



ABOUT THE CHAMBER

Elevating business. Engaging community. Empowering the future.

The Chamber is where San Mateo County organizations, businesses, and communities come together to create a brighter future. Through events, advocacy, and opportunities to connect, we ensure business voices are heard, diverse perspectives are shared, and leadership is fostered. Our 1,500+ business and organization members, including almost 65 non-profits and over 45 educational institutions, represent 100,000+ employees throughout the region.

We provide local and regional leadership on critical economic vitality issues, such as education, housing affordability, infrastructure, transportation, economic development, and government efficiency initiatives.

We are a dynamic organization that is always looking to the future. Our vision is ambitious and we are passionate about the possibilities for our members and the region. We bring great energy to our work and the communities we support. We take a unique approach that reflects the values and specific needs of the businesses and cities we serve, and we are never afraid when it comes to doing what's right for them.

OUR PURPOSE

We support businesses and everyone they serve to build a brighter future for San Mateo County.

OUR PROMISE

We are the forum where business voices are heard, engaged, supported, and elevated.

OUR DIFFERENCE

The Chamber uses effective engagement, diverse perspectives, and strong leadership to be a collaborative force in San Mateo County.



2022 CHAMBER'S IMPACT SUMMARY

53rd Annual Progress Seminar

We were thrilled we could finally hold the Progress Seminar in-person this year, at a new location: the Hyatt Regency Sonoma County in Santa Rosa, CA. This site provided an intimate space for both new and veteran Seminar attendees to connect after two years of virtual meetings and events.

The 2022 Progress Seminar proved to be a valuable opportunity for leaders and community members to collaborate on issues, find solutions, and make a positive impact on San Mateo County and beyond.

We were delighted to offer our registered attendees an incredible lineup of speakers to discuss the most important and crucial concerns facing San Mateo County this year, including: mental health and wellbeing, homelessness, education, venture capital, and workforce development and equity. The Sunday Morning General Session featured an informative candidates forum for both the State Assembly and Federal Congressional races.





53rd Annual Progress Seminar

The success of this event is not possible without the efforts of the Planning Committee and its co-chairs: Assembly Speaker pro Tem Kevin Mullin, San Mateo County Supervisor Carole Groom, President & CEO of SAMCEDA Rosanne Foust, and San Mateo Labor Council Executive Secretary-Treasurer Julie Lind.

Thank you to our generous and supportive sponsors, whose belief in our flagship event ensures we continue to provide a forum for our decision makers and interested parties so they can continue to collaborate on key issues.

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Birdies For Business



The Chamber partners with SAMCEDA annually to host the Birdies for Business Golf Tournament. This year we hosted a sold out crowd of over 100 golfers who enjoyed a beautiful day at the world-renowned Stanford Golf Course.

Thank you to longtime Chamber partner, Provident Credit Union, for their continued commitment as the Title Sponsor, ensuring this year's tournament was yet another success. The funds raised support the Chamber and SAMCEDA in efforts to advocate on behalf of business members, sponsor non-profit participation in programs, all while promoting economic prosperity in the region.

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Good Morning San Mateo County

The Chamber held six extremely successful Good Morning San Mateo County Virtual Programs this year, including State of the City Addresses for Redwood City, San Carlos, and Belmont, as well as a State of the County Address from outgoing Supervisor Don Horsely. In the fall, candidate forums were held for Mayoral and City Council seats for the three cities, offering Chamber and community members a chance to get to know the candidates and make an informed choice when voting in these important elections.

We owe a huge appreciation to Stacey Wagner, Rosanne Foust, Jim Hartnett, and Lennies Gutierrez for the wonderful job they did moderating these programs.





Leadership Program

Redwood City • Belmont • Menlo Park • San Carlos

Since 1989, Leadership has been successfully educating participants on issues of vital concern to their communities. The program strives to promote civic engagement and involvement through public office, boards, commissions, advocacy, and volunteer opportunities.

The Chamber was thrilled to offer the 2021-2022 program entirely in person, while adhering to local and county health ordinances to ensure the safety of all participants. The class valued the face-to-face interaction and engagement that is at the core of this program. Much credit is due to the passionate day chairs who plan and facilitate the sessions with excellent speakers, important content, productive dialogue, and class activities.

By September of 2022, the Chamber had recruited 54 new and enthusiastic Leadership students from diverse backgrounds, eager to learn how they can make a difference in their community. This year's program has a dedicated focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion as it relates to session topics such as housing, education, governance, and healthcare.

