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# **NEWS RELEASE**

# Southwest Airlines Now Serving Tucson Nonstop from Silicon Valley's Airport

-- Inaugural Service to Tucson from SJC on November 4 is Southwest's 26th Nonstop Destination from SJC --

**San Jose, Calif.** – <u>Southwest Airlines</u>® added another important destination to its growing list of cities available nonstop from <u>Mineta San Jose International Airport</u> (SJC) on Nov. 4, 2018, with an inaugural flight to Tucson. Book flights now at <u>Southwest.com</u>.

As part of Southwest's continued expansion of service from Silicon Valley, the carrier is making it easier for those living and doing business in Southern Arizona to travel through convenient Tucson International Airport (TUS).

The route is offered daily and began operating in Southwest's November flight schedule:

San Jose -Tucson					Tucson -San Jose			
WN 5444	3:15 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	Daily	WN 3202	12:15 p.m.	1:50 p.m.	Daily	
Average flight time is 145 minutes. Times of day shown are local.								

"Building on our quarter-century of service in Silicon Valley, Southwest continues a concerted investment in San Jose by adding relevant new service and time-saving options that connect our Customers with places important to them," said Robert Alderete, Station Leader for Southwest's operation at Mineta San Jose International Airport.

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"I applaud CEO Gary Kelly and Southwest's leadership for their continued focus on serving Silicon Valley travelers who prefer to choose SJC for their business and leisure travel plans," said Director of Aviation John Aitken. "Nonstop flights to Tucson will be warmly welcomed by our community, especially as they are making travel plans for the upcoming holidays and beyond."

Southwest is SJC's largest airline with 98 peak departures daily to these 26 cities: Albuquerque, Austin, Baltimore/Washington, Boise, Burbank, Cabo San Lucas, Chicago/Midway, Dallas/Love Field, Denver, El Paso (begins 1/13/19), Houston-Hobby, Las Vegas, Los Angeles/LAX, New Orleans (seasonal), Ontario, Orange County/Santa Ana, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland, Reno, Saint Louis, Salt Lake City, San Diego, Seattle, Spokane and Tucson.

Southwest previously announced its intention to offer Hawaii service from Mineta San Jose International Airport with tickets expected to be sold in 2019.

Alaska Airlines also operates daily nonstop service to Tucson from SJC.

## About Southwest Airlines Co.

In its 48th year of service, Dallas-based <u>Southwest Airlines Co.</u> (NYSE: LUV) continues to differentiate itself from other air carriers with exemplary Customer Service delivered by more than 58,000 Employees to a Customer base topping 120 million passengers annually. Southwest became the nation's largest domestic air carrier in 2003 and maintains that ranking based on the U.S. Department of Transportation's most recent reporting of domestic originating passengers boarded. In peak travel seasons, Southwest operates more than 4,000 weekday departures among a network of 99 destinations in the United States and 10 additional countries. Southwest has announced its intention to serve Hawaii, subject to requisite governmental approvals. Book Southwest Airlines' low fares online at <u>Southwest Airlines</u> or by phone at **800-1-FLY-SWA**. Visit the Southwest Newsroom at <u>swamedia.com</u> for multi-media assets and other Company news.

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

<u>Mineta San José International Airport</u> (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San José. The airport serves 13.9 million passengers annually, with 210 peak daily departures on 15 international and domestic carriers to 54 nonstop destinations. SJC has been one of 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.