



## **CALIFORNIA BANK & TRUST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT ADRIAN PAPA NAMED A 2023 ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER LEADER OF INFLUENCE BY THE SAN DIEGO BUSINESS JOURNAL**

*Award recognizes AAPI business leaders for their exceptional leadership, knowledge, skill and achievements*

**SAN DIEGO – (May 22, 2023)** – [California Bank & Trust](#) (CB&T), one of California’s leading banks, announced today that Adrian Papa, senior vice president and regional sales manager, was named a 2023 Asian Pacific Islander Leader of Influence by the [San Diego Business Journal](#) in association with the [Asian Business Association of San Diego](#). The award, given in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, recognizes leaders from the Asian and Pacific Islander communities for business and community development achievements.

“It is an honor and a privilege to be a recognized leader in my community,” said Papa. “I’m humbled to be receiving this award, and I have to thank the many teams I have been a part of for supporting me throughout my career. I truly believe that success is a group accomplishment.”

Papa has a solid commitment to serving the community both inside CB&T and outside of it. At CB&T, he has developed and executed a successful bank-wide strategic campaign to continue supporting the growth of small businesses in our communities. He is also committed to leadership by supporting the mentorship and promotion of other banking leaders. Outside of CB&T, Papa recently served as an ambassador for the United States Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce and as an advisory board member for the North County San Diego Small Business Development Center.

“Adrian has only been at Cal Bank & Trust for a short period, but he has already had a huge impact on our organization,” said Ben Alvarado, executive vice president, director of core banking at CB&T. “He is a trusted and supportive leader for the many teams and projects he oversees, and his involvement in the community ideally reflects CB&T’s mission and vision. We’re lucky to have him as part of our team!”

Papa has two decades of banking experience across multiple states and business segments, previously holding several leadership roles at a large national bank. He has mentored several banking leaders nationwide and recently co-founded a southern California business networking group, Pro Connect. He’s responsible for driving strategic growth and developing strategies for more than 80 branch managers and their associates to better serve clients throughout California.

Papa has a bachelor’s degree in management science from the University of California, San Diego, and a graduate certificate in commercial finance and accounting from Alliant University. He is also a Consumer Bankers Association’s Executive Banking School graduate.

**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 12 consecutive years, and “Best Commercial Bank” for nine 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](http://www.calbanktrust.com).

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