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The Rainbow Chamber of Commerce of Silicon Valley Honors Members at its Celebrating Success Luncheon

San Jose, CA: The Rainbow Chamber of Commerce of Silicon Valley honored outstanding achievements by selected members at their Celebrating Success Awards Luncheon Friday, January 26th at Justin's Catering in Santa Clara.

A special Lifetime Achievement award was presented to Michael LoMonaco of LoMonaco Real Estate Group. LoMonaco, besides being a founding member of the Rainbow Chamber, has been a member of the board, president of the board, and a highly active member at all times.

"Michael's contributions to our group go far beyond anything we have asked him to do," says Roark Clayton, current RCCSV board president. "Above all, he has set the tone for the chamber with his positive attitude and genuine interest in all his fellow members. He sees the chamber as a family as well as a business organization."

Nominees for the other categories, chosen by the board and voted on by the membership, were as follows (with winner indicated):

Volunteer/Ally of the Year

***Eileen Hamper, Rainbow Women's Chorus - winner**

Eileen Castro-Peretz, Eileen's Skin Care
LaDonna Silva, LMFT

Small Business of the Year

***Catered Too! - winner**

Gridley Company
State Farm Insurance and Financial Services - Steve Sosnowski

Corporation of the Year

***California Water Association - winner**

Kaiser Permanente
PG&E

(cont.)

Non-Profit of the Year

***The Health Trust - winner**
Silicon Valley Pride
The Rainbow Women's Chorus

"We feel extremely lucky to have the participation of all these great nominees," stated Clayton. "They have all helped our chamber to expand in many ways, and we appreciate this."

In addition to the awards ceremony, the event featured a silent auction and raffle with more than 100 items donated by members and friends of the organization. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Billy DeFrank Lesbian & Gay Community Center's LGBTQ Senior Program, which connects seniors through a weekly luncheon and field trips, advocates for Senior LGBTQ issues in housing affordability and acceptance, and much more.

PHOTOS FOR THIS EVENT ARE AVAILABLE AT:

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Established in 1999, the Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Silicon Valley represents more than 100 LGBT and ally owned businesses, business owners, and professionals in the great San Jose- Silicon Valley area. Our mission is to create a vibrant LGBT supportive business community through development, education, and advocacy.

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