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San Jose City Council Commends Bridge Bank

San José initiative recognizes San Jose businesses that drive the economy

San José – San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales and the City Council will recognize and commend Bridge Bank, which started in May 2001, is NASDAQ-listed, is now the fastest-growing new bank in California, one of the fastest growing banks in the nation, and among the top 5% of its peers of U.S. banks in financial performance.

Committed to providing superior banking solutions to the small and mid-sized emerging businesses in every economic sector, Bridge Bank has originated more than \$1 billion in loans to Silicon Valley businesses during the last five years and has pioneered a state-of-the-art model of advanced bank technology.

Bridge Bank is among the top 10% of Small Business Administration lenders in California, providing an outstanding model for success that benefits the entire community by providing capital that helps local businesses grow.

With its corporate headquarters in Downtown San Jose, Bridge Bank employs more than 100 people with high-quality wages and benefits and is committed to corporate philanthropy and community involvement.

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The city's commendation to Bridge Bank is a part of San José's Business Appreciation Initiative, which is a key component of the city's economic development strategy. This business-retention effort recognizes San José successful companies that are fast growing, international, generate significant sales tax, employ more than 1,000 employees, or publicly traded and based in San José.

For more information on the San José economic development strategy and the city's business support services, go to **www.sjeconomy.com**.

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