

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



As we step into September, the air begins to shift—crisper mornings, golden light, and the promise of fall just around the corner. It's a season of reflection and renewal, and here at the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, we have much to celebrate and even more to look forward to.

**Boas & Bow Ties Gala: One Month Away!** Our annual Gala is nearly here, and this year's theme—**Aurora Borealis**—invites us to shine brilliantly together. With limited tickets remaining, now is the time to secure your seat for an unforgettable evening of celebration, community, and inspiration. The Foundation is currently reviewing scholarship applications, and we look forward to honoring our 2025 student scholars at the Gala. Their stories remind us why we do this work.

We're also calling on our members: **volunteers are still needed** to help bring the magic to life. Whether you can lend a hand with setup, guest check-in, or behind-the-scenes support, your time and energy make a difference. We're also seeking **auction item donations** to elevate the evening's excitement—think vacation rentals, airline tickets, private chef experiences, and other dazzling packages that spark joy and generosity. If you or someone in your network can contribute, we'd love to hear from you.

**Monthly Events That Keep Us Connected** Let's keep the momentum going all month long:

- Drag Queen Bingo – First Thursday of every month. Come for the laughs, stay for the community.
- Chamber Mixers – Third Tuesday of each month. These gatherings are a great way to connect, collaborate, and celebrate our shared mission.

**September is Suicide Prevention Month:** This month, we pause to recognize the importance of mental health and community care. With recent changes to the **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**, it's more important than ever to check in on those around us. A simple conversation, a shared moment, or a listening ear can be life-changing. Let's continue to be a source of strength and compassion for one another.

**Bisexual Awareness Week: September 16–23:** We proudly celebrate the vibrant, resilient, and diverse voices of our bisexual community. Visibility matters, and this week is a reminder to uplift stories that are often overlooked. Let's honor the full spectrum of identity and experience.

*Looking Ahead:* As the leaves begin to turn, we invite you to reflect on the journey we've taken together this year—the challenges we've faced, the milestones we've

reached, and the joy we've shared. The coming months offer new opportunities to grow, connect, and lead with purpose. Let's embrace them with open hearts and bold vision.

With pride and purpose,

**Sara Hanson**

Sacramento Rainbow Chamber Board  
President



*Pictured: Allison Daack & Sara Hanson*

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# What's going on with the Chamber?

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# Networking Mixer

**September 16, 2025**

**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

***Light Bites, Cash bar, hosted beer & wine***

*Free for members  
\$10 for Non-Members*

**RSVP Online**  
[RainbowChamber.com](https://RainbowChamber.com)



**1414 K STREET, SUITE 150 SACRAMENTO, CA**

It's that time again! Join us for our Monthly Networking Mixer on **Tuesday, September 16** — where connections are made, businesses grow, and community thrives.

The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber hosts these mixers **every third Tuesday** of the month, with a new location each time to highlight our partners.

*See you there!*

**[REGISTER TODAY BY CLICKING HERE](#)**





# October 2, 2025

**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

All seating is first come first serve. Doors will open @6:00pm

**mango's** 1930 K Street

**\$20**

CASH ONLY  
Donation

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This month's Beneficiary is  
**Lavender Heights, supporting the  
Rainbow Crosswalk and Street  
Topper Signs!**



B-I-N-G-O never looked so fabulous! Join us for Drag Queen Bingo on Thursday, October 2, and every **first Thursday** of the month at Mango's!

Each month features a new beneficiary, so every laugh, every game, and every prize supports a different amazing Non-Profit in our community. □

This month's beneficiary is Lavender Heights, it will help support the rainbow crosswalk, as well as replacing any missing or broken street topper signs.



**ONLY 9 TABLES LEFT!!**

*Will one be yours?*



# Boas & Bow Ties

ANNUAL GALA

**October 9, 2025**

*It's not just a gala. It's a galaxy of possibility.*

*Sacramento*



The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce invites you to our Annual Boas & Bow Ties Gala - happening Thursday, October 9, 2025, at the Hilton Arden West.

This year's theme, **Aurora Borealis**, will light up the night with vibrant energy, captivating entertainment, and community magic.

*Let's Celebrate our Scholarship recipients together.*

Sponsorship & Tickets are LIVE

[Click HERE to learn more](#)



Thank you to everyone who has Sponsored our Boas & Bow Ties Gala so far, *All thats missing is you..*





Sacramento  
RAINBOW CHAMBER  
FOUNDATION

# Boas & Bow Ties

*It's not just a gala. It's a galaxy of possibility.*

*The Radiant Energy Is Building...All That's Missing Is You.*

*Contact us today to get your business on this list*



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*Sacramento Rainbow Chamber's*  
**BUSINESS & COMMUNITY  
EXCELLENCE AWARDS**  
**EXPO** & *Lunch*



**March 12, 2026**  
*Hilton Arden West*

EXPO - 10:00 am - 11:30am  
AWARDS Lunch - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the return of our **Business & Community Excellence Awards and Expo** on March 12, 2026.

