Pegasus Corp; **Peter Ward**, President of the Hotel Trades Council on New York; **Tom Wright**, Executive Director of the Regional Plan Association; **Kathryn Wylde**, President of the Partnership for New York City, and **Tim Zagat**, Co-Founder and Co-Chair of Zagat Survey.