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Independence Bank Names Debbie Santoro Vice President and Business Banker

Newport Beach, CA, September 1, 2011 – Debbie Santoro has joined Independence Bank as Vice President and Business Banker. Debbie comes to the Independence Bank team with 34 years of Southern California banking experience. “Our bank is strongly linked to the business community and providing a specialized approach to the needs of specific businesses and industries. Debbie’s wealth of experience and personalized banking approach will be a key part of our continued business development and growth,” said Don Solsby, Senior Vice President, Director of Business Banking at Independence Bank. Debbie will be based at Independence Bank’s South County Regional Office in San Juan Capistrano.

Independence Bank is a full service commercial bank, providing its customers customized personal banking, business banking, and commercial real estate lending solutions. Headquartered in Newport Beach, California, the Bank operates three offices located in Newport Beach, San Juan Capistrano and Fountain Valley. Independence Bank is scheduled to open its fourth regional branch office in Tustin, CA in October 2011. More information about Independence Bank can be found at www.independence-bank.net.

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