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Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley, N.A. To Open New Office In Downtown Palo Alto, California

Valley Banking Veterans Kenneth D. Brenner, Colleen Carlsted To Lead Team

Santa Clara, CA – November 2, 2001 – Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley, N.A. (OTCBB: BBSV), Santa Clara County's newest full-service business bank, announced that it will open a branch office in downtown Palo Alto. The 3,000 square foot facility will be located on the ground floor of 525 University Avenue, downtown Palo Alto's premier office address.

Valley banking industry veterans Kenneth D. Brenner and Colleen Carlsted, who recently joined the bank's management group, have been named to lead the team of seven bankers that will staff the new office. Additionally, Mr. Brenner has been named President of the newly created Bridge Bank of Palo Alto division.

"We're excited about extending our business activities to the Palo Alto region," said Mr. Myers, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley. "The new office will put us closer to the growing list of our clients in the Palo Alto and lower Peninsula commercial centers."

The new office will be called Bridge Bank of Palo Alto and function as a division of Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley, N.A. "Having two of the most experienced Palo Alto bankers leading this effort in the unique business and banking market that is Palo Alto, we felt strongly that the Bridge Bank and Palo Alto names together were a natural fit."

Mr. Myers said that Bridge Bank of Palo Alto will offer a full range of commercial banking services, with a focus on corporate banking services and commercial, construction, and real estate lending. The office will also offer private banking services.

"I look forward to again working with my many friends and associates in the Palo Alto area," said Mr. Brenner. "The city is a great place to do business, and a great place from which to launch Bridge Bank's first expansion."

"Palo Alto is a very dynamic, business-oriented community," says Ms. Carlsted. "We feel confident that Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley will find a comfortable home as a place to grow and prosper in the months and years ahead."

Combined, Mr. Brenner and Ms. Carlsted have more than five decades of top-level banking experience, much of it in and around Palo Alto.

Before joining Bridge Bank, Mr. Brenner was President and Managing Director of the Venture Banking Group of Cupertino National Bank. Before joining Cupertino National Bank in 1992, Mr. Brenner spent six years at Silicon Valley Bank in various senior management positions. He established that bank's Palo Alto Square office and later opened that bank's downtown San Jose regional office.

Previous to her new position at Bridge Bank, Ms. Carlsted was an executive vice president at Cupertino National Bank, a \$2 billion commercial business bank. At Cupertino National, she managed the real estate, commercial, and SBA lending groups, as well as a deposit acquisition team.

About Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley, N.A.

Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley is Santa Clara County's newest full-service business bank. The bank is dedicated to meeting the financial needs of small and middle market businesses in Silicon Valley. Bridge Bank provides its clients with a comprehensive package of business banking solutions delivered through experienced, professional bankers. Visit Bridge Bank on the web at www.bridgebanksv.com.

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