

April 2022



Our monthly news & updates

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A Message From

SSF Chamber Board President Paul Formosa



We have had a very busy first quarter of 2022, and things aren't slowing down!

Coming up in April is the 20th Anniversary SSF Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation luncheon on April 21, 2022 at the SSF Elks Lodge, located at 920 Stonegate, South San Francisco. Our MC this year will be our Vice President Tony Clifford, CEO of Beacon Bank. Tickets to this wonderful event are still available. Please go to www.ssfchamber.com for more information.

We have 30 local graduating high school students vying for scholarships to further their education, and the SSF Chamber community has really come together this year to help them on their journey. **Bird Rides** is generously offering to be our Lunch Sponsor. Hats off to **Virus Geeks** for stepping up and becoming our first ever **Presenting Sponsor!** They are making a very generous contribution to the SSF Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation for our students! The luncheon will begin at 11:30 am, and presentations to the students will begin shortly thereafter. It's going to be fun! Be there!

If you haven't had a chance to meet our new **Chamber CEO Karin Moss**, please make time! Karin made her public debut at the very successful **Business Awards Dinner** on March 3, but had already been meeting local community leaders, elected officials, and Chamber members. Karin really hit the ground running when she came on board at the end of January, and her list of accomplishments in her first 90 days is getting longer every day!

One of Karin's first actions was to contact **Mercedes-Benz of San Francisco**, who just opened their new dealership on Gellert Blvd, and signed them up to be our **Premier Sponsor** of the **2022 Annual Recognition and Business Awards Dinner**. They brought seven new vehicles to the Dinner for display and really added some Wow! to the event. She also arranged for **Mr. B and Friends** to perform and entertain the crowd with their wonderful music! She also at the last minute arranged for the Three Amigos, **Past President Jim McGuire**, Vice President **Tony Clifford** and myself to take over the MC duties for the evening, which, if I may say so, went extremely well. Congratulations to all our award winners.

South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce 2022 Annual Recognition & Business Awards Dinner

Our South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Dinner was held on March 3rd. It was a magical evening with MC's Jim McGuire, Paul Formosa, and Tony Clifford (affectionately known as the Three Amigos).

Thank you to our Major Sponsor Mercedes-Benz of San Francisco, Gold Sponsor Beacon Business Bank, and Silver Sponsors South San Francisco Scavenger Co., Tri Counties Bank, and California Water Service.

We welcomed our new CEO Karin Moss.

Congratulations to all our winners of our Business Awards and Special Recognition Awards. Well deserved!

The photos of that special evening are now available online! Take a peek [here](#)

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OUTSTANDING BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS

Business of the Year

Genentech

Excellence in Small Business

Grand Palace

Veteran Owned Business

Garden Chapel

Special Recognition

Sitike Counseling Center

Pivot Pro/Innovation

Kaiser Permanente

California Catering Company

Restaurant Legacy/Family Owned Business

School House Grocery

BLT Construction

Minority/Women Owned Business

CG Moving Company

Dick Noftsger Lifetime Achievement

Richard Garabino

Chamber Board Director of the Year

Anthony (Tony) Clifford

Mayor's Award

Kaiser Permanente

Daniela Jonguitud receives Proclamation for

Women's History Month

Congratulations to Daniela Jonguitud, Founder & Owner of Chajinel Home Care Services!

On March 9th, during Women's History Month Daniela received a Proclamation on behalf of the women of South San Francisco from the South San Francisco City Council. Pictured here is Daniela with Vice Mayor Flor Nicolas.

Daniela is on the Chamber Board of Directors and a Chairman Circle Member.



SSF Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation Higher Education Scholarship 20th Luncheon

April 21, 2022

11:30am-1:30pm

SSF Elks Lodge, 920 Gateway Ave



TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR OUR 20th ANNIVERSARY

CHAMBER EDUCATION FOUNDATION LUNCHEON!

On behalf of Tony Clifford, Chair of the Education Scholarship Committee, we are pleased to announce the sponsorship of college scholarships. Qualifying students will be honored at a celebratory luncheon on April 21, 2022 at the South San Francisco Elks Lodge.

Purchase tickets: <https://www.ssfchamber.com/higher-education-luncheon.htm>

Please consider supporting the Education Foundation by making a donation to our Scholarship Fund for local high school seniors seeking university, college, or vocational advancement. The Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3).

For further information, contact the Chamber at info@ssfchamber.com, or 650-588-1911

MARCH 29, 2022



KARIN M. MOSS
CEO, SSF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ADA COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Greetings, Community Members

It has come to our attention that many of our small SSF businesses have recently been targeted for ADA violations.

