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Ann Diamondstone to Retire from First Northern Bank

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Ann Diamondstone Vice President/ Community Relations Officer First Northern Bank

Roseville, Calif.— Ann Diamondstone, Vice President/ Community Relations Officer for First Northern Bank's Roseville Financial Center, has announced her intention to retire March 1, 2016. Her successor, Amy Mathews, has been working with Ann for the past 18 months to ensure a seamless transition for all of Ann's customers.

Ann has worked in banking for more than 35 years – first with Bank of America for 20 years, then with First Northern for the past 15.

Very active in the Roseville community, Ann served on the Board of the Roseville Chamber of Commerce from 2005-2011, on the Chamber's Executive Board from 2007-2011, and chaired numerous economic development initiatives and economic conferences. Through her leadership, First Northern Bank became one of the 21 founding members of "Advantage Roseville."

Here are just a few of her professional accomplishments. In

2014, Ann was nominated as the Roseville Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year. In 2012, she received the Annual Edward M. Friedman Community Service Award from the Chamber. In 2008, Ann received the Chamber's prestigious Athena Award for her professional accomplishments. And in 2006, she was named the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year.

Ann has served as Chairperson of the Keaton Raphael Memorial Executive Board since 2013. She has also served in board and committee positions for Kids First, Tommy Apostolos Fund, South Placer Women's Coalition, the Rocklin Chamber of Commerce, and the South Placer Breast Cancer Foundation.

"This decision has been bittersweet for me. I love seeing my customers' businesses grow and

prosper and developing new banking relationships," Ann says. "I will miss everyone I've come to know so well. The work I've done to improve the lives of children has been a labor of love for me. But the time has come to start a new chapter in my life." Ann and her husband, Ray, are relocating to Port St. Lucie, Florida.

"It was our good fortune that Ann joined First Northern Bank in 2004," says President & CEO Louise Walker. "Ann's hard work, commitment and dedication are nothing short of admirable. Her longstanding business and community leadership will be sorely missed, both by the Roseville community and here at First Northern Bank."

Amy Mathews, Vice President/Business Services Officer has spent the past 18 months getting acquainted with Ann's customers and building on her own already strong customer following. Amy has known Ann for 12 years. Her more than 18 years of experience in the financial services industry includes relationship management, customer service, sales and branch operations. Prior to joining First Northern Bank in 2014 to work beside Ann, Amy served as the Corporate Banking Manager for Mechanics Bank in Roseville. From 1996–2000, Amy was a Branch Manager for US Bank in Sacramento.

Amy is an FDIC Financial Literacy certified trainer. She served as a volunteer for various area organizations, including: The Sacramento Philharmonic "Music in the Schools" program from 2005–2013; on the Board of the Keaton Raphael Memorial Foundation from 2000–2010; and as a mentor for Junior Achievement from 2000–2005.

"Amy's experience and commitment to the community are tremendous assets for our team," Louise adds. "Her customer-centric focus aligns well with the Bank's vision, mission and values."

Amy obtained her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of California, San Diego. She is a native of the Bay Area and has lived in Roseville for the past 20 years with her husband, Tom.

Also in March, First Northern Debuts its Redesigned Roseville Financial Center

The Roseville Financial Center of First Northern Bank is relocating a short distance away, to 2270 Douglas Boulevard, in late February/early March.

The Roseville Office is being completely redesigned to integrate new technologies and provide customers with a more open and free-flowing in-branch experience. The new Douglas Blvd. location will house a full-service branch, a mortgage loan representative, an investment advisor, and a small business lender. The office will be open Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., and 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Friday. The phone number, 916-787-8510, remains the same.

About First Northern Bank

In 2015, First Northern Bank was named "Best Community Bank" by the Roseville Press Tribune for the cities of Roseville and Granite Bay. The Sacramento Region's local leader in small business lending and customer satisfaction, specializes in relationship banking. Experts are available in small business, commercial, real estate and agribusiness lending, as well as mortgage loans. The Bank is an SBA Preferred Lender. Non-FDIC insured Investment and Brokerage Services are available at every branch location, including Dixon, Davis, West Sacramento, Fairfield, Vacaville, Winters, Woodland, Roseville and Auburn. The Bank has a full-service Trust Department in Sacramento and a commercial lending office in Walnut Creek. Real estate mortgage and commercial loan officers are available by appointment in any of the Bank's branches. The Bank is rated as a "Superior" 5-Star Bank by BauerFinancial Inc. (www.bauerfinancial.com), and can be found on the Web at www.thatsmybank.com, on Facebook and on LinkedIn.

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