



Emilio Vallejos joins First Bank of the Lake

Annemarie Murphy, Executive Vice President, President of SBA Lending at First Bank of the Lake announced today that **Emilio L. Vallejos** has joined its Small Business Administration (SBA) Lending team as SBA Senior Business Development Associate. In this role, Vallejos will be responsible for creating SBA Loan opportunities to assist veterans in acquiring capital to start, grow and succeed in business.

Vallejos joined First Bank of the Lake's SBA team in June 2022. He has well over a decade of experience lending to small businesses nationwide across industries including projects involving business acquisition, commercial real estate and equipment purchases, construction projects, working capital, startup, and franchise financing. Vallejos has extensive expertise in SBA 7a, 504 Loans and SBA CAP Lines.

"We are excited Emilio has joined our team," stated Murphy. "Emilio will work with our team, mostly comprised of veterans, to help provide financing to the underserved and those who have served our country. We are so proud of the work our Veteran Loan team is doing to help veteran-owned businesses with their financing needs."

Vallejos graduated from Colorado State University with an MBA in 2010. He completed the Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas in 2014 and completed the Bank Operations Institute at the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) in 2016. Vallejos is a Finance Officer for American Legion Post 26 from 2018 to present. He is a co-founder of Greeley Mob Mixer networking group and a Greeley Chamber of Commerce Ambassador from 2020 to present. Vallejos was a 40 under Forty honoree, Diverse Business Leadership honoree and graduated from Southwestern Graduate School of Banking (SWGSB) with Recognition in Leadership. "I had the honor of serving in the United States Marine Corps as a Security Forces Marine and Machine Gun Section Leader. I continue to serve in various Veteran organizations and focus my lending efforts on Veteran Owned Businesses," stated Vallejos. "So many Veterans carry a drive and entrepreneurial spirit that is humbling and inspiring, I've also been a small business owner, so I understand the challenges and difficulties in launching and running a business. I use these experiences to help Veterans as they navigate through the unique challenges of obtaining financing." Vallejos is located in Fort Collins, Colorado. He can be reached at 970.714.8174 or by email at evallejos@fblake.bank.

About First Bank of the Lake

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