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Mineta San José International Airport Welcomes Keonnis R. Taylor as New Spokeswoman

San José, Calif.— [Mineta San José International Airport \(SJC\)](#) is pleased to announce that Keonnis Taylor has joined the Airport's Marketing and Communications Division as Public Information Manager. Taylor was selected following a nationwide search, and now serves as the primary spokesperson and Public Information Officer at SJC.

In her new role, Taylor leads the team responsible for external and internal communications, media relations, and community engagement at Silicon Valley's Airport.

"Keonnis arrives at a crucial time, and we are excited to put her skills and experience to work at SJC," said **John Aitken, Mineta San José International Airport Director of Aviation**. "While COVID-19 is defining an unexpected new era in our industry, Keonnis' 15 years of Bay Area public relations experience and strong Aviation foundation are just what we need to support SJC's resilience and push us toward continued success."

Prior to joining the SJC team, Taylor spent five years as the spokesperson at Oakland International Airport (OAK), where she managed internal communications and media relations. Keonnis also served as community relations liaison for the BART Oakland Airport Connector project, has worked for the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), The Allen Group, as well as Oakland-based advocacy organizations Comfort Homesake and Communities for a Better Environment.

Taylor is a graduate of DePauw University and earned her Master of Public Administration degree from Bernard Baruch College as part of the prestigious National Urban Fellows program.

"Having spent the last 15 years in the Bay Area, it is an honor to have such a warm welcome to the Capital of Silicon Valley," said **Taylor**. "Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, SJC was in the midst record-breaking

passenger growth, and I am excited to be here in San José as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times and welcome travelers back.”

Ms. Taylor will report to Scott Wintner, SJC’s Deputy Director of Marketing and Communications.

Members of the press and other media are invited to reach Ms. Taylor via e-mail at ktaylor@sjc.org. For immediate response, media should continue to contact the **Mineta San José International Airport 24-Hour Media Line at 408-392-1199 or sjcmedia@sjc.org**.

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Mineta San José 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 71st year, served nearly 15.7 million passengers in 2019, with nonstop service across North America and to Europe and Asia. SJC was America’s fastest-growing major airport the past four years, based on percentage increase in passengers served. For more airport information, visit <https://www.flysanjose.com>.

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