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Colorado Bankers Association elects leadership for 2018-19 year

DENVER – Bankers on Wednesday voted unanimously to elect three of their own to lead the Colorado Bankers Association in the coming year. A short biography of each is below. Photos are attached.

Brendan Zahl, of NBH Bank will serve as CBA chairman for the 2017-2018 year. He will be assisted by **Joanne Sherwood**, division president of Citywide Banks who will serve as CBA chair-elect and by **Nathan Ewert**, president of consumer banking for Adams Bank & Trust who will serve as CBA Treasurer.

It's an honor to be elected to serve as the chair of the CBA. The CBA has and will continue to be the thought and action leader on a state and national level by representing and protecting the growth of banks, businesses, and local economies," Zahl said. "I look forward to continuing the great work we do through promotion of progressive and responsible banking."

Brendan Zahl, Peoples Bank – CBA chairman

Mr. Brendan W. Zahl has served as NBH Bank's Executive Vice President, Head of Residential Banking and Market President for the Colorado Springs Region since the merger of Peoples, Inc. and National Bank Holdings Corporation on January 1, 2018. He has also served as a Member of NBH Bank's board of directors since such time. Prior to the merger, Mr. Zahl served as President and CEO of Peoples National Bank. Mr. Zahl began his banking career at FirstBank in Colorado Springs, CO. After a decade at FirstBank, he moved to Peoples National Bank in 2007 to take over Retail and Lending Management. He was promoted to President and CEO of Peoples National Bank in 2012. Mr. Zahl serves on the Board and as the Chairman-Elect of the Colorado Bankers Association and the Board of Partners in Housing. Mr. Zahl has held several board, advisory, and volunteer roles with many community organizations including Partners in

Housing, Junior Achievement, United Way, Rotary International, and Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Zahl attended the University of Nebraska, where he was a member of two national championship football teams and graduated with honors with a Business Administration degree.

Joanne Sherwood, Citywide Banks, CBA chairman-elect

Joanne Sherwood is Division President for Citywide Banks in Denver. She has more than three decades of experience in banking and has been with Citywide since 2000. As Division President, she has contributed significantly to the growth of Citywide. She has extensive training and work experience in bank operations, loan portfolio management, strategic planning, and staff development. She serves as a mentor to up-and-coming lenders and has developed a program to assist and support women as they progress up the ranks. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance from California State University at Fullerton and an MBA from Pepperdine University. She is on the associate board of the Boys and Girls Club of Denver. She is also involved with Arrupe Jesuit High She has strong ties to construction and real estate and is an active member of the Home Builders Association.

Nathan Ewert, Adams Bank and Trust, CBA Treasurer

Nathan Ewert has more than 22 years of experience in the banking industry. Currently he serves as President of Consumer Banking with Adams Bank & Trust. He joined the bank in 2010 as Regional President after more than a decade with HSBC. He is responsible for directing and managing the bank's consumer and mortgage lending functions in 19 branches across three states. He serves as a member of Adams Bank & Trust's Executive Strategy Team, in addition to sitting on the bank's Credit and ALCO committees. Some of his civic involvements include: serving as the President on the Board of Directors for the Thompson Education Foundation; Vice President and board member for the Loveland Sertoma service club and, serving on the Government Affairs Committee for the Colorado Bankers Association. Ewert earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and his MBA at Loyola University in Chicago. In 2013 he graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado, and recently completed the CBA's Center for Bank Advocacy Program. Nathan and his wife, Jennifer, have a 13-year-old daughter, Brooklyn.

About the Colorado Bankers Association

The Colorado Bankers Association represents more than 95 percent of the 140 banks in Colorado, which have \$146 billion in assets, 1,492 branches, and 21,944 proud professionals. CBA advocates for Colorado banks of all sizes and charter types before governmental bodies and the public to continually promote and improve the banking industry amid challenge and a changing environment. CBA proactively seeks to increase benefits for bank customers, improve value for shareholders, and grow a stronger business climate for banks and our local economies. CBA supplements its effective advocacy with superior industry-specific information and education for bankers, and various high-quality products and services. CBA focuses on creating a stronger economy and helping Coloradans realize dreams by building better banks.

