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Chico Chamber of Commerce Launches 2021 Special Report & State of the City Recording

January 29, 2021 CHICO, CA: This morning the Chico Chamber of Commerce co-hosted the 2021 Business Summit & State of the City Address with the City of Chico. The event was held virtually via ZOOM and close to 200 of the community and Chamber members were in attendance. Chico Mayor Andrew Coolidge presented the State of the City Address, Mark Orme, City Manager & City Staff gave a Chico Community update, Mark Francis, President of Golden Valley Bank shared the latest Chico Economic Snapshot, and Ben Winter, Chair of the Chico Chamber Board, introduced the [2021 Chico Chamber Special Report](#). **A full recording of the virtual event is now available here:** <https://www.chicochamber.com/videos--podcasts.html>

This year's Special Report focuses on the wins as well as challenges Chico faced in housing, public safety, roads, and the unfunded employee pension liability. The report also details how the Chamber pivoted in 2020 to support businesses in a tangible way during the COVID-19 pandemic. In conclusion, **the Special Report identifies 5 immediate needs: addressing the impacts of homelessness, reducing crime, continuing to improve roads, increasing the number of single-family homes, and addressing the unfunded Pension Liability.** The Chamber's goal is to make Chico the safest, most premier, vibrant city in the North State.

Says 2021 Board Chair Ben Winter, "The 2021 Special Report provides a look back at the Chico Chamber's response to COVID-19, the City of Chico's activities around roads, housing, and public safety and identify 5 immediate needs to be addressed as we move into life post – COVID-19. We look forward to working with City officials and other stakeholders to make Chico the safest, most vibrant, premier city in the North State."

Katy Thoma, President & CEO of the Chico Chamber, "The Chico Chamber is grateful for the partnership with the City of Chico and Golden Valley Bank to host the Business Summit and State of the City. I am encouraged once again by the leadership in the entire City who really do want what's best for ALL of us. Despite, a dam breach, a couple of fires and a pandemic, we are Moving Chico Forward."

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The [2021 Chico Chamber Special Report](#) is now available @ [chicochamber.com](#). A recording of the 2021 Business Summit & State of the City is also available on the Chico Chamber web site and social media platforms. The Golden Valley Bank Chico Economic Snapshot can be found here: [goldenvalley.bank](#).

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