

BIBA CAGGIANO DEDICATION



Links to media coverage

[ABC10 Coverage with Madison Wade](#)

[Sacramento Bee Article By Anthony Barcellos](#)

Project Summary

Unita Managed all aspects of this Project from 2019-2022. Project Highlights Include:

Following a multi-year advocacy effort (extended due to the pandemic), **A City of Sacramento Resolution and Proclamation was executed in 2022 by the Honorable Mayor Steinberg and all Sacramento City Council Members** to Dedicate the late and beloved restaurateur, Biba Caggiano. Unita is grateful to have the unique privilege of drafting, coordinating, and executing the city resolution through close collaboration with the mayor's office.

Unita also collaborated with local reporters at the Sacramento Bee and ABC10 to bring awareness to the formalized resolution and dedication. The resolution was formally presented to Biba's family and put on display at the SOLD OUT Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra end-of-season Gala Performance at the SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center in May 2022.

Resolution

RECOGNIZING BIBA CAGGIANO AND HER INCREDIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, born on October 18, 1936, in Bologna, Italy, Biba Caggiano grew up learning to cook the food of her native Emilia-Romagna region alongside her mother; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, she married her husband, Vincent, in New York and later the couple decided to move to Sacramento in 1969 where her husband joined a medical practice; and

WHEREAS, after discovering there were limited options for authentic Italian cuisine in Sacramento, Biba taught a series of cooking classes at a nearby cooking school where she dedicated over 35 years to educating others; and

WHEREAS, Biba decided to open her own restaurant, "Biba" in 1986, bringing one of the first fine dining experiences to Sacramento of any kind, her restaurant went on to become one of the most famous and beloved Italian restaurants in Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, Biba Caggiano and her restaurant have won many prestigious awards and national acclaims throughout her lifetime including the Robert Mondavi Culinary Award of Excellence, Northern California Chef of the Year, and Sacramento Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business Award as well as being featured on The Learning Channel and the Discovery Channel with her cooking show, "Biba's Italian Kitchen", which aired over 100 episodes; and

WHEREAS, Biba Caggiano was also a leader in our community, serving as an Honorary Chair of "The Fairytale Town After Hours" event sponsored by the Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center, and as 2004's honoree at WIND Youth Services 10th Anniversary Sacramento Stars Gala; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate Biba's incredible impact to our city, The Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra is dedicating an upcoming concert performance on May 14, 2022, at the SAFE Performing Arts Center in memory of Biba Caggiano.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento, that we do hereby recognize Biba Caggiano's remarkable contributions made to our community, as a cookbook author, television chef, and restaurateur.

ISSUED: May 14, 2022



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