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DOWNTOWN MONTEREY WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES

Monterey, CA – Alvarado Street in downtown Monterey is bustling with six new businesses opening their doors in just the last few months. **Starbucks** is once again serving its signature coffee drinks in a newly renovated space with lots of light and plenty of indoor and outdoor seating on the corner of Alvarado and Del Monte streets. Right next door, the brightly colored **pinkberry** is dishing up premium frozen yogurt made hormone-free milk, live and active cultures, and topped with fresh fruit that is hand cut daily. A few doors down, **Olio Vintage Fun** is offering shoppers a chance to step back in time as they browse an eclectic mix of mid-20th century treasures. The shop is filled with the things many people grew up with at home or at their grandma's house. Across the street **Caffé Trieste** is bringing a San Francisco tradition to Monterey. As the first Espresso coffee house on the West Coast, Caffe Trieste has been serving up quality Espresso coffee and music for over a half century in San Francisco since it opened in 1956. The historic flagship location in North Beach hosts poets, writers, composers and artists. Another San Francisco icon is establishing a presence on Alvarado Street. The family that owns the world famous *Tadich Grill* in San Francisco now owns the **Mucky Duck**. The popular night spot is now also open for lunch**.**

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And last but not least, **Chocolate Dreams** is a haven for chocolate lovers featuring an assortment of handmade chocolates and gift items.

"I encourage people to come down to Alvarado Street and enjoy the new and exciting shops that have opened," said Mayor Chuck Della Sala. "These businesses deserve our support. They are providing the products and services our residents and visitors want."

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