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**Voters in Adams County, Denver Approve Ballot Question Related to
Development at DIA**

Residents in both Adams County and Denver have approved Ballot Question 1A which amends the 1988 intergovernmental agreement (IGA) that allowed for the creation of Denver International Airport (DIA). In order for the amendment to pass, voters in both counties had to approve the measure.

The amendment was the product of negotiation between the county, members of the Airport Coordinating Committee (ACC) and Denver. That agreement allows for a wider range of economic development and job creation on the land surrounding the DIA terminal. The original 1988 agreement restricted development on DIA property to “aviation uses only.” The agreement reached June 3, 2015 amends the agreement to open up a 1500-acre initial development zone with all tax revenue split 50-50. The county and its jurisdictions on the ACC will also divide an upfront \$10 million payment from Denver.

“We know DIA has become the largest economic engine in the state. Allowing a broad range of development in both Denver and Adams County will only add to the number of jobs available to our residents and enhance the economic development possibilities that will benefit the entire region,” said Board Chairman Charles “Chaz” Tedesco.

“This historic agreement required the approval of voters and comes after two years of hard work and negotiations,” said Commissioner Erik Hansen who also served as the Chairman of the ACC. “It’s exciting to know that residents approved this important issue, one that was also approved by members of both political parties and by every jurisdiction in Adams County, Denver and DIA. That’s not easy to do in the current political climate.”

In the first quarter of 2015, Adams County ranked second in the nation among large counties in new jobs added according to the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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