



Meet the Candidates for the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors 2015-17

How to Vote

Online voting will take place August 12 through 3 p.m. August 18, 2015. Voting representatives will receive an email containing a link to vote.

In-person voting will take place at the Chamber mixer, August 18, 5:30 p.m. through 6:45 p.m., at UC Davis Extension at Sutter Square Galleria Center, 2901 K Street.

Each member business or individual member has one vote, and you must be a Chamber member in good standing in order to vote.

CANDIDATES



Donald Bentz

Executive Director, Sacramento LGBT Community Center
Chamber Member Since Sept. 2014

Why do you want to serve on the RCC Board?

Because a strong, unified business community is essential to any community's long-term growth. Strategic public/private partnerships have a long history of transforming communities and providing solutions.

What would you like to see the Rainbow Chamber accomplish in the upcoming year?

Continue membership growth, establish a better fund development strategy, enhance the Chamber's brand within the LGBT and mainstream communities.

Rainbow Chamber Volunteer Activities

Currently serve on the board and chair the PAC committee.

Other Community Volunteer Activities

Volunteer roles locally have been restricted to work-related functions. In the past, served as a volunteer/board member of Hillsborough Human Rights Task Force (now Equality Florida), Pride Tampa Bay, Equality Hawaii, Imperial Court of All Hawaii and Tampa AIDS Network.

CANDIDATES (continued)

Kammy Caruss

Owner/President, YNot Web
Chamber Member Since April 2011

Why do you want to serve on the RCC Board?

I want to increase my involvement with Rainbow Chamber in general and help grow membership and the business community it supports, specifically encouraging more women to join and participate.

What would you like to see the Rainbow Chamber accomplish in the upcoming year?

Create plans to increase the Chamber's visibility in the business community and increase its business membership, and start implementing each plan with 1, 2, and 5 year goals.

Rainbow Chamber Volunteer Activities

Rainbow festival booth volunteer (2011?), Rainbow Chamber Foundation selection committee (2014), Sacramento Pride parade committee & booth volunteer (2015)

Other Community Volunteer Activities

Member of National Association of Women Business Owners (since 2008), currently helping with foundation and educational events. Held several positions on the board in the past, including Membership VP and President, heavily involved in recruitment, awards banquet, and more. Previously heavily involved in Fair Oaks Chamber, serving on and chairing numerous event committees and serving on the board of directors 3 times over the span of 10 years. Community Volunteer of the Year" awarded by the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks, June 2007.



Joy Reinhardt

General Manager, Dante Club
Chamber Member Since Oct. 2013

Why do you want to serve on the RCC Board?

I believe my past experience as a Board Member, entrepreneur and current day General Manager lends me the skill set to impact our community and the RCC in a positive way. Though I have only been in Sacramento for five years, it has taken me all five years to understand Sacramento. Committing to this endeavor too soon would not have served me well, and I feel that I am now ready for the challenge.

What would you like to see the Rainbow Chamber accomplish in the upcoming year?

I would definitely love to see more members! Increased membership is number one for me. I would also like to see more eclectic events, membership mixers and perhaps more workshops that will help all chamber members grow and develop professionally and personally.

Rainbow Chamber Volunteer Activities

Sadly, I have not volunteered other than hosting a monthly mixer and assisting Jerry with the 2014 Annual Gala. I also helped with facilitating PAC events here at the club.

Other Community Volunteer Activities

I partner with the Plates portion of Saint John's by helping the women who are transitioning back into the workforce, through mentoring, employment and continuous support. In the past I served on the Arlington Arts Board, in Arlington, VA, and helped fund raise, grow their membership and share their mission. I also have taught culinary lessons, through a Virginia Tech program, to at-risk youth. Additionally, I taught non-English speaking families within the Arlington community to cook with real food, instead of canned food items. I participated in the NorCal Aids Cycle in 2013.

CANDIDATES (continued)

Diana Rogalski

Owner, Intrinsic Insurance Services
Chamber Member Since 2009



Why do you want to serve on the RCC Board?

I have been a supporter of the organization for several years, creating bonds and doing business with other members in that time. I have always loved the community environment and the support that the chamber has shown me over the years regarding both personal and professional experiences. I want others to have the same support, as well as use my leadership and organizational skills to advance the upcoming endeavors within the Sacramento area, including the Lavender Heights project, political advocacy for LGBTQ community, as well as the scholarship fund. There are so many good things coming from this chamber, and I would be honored to be part of it.

What would you like to see the Rainbow Chamber accomplish in the upcoming year?

I would like to see it continue to grow in the different arenas that I've seen that are not just in business growth and generating referrals, but in creating a positive change to Sacramento. I would like to better understand what is already in the works and how my talents and skills can be used to advance the mission.

Rainbow Chamber Volunteer Activities

I've participated in Pride for several years as a vendor and attendee, various monthly mixers, Business Development Training put on by Wells Fargo, NOH8 campaign

Other Volunteer Activities

I am on the Independent Agents and Brokers Emerging Leaders Committee, the chair for the statewide Community Leadership committee through the same association, Volunteer with Make-A-Wish and UC Davis Children's Miracle Network.



