# 2027 Biennial Mission Summit San Jose Site Visit Summary

(San Jose is holding space until 3/31/2025.)

#### Pros

- They have a "One contact" program between the hotels (The hotels work together to produce one contract; one point of contact for both venues.)
- The Super Bowl will be in San Jose in 2026-- they will refresh and update the city for the event.
- There is an opportunity to hold Biennial functions at the Marriott (this will lower costs by reducing the need for union labor and reducing the F&B minimum at the Convention Center).
- The Convention & Visitors Bureau will provide complimentary housing through Passkey (we currently use Passkey for hotel reservations, which could be a nice savings).
- The Marriott and Hilton are excellent hotels, conveniently located at either end of the convention center. Both are directly connected to the center by an indoor walkway, making access easy and seamless.
- The convention center is very easily accessible from the host hotels.
- San Jose is a safe, clean, bright, open city. Many restaurants within walking distance.
- Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Francisco are close for a pre/post Biennial vacation

## Cons

- Union labor at the Convention Center Badge checkers, Teamsters (materials handling, etc), AV and Electric.
- San Jose is a safe, clean, bright, open city but it may be a little bland.
- San Jose is a more expensive destination.
- Not tax exempt.

# **San Jose Airport**

San Jose International Airport is conveniently located just about 4 miles from the San Jose Convention Center, making it a short 10-minute drive. With easy access to the airport, getting to the convention center is quick and hassle-free. San Jose has multiple daily flights to over 50 destinations in over 20 states. Prices varied greatly, from Los Angeles' lowest of \$137 to Kansas City's lowest of \$1401.

#### **Surround Area of the Convention Center and Hotels**

The San Jose Convention Center is located in downtown, with a variety of restaurants, cafes, and shops nearby. There is a park that is within walking distance. Public transportation is right across from the convention center. The area is safe to walk around and easy to navigate. Many large tech companies in the area, such as Zoom, Adobe, etc.

# **Convention Center**

- No construction is planned for the near future.
- The venue is a union facility with badge checkers, Teamsters, AV, and electric services.
- Digital signs at each breakout, which can be used at no additional fee.
- The space is sufficient to accommodate the Biennial. The venue has two levels, with the lower level featuring all airwalls.
- The current proposal does not include dedicated offices, but we might be able to add rooms 111-114 to use as offices.
- There is no natural lighting in the meeting space.

## San Jose Marriott Hotel

- well-maintained, and clean rooms with a solid 4.3-star rating
- Valet parking is available for \$53 per day.
- Guests can enjoy two full-service restaurants and a small bar, with breakfast and dinner available daily. One of the restaurants is open only on Fridays and Saturdays, and there's also a Grab & Go option available until 2pm.
- has suitable meeting space for the BGM EC and BGM meetings, with linen-less 72-inch round tables. However, the meeting space may not be large enough to accommodate both the ABHMS and IM Board meetings prior to the Biennial, so one of these may need to be held at the Hilton.
- As the Marriott is not a union facility, they offer more affordable breakout rooms.
- A special reduced room rate of \$239 per night is available for either single or double occupancy

## Hilton

- Rooms were renovated in 2021, and are very nice and clean.
- Meeting and public spaces were renovated in 2022.
- The market is open 24 hours. There is one restaurant and bar on-site.
- The hotel offers 15 suites, though the luxury suites do not have TVs in the bedrooms, and there is no door separating the suite and the bedroom.
- Staff mentioned that airplane noise can be heard in guest rooms.

San Jose: https://www.sanjose.org/ Biennial Dates: June 17-20, 2027 Overall Dates: June 13-20, 2027

**Biennial Location: San Jose McErnery Convention Center** 

**Rental fee:** \$30,400 (reduced from \$210,800)

**F&B Minimum:** \$120,000

Rental Fee for 2025 is \$23,835 reduced from \$34,050 with potential to be reduced further by the Omaha Convention & Visitors Bureau to \$13,913 if room block commitment is met.

