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HAGMAN LAUDS RETURN OF ONTARIO AIRPORT

ONTARIO, CA – San Bernardino County Supervisor Curt Hagman today participated in the official transfer ceremony returning Ontario International Airport to local control. Federal Aviation Administrator Michael P. Huerta presided over the transfer of the operating certificate from Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to the Ontario international Airport Authority (OIAA).

“As the only international airport in southern California not legally constrained by a maximum allowable number of passengers, Ontario Airport has a tremendous opportunity to drive economic and job growth in the Inland Empire,” noted Hagman. Honored guests in addition to Supervisor Hagman and Administrator Huerta included U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, U. S. Representatives Ken Calvert, Grace Napolitano and Norma Torres, State Treasurer John Chiang, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Ontario Mayor Paul Leon and OIAA President Alan Wapner. Hagman is also one of five OIAA Commissioners who now control the future of Ontario International Airport.

Supervisor Hagman explained, “I am pleased to have had a role in returning Ontario Airport to local control, and am looking forward to bringing new airlines and investors to the airport as Chairman of the OIAA Ad Hoc International Trade Committee. In the last year and a half I have worked hard to promote the Ontario Advantage to numerous airlines and business investors, both domestically and internationally. Expanding travel options and creating new jobs through economic growth are my highest priorities.”

Control of the airport has been the subject of a contentious legal battle for decades between Ontario and Los Angeles. Supervisor Hagman was able to reach across party lines last year and work behind the scenes to reinitiate serious dialogue between LAWA and OIAA on the transfer of control that led to the final agreement.

Hagman was known during his tenure in the State Assembly from 2008-14 for working in a bipartisan manner to solve problems and help people.

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