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## **First Northern Bank Celebrates 30 Years in West Sacramento**

**Dixon, Calif.** – The West Sacramento Financial Center of First Northern Bank opened for business 30 years ago, over the two days from May 20-21, 1983. To celebrate three decades of serving the West Sacramento area, the Center is providing complimentary cupcakes and coffee to customers on Friday, May 24.



The West Sacramento branch office opened in temporary quarters on Jefferson Boulevard while its present building on Harbor Boulevard, shown here as an artistic rendering in this 1985 photo, was constructed. Included in this photo are (from l) Richard Raycraft, then Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, Ron DuPratt,

then Chairman of the Board, John Hamel, then-President of the Bank, and Dave Schulze, Member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Hamel retired just last year from the Board, and Mr. Schulze has continuously served on the Board since this photo was taken. All remain active shareholders of First Northern.

Robert Walker, Executive Vice President, Wealth & Mortgage Divisions, served as the first manager of the West Sacramento Branch, as it was called in 1983. “Like today, we knew our customers and greeted them by name when they came in to do their banking. I’m happy to still have contact with a number of clients – some we’ve served the entire 30 years that the Branch has been open.”

Today, the Center is managed by Irma Del Nero, Vice President/Financial Services Manager, who was hired by Bob Walker in 1984 as a 16-year-old bookkeeper through her high school’s work experience program. Her job was to verify the signature on

each check, then file it in the customer's file – a process that is now performed electronically.



Today, the West Sacramento Financial Center offers consumer and business banking, a full array of equipment, agribusiness and SBA loans, commercial real estate loans, as well as investment, mortgage, and trust services.

Staffing the Center, are (from l, back row), Ken Bryant, Cecelia Slupski, Elisabeth Dauer, Monica Fuller, Joanne Bryant, and Jessamyn

Ruffner. Front row (from l) are Elsie Wong, Ute Turner, Ravinder Kaur, and Irma Del Nero.

The Center is located at 1300 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, Calif.; the main phone is (916) 372-1023. Only 80 banks headquartered and still operating in the state of California were established before the West Sacramento Branch of First Northern.

### **About First Northern Bank**

First Northern Bank, an independent community bank headquartered in Solano County since 1910, serves Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer and the west slope of El Dorado County. First Northern has 10 branches located in Dixon, Davis, West Sacramento, Fairfield, Vacaville, Winters, Woodland, Downtown Sacramento, Roseville, and Auburn. The Bank has a full-service Trust Department in Sacramento, and in April 2013, it opened a commercial lending office in Walnut Creek. First Northern Bank also offers 24/7 real estate mortgage loans, SBA Loans, and non-FDIC insured Investment and Brokerage Services at each branch location. Real Estate Mortgage Loan offices are located in Davis and Roseville, and real estate loan representatives are available to meet customers at any of the Bank's branches by appointment. The Bank specializes in relationship banking and employs experts in the area of small business, commercial, agribusiness, and real estate lending, as well as wealth management, and is rated as a "Superior" 5-Star Bank by BauerFinancial Inc. ([www.bauerfinancial.com](http://www.bauerfinancial.com)). The Bank can be found on the Web at [www.thatsmybank.com](http://www.thatsmybank.com) and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/firstnorthernbank).

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