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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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

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*Pleasanton, California (February 16, 2019)* –Several local real estate professionals have been selected to receive the Bay East Association of REALTORS®’ (Bay East) highest honors for their achievements during 2018.

This year’s recipients were recognized at the 2019 Bay East Inaugural Gala at Casa Real in Pleasanton on Feb. 16. 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**

Leslie Faught received the REALTOR® of the Year award for demonstrating the highest level of integrity and commitment to Bay East and the real estate profession. Following a 20-year career in other areas of the real estate industry, Faught became a REALTOR® in 2008. She has earned several professional designations from the National Association of REALTORS® and serves on the Bay East Board of Directors and Local Government Relations Committee. Faught has also served on the Board of Directors for the Pleasanton Rose Show for the last 13 years.

### **Rookie of the Year**

Elisa Chao with Legacy Real Estate in Fremont received the Rookie of the Year Award. Chao was the 2018 Chair of the Bay East Young Professionals Network Committee and constantly looks for ways to expand her real estate education to serve her clients better. She actively rescues and fosters dogs from shelters along the West Coast.

### **Affiliate of the Year**

Annette Khaliq with First American Home Warranty & JCP-LGS Disclosures received the Bay East 2018 Affiliate of the Year Award. Bay East Affiliate members contribute time, money and resources to support the real estate

profession. Khaliq serves on the Bay East Affiliate Committee, is involved with the Women's Council of REALTORS® and supports each of the weekly marketing groups in the Bay East jurisdiction.

### **Outstanding Leader Award**

Mike Fracisco received the Outstanding Leader Award. This award is given to a past president of the association who continues to pursue the vision of excellence in the name of Bay East. Fracisco joined Bay East in 2003 and was recognized as the 2004 Rookie of the Year for his contributions to the Livermore and Valley marketing groups and the Housing for All Committee helping raise funds for the Livermore Habitat for Humanity project. He was elected to the Bay East Board of Directors in 2007 and served as President of the Board in 2015. Fracisco has chaired the Bay East Property Management Advisory and Leadership Evaluating and Selection Committees in addition to serving on the Investment Advisory Committee. He is a member of the California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R.) Board of Directors serving as the 2018 Region 6 Regional Chair and was an active member of several C.A.R. committees.

### **Good Neighbor Award**

Gina Piper of Better Homes and Gardens Tri-Valley Realty in Pleasanton received the 2018 Good Neighbor Award. Ms. Piper is the Chair of the Board of the Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton and has helped hundreds of animals in need. During her annual fundraiser in 2018 she hosted at her home, she raised nearly \$42,000, all of which went directly to the Valley Humane Society.

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

Bill Espinola received the John A. 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. Espinola has been a Bay East member since 2001. In 2008, he stepped up his involvement in the REALTOR® community by joining the Bay East Local Government Relations committee and later served on Professional Standards, Multiple Listing Service and Strategic Planning committees. In 2018, he was elected to the Bay East Board of Directors and served as Chair of both the Local Government Relations and the Local Candidate Recommendation committees. Espinola has attended and testified at many city council meetings on behalf of REALTORS® and home owners.

### **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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