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Global Gateway Alliance Statement on the 50th Anniversary of the Naming of John F. Kennedy International Airport

(NEW YORK NEW JERSEY) – Global Gateway Alliance Chairman Joe Sitt today released the following statement regarding the 50th Anniversary of the naming of John F. Kennedy International Airport:

“Fifty years ago today the New York New Jersey Metropolitan area had the honor of recognizing President John F. Kennedy, one of America’s greatest leaders and public servants, by forever attaching his name, life and legacy to our airport.

“Today, almost 50 million passenger a year rely on John F. Kennedy International Airport, and it is the nation's busiest global gateway for international travelers. I believe President Kennedy would be proud that the airport that bears his name is a symbol of opportunity and of bringing the world together.

“With smart investments into NextGen technology and a strong partnership with our local, state and federal leaders, JFK International Airport will continue to honor the President and his legacy of American leadership.”

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: **Joe Sitt** (Chairman), CEO, Thor Equities; **Stuart Appelbaum**, President of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union; **Chris Giamo**, Regional President for TD Bank; **Dan Glickman** former Congressman and U.S. Agriculture Secretary; **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; **Kathryn Wylde**, President of the Partnership for New York City, and **Tim Zagat**, Co-Founder and Co-Chair of Zagat Survey.