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U.S. Chamber Announces Local Accreditation Awards Pleasant Hill Chamber Wins 3-Star Rating

Pleasant Hill, CA – The United States Chamber of Commerce today awarded the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce with 3-Star Accreditation for its effective organizational procedures and outstanding contribution to positive change in the community. The Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce was one of 15 chambers across the country to receive this award at the February 28, 2005 U.S. Chamber board meeting. Thirty-two chambers were recognized with some level of accreditation at the meeting.

“Accreditation is one of the highest honors bestowed on local chambers fighting for pro-growth and jobs policies at the federal, state, and local level,” said Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber President and CEO. “We are proud to recognize the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce and its members for helping to advance the principles of free enterprise – the bedrock of this prestigious award.”

“We are thrilled to receive the three-star accreditation, because it recognizes that we provide quality programs and services to our members and the community-at-large,” said Charley Daly, Executive Director. “The Pleasant Hill Chamber has become a vital, growing business group that is focused on really getting to know its members and then doing everything we can to meet their needs.”

To achieve accreditation, a chamber must meet minimum standards in their operations and programs, including: governance, government affairs, and technology. The final rating, Accredited, 3-Stars, 4-Stars, or 5-Stars, depends on the chamber’s ability to successfully meet additional criteria, including: accountability, financial transparency, employee involvement, political advocacy, and community involvement. The accrediting board, a panel of U.S. Chamber board members, votes on the final accreditation.

The Accreditation Program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the only one of its kind to monitor the dynamic chamber of commerce industry. Rolled out in 1964, the Accreditation Program was developed by a team of chamber executives and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for continuous improvement of local chambers of commerce.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world’s largest business federation, representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

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