

Heritage Commerce Corp Declares Quarterly Cash Dividend of \$0.02 Per Share

San Jose, California – January 29, 2009 – Heritage Commerce Corp (Nasdaq:HTBK), today announced that its Board of Directors declared a \$0.02 per share quarterly cash dividend. The dividend will be paid on March 10, 2009, to shareholders of record on February 27, 2009. “We have reduced our dividend from \$0.08 per share per quarter in our effort to conserve capital so we can continue to improve our franchise and support our customers and communities during these uncertain economic times,” said Walter Kaczmarek, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Heritage Commerce Corp, a bank holding company established in February 1998, is the parent company of Heritage Bank of Commerce, established in 1994 and headquartered in San Jose with full-service branches in Los Gatos, Fremont, Danville, Pleasanton, Walnut Creek, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, Mountain View, and Los Altos. Heritage Bank of Commerce is an SBA Preferred Lender with loan production offices in Fresno, Sacramento, Oakland, and Santa Rosa, California. For more information, please visit www.heritagecommercecorp.com.

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