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The Caribbean Cove Enters the Home Stretch on Restaurant Renovation.

Tenant improvements at new facility almost complete as The Caribbean Cove passes fire inspection.

Berkeley, Calif., April 12, 2005 — The Caribbean Cove recently passed fire safety inspections – one of the final steps towards opening the restaurant to the public – and celebrated the milestone with a private party to give thanks to suppliers, trades-people, friends and family for their hard work and support. Guests came from points as far away as Los Gatos and Sacramento to enjoy Es-Cove-ich Fish, Coconut Curry Shrimp, Jerk Chicken, Rice & Peas, Fried Plantain and Nevis Kiss Orchard Salad all washed down with ice cold Ting grapefruit drink.

Chef Judith O'Loughlin said "The reason it's taken so long is that we completely gutted and re-fitted the kitchen with updated equipment. We still have to get our final building inspections signed-off before we can throw the doors open to the public. Until then, I don't want to give out the address because I don't want people to come to the restaurant and find we're still waiting for inspections. But we do have a great location in Berkeley, close to the UCB campus, and everybody who's seen the dining room loves it."

Decorated by Tullah Carter, of Pineapple Productions, drawing from Caribbean lifestyle magazines, the dining room seats over 20 people, and is resplendent in tropical yellows and blues, with newly re-finished hardwood floors. Looking up, one has the sense of the open blue skies of the West Indies thanks to the high ceiling, but the feeling is intimate and cozy from table to table, with some seats afforded a view of the action in the kitchen area. Further enhancing the tropical feel, the restaurant is located within a two-story indoor retail atrium with skylights and an abundance of live greenery.

The party was interrupted only by the sound of the ringing telephone - anxious diners calling to ask for the location and opening date. Judith expects final inspections to be complete over the next two weeks, as the finishing touches are applied to the space.

The Caribbean Cove is a woman-of-color owned independent food service business serving the San Francisco Bay area. The Caribbean Cove serves up authentic Caribbean cuisine for a wide range of special occasions including corporate events, wedding receptions, theme parties, backstage cooking for music events and more. For a menu and information on services, visit www.thecaribbeancove.com

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