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### POST-ELECTION LAUGHS & AWARDS AT CHAMBER'S "LEGISLATIVE LOUNGE"

*Annual awards reception recognizes work of elected officials and staff*

SAN DIEGO (Nov. 10, 2016) - Bringing some much-needed levity to election week, the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Legislative Lounge this evening. The light-hearted awards ceremony honors, and pokes a little fun at, San Diego's elected officials, their staff and others involved in the region's public policy and politics.

"Our region's elected leaders and their staff work hard every day to keep San Diego moving forward and these awards are an opportunity for the Chamber to say thank you – and share a laugh – in recognition of those who really went above and beyond this year," said Jerry Sanders, Chamber President and CEO.

A crowd of nearly 300 business and community leaders were in attendance to celebrate the winners at the Hard Rock Hotel in downtown San Diego. They were joined by San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer who delivered a comical take on various election and city issues.

Each Legislative Lounge winner was presented with a caricature of themselves as their commemorative award. This year's Legislative Lounge awards included (click award winner's name to view caricature):

- **"Young Leader Ambassador of the Year"** - [Jill Monroe](#), Point Loma Nazarene University
- **"Bridge Builder"** - [Denice Garcia](#), Office of Mayor Kevin Faulconer, City of San Diego
- **"Cox Lightning Speed Award"** - [LaShae Collins](#), Office of Assemblymember Shirley Weber, State of California
- **"Most Dramatic Mail Piece"** – [Ryan Clumpner](#), Public Dynamics

- **“Social Butterfly”** - [Sophia Puetz](#) (daughter of Stephen Puetz, Chief of Staff to Mayor Kevin Faulconer)
- **“Staffer Who Gets \$#!t Done”** - [Dustin Steiner](#), Office of Supervisor Bill Horn, County of San Diego
- **“People’s Choice”** - [Mayor Ron Morrison](#), City of National City

For highlights from the 2016 Legislative Lounge, search the hashtag #LegLounge2016 on social media.

#### **About the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce**

The San Diego Regional Chamber is the hub for connections and collaboration among the regional business community, and uses that clout to advocate for public policies and candidates that support economic growth and the creation of jobs for all businesses. As the largest local Chamber on the West Coast, representing approximately 2,500 businesses and an estimated 300,000 jobs, the San Diego Regional Chamber is fighting to make San Diego the most business-friendly region in California. For more information, please visit [SDChamber.org](http://SDChamber.org) or call 619-544-1300.

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