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**McKeown Plumbing and San Clemente Plumbing Team Up**

San Clemente Plumbing's Mike Litalien joins McKeown Plumbing to broaden its service area and increase problem solving capacity

(Laguna Beach, Calif.) McKeown Plumbing announces that Mike Litalien, former owner of San Clemente Plumbing, has joined the company. He brings four decades of experience serving the San Clemente area to McKeown's four decades of service in Laguna Beach and its surrounding cities.

Mike launched San Clemente Plumbing in 1981, working primarily with custom homes. He built the company handling large commercial and public works projects, and operating the residential side of his business with four trucks.

"We have teamed up to leverage the vast experience and resources of two great plumbing companies to serve more of coastal Orange County," said Walt Stender, CEO of McKeown Plumbing. "Our vision is to bring new technology, better water quality control and management, and smart home systems to the community."

Litalien developed a reputation as a highly skilled plumber and ethical businessperson in San Clemente according to the local press. The Daily Sun Post Newspaper dubbed him "Honest Mike," and noted his ability to troubleshoot problems that other plumbers could not solve.

"Even during this time of Covid-19, we are working to solve our customer's problems in a safe manner, adhering to safety guidelines," said Stender.

McKeown Plumbing was founded in 1973 to serve the plumbing needs of the Laguna Beach area. The company grew steadily to operate with seven trucks.

"We share the focus of solving the immediate problem and not looking for opportunities to sell additional work," said Jon Wickwire, President. "If something can be fixed, we will fix it."

Both companies have worked with many of their customers over multiple generations.

"McKeown Plumbing and I value the long-term customer relationship," said Mike Litalien. "We are your lifetime plumber."

Providing reliable, quality service is the core value for both companies.

"Helping people is our shared vision. We are excited to build a company that supports our customers, employees and our local community," said Stender.

**About McKeown Plumbing**

Founded in 1973, McKeown Plumbing is a provider of residential and commercial plumbing services. The company is based in Laguna Beach, California, and serves the coastal communities from Newport Beach to San Clemente.