





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.

<u>Boas & Bow Ties Gala: One Month Away!</u> 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: <u>volunteers are still needed</u> 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 <u>auction item donations</u> 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

What's going on with the Chamber?



Networking Mixer September 16, 2025

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Light Bites, Cash bar, hosted beer & wine



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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



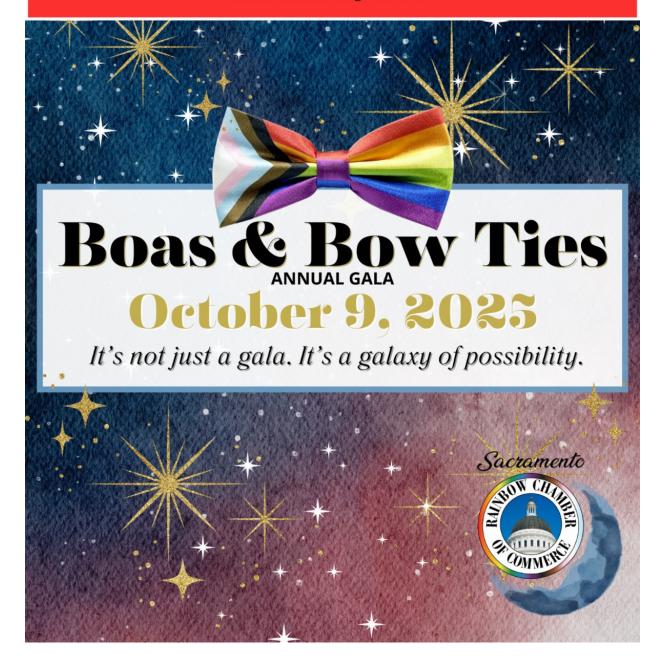
B-I-N-G-O never looked so fabulous! Join us for Drag Queen Bingo on Thursday, October 2, and every **first Thursday** of the month at Mango's!

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

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?



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..*





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.





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..



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





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



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!



PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



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.



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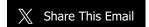
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