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Summit State Bank Promotes Charlene Richman to Vice President

Santa Rosa, CA – (December 27, 2018) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) has promoted Charlene Richman to Vice President. Charlene has held many positions within the Bank and was promoted earlier this year to Compliance Officer.

“Charlene’s experience in the banking industry and in bank operations has made her a natural fit for her role as Compliance Officer. She has streamlined processes, become a mentor to the compliance/BSA team while expanding her knowledge. The everchanging regulatory side of banking has created the need for a strong leader and we were fortunate to have Charlene on our team to step into this role. She is a dedicated leader at Summit State Bank and in our community,” said Genie Del Secco, EVP and Chief Operating Officer of Summit State Bank.

Charlene has been with Summit State Bank for 12 years and in the banking industry for 16 years. Richman volunteers for Petaluma Ecumenical Properties, Rebuilding Together Petaluma and Rohnert Park, Petaluma Animal Services Foundation and the Petaluma Chamber of Commerce. Charlene currently serves as the Treasurer of the Bennett Valley Education Foundation.

Charlene lives in Santa Rosa with her husband and two sons. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, and attending sporting events.

About Summit State Bank

Summit State Bank, a local community bank, has total assets of \$595 million and total equity of \$60 million at September 30, 2018. 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, 80% of management are women and minorities with 60% 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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