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CALIFORNIA BANK & TRUST VOTED BEST BANK IN SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO - (September 1, 2011) – California Bank & Trust (CB&T) (www.calbanktrust.com) is proud to announce they have been voted San Diego’s Best Bank in the 2011 Union-Tribune’s readers’ poll. As the largest community bank headquartered in San Diego, CB&T takes great pride in complimenting the bank’s strong market presence with this noteworthy community recognition.

Each year, the *Union-Tribune* hosts a San Diego’s Best poll, encouraging residents to vote for their favorite in areas ranging from sports to finance. The San Diego’s Best contest includes over 150 categories and is based on the total number of votes received during a three week voting period. This year, California Bank & Trust was the number one choice for the Best Bank award.

As a first time recipient of this award, this community recognition solidifies the bank’s internal core value of delivering first-class service second to none.

“Our associates set us apart from the competition,” said Tory Nixon, San Diego Division President. “Their commitment to making connections and building relationships with our clients allows us to consistently provide exceptional service in our community.”

About California Bank & Trust

California Bank & Trust is the largest community bank headquartered in San Diego with over \$10 billion in assets and more than 100 branches statewide. CB&T provides a full array of financial solutions for businesses and individuals. The professional bankers at CB&T are backed by major resources, yet maintain local decision-making authority and regional market and industry expertise. They are committed to providing clients with valuable business and economic insights and to connecting them with the beneficial business relationships they need to succeed. CB&T is a preferred SBA Lender and currently ranked #1 in San Diego for C&I Lending by the San Diego Business Journal. As part of Zions Bancorporation, CB&T is a proud recipient of 14 Greenwich Associates 2010 Excellence Awards in banking.

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