

SAN JOSE CVB ELECTS SOUTHWELL AS CHAIR, WELCOMES SIX NEW BOARD MEMBERS

San Jose, Calif. - June 26, 2002 - Six new board members have been appointed to the San Jose Convention & Visitors Bureau (SJCVB) board of directors for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. John Southwell of Hilton San Jose & Towers has been elected chairman of the board.

Joining the SJCVB Board of Directors are Jack Browning, ACM Aviation; Robert Caret, San Jose State University; Cyril Isnard, Fairmont Hotel; Dan Keegan, San Jose Museum of Art; Gilbert Sangari, San Jose Magazine; and Armand Tiano, Stratta Bar & Grill/71 St. Peter.

Board members continuing on are Steve Borkenhagen, Eulipia Restaurant; Sheila Breeding, Toeniskoetter & Breeding; Maryles Casto, Casto Travel; Ralph Colunga, Cisco Systems; Rick Heim, Semiconductor Equipment & Materials International; Greg Jamison, San Jose Sharks; R. Scott Lynch, C.H.A., Hyatt San Jose/Hyatt Sainte Claire; Armon Mills, Silicon Valley Business Ink; Michael Mulcahy, SDS Nexgen; John Neece, Santa Clara/San Benito Cos. Buildings & Construction Trades Council; Alexandra Urbanowski, San Jose Repertory Theatre; and Chip Visci, Knight Ridder.

The 2002-2003 board will become effective July 1 and will work on advocacy issues such as the proposed expansion of the San Jose McEnery Convention Center.

The San Jose Convention & Visitors Bureau mission is to enhance the image and economic well-being of San Jose by taking the leadership role in marketing San Jose as a globally recognized destination.

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