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Claudia Freitas Appointed to Community Bancorp and Community Bank of Santa Maria Boards of Directors

SANTA MARIA, CA. – April 30, 2024 – Janet Silveria, President and CEO, of Community Bancorp and Community Bank of Santa Maria announced the company's Board of Directors has appointed Claudia Freitas to the Community Bancorp and Community Bank of Santa Maria Boards of Directors.

Silveria stated, "We are very pleased that Ms. Freitas has agreed to join our boards. As a local professional she is the ideal fit for our style of banking. She brings a wealth of financial expertise and embodies our community bank philosophies."

Ms. Freitas was quoted as saying, "I am honored to accept a position as a Board of Director with Community Bank of Santa Maria and excited about the opportunity to contribute to its continued growth and success. I look forward to working with this very talented Board and Management team in achieving the mission of the Bank to serve our community."

Ms. Freitas was born and raised in Santa Maria. After graduating from Santa Maria High School, she went on to attend Allan Hancock College and later transferred to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. She went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Accounting and Finance. After graduating Cal Poly, she worked locally in private industry for several years before pursuing her CPA license. She started her career in public accounting in September, 2000 with the local CPA firm Lapp, Fatch, Myers & Gallagher who have served the local community since 1967. She became a partner of the firm in January, 2020 and serves as the firm's treasurer. Ms. Freitas is a long-time member of the Central Coast CalCPA chapter, served on the board of the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum, and was involved with various local 4-H Clubs. Claudia is married to Santa Maria native Andy Freitas and has a son studying Engineering at UC Irvine and a daughter who is soon to be an Ag Business Cal Poly Alumni.

Claudia Freitas joins existing Directors: Guadalupe Alvarez; Johannah Bradley; Catherine A. Buchert; Karen Fothergill; James D. Glines; John P. Lizarraga Jr.; Michael Moats, M. D.; William A. Moffatt; and, Janet Silveria.

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Community Bancorp of Santa Maria is the single bank holding company of Community Bank of Santa Maria, which opened for business on March 1, 2001, and presently employs some 60 people. The Company's stock is traded on OTCQX:CYSM. For more information, visit their website at www.yourcbsm.com.



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