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San José City Council Appoints Two New Members to Airport Commission

San José, CA – The San José City Council has appointed John Salah and Frank Sweeney to serve on the San José Airport Commission. The appointments are for three years, beginning July 2007 and extending through June 2010.

"We are pleased to welcome Mr. Salah and Mr. Sweeney to our commission and look forward to the contributions they will bring with their wealth of knowledge and experience," said Bill Sherry, San José Director of Aviation. "San José is fortunate to have such dedicated and qualified individuals working on behalf of the airport's use and development."

Salah is a corporate procurement and travel manager for Hewlett Packard. Throughout his 25 year career in the high-tech industry, he has been responsible for all areas of corporate world-wide business travel, including airlines, hotels and car and travel agencies. He maintains memberships in various business travel organizations which include Silicon Valley Business Travel Association, National Business Travel Association, and the Association of Corporate Travel Executives. Salah has lived in San José for over 29 years and currently also has a two year appointment to the Santa Clara Valley Water District Committee that reports as an advisory group to the District's Board of Directors.

Sweeney is a retired journalist who reported on aviation and transportation and county and regional government issues with the San José Mercury News for 37 years. As a reporter in the late 1960s and early 1970s, he covered the news of the Airport Commission and wrote about the improvements to Terminal C and later covered the development and opening of Terminal A.

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Sweeney has an extensive knowledge of the major issues involving airports, airlines, general aviation and community land use. He served in the US Coast Guard and Reserve throughout the 1960s as an anti-submarine warfare specialist. Sweeney is a private pilot and has been a resident of San José for 42 years.

The San José Airport Commission consists of seven commissioners appointed to three year terms. The Commission is a volunteer advisory board that makes recommendations to the City Council and the Airport Department on Airport use and development issues.

About Mineta San José International Airport

Mineta San José International Airport, a self-supporting enterprise, is owned and operated by the City of San José. SJC served 10.8 million passengers and handled approximately 209 million pounds of air cargo in 2006. SJC has 189 flights a day on 13 domestic and international carriers to 29 nonstop destinations.

The Airport generates \$132.3 million in operating revenue. Mineta San José International Airport also generates \$4 billion in direct business spending in the local community and 70,000 jobs in the San José Area.

Mineta San José International Airport is located in San José, California's third largest city and the nation's 10th largest city (population of 973,672).

For more Airport information, visit www.sjc.org, or call Airport Customer Service at (408) 501-0979. Motorists can also tune their radios to 530 AM within two miles of SJC for current information on airport traffic, parking and security.

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