



**A Message from our President
Diana Sanchez
Van Nuys Airport**

We are off to a great start for 2017, although I can't believe it's March already! Thank you all for supporting the "Good Vibrations" installation Dinner last week. I have heard nothing but wonderful comments. I have to thank all those involved in making the event a success especially our CEO Diana Duenas, Melody LeBlanc, Heather LeBlanc and the entire LeBlanc family, Atoosa Ring, Fariza Corbani, Linda and Jennifer Jenkins, Michelle Lau Oi Ling, Judy Cantu and the students from CSUN.

Congratulations again to Signature Flight Support for receiving the Diamond of the Community Award. In case you missed it, Signature is the world's largest network of Fixed Base Operators (FBOs), with over 200 locations. Signature's FBO's deliver essential support services for business and private aviation, including refueling, hangar space, and a variety of other amenities. Their parent company, BBA Aviation, provides grants every year to deserving organizations and supports employee volunteerism.

Locally, Signature Flight Support is the largest Fixed Base Operator at Van Nuys Airport. They are also responsible for housing the US Customs Service location for the airport, which is an economic asset to the Valley. It also helps reduce air traffic by eliminating additional stops. They have been involved in the local community including, sponsoring Van Nuys Airport's Annual Aviation Career Day, they are members of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association, they have participated in the Valley Presbyterian Golf Tournament, and a past participant in the Chamber's bowling tournament. Most recently, Signature opened their facility to temporarily house the large animals from the Wildlife Way Station during the Sand fire this summer.

I want to reiterate how honored I am to serve as the NEW President of the Encino Chamber. We have such a great group of individuals and companies. It is not about what the chamber can do for you, but what we can do together that creates the growth, the change we all want for our businesses and for our communities. It's about teamwork, about balance and about learning from each other. Another theme I choose for our board planning retreat was the Beatles, "A little help from my friends." Well, we are going to make great things happen this year, with all of you, you are our chamber friends and a little help goes a long way. I look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Diana Sanchez
2017 Encino Chamber President
Van Nuys Airport