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Climate Risk Entrepreneur Receives Berkeley Visionary Award

Monday, Sept. 26, 2016 – Berkeley, CA – Today The Berkeley Chamber of Commerce will honor climate risk expert Emilie Mazzacurati, Founder and CEO of Four Twenty Seven, with the 2016 Berkeley Visionary Award. Four Twenty Seven is a climate risk analytics company known for driving climate risk intelligence into the strategic decision making of Fortune 500 companies and government institutions. The ceremony will be held at the Berkeley Peets' Repertory Theater.

"The Chamber of Commerce is excited to recognize Emilie Mazzacurati and the team at Four Twenty Seven for their role in making the world a more climate-resilient place. Four Twenty Seven work guiding organizations that need to understand, quantify, and monetize the impacts of climate change on their operations and the communities that surround them is quite unique," said Chamber of Commerce CEO Polly Armstrong.

Recent Four Twenty Seven projects include performing [large scale climate vulnerability assessments](#) for the world's largest companies, building a [climate health risk dashboard](#) for a consortium of hospital networks, and developing a [mapping tool on heat and social inequity in the US](#).

Introducing Mazzacurati at the event is Michael McCormick, AICP from the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research. "Emilie's passion and ability to move complicated projects forward with successful results continues to raise eyebrows in a highly competitive industry. The cross-sectoral and cutting edge nature of her work is transformative and helping to inspire policy initiatives that will benefit climate change discussions in California and around the world for many years to come."

"Four Twenty Seven captures the essence of Berkeley by blending an unwavering commitment to social equity with intellectual rigor and technological savviness. Our success depends upon our ability to leverage the work from world-class climate scientists at UC Berkeley and beyond, and we help broadcast critical findings from the scientific community to business leaders and investors," emphasized Mazzacurati.

The Visionary Award catalyzes Berkeley's long tradition of cultivating local entrepreneurs and establishing a regional advantage for Berkeley's startup activity. "Transformational companies like Four Twenty Seven are moving the needle for the city by putting Berkeley on the map as a hub for job creation in the East Bay through startup activity," said Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates.

This award also puts Ms. Mazzacurati among the ranks of the other notable recipients including Chris Anderson (formerly the Editor in Chief at Wired Magazine) for his work with drones and Will Wright (SimCity) for his "entertainment think tank" Stupid Fan Club. Four Twenty Seven's analytics products have already won a long list of awards for their work on climate resilience and adaptation.



About Emilie Mazzacurati

[Ms. Mazzacurati](#) is an entrepreneur and thought-leader in the field of climate adaptation and resilience. She founded Four Twenty Seven, an award-winning market research and advisory firm, to bring climate risk analytics to private sector decision-makers and enable the incorporation of climate science into economic and financial decisions.

Ms. Mazzacurati was the lead author of the 2015 Caring for Climate report [The Business Case for Responsible Corporate Adaptation](#) and is a frequent speaker at international events on private sector climate risk and opportunities. She also serves as a member of the state of California's Technical Advisory Group for the implementation of Governor Brown's Executive Order on climate change (EO B-30-15) and teaches at the University of California, Davis Executive MBA on Business & Climate Change.

Ms. Mazzacurati holds a Master's of Political Science from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris and a Master's of Public Policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy at University of California (UC), Berkeley.

About Four Twenty Seven

Founded in 2012, Four Twenty Seven (www.427mt.com) is a climate risk analytics firm focused on climate resilience and adaptation strategies. Four Twenty Seven helps [Fortune 500 companies](#) and [government institutions](#) understand how to quantify and monetize climate change impacts on operations as well as social factors that affect normal operations. Customers rely on Four Twenty Seven's tools and models to factor into financial and operational planning processes. [Four Twenty Seven's team](#) is comprised of highly qualified professionals with backgrounds in climate science, economics and finance, natural resources management, policy analysis, public health, and international development.

Four Twenty Seven was a finalist for the prestigious Cartier Women's Initiative Award (2014), earned Climate Change Business Journal Awards for Climate Risk Management and Adaptation (2014 and 2015), took first prize in the ESRI Human Health and Climate Change Challenge 2015, and won the Verdantix Environment, Health and Safety Information Management Award (2016) and recipient of the [2016 Berkeley Visionary Award](#). The company was founded by Emilie Mazzacurati in 2012 and is headquartered in the San Francisco Bay Area, California.

About the Berkeley Visionary Award

The Berkeley Visionary Award was founded by the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce in 2014 to honor business leaders who are making Berkeley known for transformational enterprises. Other recipients of the 2016 Berkeley Visionary Award include Steve Isaacs, Chairman, President, and CEO, Aduro Biotech, and Danielle Applestone, CEO, Other Machine Company. The awards will be given Monday, Sept. 26, 5 p.m., at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre featuring keynote speaker Michael Witherell, Director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

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