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### **Epicurean Group Commitment to Green Business Practices Earns County Notice, Certification**

Los Altos, CA (October 6, 2017) – Epicurean Group achieved official recognition as a Green Business on September 28 at a celebration hosted by the County of Santa Clara Green Business Program. The event honored 83 businesses that “demonstrate environmental stewardship that goes above and beyond the minimum required by local regulations.”

Launched in 1999, the County of Santa Clara Green Business Program is part of the Bay Area Green Business Program and is a founding member of the California Green Business Program. The program is a partnership with local cities, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, Pacific Gas & Electric and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

“Involvement with the Green Business Program shows a level of commitment that goes beyond just operating a business. It shows that these business owners care about creating an environment that will continue to thrive in generations to come,” said Supervisor Dave Cortese, president of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. “I’m delighted that the efforts Epicurean Group has made toward a cleaner, healthier and more vibrant Santa Clara County are being recognized and celebrated.”

“We’re thrilled to be recognized as a Green Business,” said Epicurean Group CEO Mary Clark Bartlett. “Throughout all our cafés, we’re eliminating plastic and food waste, reducing vehicle miles and using food that is healthy and produced in the most environmentally responsible manner. We’re reducing meat consumption and serving grass-fed beef and organic and Fair Trade foods. And, we’re educating our customers about the foods that are good for their health and for the health of the planet.”

Epicurean Group also received the State of California’s most prestigious environmental honor, the Governor’s Environmental and Economic Leadership Award in 2017, for its Waste Not program. “Our Waste Not program directly supports the state’s waste reduction and climate-change goals,” said Bartlett. “We hope that our progressive programs and practices will inspire all Californians to create positive environmental change for the benefit of future generations.”

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*Epicurean Group is an independent food-service management company that provides restaurant and catering services to corporations, educational campuses, and fine arts facilities throughout Northern California. Founded in 2003, Epicurean Group is committed to socially responsible and environmentally sustainable business practices.*

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*Joni Sare, Executive Chef/Marketing and Sales, accepts the Green Business certification for Epicurean Group from Dave Cortese, president of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.*