Industries represented in our 34th class include city government, education, banking, engineering, real estate, public safety, and labor.





PUBLIC POLICY

The Chamber took the following active and ongoing roles in public policy and advocacy throughout the year:

- **Support** - Friends of the Belmont-Redwood Shores Schools 2022
- **Support** - SB847 Homeowners Relief Act
- **Support** - Redwood City Community for Better Schools, Yes on S
- **Support** - Yes on W for Excellent High Schools
- **Support** - Redwood City Community Project Funding
- **Support** - Caltrain's Application to the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program
- **Support** - Holly Street/U.S. 101 Pedestrian & Bicyclist Overcrossing Project
- **Support** - San Mateo County Transportation Authority's 2022 Application for Senate Bill 1 (SB 1)
- **Support** - Memorandum of Understanding - WETA
- **Support** - Redwood City Transit District
- **Support** - U.S. 101/Woodside Road Interchange and Port Access Project
- **Support** - SB 893 - Pilot Program of Free Community College for San Mateo County Students
- **Support** - San Francisco to San Jose FEIR/FEIS
- Ongoing Chamber Representation at Redwood City & San Carlos City Council Meetings

Chamber Community Engagement & Partnerships

- All Home Conference
- Bay Area Council - New California Coalition
- Belmont Potential Business License Tax Forum
- Belmont Water Dog Run
- BUILD UP for San Mateo County's Children
- California Chamber of Commerce
- Caltrain
- Cañada College President's Luncheon
- Children Now
- Home for All
- Joint Venture Silicon Valley
- Peninsula Structures
- Port of Redwood City
- ReadyNation
- Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center
- Redwood City Downtown Business Group
- Redwood City Downtown Parklet Program Round Table
- Redwood City Education Foundation
- SAMCEDA
- SamTrans
- San Carlos Education Foundation
- San Carlos Art & Wine Faire
- San Mateo County Ending Homelessness Planning Committee
- San Mateo County Ending Homelessness Summit
- San Mateo County Recovery Initiative
- San Mateo County Strong
- San Mateo Labor Annual Luncheon
- SchoolForce
- State of the Valley
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Western Association of Chambers Executive Annual Conference
- WETA





COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our 2022 committees have continued meeting virtually which allowed our attendance to steadily increase. Committees now truly represent the diversity of our membership.

The success of our Chamber is due in part to these dynamic committees and their members who are informed and engaged participants.

Economic Development Committee

In 2022 the Economic Development Committee, chaired by Aaron Aknin, engaged in conversations with local and regional economic development drivers.

The Committee was proud to offer conceptual, conditional, and full endorsements for several critical projects such as Meta's Willow Village Project, Jay Paul's Harbor View Project, Hotel Sequoia's 800 Main Street Project, Sares Regis's 557 E. Bayshore Project, Tishman Speyer's 2300 Broadway project, and IQHQ's 10 Twin Dolphin Drive Project. These developments will bring a host of benefits to these communities, including affordable housing, transit mobility, recreational and leisure space, and life science expansion.

The Committee closed out the year with an in-person meeting at Longfellow Real Estate Partner's Redwood LIFE venue and provided attendees a comprehensive and fascinating overview of the emerging life sciences industry in the area.



Education Committee

Our Education Committee, co-chaired by Jason Galisatus and Kathy Parmer-Lohan, is well attended throughout the year with all local Superintendents, as well as Cañada College's newly named President Kim Lopez, present at each meeting. In May, the Committee was treated to a tour of the brand new, state-of-the-art Kinesiology & Wellness Center on the Cañada College campus.

The committee benefits from receiving legislative updates from representatives of the State's Assembly and Senate offices. This year members also heard from educational organizations such as Children Now, Notre Dame de Namur University, and local Education Foundations. The Committee supported two bond measures to raise funds for local school districts: Measure S supporting the Redwood City School District, and Measure W supporting the Sequoia Union High School District.





Governmental Relations Committee

Our Governmental Relations Committee, chaired by Lennies Gutierrez, started off the year with a well-attended meeting of over 50 participants eager to meet and hear from Redwood City Mayor Giselle Hale and San Carlos Mayor Sara McDowell. Throughout the year, the Committee covered topics such as the SB 847 Homeowners Relief Act, primary elections results and wrap-up, Governor Newsom's signed bills update, and proposition updates.

