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### **Independence Bank Names Michael Stafford as First Vice President and Regional Manager**

Newport Beach, CA, August 10, 2011 – Michael Stafford has joined Independence Bank as first vice president and regional manager. Formerly an executive with Sunwest Bank, Michael Stafford brings 39 years of banking experience to the Independence Bank team. “Mike will play a key role in our expansion and growth plans and we are very proud to bring him aboard,” said Chuck Thomas, President and CEO of Independence Bank.

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. More information about Independence Bank can be found at [www.independence-bank.net](http://www.independence-bank.net).

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