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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Creating Community Connections

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Hello Mokena Chamber Members:

I am excited to be chosen as your 2018 Mokena Chamber of Commerce President; it is an honor to be part of an organization that has done so much good for our community and local businesses.

I would like to thank all of our chamber members, especially those who have taken time from your business to be in a leadership role in our organization. Thank you for the example you have set for all of us. We would not be where we are today if it were not for your sacrifice.

As we begin 2018, I look back on my time thus far with the Mokena Chamber of Commerce. I think of the many people who warmly welcomed me into the Mokena business community and the friendships I have made with people I have met at the many Mokena Chamber events. Most of all I think about what a joy and honor it is to truly connect to the Mokena community through my own business.

That is why our 2018 theme will be "Connecting Chamber to Community". Time changes many things, but one thing that should not change is our objective as an organization to do everything in our power to help local businesses thrive. We will build on some of the things we are already doing well and explore new ideas and initiatives. We want to empower our members, and the Mokena Community to help us achieve our full potential as a Chamber. I believe the key to this will be improving our ability to successfully communicate with both our membership and the Mokena community at large.

We want to hear from YOU! If there is something we can improve, we want to know! When you have a new idea that will benefit the Mokena community, we want to know! Most importantly, we want to know what we as an organization can do to spotlight **YOUR** business and help **YOU** grow. However, that means we need your help, in understanding how we can best help you to position your business for success. We will be creating opportunities for open discussion and education on how to build strategic working relationships.

I believe that partnering with others offers us the ability to grow in new and exciting ways that we could not achieve on our own. I will look forward to partnering with The Village of Mokena, The Mokena Park District, The Mokena Library and many of the surrounding Chambers of Commerce to help strengthen our local business community.

Thank you for entrusting this mission to the 2018 Mokena Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. We are proud and honored to serve the Mokena community and look forward to all that is to come. Together, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

Respectfully,

Skye Bergeson
2018 Mokena Chamber President