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CHAMBER CELEBRATES 152 YEARS AS LEADING VOICE FOR BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND HONORS SAN DIEGO LEADERS

The event also highlighted Chamber members and partners, 2023 Board of Directors, and accomplishments over the past year.

SAN DIEGO (Feb 10, 2023) – Local businesses, community leaders, and elected officials will gather for the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce Anniversary Celebration. For 152 years, the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce has been committed to creating the best environment for San Diego businesses, employees, and neighborhoods to thrive.

“The Chamber is celebrating the power of innovative collaboration, dedicated leadership, and community partnership while recommitting to creating opportunities and connecting the business community with the resources they need to succeed,” **said San Diego Chamber Regional Chamber President and CEO Jerry Sanders.** “Our honorees, Tom Seidler and Kim Becker, epitomize this collective spirit that propels our region forward.”

The event celebrated the Chamber’s members and partners, 2023 Board of Directors, and the accomplishments achieved over the past year. The Chamber also shared its priorities for 2023, which include addressing childcare accessibility, housing, significant development & revitalization projects, sustainability, and growing the binational economy and global competitiveness.

“It’s amazing to see the Chamber’s work over the past year and what our organization has delivered for our members and regional business community,” **said San Diego Regional Chamber Board Chair Lisa Kay, Chief Operating Officer at NV5.** “The Chamber is intent on connecting businesses to the tailored support, training, and business-to-business networking they need to succeed, grow, and create the jobs that power our economy.”

The Chamber will present two awards to local leaders who have made a difference in the community and represent what truly makes San Diego unique:

Herb Klein Spirit of San Diego award: Peter Seidler, Chairman of the San Diego Padres

The Herb Klein Spirit of San Diego award honors an individual who has played a vital role in shaping our region. As a cherished figure in our community, this individual has made a tremendous and lasting impact on our city and our region.

As Chairman of the Padres, Peter has brought a new energy and excitement to San Diego with Padres fever uniting our region. Beyond baseball, he is a passionate advocate for a solution to homelessness, and a founding member of the Tuesday Group – a collection of business and civic leaders seeking best-in-class efforts to help San Diego County’s homeless population.

Moving San Diego Forward award: Kimberly Becker, President and CEO at the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority

The Moving San Diego Forward award recognizes work that has made a significant impact and positive contribution to San Diego’s history and our future.

Since joining the Airport Authority in 2017, Kim has been instrumental in the execution of various capital improvement projects at the San Diego International Airport, including the transformation of Terminal 1 currently underway. Through her commitment to the community and collaborative approach, Kim is taking the Airport to new heights and creating opportunity for our region.

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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 more than 2,000 businesses and an estimated 300,000 jobs, the San Diego Regional Chamber is working to make the San Diego region the best place to live and work. For more information, please visit SDChamber.org or call 619-544-1300.

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