This event celebrates the outstanding individuals, businesses, and organizations making a lasting impact in our region. From LGBTQ+ trailblazers to ally advocates, it's a moment to shine a spotlight on excellence in leadership, innovation, and community service.

**Nominations open October 1, 2025!**

Plus! Our Business Expo will showcase LGBTQ+ and allied businesses from across the region. Don't miss this chance to connect, network, and grow.



More details coming soon, get ready to nominate, celebrate, and elevate!

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## Coming Soon: Health & Wellness Expo!

The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the launch of our first ever Health & Wellness Expo. This will be a dynamic opportunity to bring together local businesses, the healthcare network, and our community.

Sponsorships, Speaking panels and Booth opportunities will launch in the coming days, so be sure you look for emails and follow our social networks.



Don't Forget..

ACCEPTING 2026 BENEFICIARY APPLICATIONS

IT'S ON!

**DRAG QUEEN**  
BINGO

**DRAG QUEEN**  
*Bingo*

\*FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
@MANGO'S SACRAMENTO

**Drag Queen Bingo** has raised more than \$400,000 for local non-profit organizations since its inception in August 2009.

Will your organization be next?

**APPLY TODAY**



## From our Chamber partners

**COMING OUT DAY**  
COURAGE TO SHINE  
**OCTOBER 11, 2025**  
11 A.M.-4 P.M.

**FAMILY + PUPPY FRIENDLY EVENT**  
JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR  
COMMUNITY'S COURAGE TO SHINE  
FEATURING TALENTED DRAG PERFORMERS  
SACRAMENTO GAY MENS CHORUS  
ROCKY HORROR PUPPET SHOW  
& SO MUCH MORE!

**JULIANNA BUDGETT**

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY PRESENTS

# SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS Awards



ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION AND BUSINESS RESOURCE FAIR

Learn About **New Business Resources**  
Engage with Key **Environmental Leaders**  
Network and **Discover Local Businesses**  
**Explore Innovation and Advancements** in Sustainability

## EVENT DETAILS

SEPTEMBER

**17**  
2025

**MACK POWELL EVENT CTR**  
**2003 HOWE AVENUE**  
**SACRAMENTO 95825**

**1:00 PM**  
-  
**4:00 PM**



Registration is sponsored and comes at no cost to the community. Scan the QR code to register today!

SACRAMENTO COUNTY



BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL  
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The Office of Economic Development's Business Environmental Resource Center is proud to host the **Annual Sustainable Business Awards Ceremony**, celebrating the outstanding achievements of Sacramento County businesses and nonprofits committed to environmental sustainability.

This year's event will be held on **Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 1:00 PM** at the Mack Powell Event Center – 2003 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. In addition to the awards presentation, the event will feature a resource Business Expo, bringing together like-minded entrepreneurs, community leaders, and partners who are advancing the future of environmental sustainability in Sacramento County. Your team's presence would be an honor as we celebrate the innovation, dedication, and leadership of our local business community.

We are thrilled to honor eight Sacramento County businesses receiving recognition



for sustainable initiatives in Sacramento County.

**Event Details:**

September 17, 2025

Networking & Business Expo: 1:00–2:30 PM (see instructions below to secure a complimentary resource booth location)

Awards Ceremony: 2:30–3:30 PM

Networking & Business Expo (continued): 3:30–4:00 PM

**Location:** Mack Powell Event Center

2003 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825

**Parking:** Free onsite parking is available.

**Registration:** [Sustainable Business Awards Registration Link](#). Please register by September 10, 2025.



**Drink.Eat.Celebrate**

# Celebrating 30 YEARS

Please join us for our  
30 Year Anniversary Celebration!  
Tuesday, September 9  
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Badlands Night Club in  
Midtown Sacramento.  
Free Entry. No Host Bar

A Huge Thank You to our Sponsors for this event!  
If you would like to add your name or company's name to this list  
contact Fred - 916-329-9280

**BROADWAY SACRAMENTO**  
BROADWAY AT MUSIC CIRCUS  
BROADWAY ON TOUR  
SACRAMENTO AREA MUSEUMS

**BADLANDS**  
Pucci's PHARMACY  
CREATING ANSWERS  
Marilyn's PIZZA SLICE

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Col. Pat Thompson and Barbara Brass  
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