



December 8, 2020

Dear Danville Area Chamber Members,

I'm excited to join you as President & CEO of the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce.

I accepted this position knowing that it would be difficult with the challenges of COVID-19 shattering the financial health of the business community and our local economy. We are all impacted by this in some way.

Let's face it – every small business is facing a monumental challenge right now trying to comply with changing health orders from our County and State as they attempt to balance the needs of public health with the needs of our economy. Nobody could have predicted or prevented a crisis without precedent. And those who are being most impacted are our small businesses and their families. We know that money is tight and with a pandemic comes not just financial stress, but mental anguish.

But though times are tough right now, we will not be distracted from the mission of the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce to support and help you be successful – no matter what the circumstance.

Those who know me best will tell you this: I never shy away from a challenge.

Like anyone in a new job, I'll have a learning curve. [But I believe that I bring a lot to the table](#) that can help you and your business thrive, even during the pandemic.

Everything the Chamber does is for our members. We are your voice, representing the communities of Alamo, Blackhawk, Danville & Diablo. We continue to be over 500 businesses strong. We are there to help you think through and remodel your business for the current economic circumstances we face today.

In 2021, the Chamber will be resuming its programs, at first on Zoom, and when we are able, in-person.

Looking forward, we will have our 2021 kick-off in late January 2021 with our Board Installation, a fun February 2021 meeting and mixer, and our State of the Town & Community Awards in March 2021.

Our small businesses in the Danville Area are the backbone of our community. We know that Danville and the greater San Ramon Valley pick each other up in times of need. We can and will get through this – together.

And when we do, we will emerge stronger, more productive, nimble and more business savvy – because that's what small business owners do.

Let me know how I can help. Reach out and give me a call or shoot me an email. If I don't have the answer to your question right away, I'll do my best to find it.

See you soon – stay safe!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judy B. Lloyd