

# **Silicon Valley IP Licensing News Brief March 31, 2009**

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## **Facebook Adopts Townhall Format to Allow Users to Comment and Vote on New Statement of Rights and Responsibilities**

Facebook has decided to obtain user input on the terms and conditions comprising its new statement of rights and responsibilities, as the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog reported in the following blog post:

`http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/facebook-adopts-townhall-format-to-allow-users-to-comment-and-vote-on-new-statement-of-rights-and-responsibilities/`

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## **Facebook Reverses Decision**

# **and Announces Temporary Return to Prior Terms and Conditions**

Facebook has reversed its unpopular decision to change its content licensing policy and other terms and conditions in response to pressure from users and commentators on the Internet, as the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog explained in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/facebook-reverses-decision-and-announces-temporary-return-to-prior-terms-and-conditions/>

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# **Facebook Licensing Controversy Prompts Public to Take Closer Look at Social Networking Site Terms and Conditions**

Facebook set off a controversy by amending its terms and conditions to permit broad commercialization of content on its website. The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog explored this controversy and the amended licensing terms in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/facebook-licensing->

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