

California Optometric Association

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**SILICON VALLEY EYE DOCTOR NAMED OPTOMETRIST OF THE YEAR
BY AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION**

Sacramento, CA – Today, the California Optometric Association (COA) announced Dr. David M. Redman, O.D. has been named the “Optometrist of the Year” for 2017 by the American Optometric Association (AOA). Dr. Redman is a practicing optometrist and partner in Precision Eyecare Centers in San Jose and Mountain View. Redman is also COA’s past president and current chair of the legislative and regulatory committee.

“The California Optometric Association is pleased Dr. David Redman’s commitment to Californians’ eye health and to improving access to health for California’s underserved populations has been recognized at a national level,” said Dr. Ranjeet S. Bajwa, President, California Optometric Association. “In addition to his leadership within the practice of optometry and in-patient care, Dr. Redman has had a tremendous influence in his community that extends far beyond the exam room. Through his generous commitment of time and talent in service of the public, Dr. Redman has strengthened educational opportunities for young people, delivered eye care to countless needy patients, and improved access to care throughout California.”

The award recognizes Dr. Redman’s outstanding service on behalf of the profession and the visual welfare of the public. Earlier this year, Dr. Redman, who served as COA president from 2008-09, was named the “Optometrist of the Year” by COA. Redman’s advocacy on behalf of the profession resulted in a landmark California laws that protected optometrists’ independent judgment in serving patients and expanded optometrists’ roles in treating glaucoma and caring for diabetic patients. He has also been a leading voice in the effort to expand eye care access to school-age children.

"I am extremely honored to be recognized by both the AOA and COA. So much of our learning is done through the eyes, and that’s why I’m so passionate about ensuring every child has the opportunity to see clearly,” said Dr. Redman. “It’s an honor to share the opportunity for sight with children and adults throughout our region and to help shape laws in California and nationally to expand access to eye care and health."

Redman’s public service has included organizing and participating in countless vision care clinics, serving on the board of Salud Para La Gente clinics and on the First 5 San Benito Children’s and Family Commission. Dr. Redman’s public service also includes numerous appearances on the San Francisco Bay Area NBC affiliate channel KNTV, educating viewers on dry eye and children's vision issues.

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