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### **Mary Celestre Elected Board Director of Petaluma Ecumenical Properties Housing**

**Petaluma, CA** – (November 2, 2009) – Mary Celestre, Petaluma Branch Manager and AVP of Summit State Bank, has been elected to the Board of Directors for Petaluma Ecumenical Properties (PEP) Housing. For the past nine years, Ms. Celestre has been actively involved in PEP Housing’s fundraising events, dinners and auctions.

With over 30 years of banking experience in Marin and Sonoma Counties and bilingual Spanish skills, Ms. Celestre has an in-depth understanding of the local business community. As a Petaluma resident for the past nine years, Ms. Celestre also participates in other philanthropic activities in the community, including the Petaluma Valley Rotary, Petaluma Chamber of Commerce and Junior Achievement. She currently serves as a Board Director for Petaluma People Services Center, and served on the Board of Directors for the El Nido Teen Center for four years.

PEP Housing is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing quality affordable housing, housing support services, and advocacy for the low-income community. PEP Housing has developed more than 300 low-income senior rental units in Sonoma County, demonstrating that dreams can be realized with perseverance and community support.

About Summit State Bank: Summit State Bank has total assets of \$347 million and total equity of \$56 million at September 30, 2009. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. Summit State Bank’s stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol SSBI. Further information can be found at [www.summitstatebank.com](http://www.summitstatebank.com).

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