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Colorado Springs City Council 107 N. Nevada Avenue, Suite 300 Colorado Springs, CO 80903

RE: Letter of Support to authorize Economic Development Agreements (EDAs) with businesses performing commercial aeronautical 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 related to 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 with businesses performing commercial aeronautical activities at the Airport.

The Airport Advisory Commission offers its full support to create EDA guidelines and authorization specifically for businesses performing commercial aeronautical activities at the Airport as proposed by Airport staff. The proposed guidelines and authorization will further enhance the impact of the previously adopted Business Personal Property Tax Incentive Program resolution as well as strengthen the Commercial Aeronautical Zone (CAZ) and enhance economic development opportunities for Colorado Springs.

The Airport Advisory Commission is committed to supporting 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 aeronautical activities at the Airport.

Sincerely,

Andrew Biancur Chairman

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

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