



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

May 4, 2016

**CONTACT:** Claire Holmes, (212) 353-5698

## **STATEMENT FROM GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE CHAIRMAN ON PLANS TO IMPROVE TSA SECURITY LINES**

(NEW YORK) – *Global Gateway Alliance Chairman Joseph Sitt released the following statement today following a commitment from the DHS Secretary Jeh C. Johnson to increase TSA staffing and to better market PreCheck:*

“We're glad TSA is beginning to respond to passenger demands to fix out of control security lines with these initial steps. But now TSA must provide firm commitments on increased staffing levels and timelines for deployment, especially at the busiest airport hubs like those in the New York area. TSA also needs to bring back its website tracking real wait time data so the flying public knows the real extent of the problem, and open PreCheck enrollment centers in the airports to meet passengers where they are.”

Link to DHS release: <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2016/05/04/statement-secretary-johnson-transportation-security-administration#>

###

### **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](http://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 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 Ex-Officio 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.