

June 2023



## Our monthly news & updates

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### A Message from Chamber President, Kristin Ditlevsen

As we approach the midpoint of 2023, we are very pleased to announce that we are making great progress on our priorities for the year. Our biggest news is that we have selected Mary Prem to be the new SSF Chamber CEO. Mary's career spans several decades and is characterized by a wide range of nonprofit leadership association successes. Mary has served as Executive Director for Housing Equality Law Project (HELP), a company she established in 2009. HELP, which is located on Spruce Avenue here in South San Francisco, provides legal services to 500 clients annually. Prior to that she was Director of Fair Housing for Project Sentinel where she managed all of the agency's fair housing investigations and administrative filings.



According to Mary, "Having lived in San Mateo County for over 40 years, I have a deep understanding and appreciation for the unique challenges and opportunities that this area presents. I have witnessed firsthand the growth and development of our local business community, and have worked tirelessly to promote fairness, equality, and inclusivity in all aspects of our community. I am committed to working collaboratively with the Chamber's members and partners to create a thriving business community that benefits all residents."

We are delighted to welcome Mary to our staff as the new CEO starting June 5, 2023. We look forward to her leadership and new ideas in all areas, but specifically in the areas of Membership Value, Engagement and Growth. Welcome Mary!



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## **Farewell, With Appreciation and Gratitude from Linda Parenti**

In 2014, I began working at the SSF Chamber of Commerce and had the opportunity to work on projects that help promote the SSF Business community and provide networking opportunities. Most recently I've had the honor of stepping into an interim CEO role and had the pleasure of working with many talented business leaders, Board members, and City leaders. I truly appreciate all the support, leadership, and most of all the sense of community working at the South San Francisco Chamber.

A special thank you to former Board Members that I've had the pleasure of working with these last nine years. Many thanks to Jim McGuire, Tony Clifford, Paul Formosa, and Gus Shihadeh. You made everything look so easy and had a lot of fun doing it!

I will be retiring at the end of the month, knowing the Chamber is in good hands with our current Board of Directors, CEO Mary Prem, and Chamber staff, Arlene Dozier. I leave with fond memories of the last nine years and with relationships with colleagues and co-workers that will continue forever. As a South City resident, I will continue to be involved with a City I love very much.

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## **SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

398 B Street, South San Francisco, CA 94080  
(650) 877-8700  
www.ssfusd.org

Dr. Shawnterra Moore, Superintendent

Dear SSF Chamber of Commerce member:

South San Francisco Unified School District (SSFUSD) is seeking volunteers to serve on the Measure T citizens' bond oversight committee (CBOC).

In accordance with Education Code 15266, CBOC members will review bond expenditures and report to the public whether the funds have been spent on school construction as specified in the Measure T ballot measure approved by voters during the November 2022 midterm elections.

The committee will meet approximately 4-6 times a year and must consist of a minimum of seven (7) individuals from the following groups:

- Active member of a business organization or member of the business community located within the boundaries of SSFUSD;
- Active member of a senior citizens' organization;
- Active member of a bona fide taxpayer organization;
- Parent/guardian of an SSFUSD student; and
- Parent/guardian of an SSFUSD student who is also active in a parent-teacher organization.

Committee members will serve at least one two-year term. No employee, official, vendor, contractor, or consultant of SSFUSD shall be appointed to the CBOC.

Individuals interested in serving on the CBOC should download and complete a [CBOC application form](#), which can be obtained from the district website or from SSFUSD's business services department located at 398 B Street, South San Francisco, CA 94080.

Please return completed applications to [marinda@ssfusd.org](mailto:marinda@ssfusd.org).

Thank you,

Ted O  
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
South San Francisco USD  
[tedo@ssfusd.org](mailto:tedo@ssfusd.org)  
650-877-8707

### **Board of Trustees**

Amanda Anthony · Chialin Hsieh · Daina R. Lujan · Patricia A. Murray · Mina A. Richardson

## Restaurant Spotlight

At a recent event, the SSF Chamber and Board of Directors partnered with Kilroy Realty Corporation and Bon Appetit Leadership to celebrate their first-year anniversary of The Anecdote, and their new Happy Hour menu. Also, in attendance presenting a Certificate of Recognition were Mayor Flor Nicolas, Vice-Mayor Nagales, City Councilmembers Eddie Flores, and James Coleman.



<https://www.theanecdote.com/>





# RIBBON CUTTING

*Ceremony with City Council*

Evolve Training Center June 29th 12-1:30pm

647 EL CAMINO REAL, SSF



Join us for an exciting event featuring light refreshments and a practical self-defense demonstration!



