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Summit State Bank Promotes Vanesa Valencia to Assistant Vice President

Santa Rosa, CA – (May 26, 2016) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) has promoted Vanesa Valencia to Assistant Vice President and Community Reinvestment Act Manager.

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

Valencia 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 son. 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 \$522 million and total equity of \$59 million at March 31, 2016. 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, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties.

Summit State Bank's workforce resembles the diverse community it serves. Presently, 60% of management are women and minorities with 50% represented on the Executive Management Team. Through the inclusion and engagement of its workforce, Summit State Bank has earned many prestigious awards including: Best Company to do Business with in Sonoma County by the Northbay Biz magazine; Best Places to Work in the North Bay by the North Bay Business Journal; Super Performing Bank by Findley Reports; and Top 75 Corporate Philanthropists in the San Francisco Bay Area by the San Francisco Business Times. 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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