

Proclamation

Honoring Amy Buckmaster 2023 Chair's Person of the Year

WHEREAS, Amy Buckmaster has been named 2023 Chair's Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Amy serves as President & CEO of Chamber San Mateo County, one of the leading business organizations in California representing businesses of all sizes and industries which collectively employ over 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Amy is well known for being a champion of public/private partnerships and bringing stakeholders together to talk, listen and build consensus to identify common sense solutions; and

WHEREAS, under Amy's leadership, the Chamber is consistently ranked as one of the top chambers of commerce throughout the nine Bay Area counties by the San Francisco Business Times; and

WHEREAS, Amy's impact on Chamber San Mateo County and the communities it serves is unmeasurable. Through her tenure, she was met with many challenges and opportunities, and never hesitated to take them on, pushing through and upward. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Chamber San Mateo County never quit. Amy worked around the clock to support the community and build new partnerships for those in desperate need. From the "Feeding Our Heroes" Program to Outdoor Dining in Redwood City to running the Farmers' Market in San Carlos, Amy was always looking for ways to save each and every business during that unprecedented and challenging time for small and family-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, Amy has successfully executed a personal and organizational goal of expanding and modernizing Chamber San Mateo County with the recent transitioning of the San Carlos, Belmont, and Menlo Park Chambers of Commerce into Chamber San Mateo County. Resulting in a regional business association focusing on the vitality and success of the County of San Mateo; and

WHEREAS, modernization has not come at the expense of the Chamber's traditional local work and Amy continues to give her time to each City individually. She helped establish the downtown Redwood City Improvement Association in 2015, which has immensely improved the vibrancy of our downtown; and

WHEREAS, Amy is also the Executive Director of the Redwood City Improvement Association (RCIA), a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. RCIA is a community benefit district administered by a board consisting of property owners, residents, community members and businesses. The board is responsible for making decisions in the areas of public safety, beautification, economic development, maintenance, and promotions that are most beneficial for the community and its residents, while maintaining the culture and rarity of Redwood City's downtown district; and

WHEREAS, Amy is a mentor to many young, emerging leaders and takes the time to meet with anyone who asks for guidance. She has expanded the Redwood City, Belmont, Menlo Park, San Carlos Leadership Program, now in its 35th year, to allow for larger cohorts without students losing out on the intimacy of the program; and


WHEREAS, Amy serves the local and regional community in several capacities, including as a member of the San Mateo County Union Community Alliance Board, the City of San Carlos Downtown Advisory Committee (DTAC), San Mateo County Event Center Board of Directors; Bay Ferry 2050 Business and Community Advisory Group Member, BUILD Up for San Mateo County Children's advisory group, Cañada College President's Advisory Committee, Ready Nation- Council for Strong America, and a member of the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative Redwood City Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Amy continues to be a change maker and creates a path for others to follow, and her phenomenal community leadership has brought indelible success to Redwood City.

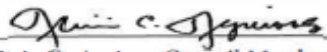
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Redwood City, hereby express our congratulations to Amy Buckmaster in receiving this honorable recognition as 2023 Chair's Person of the Year by the Redwood City-San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce.

Date: February 29, 2024





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