

NGLCC Names Golden Gate Business Association as 2017 Excellence in Programming Award Recipient

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San Francisco, CA -The <u>National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce</u> (NGLCC), the business voice of the LGBT community, honored the <u>Golden Gate Business Association</u> (GGBA) with the Excellence in Programming Award on August 3 at the 2017 International Business & Leadership Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Each year, the Excellence in Programming award recognizes chamber programs that provide significant value to member businesses, volunteers and/or partners, such as business and leadership development or member benefit programs.

"I am extremely proud of the work that the Golden Gate Business Association has done to benefit the LGBT-owned businesses in their region," said **Justin Nelson, NGLCC Co-Founder & President.** "This chamber is truly an outstanding example for the rest of our 47 local affiliate chambers across the nation."

"NGLCC affiliate chambers are beacons guiding and nurturing LGBT allied business communities," said **Sam McClure**, **NGLCC Senior Vice President**. "Innovative programming is essential to the success of the chambers, and of the LGBT business equality movement. I am proud to recognize the Golden Gate Business Association for this achievement."

"The greatest reward we can receive for our outstanding programming is witnessing the continued success of our members," said **Dawn Ackerman**, **President of GGBA**. "It is truly an honor to be recognized by the NGLCC, and the GGBA is grateful for their continued partnership as we expand upon our successful programming and the opportunities for our LGBTQ business community."

ABOUT NGLCC:

The National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce is the business voice of the LGBT community and is the largest global advocacy organization specifically dedicated to expanding economic opportunities and advancements for LGBT people. NGLCC is the exclusive certification body for LGBT-owned businesses. www.nglcc.org | @NGLCC



ABOUT THE GOLDEN GATE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:

The Golden Gate Business Association's mission is to champion opportunity, development, and advocacy for our LGBT & Allied business community. We envision an economically empowered San Francisco/Bay Area LGBT business community that inspires others. The GGBA empowers our small business entrepreneurs and professionals, collaborates with non-profit advocates, and engages with business and civic leaders to support policies that foster a more inclusive and welcoming business community.

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