

#### Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

We recognize that 2022 has already presented its fair share of twists and turns, and we truly appreciate your support and understanding as our plans for many calendared Chamber events continue to evolve. As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, know that we are committed to making decisions in the best interest of our members and business community. Your health and safety is our top priority.

Please read on for the latest updates on upcoming Chamber happenings. And as always, if there is anything we can do to lend support to your business during this time, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Michel, Chair

Fred Palmer, Executive Director



#### **COVID-19 Business Resources**

As a reminder, a comprehensive list of COVID-19 resources can still be found on our website. Please visit <a href="mainbowchamber.com/covid-19-resources/">resources/</a> at any time to review the latest county, state, and federal resources for your business.

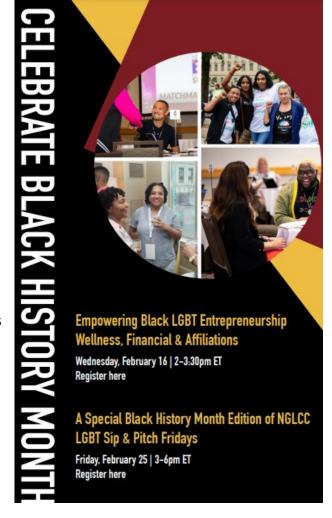
## Join us in Celebrating

# National Black History Month!

This Black History Month, we'd like to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the significant impact and achievements of black-owned businesses – both right here in our community and around the country. In an ongoing effort to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion, we also can't think of a better opportunity to highlight the <u>NGLCC</u> Communities of Color Initiative (CoCI).

The CoCl serves as a resource for Black queer-owned Certified LGBTBE® suppliers, and aims to support the growth and success of minority LGBT-owned businesses.

Whether you take some time to learn more about the COCI's important mission, support a black-owned business, or share additional resources with your network, we hope you'll join us in honoring this year's Black History Month.



The NGLCC Communities of Color Initiative (CoCi) is thrilled to invite you to join us for a special Black History Month program, entitled "Empowering Black LGBT Entrepreneurship| Wellness, Financial & Affiliations as well as a Special Black History Month Edition of NGLCC LGBT Sip & Pitch Fridays dedicated to our Black-and LGBT-owned businesses.

Please mark your calendars:

Empowering Black LGBT Entrepreneurship | Wellness, Financial & Affiliations
Wednesday, February 16 | 2-3:30pm ET

Register here

A Special Black History Month Edition of NGLCC LGBT Sip & Pitch Fridays
Friday, February 25 | 3-6pm ET

Register here

We also encourage you to invite your Black- and LGBTQ+-owned businesses to apply to present and be a part of the Sip & Pitch here

LAST CHANCE to Apply for 2022 Rainbow Chamber Foundation Scholarships

The March 1 deadline to apply for our 2022 Rainbow Chamber Foundation Scholarships is quickly approaching. If you haven't already, we hope you'll help spread the word about the program to LGBTQ+ and LGBTQ+ supportive students who are pursuing an educational degree or vocational certificate. Students



interested in healthcare can also apply for the Palmer Family Scholarship.

Please visit our <u>Scholarship Page</u> to learn more about scholarship eligibility and the application process.

## **Virtual Rainbow Chamber Monthly Mixer!**

# Our Monthly Mixer is going virtual for February!

Join us for a night of virtual networking and engage with fellow Chamber members & business professionals.

Our networking event will take place via Zoom.

To ensure the safety of our members and guests, this event is tentatively scheduled to be held virtually. We will continue to monitor COVID cases closely and may modify this event to in-person.

#### RSVP Required! Free to RCC Members & Non-Members.







### February Monthly Mixer is (Tentatively!) Going Virtual

To ensure the safety of our valued members and guests, our Monthly Mixer on February 15 is tentatively scheduled to be held virtually, via Zoom. If you plan on joining us online, don't forget to bring your favorite cocktail or mocktail! <u>RSVP is still required</u> to attend virtually, and attendance is FREE for both members and non-members.

Please note, we will continue to monitor COVID-19 cases closely as the event draws near. Should this event be modified to take place in-person, we will notify you as soon as possible.



#### Drag Queen Bingo is Scheduled for March 3

Though we missed hosting February's game of Drag Queen Bingo, we're looking forward to seeing you again on March 3 in support of <u>916 Ink</u>! As always, DoMe Moore will host the evening of fun at Mango's on K Street, beginning at 7PM. Spots are first come, first served – we recommend arriving early!

We will continue to monitor COVID-19 cases closely as the event draws near. Should an event postponement or cancellation occur, we will notify you as soon as possible.

COVID-19 Policy: We will follow local and statewide health orders. Outdoor seating is available. We will require masks indoors. PROOF OF VACCINATION IS REQUIRED OR 72 HOUR NEGATIVE COVID TEST TO ALLOW ATTENDANCE. We highly encourage event participants to be fully vaccinated.

## Join us for Boas and Bowties 2022

We're counting down to this year's annual gala! We hope you can join us on Thursday, April 28 at Hilton
Sacramento West, as we highlight the important contributions our members, executive committee and volunteers have made to both the LGBTQ+ business community and the Sacramento region. We'll be celebrating with a glamorous

night of award ceremonies, live entertainment and a fabulous auction.

Interested in attending or reserving your sponsorship opportunity? Learn more and register <a href="here">here</a>.



# Save the Date: Big Day of Giving Drag Queen Bingo

Mark your calendars - 2022's Big Day of Giving DQB is happening on May 5! It's our biggest game of the year, with proceeds benefiting the Rainbow Chamber Foundation.



We're excited to offer a special \$50 VIP Package this year, which includes a reserved seat in our VIP room, a DQB t-shirt, and your bingo card.

We recommend registering early before VIP tickets sell out!



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