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TORREY PINES BANK ANNOUNCES LOS ANGELES-AREA EXECUTIVES FOCUSED ON LENDING, GROWTH, RELATIONSHIPS

-- Leading commercial bank continues to grow, place emphasis on customer service, access to working capital with announcement of new executives in Los Angeles --

Los Angeles and San Diego, Calif. – July 2, 2014 – Torrey Pines Bank, the California division of Western Alliance Bank, an affiliate of Western Alliance Bancorporation, is announcing the hiring of Anthony Miu as Vice President, Commercial Real Estate Loan Officer, and Emily Zhao as Vice President, Loan Officer. The new executives will be responsible for building customer relationships in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas.

As Vice President, Commercial Real Estate Loan Officer, **Anthony Miu** will assist business customers with portfolio and real estate investments and securing CRE lending in the Los Angeles and Orange County markets. With over a decade of experience in the banking industry, Mr. Miu has held several senior level positions. Most recently he was Vice President, Commercial Lending Officer and Credit Administration at a Los Angeles-based bank where he managed and maintained a loan portfolio in excess of \$100 million. He was also responsible for reviewing all incoming credit memos for compliance with loan policies and underwriting guidelines. Mr. Miu graduated from California State University with a degree in business administration/finance.

As Vice President, Loan Officer, **Emily Zhao** will be responsible for soliciting, negotiating, underwriting and coordinating the closing of equipment, commercial building and business loans in the Los Angeles and Orange County markets. She draws on over ten years of experience in the local banking industry and has held several senior level positions. Most recently she was Assistant Vice President and Loan Portfolio Officer at an area bank where she managed and maintained an over \$100 million loan portfolio and was responsible for monitoring clients' financial covenants and providing advice on reporting requirements. She also analyzed and provided services to address clients' financial needs. Ms. Zhao graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a degree in economics and East Asian studies.

"At Torrey Pines Bank we see growing economic confidence and opportunities for business owners in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas, and look forward to continuing to be a leading resource to support business growth. We are well positioned to serve the local business community with higher levels of service, market knowledge and community banking experience. We look forward to further expanding our team with the addition of Anthony and Emily, who share our dedication to providing personalized service to address local businesses' specific needs," said Regional President for Torrey Pines Bank, Paul Donaldson.

About Torrey Pines Bank

Founded in 2003, Torrey Pines Bank is focused on providing customers with direct access to local experts who can help advance their businesses and the local economy. The bank has 11 offices throughout San Diego, Los Angeles and the Bay Area. It is a recipient of the Peak Performance Award (National University School of Business), one of only 35 California banks recognized by the Findley Reports for achieving "Super Premier" performance and recently received a "Superior" ranking, the highest category and "simply the best by all

measures" (IDC Management's fourth quarter report of Bank Management Review). Executives attribute the bank's success to its prudent banking practices, financial capacity, strong focus on customers and commitment to providing them with leading bankers who hail from the areas in which they serve.

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