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REX S. HIME – A GIANT IS LOST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Rex S. Hime, CBPA Founding CEO and President Emeritus, February 15, 1948 – February 4, 2023. May he rest in peace.

Sadly, we share that Rex S. Hime passed away at his home in Loomis, CA, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Rex lit up a room when he walked in – not just with his bright Hawaiian shirts but with his intellect and passion. He will be missed but never forgotten.

To honor his decades of work he was recently bestowed with the title of ***CBPA Founding CEO and President Emeritus*** by the CBPA Executive Committee to assure he will forever remain a part of this organization he helped create and build.

He loved the commercial real estate industry and all of you, CBPA’s many members, which he fiercely defended in the State Capitol and made sure you were all “at the table.”

Rex was a pragmatic leader that enjoyed working with anyone regardless of their political affiliation and did everything with good humor and a twinkle in his eye.

Because of his ability to work with so many, he was able to leave a legacy that includes a long list of accomplishments, and depending on who you talk to, you will get something slightly different.

Many will remember him as a Warrior that protected Prop. 13 from the threat of a “split roll” many times; others will remember him helping to create the CA Commission on Disability Access, a place for dialogue between groups to find common ground and work towards positive solutions.

His imprint is on so many things from trying to restore Hetch Hetchy, protecting drive through restaurants, serving as a UC Regent, creating a unique to California protection against commercial rent control... Rex did all that and so much more.

Some may just remember personal attributes like his great love of music which he shared and talked about often and liked to start conference calls by singing a hit song from the 1960s or asking a trivia question.

Rex and his mark on California will never be forgotten.

Thank you, Rex, may you rest in peace.

[Rex S. Hime’s Obituary.](#)

MEMORIAL FOR REX IN SACRAMENTO

The family is planning a public memorial for Rex in Sacramento on March 16, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Sacramento. An RSVP is requested rexcelebration@bcfspa.com.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS – CA STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

From Cal Expo: For nearly 28 years, Rex Hime has been a powerful voice on the Cal Expo Board of Directors. He was continuously re-appointed by Governors on both sides of the aisle and was our longest serving board member.

While most people love the State Fair, Rex had a special affinity for the yearly event. We will miss his infectious smile, his staple Hawaiian shirts, and the hours he would spend greeting patrons and partners throughout the fairgrounds. On behalf of everyone at Cal Expo and the State Fair, we send our deepest condolences to Rex's family and many friends.

His family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Friends of the California State Fair. [Click here for more information](#) on how to donate.