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## Summit State Bank Promotes Corporate Secretary and Executive Assistant to the President & CEO Barbara Gradman to Vice President

Santa Rosa, CA – (June 29,2020) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) has promoted its Corporate Secretary and Executive Assistant to the President & CEO Barbara Gradman to Vice President.

"We are fortunate to have Barbara's knowledge and expertise of more than 15 years working as an Executive Assistant to C-Level Executives, the past seven of which she has worked at Summit State Bank," said Brian Reed, President and CEO of Summit State Bank. "I feel fortunate to work closely with Barbara and appreciate the continuity she brings to the Executive Suite. She is well respected and an integral part of our team."

Prior to joining Summit, Barbara worked for the Law Offices of Arnold & Porter (formerly Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Falk and Rabkin), in San Francisco, CA. Barbara is a graduate of Empire Business College. In her spare time, Barbara gives back to the community as Secretary of the Parent Teacher Student Association at Petaluma High School. She also enjoys spending time with her family and close friends, cooking, baking and gardening.

## **About Summit State Bank**

Summit State Bank, a local community bank, has total assets of \$722 million and total equity of \$68 million at March 31, 2020. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank specializes in providing exceptional customer service and customized financial solutions to aid in the success of local small businesses and nonprofits throughout Sonoma County.

Summit State Bank is committed to embracing the diverse backgrounds, cultures and talents of its employees to create high performance and support the evolving needs of its customers and community it serves. At the center of diversity is inclusion, collaboration, and a shared vision for delivering superior service and results for shareholders. Presently, 75% of management and the Executive Management Team are women and minorities. Through the engagement of its team, Summit State Bank has received many esteemed awards including: Best Business Bank, Corporate Philanthropy Award and Best Places to Work in the North Bay. Summit State Bank's stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol SSBI. Further information can be found at <u>www.summitstatebank.com</u>.