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Jason Wessling joins Pacific West Bank as Chief Financial Officer.

Pacific West Bank (OTCBB: PWBO) announced today that Portland banking executive, Jason Wessling, CPA has joined Pacific West Bank as its Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Wessling's recent executive role was serving as Chief Financial Officer of Premier Community Bank in Hillsboro, Oregon. Prior experience includes three years at Moss Adams, a regional accounting firm, where he provided audit, tax, and consulting services for financial institutions throughout the Pacific Northwest. Prior to Moss Adams, Mr. Wessling spent eight years at both a large regional bank and a local community bank in the Portland metro market.

"Mr. Wessling is an outstanding addition to our Executive Team," said Terry Peterson, CEO. "We are very fortunate to find an executive with his leadership experience and credentials to help lead us at this stage in our growth trajectory."

"The continued consolidation within the banking industry has nearly eliminated all Portland area headquartered, business-focused community banks," said Wessling. "We intend to change that. The Portland area business community deserves and is demanding a local business banking alternative to the national and non-local regional banks," he continued.

"We continue to execute on our plans to meet the needs of our growing business communities," said Steve Gray, Chairman of the Board. "Prior announcements of other high-quality bankers, along with the conclusion of our recent and successful capital campaign, speaks to the focus and momentum created by our Team. Mr. Wessling's proven experience and leadership is another example of the talent that we continue to attract," he concluded.

Pacific West Bank offers a broad range of commercial banking services to closely held businesses, their owners, professional service firms and non-profits located throughout the greater Portland Area. The stock trades on the OTCQX marketplace under the symbol PWBO.

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