CALL FOR MORE INFO: 650-615-9322

# Do you want to sell your products or services to a city, county, or school?

Learn about how the Renaissance business certification program can give you access to new markets

Free Program for San Mateo County businesses

Talk with:

- Business and certification experts
- Certified businesses



MAY  
**17**

**San Mateo Library**  
55 W. 3rd Ave,  
San Mateo  
🕒 6-8 PM



JUNE  
**07**

**Atherton Library**  
2 Dinkelspiel Station  
Ln, Atherton  
🕒 6-8 PM



JUNE  
**14**

**EAC**  
366 Grand Ave,  
South San Francisco  
🕒 6-8 PM

[recenterbizcert.org](http://recenterbizcert.org)



**renaissance**  
entrepreneurship center

[bizcert@recenter.org](mailto:bizcert@recenter.org)  
650-829-4652



**At a recent City Council meeting, Mayor Flor Nicolas presented a Proclamation to Sitike Counseling Center for their work in supporting mental health. Accepting the award, is Keri Kirby, Executive Director at Sitike Counseling Center. Congratulations Keri!**

On May 11 and 12th, Sitike partnered with MHA to host a "Navigating the Behavioral Healthcare System" Conference at the Sobrato Center. This was our first in-person event since 2020. There were 183 attendees and two days' worth of presentations. Keri and Curtis spoke on a variety of panels and the event was a major success. We hope to do something similar again next year.

Here are some pictures from the event:









PRESENTED BY



# June Bloom

MARKETPLACE

15 vendors selling home  
decor, pet supplies, plants, candles, jewelry & more!

June 1 | 3:00p - 7:00p  
Gateway of the Pacific  
1000 Gateway Blvd., SSF, CA

SCAN FOR DIRECTIONS



(650) 829.4652

## Friendly reminder to Chamber Members:

Have you changed your contact information, email address, or phone numbers?

Please provide the SSF Chamber of Commerce with your information to keep our website up to date.

You can email any changes to [info@ssfchamber.com](mailto:info@ssfchamber.com)



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](mailto:info@ssfchamber.com)  
or visit [www.ssfchamber.com](http://www.ssfchamber.com)*

Follow us on [Facebook](#) for the latest Chamber news.

### SSF Chamber Calendar of Events

Renaissance Center, BioMed Realty, Biocom  
JUNE BLOOM Marketplace  
June 1, 2023  
3:00pm – 7:00pm  
Gateway of the Pacific  
1000 Gateway Blvd., SSF

**Kiwanis Club of SSF presents DAY OF BOCCE**  
Saturday, June 3, 2023  
8:30am check in.  
Orange Memorial Park, SSF  
3 bocce games with breakfast & lunch  
RSVP: [SSFkiwanisBocce2023.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ssf-kiwanis-bocce-2023)

**Workplace Violence Training**  
Presented by SSF Police Department  
Tuesday, June 13, 2023  
6:00pm – 7:00pm  
Economic Advancement Center  
366 Grand Ave, SSF  
RSVP: [info@ssfchamber.com](mailto:info@ssfchamber.com)

**Ribbon Cutting & Chamber Mixer**  
Thursday, June 29, 2023  
12n - 1:30pm  
Evolve Training Center  
647 El Camino Real, SSF  
RSVP: [info@ssfchamber.com](mailto:info@ssfchamber.com)

Genentech Goes to Town  
September 11- 24



**The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of SSF**  
Thursday, November 2, 2023  
12:00pm – 2:00pm  
South San Francisco Conference Center  
255 S. Airport Blvd, SSF  
RSVP: [info@ssfchamber.com](mailto:info@ssfchamber.com)

### 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 listed on our [event calendar](#)!



#### Evolve Training Center

John Janero  
647 El Camino Real  
(650)615-9322  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
[evolvetrainingcenter@gmail.com](mailto:evolvetrainingcenter@gmail.com)  
<https://evolvetrainingcenter.com/>



**Your support is truly appreciated!**

Basque Cultural Center (June 1986)  
Café Bunn Mi (June 2017)  
Callaghan Financial Planning Company (June 2020)  
Clear Freight, Inc. (December 1995)  
Focus Day Program (May 2021)  
Nova Works (May 2021)  
SM8 (June 2021)  
Solar Earth (May 2017)  
U-Freight America, Inc. (October 1984)  
Wright Cleaners (June 2009)

## Legislative Watch List

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



### Labor Law Corner

Sarah Woolston  
Employment Law  
Subject Matter  
Expert



### Labor Law Corner

Dana Leisinger  
Employment  
Law Expert

#### Reporting Time Pay-When It's Owed Depends on Circumstances

*Sarah Woolston  
Cal Chamber*

#### Even in "At Will" California, It's Wise to Follow Disciplinary Process

*Dana Leisinger  
Cal Chamber*

## 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





### **2023 Board Officers**

President  
Kristin Ditlevsen  
Beacon Business Bank

Vice President  
Olga Garcia  
CG Moving Company

Treasurer  
Kevin Williams  
California Water Service

Ex-Officio City Manager  
Sharon Ranals

### **Board of Directors**

Bill Benavides  
BLT Construction

Matthew Butler  
Tri Counties Bank

David Huddleston  
BWP Grosvenor Hotel

Daniela Jongitud  
Chajinel Home Care Services

Keri Kirby  
Sitike Counseling Center

Reggie Kumar  
AC Hotel by Marriott SFO

Darius Lahtinen  
Genentech

Sailesh Mehra  
SM8

Natalia Morales  
Kilroy Realty Corporation

Christina Ng  
Grand Palace Restaurant

Shetal Patel  
Hampton Inn SFO

Pravin Punjiya  
Fairfield Inn by Marriott SFO

Kevin Worth  
Kaiser Permanente

### **Chamber Personnel**

Mary Prem  
CEO

Arlene Dozier  
Administrative Assistant