



**9/21/2021**  
**City Council Meeting**

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### **Introduction/Community Events**

While I am unable to be with each of you this evening I wanted to take the time to introduce myself and speak briefly on some community activities. Some of you may already know me, my name is Benjamin and I am the CEO of the Greater Kings County Chamber of Commerce. It is a pleasure to be working within the community of Lemoore and alongside each of you. Our Chamber members rely heavily on you all and the opportunity to work on some of the most beloved Lemoore community functions is an honor. Without your hard work our community would not be what it is today, thank you.

Recently, our organization made the very difficult decision to postpone our Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon – it is tradition that our organization awards and recognizes 18 stellar departments/service agencies within Kings County. For various reasons (staff training, internal recognition, COVID safety concerns, etc...) provided by 13 of these departments, they have decided to withdraw from the function. Only 5 departments have provided us information regarding an honoree, to which the GKC Chamber has every intention of recognizing at a later date (TBD). To our community partners/members - please know, that we too are as disappointed that we are unable to facilitate this distinguished function as we take great pride in celebrating the accomplishments of our First-Responders and look forward to providing a more robust function fall of 2022.

In light of this sad news, we are happy to share that the GKC Chamber will be facilitating our greatly anticipated “Rocking the Arbor” – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> with a great line up of entertainment and vendors. Following in the month of November we are excited to announce our “Holiday Stroll,” in partnership with the Lemoore Downtown Merchants (a huge shout out to Sheila Taylor of LRPD) – this partnership will continue in the form of our Lemoore Christmas Parade (information TBD).

I again thank each of you for your commitment to the Community of Lemoore and look forward to our continued partnership.

Kind Regards,

Benjamin Kahikina President & CEO  
The GKC Chamber of Commerce