

Era California records, documents, and artifacts. As Professor Emeritus Robert Senkewicz of Santa Clara University, has written, "SBMAL is a unique and indispensable resource. Its artifacts and documents tell the deep and complex story of California's diverse peoples—especially Native Americans, Latinos, and Anglos—in a way that is unmatched anywhere else in the state."

John Gherini has worked long and hard behind the scenes to ensure the continued operation of the Archive-Library. Serving as legal counsel to the Board and dealing with bequests and grants in order to build the endowment essential to its continued function. His membership on the Board, which began in 1987, has resulted in numerous acquisitions not only of funds, but also of the papers of such distinguished scholars as Norman Neuerburg, the art historian behind the construction of the Getty Villa, and Doyce B. Nunis, Jr., longtime editor of the journal of the Historical Society of Southern California.

Besides his encouragement of other scholars, Mr. Gherini has written two books on the history of Santa Cruz Island, where he spent much time as a young man working with his family on the island, which his great-great-grandfather, Justinian Caire once owned in its entirety: Santa Cruz Island: A History of Conflict and Diversity and the two volume Santa Cruz Island, An Illustrated History provide rich and detailed histories of the largest of the Channel Islands. The second work "explores the geological origins of the island and traces the cultural history from the native inhabitants, over 13,000 years ago, to the establishment of the Channel Islands National Park in 1980 and current efforts to preserve and protect the island." (Santa Barbara Historical Museum website). Mr. Gherini has been a generous benefactor and deeply involved with many other organizations in the Santa Barbara area, including Bishop Garcia Diego High School.

On July 25, 2025, the Mission Archive-Library, at a special event in honor of Mr. Gherini, will name its exhibit space, which includes among other things large paintings by the distinguished turn of the twentieth-century California landscape and architecture artist Edwin Deakin, the Gherini Gallery. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. John Gherini and the Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library on this auspicious occasion.

CONGRATULATING THE WEST
BROWNSVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE'S
SENIOR TEAM ON WINNING THE
TEXAS WEST CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the inspiring young women from the West Brownsville Little League's Senior Team, aged 15–16, for their astonishing achievement in finishing as runner-up as they competed for a spot in the 2025 Little League World Series.

Representing our community to the nation is an unseen achievement in the past 73 years of the team's history in Brownsville. Competing in softball takes dexterity and discipline,

but most importantly, sacrifice. A tremendous commitment has been made by the participants and their families as they worked towards this exciting goal. They are showing the country the hard work and team spirit that South Texans have always represented.

These young women have made their community, families, coaches and friends immensely proud, and I encourage them to continue supporting each other in the games ahead. But most importantly, I encourage them to cherish every moment as they are making history in The Rio Grande Valley. Rest assured I am cheering for you every step of the way.

Mr. Speaker, our West Brownsville Little League Senior Softball Team has made all of us immensely proud.

HONORING UAW LEADER BRUCE
BAUMHOWER AS HE RETIRES

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2025

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable, hard working, good natured man of labor: Bruce Baumhower from Toledo, Ohio in our 9th Congressional District. Mr. Baumhower formally retired on June 30, 2025 after serving as the President of United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 12, the longest run of service in the union's history—over a half a century. He will be honored at a special event prior to Toledo's 2025 Jeep Fest—a celebration he co-founded in 2016—on Saturday, August 2, 2025.

Bruce Baumhower is a Toledo native who graduated from Whitmer High School in 1972. He started work at Jeep the same year. Throughout his employment at Jeep, Bruce involved himself in union activities, rising through the ranks after election to Steward, Bargaining Committee and Vice Chairman. In 1993 he was elected President of UAW Local 12, the second largest UAW local in the nation. He has been ably at the helm since. UAW Local 12, based in Toledo, represents approximately 16,000 members at 47 work-sites. His leadership is humble yet reliably strong and honorable, and always visionary.

Throughout Bruce's tenure as leader of UAW Local 12, he has steered the union—and the Toledo community—through crisis and calm. Most notably, he led the effort to establish the plants and supplier park that built the Wrangler and the Gladiator, two locations that have defined Toledo's skyline and its workforce. He has been an integral part of redefining Jeep as Toledo's identity and his integrity and work ethic symbolizes Toledo, Ohio—a city whose motto is: Laborare est Orare, "To Work is to Pray."

