



MISSION VALLEY BANK

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Tamara Gurney, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mission Valley Bank welcomes two new officers to the bank's growing Valencia location.

Willie Pleitez joined the bank as Vice President and Manager of the Valencia Office. With more than 20 years of commercial banking experience in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys, Mr. Pleitez possesses a strong understanding of the local area business community. Willie has been active in a number of local area Chambers of Commerce as well as having been very involved with the VEDC for a number of years.

Also joining Mission Valley Bank's Valencia Office is Art Lugo as a Vice President and Relationship Manager. Art has more than 25 years of experience in Business Banking and is a seasoned Commercial Lender. A graduate of California State University – Los Angeles, Art has also served as the Treasurer of the Hispanic Bankers Association.

Ms. Gurney stated "In today's turbulent economic times, people need more from their banking relationships than ever before. Growing businesses need Bankers that get to know them as individuals and work to get a real understanding of their business and its needs. They need Bankers that provide them financial solutions – not just products." Gurney continued, "I am particularly excited to welcome Willie Pleitez and Art Lugo to our Valencia team as both are seasoned financial experts and bring with them the skill and knowledge our clients deserve."

Tamara Gurney noted, "The philosophy of Mission Valley Bank is to be a financial partner with each of our clients, providing them with a great deal more than outstanding banking services. Willie and Art's expertise in the growth and development of small to mid sized businesses further strengthens our Bank's ability to truly assist in the development of our client's businesses." Gurney continued, "We understand that our clients have almost limitless choices when it comes to selecting a financial institution. Our commitment to developing a partnership with each client enables us to provide something that cannot be found at any other bank. We do not just talk about relationship banking, we create it. Willie and Art are very welcome additions to our outstanding team of relationship bankers."

Headquartered in Sun Valley California, Mission Valley Bank is a well capitalized, growing community based business bank with offices in Sun Valley, the Centre Pointe area of Santa Clarita and the Valencia Industrial Center. FDIC Insured. **End.**

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