



CALIFORNIA BANK & TRUST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT WAYNE WARD NAMED A 2023 LEADER OF INFLUENCE IN BANKING BY THE LOS ANGELES BUSINESS JOURNAL

The award recognizes leaders in banking for their outstanding influence, achievements and leadership and impact on the community

SAN DIEGO – (July 17, 2023) – [California Bank & Trust \(CB&T\)](#) Senior Vice President and Regional Manager of Greater Southern California West Wayne Ward was named a 2023 Leader of Influence in Banking by the Los Angeles Business Journal. The award recognizes leaders for their exceptional influence, professional achievements, notable accomplishments, and community leadership in banking. Ward was given the honor for his significant contributions to the Los Angeles community, in addition to his career milestones and professional impact within CB&T, one of California's leading banks.

"I am honored to be recognized as a Leader of Influence in Banking and humbled to be included among so many prestigious leaders in the Los Angeles business community," said Ward. "The work we do at CB&T to strengthen our communities and the businesses operating within them has been a guiding focus of my nearly 20-year career at the bank. I look forward to continuing to serve the Southern California region and the individuals and businesses that help allow the state to grow and prosper."

Ward joined CB&T as a business center manager in October 2007. After one year of managing the Long Beach Main Branch Office, Wayne was promoted to manage the Greater Southern California West Region of CB&T in November 2008, where he now leads 14 business banking offices throughout the LA area. Under his leadership, junior executives and seasoned bankers collaborate to maximize individual and team performance, achieve high levels of customer service and customer retention, and maximize financial returns on assets, returns on investments and efficiency ratios.

"Wayne is an outstanding leader who supports his teams and champions their successes," said Executive Vice President, Director of Core Banking Ben Alvarado. "His extensive leadership experience is crucial to the success of the CB&T Southern California region. Additionally, Wayne's strategic insight and deep understanding of the banking industry are tremendous assets to our organization and our clients."

Ward's desire to give back has driven him to lend his efforts to organizations such as the Pediatric Therapy Network in Torrance and Junior Achievement Finance Park in Los Angeles, where he mentors students across grade levels. Additionally, as a member of the University of San Francisco Wolf and Kettle Society, Ward has contributed to the construction of many notable



projects on campus. His name is engraved in the Koret Health and Recreation Center to recognize his long-standing patronage.

In addition to this most recent recognition by Los Angeles Business Journal, Ward was named to the 2023 LA 500, the publication's annual list of the Los Angeles region's most impactful and distinguished leaders.

About California Bank & Trust (CB&T): CB&T has been helping Californians and their businesses grow and prosper for 70 years. A division of Zions Bancorporation, N.A. (NASDAQ: ZION), CB&T has been voted “Best Bank” by the San Diego Union Tribune for 13 consecutive years, and “Best Commercial Bank” for 10 years in a row. Readers of The Orange County Register have also voted CB&T as the county’s “Best Bank” for nine consecutive years; and the group has consistently won the Greenwich Excellence Awards for achievement in Middle-Market and Small Business. Its experienced and professional bankers are backed by major resources yet maintain local decision-making authority and regional market and industry expertise. Each is committed to providing clients with valuable economic insights and connecting them with the beneficial business relationships they need in order to succeed. To learn more, visit www.calbanktrust.com.

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