

The City of San José's Aviation Department Announces New Assistant Director of Aviation

San José, CA – The City of San José has promoted Judy M. Ross, A.A.E., to Assistant Director of Aviation for Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) by Director of Aviation John Aitken after a national recruitment.

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.



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"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," said Aitken. "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."

Ms. Ross'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.

"I am excited to work closely 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 said.

Ms. Ross 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 AAAE, where she is also a Certified Airport Executive.

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