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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## Southwest Expands Nonstop Service from Silicon Valley's Airport with New Flights to Kona and Lihue

-- Southwest will become the second SJC carrier serving all four main Hawaiian Islands nonstop in January 2020 --

San Jose, Calif. – Southwest Airlines announced today the addition of new nonstop flights to Kona (KOA), on the Island of Hawaii, and Lihue, Kauai (LIH) from Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) beginning in January 2020. With the addition of these two nonstop destinations, Southwest becomes the second carrier to connect Silicon Valley's airport to all four main Hawaiian Islands nonstop, and the third airline offering nonstop service to the Hawaiian Islands from SJC. Flight details and bookings are now available on Southwest.com/Hawaii.

"We are delighted that our long-time partner, Southwest Airlines, continues to offer Silicon Valley travelers additional choices to reach paradise," said SJC's Director of Aviation John Aitken. "The Big Island of Hawaii and Kauai are popular leisure destinations. Our community will respond favorably to these new flights, Southwest's service and competitive fares, and the convenience of starting their Hawaiian holiday from Silicon Valley's airport."

Southwest plans to initially operate flights between SJC and Lihue four days per week (on Mon/Wed/Fri/Sun) starting January 19, 2020, and thrice-weekly to Kona (on Tue/Thu/Sat) beginning January 21. These new flights will be in addition to Southwest's existing daily, nonstop flights between SJC and both Honolulu and Kahului (Maui), which began in May.

Nonstop service from SJC to the Hawaiian Islands is also offered on these carriers:

- Alaska Airlines: Honolulu, Kona, Kahului, and Lihue all daily as of summer 2019.
- Hawaiian Airlines: Honolulu and Kahului, both daily.

## **SJC: Transforming How Silicon Valley Travels**

Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San Jose. The airport, now in its 70th year, serves 15 million passengers annually, with 450 peak daily departures and arrivals on 13 international and domestic carriers to 50+ nonstop destinations. SJC was America's fastest-growing major airport in 2018, based on percentage increase in passengers served. For more airport information, visit FlySJC.com.