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SAN DIEGO REGIONAL CHAMBER PRESENTS AWARDS & LAUGHS AT "LEGISLATIVE LOUNGE"

SAN DIEGO (November 12, 2015) – A crowd of over 350 of San Diego’s elected officials, their staff members, and business leaders gathered for the San Diego Regional Chamber’s third annual Legislative Lounge event Thursday evening. The light-hearted reception included a tongue-in-cheek awards ceremony to honor San Diego’s elected officials and their staff.

“We work closely with San Diego’s elected officials and their staff throughout the year and this event is our opportunity to give them some recognition for the great work they do for our region. It’s also an opportunity for us to poke a little fun at them too,” said Chamber CEO and President, Jerry Sanders.

The event was opened by Sanders look-a-like, County Supervisor Ron Roberts, who took the stage as Sanders to open the program and hand out the first award. Mayor Kevin Faulconer also took part in the event and presented a list of the “top 10 reasons 2015 was a great year for the Chamber”.

To capture the humor behind the award winners’ achievements, each award winner was presented with a customized caricature depicting why they were winning the award.

The 2015 Legislative Lounge award winners are (click award winner’s name to view caricature):

- “Jerry’s Drinking Buddy” – [Assemblymember Brian Jones](#), State of California
- “Politician in Waiting” – [Ray Ellis](#), Candidate for City Council District 1
- “Staffer That Gets S%#& [Stuff] Done” – (tie) [Addie Woodward](#), Office of Congressman Darrell Issa and [Mike Hansen](#), Office of Mayor Kevin Faulconer

- **“Knows All The Secrets”** – [Diana Jurado Sainz](#), Office of Council President Sherri Lightner
- **“Never In A Million Years”** – [Office of Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins](#)
- **“Social Butterfly”** – [Sal Giametta](#), Office of County Supervisor Ron Roberts

This is the third year the Chamber has hosted the Legislative Lounge, which has taken the place of its annual ‘Fireside Chat’ event.

About The San Diego Regional Chamber

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 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 or call 619-544-1300.

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