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**Summit State Bank Welcomes Donatella Levintow as Senior Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager.**

**Santa Rosa, CA** – (October 2, 2019) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) welcomes Donatella Levintow as Senior Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager.

“We are lucky to add such a well-rounded professional, with over 35 years of experience, to our already robust team. Donatella has been highly successful in establishing lending and deposit relationships in the North Bay and the greater San Francisco Bay Area. Her knowledge and customer focus are welcome and aligned with meeting the Bank’s strategic direction for growth,” said Jim Brush, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Donatella’s professional career has been focused in the commercial area, starting as a credit analyst in the corporate and middle market division of a large international bank, with subsequent roles in credit, lending and loan portfolio management, and in business development and relationship management. She is returning to her roots in community banking where she served in senior lending and management positions at local community banks, including National Bank of the Redwoods in Santa Rosa, where she was their SVP/Real Estate Industries Group Manager. Most recently, she was a Senior Vice President and Relationship Manager at Presidio Bank, where her contribution was instrumental in starting up the company and growing their North Bay Region.

Donatella was born and raised in Florence, Italy, where she earned her Accounting degree and a Music degree with an instrument major in Flute.

Over the years, Donatella has been an active member of the community volunteering her time in the Finance, Marketing and Loan Committees of multiple organizations. She is Co-Founder and Treasurer of the North Bay Chapter of the Commercial Real Estate Professionals Network (CREPN), a real-estate centric group based in San Francisco which brings together a network of professionals from a variety of industry sectors to share market information, best practices, latest trends, and explore ways to encourage client interaction.

Donatella enjoys Italian regional cooking, traveling, arts and architecture, opera, musical theater and jazz. She enjoys the contact with nature, hiking, snorkeling, growing her veggies, and spending time with her family.

**About Summit State Bank**

Summit State Bank, a local community bank, has total assets of \$636 million and total equity of \$65 million at June 30, 2019. 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, 82% 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](http://www.summitstatebank.com).

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