The Chamber is taking the lead to assist you in clarifying the various steps needed in providing an immediate response and an effort to resolve.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!

Our role in this situation is to serve as your resource in providing timely and vetted information and a platform for you to express your concerns.

As a Chamber, we will work with ALL merchants (both members and non members) to assist in any way we can. We realize this issue is of great concern for your business, and we are here to assist in any way possible.

It's unfortunate these attorneys are going after our small businesses, many of you whom have been severely impacted financially by COVID-19, and it is our goal to help you navigate this issue and partner with you to find a solution.

We have reached out to local attorneys, the City and other Chambers for additional resources and to find out how they may be able to advise all of us as we navigate this issue. Some communities have looked at hiring one single attorney to assist with multiple cases, bringing the financial burden down.

Please contact our office at 650-588-1911 or email me directly at karin@ssfchamber.com so that we can add you to our mailing list and provide you with updated information and notifications of meetings.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

WE ARE IN BUSINESS FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

THE FUTURE OF SSF

Shape SSF is an update to the City's General Plan. The General Plan is a blueprint to guide policy and development over the next 20 years. It has an impact on every aspect of our community, including safety, parks, transportation, and housing.

UPCOMING GENERAL PLAN EVENTS

The entire community is invited to join a series of **in-person*** and **virtual interactive** meetings to review the Public Draft General Plan. An online feedback form will also be available following the meetings on the project website: **shapessf.com**. We hope to see you there!

Most events will be held virtually through the following links:

PC+CC MEETINGS

http://bit.ly/SSF_PC_CC

Passcode: 486034

CAC/COMMUNITY/ AREA MEETINGS

http://bit.ly/SSF_MTGS

Meeting ID: 859 5226 6042

ATTEND A COMMUNITY EVENT



PC+CC Study Session #1

Kick-Off
March 2, 2022
Time: 6 - 8pm

CAC/Community Open House

March 8, 2022
Time: 6 - 8pm

Community Open House*

March 22, 2022
Orange Memorial Park -
Fernekes Bldg. | 3 - 7pm

PC+CC Study Session #2

Climate Action Plan
April 6, 2022
Time: 6 - 8pm

CAC Meeting

Climate Action Plan
April 12, 2022
Time: 6 - 8pm

PC+CC Study Session #3

LU + Mobility
April 20, 2022
Time: 6 - 8pm

Additional Meetings

May & June 2022
Dates TBD

Se proporciona interpretación en español | 提供普通話口譯 | Ibinibigay ang interpretasyon

Para traducción lláma al 650-877-8908 如需翻譯,請電 650-877-8909

Learn more about these upcoming meetings and the General Plan Update at **SHAPESSF.COM:**



Interested in building an ADU? SSF has a new program that can help support you through every step of the process. Learn more and apply now at <https://www.hellobright.org/adu-services-ssf>

South San Francisco

Promotores

Contact us!

We are here to serve our community and we want to hear from you!



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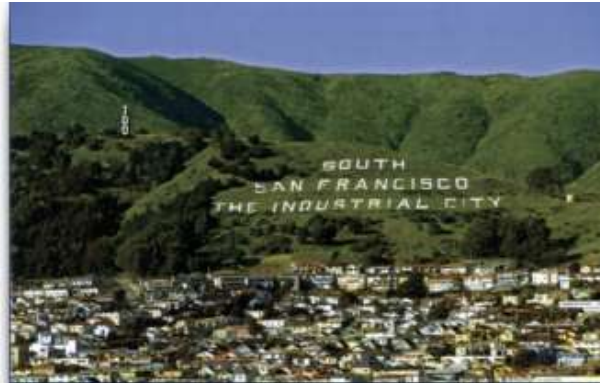
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NEED HELP?

Need food assistance? Need help obtaining health insurance? Want to learn how to build a resume or get a job?

We can help with all of that and more! All of our services are at **no cost** to our residents. We hope to hear from you soon!



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The City of South San Francisco's Promotores program is designed to expand linkage and navigation support for our residents by connecting them to services and resources. Our goal is to improve the overall health and well-being of South San Francisco residents. Aside from bridging the community with resources and services, our program is crafted to bridge our community together and address the needs of the community we serve.

OUR SERVICES

- Provide culturally and linguistically competent system navigation and health education to help residents get the resources and services they need
- Strengthen communication between communities and health and human service agencies
- Outreach and community mobilization
- Capacity building among residents to enable our community to develop the skills and knowledge they need to navigate health and human services (e.g food assistance, health insurance, education and training programs, etc.)
- Cultural mediation
- Health promotion
- Informal counseling
- and so much more!



