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First Northern Community Bancorp Announces Agreement to Acquire Three Columbia Bank Branches

Dixon, California—First Northern Community Bancorp (the “Company”, OTCQB: FNRN), holding company for First Northern Bank (“First Northern” or the “Bank”), today announced the signing of a purchase and assumption agreement to acquire three Columbia Bank branches in the North Valley. The branches are located in Willows, Orland, and Colusa, California.

“These offices and the communities that they serve, are a strong fit for First Northern Bank’s brand of banking,” explained Jeremiah Smith, Senior Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer. “We are excited to welcome the clients and employees of these fine communities to the First Northern Bank family.”

The transaction is subject to the receipt of regulatory approvals, as well as other customary closing conditions, and is expected to be finalized in the first quarter of 2023.

Panoramic Capital Advisors, Inc. is serving as financial advisor and Pillsbury, Winthrop, Shaw & Pittman, LLP is serving as legal counsel to First Northern. Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, A Stifel Company, is serving as financial advisor and Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP is serving as legal counsel to Columbia.

About First Northern Bank

First Northern Bank is an independent community bank that specializes in relationship banking. The Bank, headquartered in Solano County since 1910, currently serves Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer, and Contra Costa Counties, as well as the west slope of El Dorado County. 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, Sacramento, Roseville, Auburn and Rancho Cordova. The Bank also has a commercial lending office in Walnut Creek. Real estate mortgage and small-business loan officers are available by appointment in any of the Bank's 11 branches. First Northern is rated as a Veribanc "Blue Ribbon" Bank and a "5-Star Superior" Bank by Bauer Financial for the earnings period ended September 30, 2022 (veribanc.com) and (bauerfinancial.com). The Bank can be found on the Web at thatsmybank.com, on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/firstnorthern) and on [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/firstnorthern).

About Columbia

Headquartered in Tacoma, Washington, Columbia Banking System, Inc. (NASDAQ: [COLB](https://www.colb.com)) is the holding company of Columbia Bank, a Washington state-chartered full-service commercial bank with offices in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Utah. The bank has been named one of *Puget Sound Business Journal's* "Washington's Best Workplaces," more than 10 times. Columbia was named on the *Forbes* 2022 list of "America's Best Banks" marking 11 consecutive years on the publication's list of top financial institutions. More information about Columbia can be found on its website at www.columbiabank.com.

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