These bi-monthly meetings present members of the business and non-profit communities with legislative snapshots from local, county, state, and federal representatives, and are the perfect way to stay informed of the current legislative issues.

Transportation and Housing Committee

Our Transportation and Housing Forum, chaired by Greg Greenway, provides its committee members with bi-monthly updates on key Transportation and Housing projects and hears from advocacy groups that are continually in the works to improve our County's commute patterns and housing issues.

Here is a list of Transportation and Housing project updates and topics presented to the committee in 2022:

- California High-Speed Rail Update
- Water Transit Service Vision and Business Plan 2050
- 101/84 Interchange Opportunities in 2022
- Reimagine SamTrans
- Redwood City Housing Element
- Home for All SMC
- Sequoia Station (1057 El Camino Real)
- Working together to End Homelessness
- City of San Carlos – Holly/U.S. 101 Pedestrian Overpass Project
- Menlo Park Ballot Measure – Neighborhood Protection & General Plan Consistency Initiative
- Alta Housing: Brining Affordable Homes to San Mateo County
- High-Speed Rail Milestone: Environmental Clearance for San Francisco to San Jose
- Redwood City Transit District Project
- All things Housing Element
- Update on WETA 2050 Service Vision & Business Plan

San Carlos Business Committee

The San Carlos Business Committee was formed from former Board Members of the San Carlos Chamber and other engaged members of the San Carlos community. They met on a bi-monthly basis to discuss retaining and improving the economic vitality of San Carlos for business owners and residents alike.

Here is a list of discussions and presentations featured in this year's meetings:

- City of San Carlos Recovery, Growth, & Planning for the Future
- Holly/U.S. 101 Pedestrian Overpass Project
- City of San Carlos updates



REDWOOD CITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (RCIA)

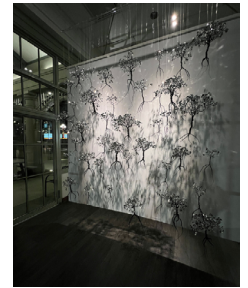


The Chamber has successfully administered the non-profit Redwood City Improvement Association in contract with the City of Redwood City for the past 7 years. This year the Chamber secured the renewal of the Professional Administrative Services and Project Management Agreement for another 3-year term.

With a very involved, all volunteer Board of Directors made up of property owners, Business Professionals & Community Members from the Redwood City community, the City's Downtown district continues to improve.

In 2022, downtown Redwood City benefitted from the following improvements:

- Installed the first official placemaking area outside the Redwood City Downtown Public Library. This area provides branded tables, chairs, and umbrellas for visitors to enjoy and is maintained by a dedicated RCIA maintenance team.
- Continued the partnership with Fung Collaboratives to keep the extremely popular Art Kiosk Installation project in Courthouse Square. The exhibitions rotate to showcase new top local and international artists and their unique exhibits curated by Fung Collaboratives.
- Partnered with the City of Redwood City Public Works Department to bring new seasonal and Veteran's Day banners, as well as installing Christmas decorations and lighting to the Downtown corridor.



BELMONT + CHAMBER SMC A Successful Transition

In November, Chamber San Mateo County and the Belmont Chamber of Commerce approved the transition agreement for the Belmont Chamber of Commerce members to transition into Chamber San Mateo County. This is an exciting opportunity to broaden our advocacy, build stronger relationships, and more effectively collaborate with business and community leaders on a larger platform to ensure our businesses and resides thrive here on the Mid-Peninsula.



2023 Board of Directors

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2021 CHAMBER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Cheers to a Successful Year!

Chair's Person of the Year

Rosanne Foust

President & CEO, SAMCEDA

Woman of the Year

Kristine Zortman

Executive Director, Port of Redwood City



Cornerstone Award

Congresswoman Jackie Speier

Tom Mohr "Champion of Education" Award

Large Company: Chan Zuckerberg Initiative

Small Company: County Consumer Plumbing

Individual/Family: Violet King *(posthumously)*



& 2022 WINNERS ...

These award winners, along with our 2022 Chair's Person of the Year recipient, will be announced at our Annual Luncheon taking place at Domenico Winery on Friday, February 3, 2023.

Woman of the Year

Suzie Hughes, Executive Director, One Life Counseling Center

Cornerstone Award

County of San Mateo

Tom Mohr "Champion of Education" Award

Our Local Education Foundations:

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