

# NEWS RELEASE

## **Judy M. Ross, A.A.E., Promoted to Assistant Director of Aviation at Mineta San José International Airport**

*-- Industry Leader and Experienced Manager at Silicon Valley's Airport  
Selected after National Search --*

**San José, Calif.** – Judy M. Ross, A.A.E., has been promoted to Assistant Director of Aviation for [Mineta San José International Airport](#) (SJC) by Director of Aviation John Aitken after a national recruitment. See Ross's photo [here](#).

Ross has served as Interim Assistant Director of Aviation since 2017 and Deputy Director of Aviation – Planning and Development at Silicon Valley's airport since 2015. This experience has included managing the administrative functions of the Airport Director's Office as well as the five Airport divisions: operations, facilities and engineering, finance, planning and development, and business development.

"After a nationwide search, it is with great pleasure that I announce Judy Ross, A.A.E., has been promoted as SJC's Assistant Director of Aviation," said Aitken. "Judy has worked alongside me for the past 11 months, effectively managing many of the Airport's day-to-day responsibilities with consistency and thoughtfulness. Her combined 28 years of experience at SJC and other successful U.S. airports will serve our Airport and community well as we continue to focus on passenger growth and facilities expansion," he continued.

Since joining SJC in 2015, Ross has played a key role on the management team in leading the design and construction activities of numerous safety, security, and customer-service capital improvement projects totaling over \$50M. These include modernizing and expanding the International Arrivals Building; adding boarding gates 29 and 30; and upgrading Airport security by raising the perimeter fence height and implementing the associated technology, and by building an automated, one-way exit lane system for travelers in Terminal B.

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“I have enjoyed the opportunity to work in partnership with City of San José elected and department leaders, our Airport Commission and community, and our Airport tenants, travelers and the SJC team to upgrade our facilities,” said Ross. “I am proud of the outcome of our combined efforts to offer modern facilities that meet the needs of our growing number of travelers and for which our community can be proud of.

“I am excited to continue this positive momentum with our many partners and to support the Airport team as we continue to connect, serve and inspire our customers and each other to transform how Silicon Valley travels,” Ross continued.

Judy's vast knowledge of the aviation industry and steady management approach was developed through her three years at SJC as well as at other U.S. airports. She served as Deputy Aviation Director at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport for seven years; Director of Airport Planning and Development at Little Rock National Airport for two years; and while at San Diego International Airport for 10 years, she was Manager of Program Controls, as well as holding other positions.

Judy earned a Master's degree in Aviation Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of North Dakota. She is also an Accredited Airport Executive through the [American Association of Airport Executives](#). Additionally, she serves on the Board of Directors of the Southwest Chapter of AAAP, where she is also a Certified Airport Executive.

A link to Ross's photo is provided [here](#). She will officially start in her new post on April 15, 2018.

**SJC: Transforming How Silicon Valley Travels**

Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San José. The airport serves 13 million passengers annually, with 210 peak daily departures on 16 international and domestic carriers to 54 nonstop destinations. SJC has been America's fastest-growing major airport over the past two years, based on percentage increase in passenger seat capacity. For more airport information, visit [flysanjose.com](http://flysanjose.com).

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