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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Bay East Association of REALTORS® Honor Outstanding Members**

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*Pleasanton, California (January 14, 2017)* –Several local real estate professionals have been selected to receive the Bay East Association of REALTORS®' (Bay East) highest honors for their achievements in 2016.

This year's recipients were recognized at the 2017 Bay East Inaugural Gala at Casa Real in Pleasanton on Saturday, Jan 14. The winners demonstrated high ethical standards and professionalism, active community involvement and a high level of service to the real estate profession.

### **REALTOR® of the Year**

Nancie Allen with MasterKey Real Estate Advantage in Fremont, received the REALTOR® of the Year award for demonstrating the highest level of integrity and commitment to Bay East and the real estate profession. Allen started her REALTOR® career in 2003, and immediately began contributing time and talent to Bay East. She is a strong proponent of ethics and professionalism for REALTORS®, serving as an Ethics Advocate, Ombudsman and Mediator to real estate professionals and the public when there is a potential violation of the National Association of REALTORS® Code of Ethics and working to help all parties achieve a positive outcome. Allen also served on the Bay East Strategic Planning Committee and as a member of the California Association of REALTORS® Board of Directors.

### **Rookie of the Year**

Justin Ramos with Alain Pinel, REALTORS® in Pleasanton received the Rookie of the Year Award. Ramos was recognized for demonstrating the REALTOR® spirit of integrity, professional business conduct and service to clients. During his first year in business, Ramos served on the Bay East Young Professionals Committee and as the Public

Relations Officer for the Valley Real Estate Network. He actively volunteers for a number of organizations including Kids Against Hunger in Pleasanton.

### **Affiliate of the Year**

Erin Steele with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage was selected as the Bay East 2016 Affiliate of the Year. Steel is an active member of the Bay East Young Professional Network, and is involved with similar networks at the State and National levels. She also serves on the Bay East Housing Opportunities Committee and as the Affiliate Director on the Bay East Board of Directors. She visits Washington D.C. each year to attend the National Association of REALTORS® legislative meetings and is part of the Bay East team that meets with Congress members who represent southern and eastern Alameda County.

### **Outstanding Leader Award**

Craig Ragg was honored with the Outstanding Leader Award. The award is given to a past president of the association who continues to pursue the vision of excellence in the name of Bay East. He has served on chaired numerous Bay East committees during his almost 40 years of Bay East membership. this time. Ragg was the 2015 Vice Chair of the Leadership Development committee and the 2016 Chair of the Leadership Evaluation and Selection committee. He is a member of the California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R.) Board of Directors; the 2017 Chair of the C.A.R. Political Action Committee (CREPAC) and a member of Taxation and the Federal Committees. Ragg is a member of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) Board of Director and a member of the Conventional Financing Committee. He is also a member of the NAR Presidents Circle Hall of Fame. He was previously honored as the 2009 REALTOR® of the Year and served as the Bay East President in 2013.

### **John Deadrich Distinguished Service Award**

Joe Annunziato III received one of Bay East's most prestigious awards, the John Deadrich Distinguished Service Award. Named in honor of the association's first president and founding father, this award is given to a Bay East member who exemplifies the self-sacrifice, vision and accomplishments of the greatest leaders who have shaped the real estate profession. Annunziato worked tirelessly to make it easier for every Bay East member to help their clients business and embraced the mission of the Association: to help our members to succeed as real estate professionals. He was a member of the Board of Directors for Bay East and was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the California Association of REALTORS®. He also served on the Bay East Local Government Relations Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Executive Committee and the Property Investment Committee. He is best known for his involvement in the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) and Business Technologies Committee since 2008 and served as the 2016 committee chair. He is active at the regional MLS Level where he serves on the joint Bay East/Contra Costa MLS Management Group. In 2017 he will serve as a member of National Association of Realtors MLS committee.

## **About the Bay East Association of REALTORS®**

The Bay East Association of REALTORS® is a professional trade association serving more than 5,500 residential and commercial real estate professionals throughout the San Francisco Bay Area by providing programs and services to enhance their ability to conduct business with integrity and competence. Bay East offers access to the Multiple Listing Service, professional development training, advocacy to protect private property rights and promote home ownership and a variety of networking opportunities and events.

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