South San Francisco

Promotores

Contáctanos!

Estamos aquí para servir a nuestra comunidad y escucharla!



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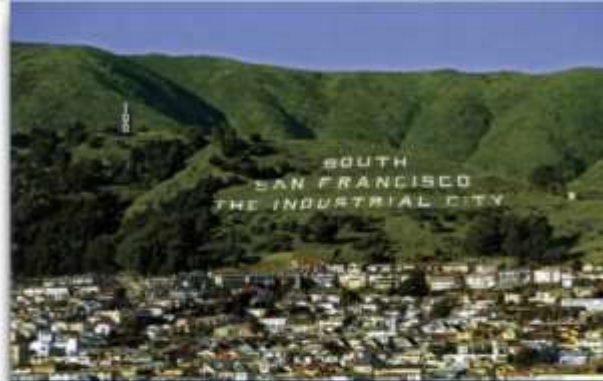
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¿NECESITA AYUDA?

Necesita alimento? Seguro de Salud? Quier aprender a como hacer un Resume ?

Nosotros podemos ayudar con eso y mucho más!
Todos nuestros Servicios son completamente gratuitos para nuestros residentes! Te esperamos!



SOBRE EL PROGRAMA

La Ciudad de South San Francisco a diseñado el Programa Promotores para ampliar la conexión de apoyo a nuestros residentes. Nuestra meta es mejorar la salud y el bienestar de los residentes en South San Francisco. Además de conectar a la comunidad con recursos y servicios, nuestro programa fue creado y moldeado de acuerdo a las necesidades de nuestra comunidad.

OFRECEMOS

- Cultural y lingüísticamente competentes: Te ayudaremos a como navegar el Sistema de Educación sobre la salud.
- Reforzamos la comunicación entre las comunidades y las agencias de servicio y salud
- Acercamiento y movilización comunitaria
- Capacidad para construir entre los residentes y servicio humanos y de salud
- Mediación Cultural
- Promovemos la Salud
- Consejo informal
- Y mucho más!





Microfood Business Grant Program 2022

APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 10, 2022, 5:00 PM

These microfood business types with corresponding Environmental Health permits are eligible to apply:

- \$2,500- Cottage food operators (permit #s 1590, 1591)
- \$5,000- Caterers, food trucks, and food carts (permit #s 1551, 1542, 1543, 1540, 1541)
- \$10,000- Commissaries or incubator kitchens (permit # 1550)

SMCSTRONG.ORG



For questions, please email: sbgrant@smcgov.org



Shop Local Double Points!

Is your business accepting SMC Points with Choose Local? From March 1st - April 30 for every 1 SMC Point you accept at your business, the County will reimburse you with \$2! Learn how to be become a redeeming business here:

www.smcgov.org/smc-choose-local-businesses

To support small businesses in these critical times, the County and city partners launched Choose Local San Mateo County, a mobile app that enables shoppers to earn rewards automatically at hundreds of participating local businesses, which can be redeemed as cash discounts at select businesses.

Choose Local San Mateo County makes it easy to shop locally and support small businesses. Download the app today to begin shopping at the 290+ diverse businesses

participating in Choose Local San Mateo County, and earn SMC Points to apply as cash discounts at select businesses.

LEADERS WANTED!
LEADERSHIP CORPS
and the **NEW**
EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM



APPLY NOW FOR 2022-23
leadershipcouncilsmc.org/apply



Caltrain to Cut Fares 50% in April, Regular Weekday Service Resumes April 4



Caltrain will be discounting all fares by 50% for the month of April!

For more information read [here](#)

The Economic Advancement Center has officially opened!



The Economic Advancement Center (EAC) has officially opened! Located at 366 Grand Avenue, the Economic Advancement Center is a hub to support workforce development and small business assistance as a focused effort to help the community recover from economic challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The city has brought on nonprofit partners, Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center (Renaissance) and JobTrain, to target these challenges. Services offered

by Renaissance and JobTrain have been in effect since July 1, 2021. All services are now funded to support not only South San Francisco residents and small businesses, but all of North San Mateo County as well (Colma, Daly City, Millbrae, Pacifica, San Bruno and Brisbane), thanks to federal grant funding.

JobTrain specializes in preparing under-served individuals for successful, sustainable careers in high-demand and emerging fields. JobTrain provides career training, online classes, recruitment events, and serves as a career center connecting employers to potential candidates.

Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center helps individuals achieve personal, financial, and social transformation through the power of small business. Renaissance provides business readiness, business fundamentals, business planning, women's empowerment, financial management, technology, e-commerce, merchandising, sales, marketing and offers almost all workshops in English and Spanish.

If you or anyone you know needs career training or placement, or small business assistance, please stop by the EAC. Assistance and programs are available in English and Spanish. The EAC is open from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. For more information, please call (650) 829-4652, email EAC@ssf.net, or visit us online at www.ssf.net/EAC.



Save the Date

JUNE PARTNER NETWORKING MIXER

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH | 4:30 - 6:30 PM

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE CENTER
255 S AIRPORT BLVD, SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

Questions? Contact Nova@visitsmcsv.com



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Legislative Watch List

We take care of politics, so you can take care of your business

California Reinstates COVID-19

Supplemental Paid Sick Leave (SPSL) for 2022

By: Paul V. Simpson, Esq. and Sean R. Broderick, Esq.

As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and specifically in response to the Omicron variant, on February 9, 2022, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 114, the COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave law, which requires employers with 26 or more employees to provide up to 80 hours of Supplemental Paid Sick Leave (“SPSL”) for qualifying COVID-19 related reasons. Specifically, the 2022 SPSL law provides covered employees with up to 40 SPSL hours for COVID-related isolation and quarantine, receiving vaccines, and caring for a child whose school or place of care is closed, and up to an additional 40 SPSL hours available only when an employee, or family member for whom the employee provides care, tests positive for COVID-19. This 2022 COVID-19 SPSL is in addition to regular paid sick leave.

The new law became effective Saturday February 19, 2022, and is retroactive to January 1, 2022, and is set to expire on September 30, 2022. Although the 2022 SPSL law is similar to the 2021 SPSL (Senate Bill 95) that expired on September 30, 2021, there are some significant differences explained in the following article, which can be reviewed [here](#).

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2022 CalChamber Issues Guide

The California Chamber of Commerce 2022 Business Issues and Legislative Guide is available now on the CalChamber website at www.calchamber.com/businessissues



CalChamber Urges Members to Support Fair Pay Initiative

The California Chamber of Commerce strongly supports this proposed initiative and is encouraging members to learn more about the important reforms it enacts and contribute to the “yes” campaign. [Read here](#).

This easy-to-reference publication presents the CalChamber Agenda for California Recovery — private sector solutions that will help businesses do business and stay competitive in a global economy.

Educational Resources

Webinars, ZOOM, Meetup, Coffee Chats and more....



You can RSVP and pay for our events by going to the calendar section and clicking on the event you want to attend. Registration is for SSF Chamber members.

Not a Chamber member yet?

Contact the Chamber at info@ssfchamber.com

or visit www.ssfchamber.com

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SSF Chamber Calendar of Events

South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

Higher Education Scholarship Luncheon

Thursday, April 21, 2022

11:30am – 1:30pm

SSF Elks Lodge

920 Stonegate Drive, SSF

RSVP: info@ssfchamber.com

South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting, STEM Center Opening

Thursday, April 28, 2022

5:30pm-7:00pm

Boys & Girls Club of No. San Mateo County

201 W. Orange Ave., SSF

RSVP: info@ssfchamber.com

South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

TASTE of South San Francisco

Friday, November 4, 2022

12:00 – 2:00pm

South San Francisco Conference Center

255 So Airport Blvd., SSF

More details coming soon!

South San Francisco Chamber Member Benefit

Did you know as one of the many benefits of being our member that you can submit your events for Chamber approval through our monthly newsletter, or social media outlets. Once approved, it will be also be listed on our [event calendar!](#)

NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERS



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Always Best Care – Peninsula (January 2014)
Best Western Plus Grosvenor Hotel (March 1971)
Chavarria's Market (September 2020)
Golden Gate Produce Terminal, Ltd. (April 2022)
Hotel Focus SFO (March 2013)
IAFF Local 1507 (March 1999)
Leadership Council San Mateo County (April 2021)
Poletti Realty (March 1956)
Pribuss Engineering, Inc. (April 2018)
San Mateo Credit Union (February 1988)
Servpro of South San Francisco/San Bruno (March 2008)
SSF Adult Education (April 2000)
Staples (February 2019)
Stripe (February 2021)

Chairman Circle Members

Chairman's Circle members receive benefits above and beyond typical membership, with the highest visibility at Chamber events and in publications

Chairman Circle – GOLD MEMBER



Chairman Circle – SILVER MEMBERS



Chairman Circle – BRONZE MEMBERS





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