



Burbank Voters Approve First New Terminal in 86 Years

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One of the issues that got lost in the national Election Day news was dramatic for airports and for Southern California. The voters of Burbank, California approved a new terminal for the Burbank – Hollywood Airport, replacing the 86-year old terminal. Controversy over noise issues—which has prevented the construction of a new terminal for a generation—began in the late 1960s and resulted in the Supreme Court’s 1973 seminal case on airport proprietors’ powers, *Burbank v. Lockheed Air Terminal*. The City of Burbank and the airport proprietor have been locked in a hot and cold war for almost 50 years. The Firm assisted the City in litigation, and then in the negotiation of a cease fire in these battles in the early 2000s.

A new terminal required voter approval as the result of a City ordinance approved in the early 2000s. Tuesday’s vote paves the way for construction of a replacement terminal that meets current FAA design standards. More information is available at <http://www.burbankca.gov/departments/community-development/planning/current-planning/airport-terminal-14-gate-replacement-project>

The Firm has represented the City of Burbank since the 1990s and was instrumental in the negotiation of the complex deal that shifted decision-making power over the Airport and authorized a new terminal.