

John Martin Appointment to Airport Naming Committee –
3/22/17 Remarks

Good morning honorable Supervisors and staff. I'm Julie Lind Rupp, and I'm the head of the San Mateo Labor Council. I have the honor of representing the vast unionized workforce at SFO, and am here today to speak in favor of John Martin's appointment to the Airport Facilities Naming Advisory Committee.

Throughout his 35 year career at SFO, 20 years of which he spent as Airport Director, Mr. Martin accomplished many incredible things. Such accomplishments include:

- After outreach to and in partnership with the San Mateo Labor Council's Airport Labor Coalition, institution of the Airport's Quality Standards Program. The QSP established fair and living wages and working conditions for all service and security providers at SFO, beginning in 1999. The current wage standard is \$14.14 per hour.
- Being a leader in the industry for safety and security technologies and practices, including operating the first in-line security baggage screening system in the world; which is now the industry standard and at SFO is operated by union workers.
- Requiring that all door-to-door vans, shuttles and many commercial buses serving the Airport use green fuels.

- Creating a culture of health and wellness among all employees, leading to SFO being named one of the healthiest places to work by the San Francisco Business Times.
- Providing unique guest services, such as locally owned restaurants and retail stores (many of which are unionized), yoga rooms, and an accredited art program and museum.

We in the labor community, as I'm sure all in the broader community did as well, enjoyed a very positive relationship with Mr. Martin during his years at SFO. He was always open and honest in his communications, willing to meet with us whenever it was needed, and committed to the partnership we developed to further the shared goal of continuously improving the Airport both for the flying public and for those that served as its daily workforce. We valued that relationship so greatly that upon his retirement last year we chose to honor him with the Community Award at our annual banquet.

I can think of none more qualified than Mr. Martin to serve on the Airport Facilities Naming Advisory Committee, and I strongly support his appointment. Thank you.