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### **AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK APPOINTS THREE TO SENIOR EXECUTIVE TEAM**

#### ***24-Year Bank Veteran Gabe Lee Promoted To Executive Vice President Commercial Markets***

HONOLULU – American Savings Bank announces the promotions of Gabe Lee to Executive Vice President, Commercial Markets and Natalie Taniguchi to Executive Vice President, Enterprise Management. Rick Robel has also joined the company as Executive Vice President, Operations and Technology.

As Executive Vice President of Commercial Markets, Gabe Lee will have full responsibility for the Bank's business customer base which includes Corporate, Commercial and Business Banking as well as cash management, merchant services, international services and private banking. He has been with American Savings Bank for the past ten years and has played a key role in the continued growth of the business portfolio. In his new position, he will also oversee Commercial Services, and Commercial Marketing and Product Development departments. Lee brings 24 years of experience in banking and prior to joining American Savings Bank, served as vice president at First Hawaiian Bank. From 1985 to 1996, he was at Bank of Hawaii where he worked in corporate banking, and left as the Pacific Marketing Director of the Leasing Division. Lee is a Board member of the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America – Aloha Council, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Diamond Head Theatre, Hawaii Dental Service and Retail Merchants of Hawaii. He is also a trustee of Saint Louis School. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics at the University of Hawaii and attended Dartmouth College Graduate School of Credit and Financial Management.

Natalie Taniguchi has been promoted from Senior Vice President to Executive Vice President, Enterprise Management. Taniguchi oversees eight major functional areas of the bank including



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enterprise risk, insurance & risk management, enterprise planning, project management, business continuity management, bank regulatory compliance, including bank secrecy act / anti-money laundering compliance, forensic research & analysis, and information security. Taniguchi joined the bank in 2002, and prior to that she served for fifteen years in finance for the HEI family of companies including HEI Power Corp. as its Financial Vice President and Treasurer. Taniguchi is a member of, both, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants, as well as the Risk & Insurance Management Society, Inc. and the Hawaii Financial Regulatory Compliance Association. She received her bachelor's of business administration in accounting from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

In addition to the promotions, Rick Robel has been hired as Executive Vice President of Operations and Technology. Robel will oversee all functions of Technology, including Consulting, Infrastructure, Solutions and Risk, as well as Bank and Loan Operations, which includes branch operations, the central cash vault, items processing operations, electronic processing operations, corporate services and the customer service center, and the commercial and consumer lending operations service centers. Most recently, Robel was Executive Vice President at Hawaii Pacific Health from 1998 to 2006 managing the Information Technology and Revenue Cycle departments. Additionally, he brings 26 years of banking experience with Bank of America in both San Francisco and Hawaii.

Serving Hawaii's businesses and communities for more than 80 years, American Savings Bank is Hawaii's third-largest financial institution with \$6.8 billion in assets and the second-largest branch network in the state, with 63 branches and over 200 automated teller machines. American Savings Bank provides a full range of financial products and services, including commercial banking, consumer banking, insurance and investments. For more information, visit [asbhawaii.com](http://asbhawaii.com).