Jacalyn Smith

Realtor, SRES, Realty ONE Group Complete
Chamber Member Since May 2015

Why do you want to serve on the RCC Board?

Help with marketing to the LGBT community. I am well versed in social media and advertising as well as with my business degree/project management experience, I am able to coordinate high-end fundraising events, i.e. golf tournaments, Monte Carlo Night, etc.

What would you like to see the Rainbow Chamber accomplish in the upcoming year?

A golf tournament or Monte Carlo night raising funds for noteworthy charities such as Hearts That Care or Sunburst Projects, both local to the Sacramento area.

Rainbow Chamber Volunteer Activities

New to the Chamber but very anxious to help!

Other Community Volunteer Activities

I am currently on the Board of Directors for Hearts That Care, a 501C serving the Sacramento Community. www.hearts-that-care.org. I have been VP of the BOD for Sunburst Projects, a 501C serving Children/Families with HIV/AIDs. I served with this organization for over seven years. I founded Project Santa, where we raised monies to give 167 laptops/printers to teenagers over the course of the seven years I was on staff. Awarded commendation by the City of San Jose for my efforts with this project.

CANDIDATES (continued)

Preston Tillotson

Sudz By Studz, LLC DBA Gratitude Soapery
Chamber Member Since February 2015

Why do you want to serve on the RCC Board?

I want to serve on the RCC Board for several meaningful reasons. First, I want to be an active part of an organization that has a profound impact on our community. Second, having held three different official positions while in college, I can ensure that I will bring my experience, integrity, unyielding work ethic, and pragmatic philosophy to the table in order to greatly contribute to the RCC Board and its constituents. Finally, as a gay business owner, this opportunity will allow me to give back to a community that I identify with and deeply love.



What would you like to see the Rainbow Chamber accomplish in the upcoming year?

Currently, there are two objectives I would like to see the Rainbow Chamber accomplish in the next year. First, I would like to see the Rainbow Chamber engage in outreach to younger LGBTQA business owners, as well as those who may be considering entrepreneurship, and encourage them to take part in chamber-related activities. Second, I would like to see an increased social media campaign, utilizing various social media platforms, some of which are not currently used (e.g. Instagram), in order to expand the visibility of the chamber, and all of the wonderful events that it hosts, for local LGBTQA business owners. Lastly, as a consequence of this exposure, I would expect to see an increase in chamber membership, mixer participation, and the like, in the upcoming year.

Other Volunteer Activities

Sacramento LGBT Community Center:

Donate handmade bars of soap for center-goers

Teach the art of soapmaking to at-risk LGBTQA youth

Donate private soapmaking lessons for their events, such as the Pride Awards event auction in August

My Sister's House:

Donate handmade bars of soap to shelter-goers (mainly Pacific Islanders who have survived sex and labor trafficking)

Teach the art of soapmaking to women who are survivors of domestic abuse as well as sex and labor trafficking

Loaves and Fishes:

Donate handmade bars of soap to shelter-goers (homeless and at-risk populations in the downtown Sacramento area)

Communities Against Sexual Harm:

Donate handmade bars of soap to shelter-goers and workers at the community center (all of which have survived sex and/or labor trafficking)

Happy Tails (No Kill Animal Shelter):

Donate gift baskets for their annual fundraiser and other events

Volunteer time at the shelter to play with, and help take care of, their cats

CANDIDATES (continued)



Paul Weubbe

Director of Operations/Manager, Laughton Properties
Chamber Member Since August 2005

Why do you want to serve on the RCC Board?

I believe the chamber provides a vehicle for business leadership and success in growing your business. I value that role and enjoy working with business leaders to achieve personal and professional success. The chamber has helped my businesses grow, and I want to provide leadership and assistance back to the chamber.

What would you like to see the Rainbow Chamber accomplish in the upcoming year?

Membership to reach 200, gain four key local partners: Sac State, Los Rios, AT&T and PepsiCo. Success with Drag Queen Bingo.

Rainbow Chamber Volunteer Activities

Pride committee 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
Pride Float Chair- 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015
Gala Chair- 2011
Board Member- 2010-2011
Business Leader of Year Committee Chair- 2011
Scholarship Selection Committee- 2010
NOH8 Day- 2012
Board Member- 2013-2015
Pac Chair 2013-2014
WBA Delegate- 2014
NGLCC Conference Delegate
President of Chamber 2014- current
GGBA/SBA/NGLCC Biz Builder Task Force 2015
NOH8 Day- 2015
WBA Delegate- 2015
WBA Conference Chair 2016

Other Community Volunteer Activities

Board of Director- Rental Housing Association- 2013-current
Education Committee- Rental Housing Association - 2015
Government Affairs Committee- Rental Housing Association- 2015
Central City Housing Task Force- 2014
Regional Chamber Council- 2014
SMUD CAP committee- 2014-current
NCAC- fundraising and events team
Alpha Gamma Rho Region Vice President- 2009-2014
California Christmas Tree Association, Events Chair- 2013, 2014
National Christmas Tree Association
Certified Organic Farmer- 2008- current
Lavender Heights Task Force- 2014- current