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Gateway Commercial Bank Open in East Mesa Locally-Owned Bank is East Valley's First in Three Years

(MESA, Ariz.) – Gateway Commercial Bank recently opened in East Mesa amid growing demand for local financial decision making for area businesses. The community-owned bank is the first of its kind to open in the East Valley in more than three years.

The bank's organizers, comprised of local business leaders, saw an opportunity to create a bank which kept Arizona dollars in the state and create a resource for small businesses looking for a personalized banking experience.

“Many banks in Arizona are tied to holding companies in the Midwest or East Coast,” said James Christensen president of Gateway Commercial Bank. “As a business owner in Arizona, it makes more sense to keep my money here and put it back into other local businesses.”

Gateway Commercial Bank, under the direction of Christensen, recruited its investors, made its initial goal of raising more than \$12 million to start the bank and opened shop at the bank's temporary location at Power and Warner Roads all about two years after the idea began.

“We have had a tremendous amount of positive feedback from local businesses looking for a relationship-based banking experience,” said Christensen. “Small businesses are getting lost in the cracks of big banks where personnel changes and the bottom line get in the way of personal service.”

Gateway Commercial Bank puts an emphasis on commercial banking as its investors have unparalleled experience in industries such as real estate, healthcare and contracting. However, the bank does offer retail deposit accounts and is staying on top of the latest banking technology by offering remote capture deposits and online banking.

“You don't have to sacrifice anything by banking with us,” said Christensen. “We have all of the products a big bank does, but we offer much more in personal service and attention.”

For more information on Gateway Commercial Bank call 480-358-1000 or visit www.gcbaz.com.

About Gateway Commercial Bank:

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