

# Metro Phoenix Bank Continues to Grow – Welcoming Four Commercial Lenders to Its Team



PHOENIX, Arizona, February 1, 2019/PRNEWSWIRE/-- Metro Phoenix Bank (OTCPink: MPHX) (“MPB”) announced the hiring of four commercial lenders: Rickard Strom, Kristen McLean, Larry Stangler, and David Mahar.

- Rickard Strom has nearly 20 years of financial industry experience coupled with a finance degree from Boise State University. As SVP, Lending, Mr. Strom will utilize his commercial lending expertise to spearhead specialty programs, working closely with industry leaders and clients.
- Kristen McLean is a dynamic and knowledgeable commercial real estate lender with 21 years banking experience. Throughout her career, she facilitated multi-million-dollar commercial real estate investment deals, secured construction financing, and managed sizable commercial loan portfolios. Ms. McLean’s professional expertise will lend itself well to her position as Metro Phoenix Bank’s VP, Commercial Lending.
- Larry Stangler brings 20+ years of banking experience, most of which has been focused on Small Business Administration (SBA) and commercial real estate lending. Mr. Stangler will be in charge of leading the Bank’s SBA department and will hold the position of VP, SBA Manager. His proven track record of networking, creating loan programs and branding will be a true asset for MPB.
- David Mahar’s career includes 15 years banking experience with an emphasis in relationship building. He excels at providing sound financial advice to business clients while balancing their needs with those of the bank. He truly ensures a positive customer experience and will hold the role of AVP, Commercial Loan Officer at MPB.

Stephen P. Haggard, MPB President and CEO, commented, “We are excited to have recruited top talent that aligns with our continued growth strategy in the Arizona market. All four individuals have exceptional market knowledge, are well connected throughout the community, and will be instrumental in the Bank’s successful growth. With such additions to our already dynamic team and our commitment to helping our business community thrive, we are excited at what 2019 may bring.”

**About the Company**

Metro Phoenix Bank, Inc., established in 2007 and headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, is a full-service community bank that caters to small-to mid-sized businesses and real estate professionals. MPB offers commercial clients a variety of services ranging from commercial lending (including real estate construction), SBA financing solutions, and a robust treasury management platform that includes a specialty Homeowners Association (HOA)/Property Management program. The company is traded over-the-counter as MPHX. For additional information, visit: **[www.metrophoenixbank.com](http://www.metrophoenixbank.com)**.

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