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CHAMBER'S "LEGISLATIVE LOUNGE" AWARDS RECOGNIZE ELECTED LEADERS AND STAFF

SAN DIEGO (Nov. 7, 2019) – A crowd of more than 200 elected officials, their staff members, and business leaders from across the region gathered at the Oxford Social Club at Pendry Hotel for the San Diego Regional Chamber's annual Legislative Lounge event Thursday evening. The light-hearted reception and awards ceremony honors, and pokes a little fun at, San Diego's public officials and staff. Five individuals from across the county were recognized for their hard work to keep our region moving forward.

"The Chamber's goal of making San Diego a great place to live and work depends on strong partnerships with our region's elected officials and their staff who work hard to make our region the best it can be," said Jerry Sanders, Chamber President and CEO. "In today's increasingly polarized environment, taking a moment to say thank you and recognize the good work they do is much needed. We're proud to do that here tonight."

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

- **"Bridge Builder"** - Coronado City Councilmember [Bill Sandke](#)
- **"City Hall Savant"** - [Venus Molina](#), Chief of Staff to San Diego City Councilmember Jennifer Campbell
- **"Innovator"** - [Omar Passons](#), Director of Integrative Services for the Health and Human Services Agency at the County of San Diego
- **"Sunshine"** - Imperial Beach City Councilmember [Mark West](#)
- **"Staffer Who Gets Sh*t Done"** - [Jessica Lawrence](#), Director of Finance Policy and Council Affairs, Office of Mayor Kevin Faulconer

For highlights from the 2019 Legislative Lounge, search the hashtag #LegLounge19 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 or call 619-544-1300.

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