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Kenneth D. Brenner Named Executive Vice President At Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley

Santa Clara, California – October 4, 2001 -- Daniel P. Myers, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley N.A. (**OTCBB: BBSV**), announced today that Kenneth D. Brenner has joined the bank as Executive Vice President.

“Ken is an outstanding addition to the bank’s management team,” said Mr. Myers. “He brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his new position and will help us further develop the breadth and depth of Bridge Bank’s target markets in the months and years ahead. We are all very excited to have Ken on board.”

“Ken has been successful in the business banking, technology, and real estate markets for twenty-four years and knows his way around the Valley’s business corridors,” said Allan Kramer, M.D., Chairman of the bank. “I feel confident that Ken will be a key player in the development of Silicon Valley’s newest banking organization.”

“I look forward to working with Dan and the rest of the Bridge Bank management team, as well as the board of directors,” said Mr. Brenner. “I want to be an integral part of the exciting team that is building the Valley’s number one banking organization.”

Mr. Brenner has a quarter century of banking experience in Silicon Valley. Most recently, Mr. Brenner was President and Managing Director of the Venture Banking Group at Cupertino National Bank. He was also a member of the Senior Management Counsel for Greater Bay Bancorp, the holding company of Cupertino National Bank.

Before joining Cupertino National Bank in 1992, Mr. Brenner spent six years at Silicon Valley Bank in various high-level management positions. He established that bank’s Palo Alto Square Office and later opened the bank’s downtown San Jose Regional Office. Mr. Brenner developed \$300 million in new loans and deposits during his six years at Silicon Valley Bank.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Brenner worked at Lloyds Bank, Bank of the West, and Imperial Bank in such capacities as branch manager, commercial lender, and corporate business development officer.

Mr. Brenner serves on the Cantor Arts Center Board of Governors at Stanford University and is the past president and board member of the Palo Alto University Rotary Club. He is a founding director of the Churchill Club, past board member of the Association for Corporate Growth, as well as a past industry advisor to Upside and Red Herring magazines.

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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These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: (1) the impact of changes in interest rates, a decline in economic conditions and increased competition among financial service providers on the Company’s results of operations, (2) the Company’s ability to continue its internal growth rate, (3) the Company’s ability to build net interest spread, (4) the quality of the Company’s earning assets, and (5) government regulations.

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