In addition to his duties as President of UAW Local 12, Bruce is president of the UAW's Community Action Program, which coordinates political and community action for all seven Toledo area UAW locals. Mr. Baumhower currently also serves on the board of Imagination Station and the Regional Growth Partnership.

As one of the founders of Toledo's Jeep Fest, Bruce has further imprinted Jeep on Toledo. It is said that he and another member had a conversation about Jeep's 75th anniversary.

From that moment, Jeep Fest was born. Eight years later, it is a three day festival drawing thousands of people from all corners and highlighted by a parade of hundreds of iconic Jeeps. Currently Bruce serves on the Board of Directors of Jeep Fest and leads off the parade with union members, who are both actively working and retired, all proud of Jeep's continuing and amazing success—America's most popular vehicle. The parade celebrates and American success story led by union members who show great pride in their roles and led by an energetic President.

The great UAW pioneer Walter Reuther noted, "There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well." Bruce Baumhower epitomizes these words. His noble spirit guides the Union and the City in which he has played such a pivotal role.

Now as he formally retires, we, wish him well on his journey, knowing he will be spending his time with his wife Kim, three children and eight grandchildren, engaged in all they most enjoy. I thank Bruce for all he has given to our community and our Nation during a trying era for US automotive manufacturing. He makes us proud. May he enjoy a well-earned retirement. May God Bless him unselfishly and continually.

CONGRATULATING THE ASIAN PACIFIC
ISLANDER AMERICAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS
SOLANO COUNTY CHAPTER AHEAD OF THEIR 10TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to include in the RECORD the following letter congratulating the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Solano County Chapter ahead of their 10th Anniversary and Celebration of Young Leaders banquet.

The Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Solano County's 10th Anniversary and Celebration of Young Leaders banquet is a wonderful tribute to our community, and I am proud to represent the organization and the young leaders being honored at this event.

JOHN GARAMENDI,
UNITED STATES CONGRESS,
August 8th, 2025.

Re 10th Annual Anniversary and Celebration of Young Leaders

APAPA SOLANO COUNTY CHAPTER
Vallejo, CA.

DEAR APAPA-SOC AND 2025 APAPA-SOC INTERNS, It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Solano County Chapter (APAPA-SOC) for another year of exemplary service and join you in celebrating your 10th Annual Anniversary and Celebration of Young Leaders banquet. Reaching this important milestone is a true testament to your organization's dedication, perseverance and commitment to excellence. APAPA-SOC's continuous efforts to empower Asian and Pacific Islander Americans by encouraging civic participation through leadership and mentorship programs, internships, and scholarships deserve the highest commendation. Over the past decade APAPA-SOC has

made a lasting impact on our community and uplifted many young leaders across the country and in California's Eighth Congressional District. APAPA's work is making great strides toward creating a more perfect Union.

Civic participation is critical to upholding our democratic ideals, and I am thrilled to see APAPA-SOC working so actively on this mission. Asian and Pacific Islander Americans' representation at all levels of government is necessary to ensure that the Asian and Pacific Islander community is properly acknowledged and advocated for. Through-

out APAPA-SOC's ten years, its ability to empower Asian and Pacific Islander Americans of all ages has left its community a legacy that promotes civic engagement at the local, state, and national levels of government. It is my greatest hope that the APAPA-SOC Chapter continues to prosper in the years ahead. I look forward to seeing APAPA-SOC interns grow into tomorrow's leaders of California and beyond.

The APAPA-SOC's 10th Anniversary and Celebration of Young Leaders banquet is sure to be a wonderful celebration of all the hard work and dedication APAPA-SOC in-

terns have put into strengthening our democracy. As you celebrate this anniversary, I hope you take pride in how far your APAPA-SOC has come and feel inspired by the continued journey ahead. On behalf of California's Eighth Congressional District, please accept my gratitude for the good you have done, and continue to do, in our district and my best wishes for continued success in all of APAPA-SOC's future endeavors.

Sincerely,

JOHN GARAMENDI,
Member of Congress.