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### **Machele Ruthemeyer Joins Mission Community Bank**

(*San Luis Obispo, CA*) – Machele Ruthemeyer has joined Mission Community Bank as Senior Vice President and Senior SBA Banking Officer at the bank’s Business Banking Center at 3480 South Higuera Street in San Luis Obispo. She will be responsible for building the bank’s Small Business Administration (SBA) loan portfolio.

Ruthemeyer has 20 years of experience in commercial lending and business development. She previously served as Senior Vice President for five years at Mission Community Bank before becoming Senior Loan Officer at California Coastal Rural Development Corporation in 2006. She earned a Bachelor’s degree from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, and is a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington in Seattle.

“We are very happy to have Machele back at Mission Community Bank,” said Anita Robinson, Chief Executive Officer. “Her small business lending experience allows us to provide more SBA loans to growing businesses from Santa Maria to Paso Robles. Machele is filling a very important senior lending position for us and is a wonderful addition to our lending team.”

Mission Community Bank is a locally owned and operated community bank which first opened its doors in 1997. In addition to the Business Banking Center in San Luis Obispo, there are full-service Mission Community Bank offices in Arroyo Grande, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria. The bank has received several awards for its success in meeting community needs in small business lending and development banking services and has earned an Outstanding rating for its Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) activities. For more information, visit [www.MissionCommunityBank.com](http://www.MissionCommunityBank.com).

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