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Summit State Bank Promotes Vanesa Valencia to Vice President

Santa Rosa, CA – (February 2, 2018) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) has promoted Vanesa Valencia to Vice President. Vanesa recently assumed responsibility for a newly created department as Analytics and Project Manager.

“We are pleased to have Vanesa lead this important area of the Bank where she oversees management reports, as well as prioritizes and manages the large number of initiatives on the Bank’s projects list. The Bank is growing, and her role will be critical in supporting management with all of our initiatives,” said Jim Brush, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Vanesa joined Summit State Bank in 2009 and has a B.S. Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting and minor in Economics. She also earned her Master’s Degree in Business Administration in 2011.

Vanesa volunteers throughout the community and served on the Community Child Care Council (4Cs) Board for three years. She is a graduate of Leadership Santa Rosa, Class XXXI, as well as a graduate of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Leadership Forum. Vanesa was a founding member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Group and lives in Santa Rosa with her husband and two children. She enjoys spending her free time with family and friends.

About Summit State Bank

Summit State Bank, a local community bank, has total assets of \$611 million and total equity of \$60 million at December 31, 2017. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank specializes in providing exceptional customer service and customized financial solutions to aid in the success of local small businesses and nonprofits throughout Sonoma County.

Summit State Bank is committed to embracing the diverse backgrounds, cultures and talents of its employees to create high performance and support the evolving needs of its customers and community it serves. At the center of diversity is inclusion, collaboration, and a shared vision for delivering superior service and results for shareholders. Presently, 70% of management are women and minorities with 40% represented on the Executive Management Team.

Through the engagement of its team, Summit State Bank has received many esteemed awards including: Best Business Bank, Corporate Philanthropy Award and Best Places to Work in the North Bay. 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.

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