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Brian Ruisinger Joins Republic Bank of Arizona as New Executive



PHOENIX, AZ Republic Bank of Arizona (OTCQB:RBAZ) announced that Brian Ruisinger has been named Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for the Bank.

Ruisinger brings a rich background in both the banking and accounting industries holding several positions throughout his career in these areas. His immediate focus will be to first, manage a successful transition to his new position; and second, build the operations and accounting staff to position the Bank for continued growth.

Having followed the Bank's progress over the years, Ruisinger pointed to a number of positives that solidified his decision to join Republic Bank of Arizona, including the Bank's move to a state charter, its team of professional bankers, its financial health, committed Board and its move to a new, updated office location.

"I'm excited to be part of the growing team at Republic Bank of Arizona," stated Ruisinger. "As an Arizona-based community business bank, we have a great opportunity to support the financial needs of local businesses. I look forward to doing my part to contribute to the continued success of the Bank and the customers we serve."

"On behalf of executive management and the board of directors, we feel very fortunate to have someone with Brian's experience, knowledge and insight to manage the Bank's strategic, operational and financial-related activities," said Ralph Tapscott, president and chief executive officer.

"His years of experience provides the leadership to help position the Bank for continued growth in a safe and sound manner," said Tapscott. "In addition to his leadership skills and accounting experience, he thoroughly understands the community banking climate as well as the importance of our local business market."

Prior to joining Republic Bank of Arizona, Ruisinger was president and CEO of Grand Canyon Bank (proposed). Ruisinger has held similar executive positions with community banks in Arizona, as well as positions as Chief Accounting Officer, COO, Controller and CFO at larger regional banks and other organizations throughout his extensive career.

Ruisinger previously served on the Board of the Arizona Bankers Association and maintains active support for the Arizona Humane Society and the University of Nebraska Foundation and Alumni Association. He has a Baccalaureate of Science in Accounting

from the University of Nebraska and holds a CPA certificate from the State of Kansas. He and his wife, Linda, live in Scottsdale, Arizona.

About Republic Bank of Arizona

Republic Bank of Arizona is a locally owned, independent bank dedicated to strengthening our community and offering exceptional personalized service to business owners and community members through the involvement and dedication of knowledgeable and enthusiastic personnel. We are committed to maximizing sustainable earnings while promoting client-centered service within the parameters of safe and sound banking principles.

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