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**CALIFORNIA BANK & TRUST HIRES ARDY FAROKHIRAD AS NEW
GREATER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EAST REGION MANAGER**

IRVINE, Calif. (April 20, 2015) – California Bank & Trust (CB&T) (www.calbanktrust.com) is pleased to announce that Ardy Farokhirad has been hired as senior vice president, regional manager for the Greater Southern California East Region. In this role he will be overseeing eight branches in communities from the Inland Empire to Downtown Los Angeles, 50 employees and \$722MM in deposits. Farokhirad brings to the California Bank & Trust team 25 years of extensive professional experience in financial services as well as an entrepreneurial background in small business as a business owner and Chief Financial Officer.

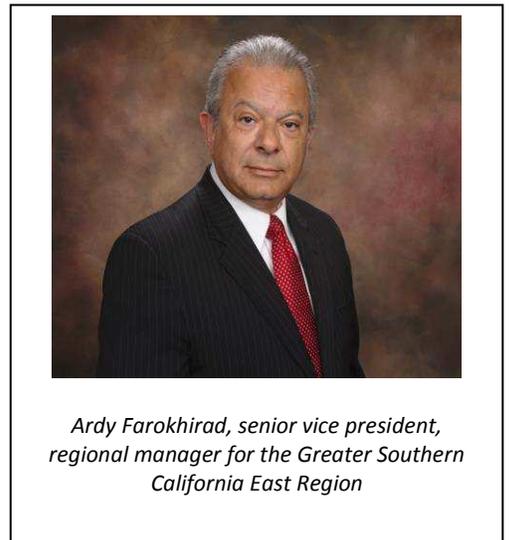
“I’m excited to join the California Bank & Trust. I’ve always focused my career on adding value for clients and building long-term relationships by helping them to streamline their businesses and access a wide variety of banking products to suit their needs,” said Farokhirad. “I enjoy cultivating teams and capitalizing on new business opportunities and hope new excitement to our greater Los Angeles communities.”

During his professional career Farokhirad has held senior leadership roles in commercial lending and credit administration, underwriting and structuring of wholesale credit, portfolio management of complex and large-scale business accounts, as well as the sales and operational management of commercial, business and retail banking at Wells Fargo and Bank of America. Most recently, he served as regional president for Commerce West Bank in Los Angeles, CA.

Farokhirad earned a bachelor of science degree in business management and later an MBA from the University La Verne. He is also a longtime Supporter/volunteer for Junior Achievement, City of Hope, and St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

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 nearly 100 branches statewide. CB&T provides a full array of financial solutions for businesses and individuals, including commercial and small business lending, cash management, international banking and wealth management. 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 is consistently rated by the FDIC as “outstanding” for its Community Reinvestment Act activities. To learn more, visit www.calbanktrust.com. Connect with California Bank & Trust on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).



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