NOMINATION FORM

The *Salute To Small Business* awards program was created to recognize the important contributions small businesses make in our community. You are invited to nominate your business or another small business in any of the following categories:

CATEGORIES (please check all that apply)**:**

- ☐ Agribusiness (includes agricultural production and related industries)
- ☐ Business Professionals
- ☐ Entrepreneur of the Year (must be a business launching a new, innovative product [goods or service] and/or demonstrating significant economic growth in terms of employees and/or revenue)
- ☐ Minority-owned Business (at least 51% owned and managed)[1]
- ☐ Nonprofit (501c3)
- ☐ Hospitality
- ☐ Woman-owned Business (at least 51% owned and managed)

Nominated businesses must be:

- Independent and privately owned
- In business at least three years
- Headquartered in Monterey County
- Have sales no greater than $5 million annually

BUSINESS NAME

( ) PHONE NUMBER

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

EMAIL

ADDRESS

TYPE OF BUSINESS

YEAR ESTABLISHED

2013 REVENUES[2]

2013 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

2014 REVENUES[2]

2014 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Please attach responses to the following (not to exceed 1,500 words):

1. Please tell the company's story.
2. Describe the company's major accomplishments.
3. Describe its community involvement.
4. Letters of Recommendation are strongly encouraged.

NOMINATOR (if different from above)

( ) PHONE NUMBER

ADDRESS

EMAIL

Nominations must be returned no later than September 30, 2015, to:
***Salute to Small Business* • 655 Main Street, Watsonville, CA 95076**

Nominations may also be dropped off at any local Union Bank® branch or faxed to (855) 265-3324.
Additional nomination forms are available at Union Bank Monterey County branches or at unionbank.com/salute2biz.

For more information, contact Laura Kostreba:
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[1]Minority-owned businesses are defined as businesses that are at least fifty-one percent (51%) minority owned, operated, controlled and managed by an individual or group who are U.S. citizens. Minorities include, but are not limited to: Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans and combined ethnic groups. Definition is from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

[2]Revenue information will be kept strictly confidential and used solely for the purpose of evaluating nominees. Year-over-year growth may be submitted.

Winners will be honored at the Salute to Small Business awards reception, held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Monterey, and receive an award certificate. One 2015 Salute to Small Business winner will be recognized in each of the following seven categories: Best Agribusiness, Business Professional of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Best Minority-owned Business, Best Nonprofit, Best Hospitality Business, and Best Woman-owned Business. Winner need not be present to accept award. Past winners are not eligible to win again.

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