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### **Summit State Bank Announces Two Leadership Promotions in Marketing and Operations**

**Santa Rosa, CA – (December 12, 2025)** – Summit State Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Christina Ocegüera from Marketing Assistant to Assistant Vice President and Senior Marketing Specialist, and Casandra “Casy” Russell to Vice President, where she will continue to serve as Central Operations Manager.

“We are proud to recognize Christina and Casy for their leadership and dedication to our customers and community. Their promotions reflect the strength of our talent and the high level of service we strive to deliver every day,” said Brian Reed, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Christina Ocegüera has more than 13 years of marketing experience, including over 11 years with Summit. Throughout her time at the Bank, she has held multiple positions within the department and developed a deep understanding of Bank’s brand, values, and community relationships. Since returning to the Bank in 2023, she has elevated the Bank’s marketing initiatives through dependable execution, collaborative leadership, and thoughtful brand stewardship.

Casy Russell has over nine years of industry experience and has been instrumental in strengthening the efficiency and stability of the Bank’s operations. She has led efforts to improve workflows, enhance internal controls, and support cross-department collaboration - all with a focus on service quality and customer experience. Casy’s leadership continues to play a vital role in supporting the Bank’s commitment to exceptional service.

#### **About Summit State Bank**

Founded in 1982 and headquartered in Sonoma County, Summit State Bank is an award-winning community bank serving the North Bay. The Bank serves small businesses, nonprofits, and the community, with total assets of \$1.0 billion and total equity of \$100 million as of September 30, 2025. The Bank has built its reputation over the past 40 years by specializing in providing exceptional customer service and customized financial solutions to aid in the success of its customers.

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. Through the engagement of its team, Summit State Bank has received many esteemed awards including: Top Performing Community Bank by American Banker, Best Places to Work in the North Bay and Diversity in Business by North Bay Business Journal, Corporate Philanthropy Award by the San Francisco Business Times, and Hall of Fame by North Bay Biz Magazine. 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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