

THE SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce stands today not as a new organization, not as the successor of old ones, not founded upon wreckage, not the result of spasmodic and intermittent organization, but as a consistent and potential civic factor, dating back to its founding, it has kept pace with the times; it is an old and honorable body, and has pride in its heritage, as well as in its vision of future possibilities. It is essentially democratic—as any civic and commercial organization must be. It has wisely and constantly widened its horizon, and has been helpful in every phase and factor in city life. It has cultivated every outlying nook and corner of the municipal corporation, that it might be known of all citizens that the Chamber of Commerce existed for the general good. It has maintained that hospitality and courtesy, in an organized and distinct fashion, that are community assets. It has developed service. The function of the Chamber of Commerce is this: To promote the Welfare of San Francisco. It inclines to the theory that people who are brought to sober thought, and who are wisely led, and whose public conscience is quickened, will make a better citizenship. The Chamber of Commerce is a public forum. It is a clearing-house. It is a business organization, a civic body, and a social club. It seeks to put into men the very last thought and zeal and motive, that the outcome may represent the sum total of achievement. It seeks to be a leader only in that it masses the groups of individual leaders, and may perhaps make cumulative the value and strength of their leadership.

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