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## Susan K. Black has been named Business Woman of the Year by the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce

GILROY, CA - Pinnacle Bank (OTCQX:PBK) is pleased to announce that the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce has named Susan K. Black Business Woman of the Year.

The Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce annually recognizes a local business woman as Business Woman of the Year. The recipient is chosen not only for their personal and professional success, but also for how well they have supported other women in developing their personal lives.

Ms. Black is being recognized as a co-founder of two local community banks. She was a co-founder of Pinnacle Bank in 2006 and has served as its President & CEO since 2008. Under her stewardship the Bank has tripled in size from \$100M to \$300 million in assets. She serves on the American Bankers Association Community Bankers Council and is the Treasurer and a Director of the Hartnell College Foundation.

Ms. Black is a founder of the Women's Economic and Leadership Summit of the Hartnell College Foundation which has raised over \$250K to support and endow the Women's Education and Leadership Institute at Hartnell College. 150 women have graduated the program and 97% of them remain or have completed their education.

"I am truly honored to receive this award and to join such an extraordinary group of women who have done so much for our community," stated Ms. Black. "I am passionate about community banking and very proud of our Pinnacle bankers. Working with the Hartnell College Foundation has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had. The College and Foundation excel at growing leaders."

The Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce is an association of nearly 700 businesses and organizations, representing thousands of local employees and stakeholders. The Chamber is dedicated to Creating a Strong Local Economy, Promoting the Community, Providing Networking Opportunities, Representing the Interests of Business with Government, and Taking Political Action.

### **About Pinnacle Bank**

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