F&B minimum for 2025 is \$113,025

The **Exhibit Hall** would be held in Hall 1. (43,000 sq ft); The space can accommodate a maximum of 230 10x10 booth spaces.

**Plenary** would be held the Grand Ballroom 220A; The space can accommodate approximately 1500pp with A/V and staging.

In 2025, the plenary space will accommodate 1428pp with AV and staging.

**Partner Luncheon** would be held in Grand Ballroom B/C; The space can accommodate 450-500pp in rounds of 8 with A/V and staging.

In 2025, the luncheon space can accommodate 404pp set in rounds of 8pp and 9pp with AV and staging.

**Twelve breakouts** – Four large (100pp depending on room set & AV); Eight medium breakouts (60pp max depending on room set & AV); Two small (30pp max depending on room set & AV)

In 2025, we have access to sixteen breakout rooms of varying sizes.

Union facility

Labor charge to switch room set/move airwalls.

Not tax exempt in CA

Parking \$30/day maximum

Concessions: complimentary housing through Passkey

Host hotel: San Jose Marriott 3.9 rating – located within walking distance of the

**Convention Center** 

423 or 375 rooms on peak night.

Room rate: \$239 for single; \$259 double

No airport shuttle Valet-parking in \$53

Concessions: 1 comp room/40, complimentary Presidential Suite for the General

Secretary, Staff rate \$199 \$35,000 F&B minimum The meeting space allotted might not fit all Board Meetings - BGM, ABHMS & IM. It is possible that additional meeting space is needed.

Additional hotel #1: Hyatt Place San Jose Downtown 4.0 rating – located within walking

distance of the Convention Center. Seventy-five rooms on peak night.

Room rate: \$279 for single/double

No airport shuttle Self-parking from \$40

Additional hotel #2: Hilton San Jose 4.1 rating – located within walking distance of the

Convention Center.

120 rooms on peak night.

Room rate: \$228 for single/double

No airport shuttle Self-parking from \$39

Concessions: 3 Suite upgrades for VIPs at group rate, Staff rate \$218/night

#### **About San Jose**

San Jose is the heart of Silicon Valley, with three hundred days of sunshine, known for its innovation and tech influence. Tech giants like Google, Apple, and Adobe have headquarters in the area, making it a major economic hub. Visitors can explore the Tech Museum of Innovation, enjoy the cultural richness of Japantown, or unwind at the expansive Municipal Rose Garden. Its proximity to nearby destinations like San Francisco and wine country adds to its allure. In addition to its tech influence, San Jose offers cultural experiences through institutions like the San Jose Museum of Art and cultural festivals. Outdoor enthusiasts can visit the nearby Santa Cruz Mountains and numerous parks.

# **Accessibility**

San Jose Mineta International Airport (SJC) offers nonstop flights to over forty destinations, including New York, and Los Angeles. San Jose airport is also serviced by San Francisco Airport and Oakland Airport. Both are within a 35–45-minute drive of San Jose.

Diridon Transit Station – Services Amtrak, ACE Train, Caltrain, VTA (bus, light rail)

Berryessa (North San Jose) – connects BART service with downtown San Jose and the Diridon Transit Station.

# San Jose - Security Information

## San Jose Convention Center & Convention & Visitors Bureau

From the Director of Sales

"The San Jose McEnery Convention Center has their own venue security that patrols 24/7. The Hilton San Jose and the San Jose Marriott also have their own security team they manage with their own respective hotels. For large private conventions such as ABC's, all three security teams communicate on a daily basis and work together to make sure we are all in sync.

It is required that all attendees go through a Mag Trometer for screening.

We also strongly recommend a third party security company to assist with your convention for an additional level of safe feature."

#### **Marriott San Jose**

From the Director of Sales

The hotel has 24/7 security, two per shift. After 11 p.m., you need key access to enter the hotel. The San Jose Marriott provided its Emergency Management Plan.