

# Press Release

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## **CALIFORNIA BANK & TRUST OPENS NEW REGIONAL OFFICE IN PASADENA**

**SAN DIEGO - (August 15, 2011)** – California Bank & Trust (CB&T) ([www.calbanktrust.com](http://www.calbanktrust.com)) is pleased to announce the community-based bank has opened a new regional office in the Southern California city of Pasadena. The banking leader’s Pasadena location will serve as a regional hub where the branch and commercial banking are brought together under the same umbrella to serve local businesses and individuals.

The bank’s newest location will be directed by a very talented and experienced management team. Carlos Huerta will serve as branch manager and also holds the title of first vice president. The commercial banking office will be directed by Lars Hens and Alex Kim, both vice presidents. This management team is committed to serving the financial needs of Pasadena and its surrounding communities. The entire team brings a wealth of banking experience to the new regional office for the San Gabriel Valley located at 155 North Lake Avenue, Suite 100, in Pasadena.

Huerta is a seasoned banking professional with over thirty years of experience, primarily in the Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley market. Most recently he served as senior vice president and commercial banking manager at Americas United Bank in Glendale where he managed the commercial banking department and cash management services. Before that, he and a group of local business leaders organized and founded California General Bank N.A., one of only two banks to be approved and opened in California in 2009.

“As a banking professional with decades of experience in the Pasadena market I feel very comfortable saying that California Bank & Trust is a perfect fit for the area,” said Huerta. “The bank’s focus on the local community and small, mid and large sized business solutions will make California Bank & Trust a valued asset in the region.”

Lars Hens and Alex Kim will serve as the primary commercial banking lenders in Pasadena. Until recently, Hens was a director with a Los Angeles-based private equity firm. Prior to that, he served in operational positions with Johnson & Johnson and Medtronic. He holds degrees in engineering and chemistry from Dartmouth College and an M.B.A. from the USC Marshall School of Business.

“California Bank & Trust offers the perfect suite of banking services to middle-market businesses including an array of financing solutions, cash management services, merchant services and international banking. I look forward to providing my business customers with a full banking solution.”

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Prior to joining California Bank & Trust, Kim was a senior associate at Allied Capital Corporation where he was responsible for underwriting and executing middle-market debt and equity transactions. He has also worked as an analyst in the leveraged finance group of Banc of America Securities and was a top 100 world-ranked professional tennis player.

“California Bank & Trust takes pride in its commitment to establish close commercial banking relationships with the local business community. I look forward to the opportunity to build strong banking relationships in Pasadena and throughout the Los Angeles region on behalf of CB&T,” said Kim.

The new Pasadena CB&T regional office opened on August 15. Branch hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Validated parking is available in the parking structure behind the building. The bank’s entire team is readily available to meet with local businesses and community members to help them meet their financial needs.

### **About California Bank & Trust**

California Bank & Trust, a subsidiary of Zions Bancorporation (NASDAQ: ZION), is one of the largest banks headquartered in California 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, including commercial lending, small business lending, SBA financing, cash management and international banking. 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, as part of Zions Bancorporation, is a proud recipient of 14 Greenwich Associates 2010 Excellence Awards in banking. To learn more, visit [www.calbanktrust.com](http://www.calbanktrust.com) or call (800) 400-6080.

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