

Council Member Johnson, Tony, Diana, and Commissioners,

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Here is a summary of our process and the results of the selection for this year's business recognitions.

Council members received a list of 31 business nominations for this year's process and independently scored nominations using the attached selection rubric. At the August 14, 2024, meeting of the Economic Development Commission, four Commissioners (Wallace Ricks, Hanah Rainey, Marvin Kouza, and Gary Packard) along with ad hoc member Melany Edwards-Barton, discussed the nominees and identified their top candidates in each category. In each category, commissioners identified and voted on the top nominees in each category based on the selection criteria and selected a winner for each category. We agreed that a business could only be selected for one of the four categories.

Based on these rankings and limiting winners to only one category, the selections by the Commission are:

Overall Small Business – Franco's Barbershop
Minority Owned Small Business – Sakura
Woman Owned Small Business – Desert Rose Essential Herbs
Veteran Owned Small Business – Urban Axe Yard

Thank you.



Best,
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