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**The Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Awards
Four Women with the 2022 Latina Estrella Awards Honoring Latina Equal Pay Day**

Sacramento, CA –, The Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SACHCC) recognized four Hispanic/Latina Leaders from the Sacramento Region in the 7th Annual Latina Estrella Awards, an event that honored Latinas making an impact and imprint in our Greater Sacramento Region.

A day after recognizing Latina Equal Pay Day, four influential Latinas from the region were honored for making an imprint in our Greater Sacramento Region with the theme: The Present is Latina. This year, Latina Equal Pay day moved to December 8th due to the pandemic, and sadly showed that the pay gap for Hispanic women has increased to .41 cents for every dollar earned by a white male/female in the workforce.

“We are the demographic that is hard working and are striving to take leadership roles in every industry, said Cathy Rodriguez Aguirre, President, and CEO of SACHCC. “ We have the capacity to get things done and to lead our communities onward,” she concluded.

For the past seven years, the SACHCC has presented the Latina Estrella Awards, to recognize Latinas in the following categories: Rising, Inspiration, Champion, and Legacy as a way to lift Latinas in the region, and inspire young students and professionals by showing how other Latinas are paving the way.

- The 2022 Latina Estrellas are: Rising Estrella Award: Mariela Medina – the City of Sacramento, Program Specialist and Civic Engagement Liaison (Office of Mayor Darrell Steinberg)
- Inspiration Estrella Award: Jenny Rodriguez – SMUD, Economic Development, and SEED Representative
- Champion Estrella Award: The Honorable Mayra Vega – City of Woodland
- Legacy Estrella Award: Angelica Balderas – Entravision, Senior VP Integrated Marketing Solutions

To learn more about the 2022 Latina Estrella Awards, click [here](#).

ABOUT THE SACRAMENTO HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SAHCC), established in 1972, is a gateway organization designed to foster business and economic growth in the Sacramento Region. Its mission is to promote and develop business growth for members and provide access to the Hispanic market. Learn more at [@sachispanics](#) on social media.

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