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Colorado Springs City Council
107 N. Nevada Avenue, Suite 300
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RE: Letter of Support to authorize Economic Development Agreements (EDAs) with businesses performing commercial activities at the Colorado Springs Airport

Honorable President Bennett and Members of City Council:

The Colorado Springs Airport Advisory Commission has been fully briefed by Airport management on both the City's existing Economic Development Agreement (EDA) guidelines set forth in Resolution No.203-04, as well as additional, staff-recommended guidelines and authorization for EDAs specifically related to businesses performing commercial activities at the Airport.


The Airport Advisory Commission offers its full support to widen the existing EDA guidelines and authorization specifically for commercial activities at the Airport as proposed by Airport staff. These proposed guidelines and authorization will further define and strengthen the Commercial Aeronautical Zone (CAZ) and substantially support future economic development opportunities for Colorado Springs.

The Airport Advisory Commission offers its full support of the airport staff's initiative to enhance the existing EDA guidelines and authorization specifically for commercial activities at the Airport as proposed. Their proposed guidelines and authorization will serve to further define and strengthen the Commercial Aeronautical Zone (CAZ) and substantially support future economic development opportunities for Colorado Springs.

The Airport Advisory Commission is fully committed to support the City's goal in continuing economic development activities at the Airport, and we believe the proposed ordinance follows that path.

The Airport Advisory Commission strongly encourages City Council to approve the Airport's proposed ordinance to create guidelines and authorize EDAs specific to businesses performing commercial activities at the Airport.

Sincerely,


Andrew (Andi) Biancur
Chairman

cc: Dan Gallagher, Director of Aviation, Colorado Springs Airport
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