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## Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi Wins East Bay Women in Business Award

Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi is one of four outstanding women who have been chosen by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce to receive its first-ever East Bay Women in Business Awards.

The awards, to be presented on Friday, October 6, celebrate women who contribute to the betterment of our community while acting as leaders in their field. Muranishi, an Alameda County native who has served as the County's Chief Executive since 1995, is the first recipient of the award in the Public Service category.

Muranishi has gained a national reputation for strong fiscal management that has allowed the County to thrive – even in difficult economic times that have battered local government budgets. She has championed a transformative Culture of Innovation in which County government has leveraged technology and creative collaborations to operate more efficiently and better respond to residents' rapidly changing needs.

Leading a County of more than 1.6 million residents, Muranishi has also forged public-private partnerships that are spurring economic development and bringing government together with stakeholders in business, labor, philanthropy, nonprofits and community leaders to enhance transparency and tackle pressing issues.

In 2016, the County Administrative Officers Association of California (CAOAC) cited Muranishi's many achievements in selecting her to receive the CAOAC's First Annual County Administrator/County Executive Distinguished Service Award.

The Oakland Chamber's first-ever East Bay Women in Business Awards are the result of nearly 20 years of efforts by the Chamber to promote the social and economic empowerment of women through its East Bay Women in Business program.

Others selected for the Chamber's first East Bay Women in Business Awards were Barbara Morrison, CEO and President of TMC Financing; Julayne Austin Virgil, CEO of Girls Inc.; and Claire Shorall, Manager of Computer Science for the Oakland Unified School District.

The winners will be honored at the Chamber's fall East Bay Women in Business luncheon on Friday, October 6th at Scott's Seafood in Oakland's Jack London Square. They also will take part in a panel discussion moderated by veteran KRON TV News Anchor Pam Moore.

To register or become an event sponsor, contact Grace Lunardi of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce at <u>glunardi@oaklandchamber.com</u>.