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2017 Business Summit & State of the City Address

Co-hosted by the Chico Chamber of Commerce and City of Chico.

December 13, 2016 CHICO, CA The Chico Chamber of Commerce will co-host the official 2017 Business Summit & State of the City Address with the City of Chico on **Friday, January 27, 2017, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the CARD Community Center** located at 545 Vallombrosa Avenue in Chico. This annual event is free and open to the public BUT RSVPs are required as seating is limited. The event is expected to reach maximum capacity.

The Business Summit will include an annual State of the City address by the Mayor of the City of Chico, Sean Morgan. Other presentations include: a Business Climate Report from Chair of the Chamber Board of Directors, Rick Anderson with YP; a Chico Economic Snapshot for 2017 delivered by Mark Francis with Golden Valley Bank; and a Downtown Report presented by Melanie Bassett with the Downtown Chico Business Association. Following these presentations, audience Q&A will be encouraged.

“Every January, this event sets the tone for what’s to come in Chico and provides invaluable insight into the City’s financial and economic outlook. It is a must-attend event for our members and businesses who benefit from hearing a local outlook. One of the Chico Chamber’s priorities is ensuring accountability within our city government and this events helps make sure we’re all on the same – and right – track. We open this event to the general public, too, because we encourage civic engagement within our community.” says Katie Simmons, President & CEO of the Chico Chamber of Commerce.

“I am looking forward to delivering my first State of the City Address in January and to providing an update on the City’s ongoing priorities like public safety staffing and our overall fiscal health. The City has make a remarkable turn-around in recent years but we still have some challenges that require innovative solutions. Sharing the City’s outlook for 2017 with businesses and the

general public allows us to have those tough discussions and make those key decisions necessary to improve Chico's business and economic climate, ensuring a high quality of life." says Sean Morgan, Mayor of the City of Chico.

The 2017 Business Summit & State of the City Address is presented by our Legacy Partners: Allevery HR & Payroll, Golden Valley Bank, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company and Tri Counties Bank; and our Visionary Partners: Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc., Anderson & Associates, Inc., California State University, Chico, California Water Service, Dutch Bros Coffee, Enloe Medical Center, Five Star Bank, Healthy Solutions Insurance Services, LRT Graphics, Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Recology Butte Colusa Counties, Transfer Flow, Inc., and Walmart.

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