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A Message From SSF Chamber Board Member Bill Benevides

Welcome to South San Francisco, the Old, New City.

I was born and raised in South San Francisco, along with two brothers and three sisters. Both of our parents were immigrants from Mexico. My family worked at three different companies: Swift Meat Company, Berkey Photo (which is now the Conference Center), and Armour Meat Company. None of these companies exist now, their spaces have been occupied by a wave of biotech companies that have turned South San Francisco from its origins as The Industrial City, into the Biotech Capital of the World.



I remember as a kid walking with my friends down Grand Avenue, stopping by JC Penney and then picking up a pastry at Galli's Sanitary Bakery. My parents bought their first home in 1951 for the staggering price of eight thousand dollars. Back then, there were a lot of empty lots along Grand and Spruce Avenues. These lots have been filled with five stories buildings offering million dollars condominiums.

The nature of the landscape has changed dramatically, JC Penney has long been gone. Sanitary Bakery ended three-generations of ownership and made way for a new generation of entrepreneurs. Traditional European cuisine has given way to the flavors of Asia and the Middle East. Yet, each one of these brings their own contribution to the growth and development of this magical City of ours.

Through the changes and innovations that South City has gone through, The Chamber of Commerce has served as an important entity to welcome new businesses and to strengthened established partnerships. Through its efforts the Chamber of Commerce connects industry with citizenship by establishing personal and professional relationships. Congratulations to current president, Karin M. Moss, and all the people who have committed time and effort to make the Chamber of Commerce an integral part of this community.

Most importantly, the Chamber has served as the bridge that connects the traditional aspect of business in South San Francisco, with the most technological advanced industry of the twenty- first century.

Member News, Community Events & Announcements

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

Thursday, March 3, 2022

(date subject to change based on San Mateo County guidelines)

6:00pm – 9:30pm

South San Francisco Conference Center
255 S. Airport Blvd., SSF

The Annual Recognition and Business Awards Dinner is an event that cannot be missed! Awards will be given to businesses, organizations, and people in the categories of: Business of the Year, Minority/Women Owned Business, Pivot Pro/Innovation, Legacy/Family Owned Business, Excellence in Small Business, Veteran Owned Business, Special Recognition, Chamber Board Director of the Year, Mayor's Award, Dick Noftsger Lifetime Achievement Award.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Business of the Year
Genentech

Excellence in Small Business
Grand Palace

Veteran Owned Business
Garden Chapel

Special Recognition
Sitike Counseling Center

Dick Noftsger Lifetime Achievement
Richard Garabino

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

Chamber Board Director of the Year
Anthony (Tony) Clifford

Mayor's Award
Kaiser Permanente

Special Event Sponsorships are available. Contact info@ssfchamber.com if you are interested in a sponsorship, or phone 650-588-1911.

Menu choice: Petite Filet and Chicken, or, Vegetarian. Dinner includes Caesar salad, garlic mashed potatoes, grilled broccolini, rolls, dessert

Cost: \$110 per person. Advance reservations required. Please RSVP to the Chamber at 650-588-1911, or <https://www.ssfchamber.com/2022-business-awards.htm>.

NOTE: attendees must provide proof of full vaccination or present a negative test result within 72 hours of entering the event. These procedures subject to change based on San Mateo County Guidelines.

**SSF Chamber of Commerce Education
Foundation Higher Education Scholarship
2022**

Friendly Reminder!

Deadline for students to submit their scholarship application is coming up soon. Students must submit their application/resume/essay/transcripts to the South San Francisco Chamber office at 213 Linden Avenue no later than Thursday, March 10, 2022, by 4:00pm.



<https://www.ssfchamber.com/student-scholarship.htm>

Thank you in advance in sharing this information scholarship opportunities. Should there be any questions about the scholarship program, please do not hesitate to call the Chamber at 650-588-1911, or email info@ssfchamber.com.

Would you like the opportunity to sponsor a student? Please visit <https://www.ssfchamber.com/education-foundation.htm>

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

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Learn more about these upcoming meetings and the General Plan Update at **SHAPSSF.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>

Walgreens Health Corner 



Prefer to set up a time to stop by?

We always welcome walk-ins, but you can also give us a call to book an appointment at the time of your choice.

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Welcome to Walgreens Health Corner

A place for eligible **Blue Shield of California members** to easily take care of health to-dos with no copays, no appointments and no on-hold music.

Walgreens Health Corner 

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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 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.

See what some of our local folks are saying:



Brian Duong – Business Owner Dead Eye Coffee Bar
"Supporting local businesses is something that I grew up doing with my parents. You're not only supporting the businesses but also building a stronger sense of community through tangible relationships. The Choose Local San Mateo County campaign and app is an easy-to-use tool that benefits both the consumers and local shops. It's also simple and easy to use."



Amanda Anthony – Redeeming discounts through the Shop Local App

"I like shopping locally as a rule because I think it's an important part of being connected to the community. Also, local shops usually have better quality stuff than big retailers. What I love about Choose Local San Mateo County is that now I can get discounts while supporting local businesses!"

AC Waterfront Lounge has a new menu!

Come visit at

*AC Hotel San Francisco Airport / Oyster Point Waterfront
1333 Veterans Blvd*



These 3 dishes are sure to tempt your taste buds!
Check out the complete menu [here](#)





EMPLOYMENT LAW WEBINAR
Thursday, February 10, 2022
11:30am-1:00pm

Presented by South San Francisco Chamber Member
Employment Law Firm
Simpson, Garrity, Innes & Jacuzzi.

TOPICS:

- New 2022 Employment Laws
- Important 2021 California Employment Law Court Decisions
- Employee Arbitration Agreements/ Pros & Cons
- Private Attorney General Act (PAGA Claims)/ What are they and how to respond
- COVID Updates
- OSHA Updates

This is a must webinar for anyone responsible for employment compliance.

No charge to South San Francisco Chamber Members.

RSVP: info@ssfchamber.com

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 reviewed [here](#).

****Mr. Simpson and Mr. Broderick are attorneys with the South San Francisco Chamber associate member Simpson, Garrity, Innes & Jacuzzi PC. The Firm represents California employers and has offices in South San Francisco and Walnut Creek. They can be reached at psimpson@sgjlaw.com and sbroderick@sgjlaw.com***



[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

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.



[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](#).

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

SSF Chamber Calendar of Events

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Reception: 6:00pm – Dinner: 7:00pm

South San Francisco Conference Center
255 So Airport Blvd., SSF

Tickets: \$110 per person

Special Event Sponsorships Available

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South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting, STEM Center Opening Thursday, April 14, 2022

Follow us on Facebook for the latest Chamber news.

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
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
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!

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 (3-CLASS SERIES)

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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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Amoura Restaurant (October 2009)
California Life Sciences Association (April 2009)
Costco Wholesale- El Camino (December 2007)
DSV Air & Sea Inc. (May 2005)
G. Banderas/Farmers Agency (April 2000)
Hula Hoops (March 2019)
La Tapatia, LLC (November 1987)
Meyers, Nave a Professional Corporation (March 2019)
Penna Realty (March 1967)
Ross, Hackett, Dowling, Valencia & Walti (March 1987)
Royalty Auto Collision Center (now Pro Color Collision SSF)
SSF Unified School District (March 1999)
South City Lumber & Supply (March 1946)
The Police Credit Union (November 2020)
Walgreens #15397 (April 2013)

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