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The Company issued a customer communication regarding the core systems conversion in connection with the proposed merger, and discussed the proposed merger. The following is an excerpt of the portions of the customer communication discussing the proposed merger.

Dear Valued Customer,

While the merger of Bank 34 and Commerce Bank of Arizona is not yet complete, we wanted to provide you with helpful and important information regarding your accounts provided the merger closes as expected. Specifically, we plan to convert our core systems shortly after the merger closes and this packet contains information for you regarding the systems conversion and your accounts.

Provided the merger closes, we look forward to welcoming you and your business. We are also excited to announce that following the merger, we will be known as Southwest Heritage Bank, reflecting our legacy of helping businesses grow throughout the southwest.

As Southwest Heritage Bank, or SWHB, we plan to provide an enhanced level of convenience and product offerings. We are excited to offer a full spectrum of business banking solutions to you using the same exceptional service our banking team is known for. Should the merger not close, there is nothing you will need to do.

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#### Additional Information About the Merger and Where to Find It

This communication is being made in respect of the proposed merger transaction between the Company and CBOA. In connection with the proposed merger, the Company has filed a registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC to register the Company's shares that will be issued to CBOA's shareholders in connection with the merger. The registration statement includes a proxy statement of the Company and CBOA and a prospectus of the Company, as well as other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY AND CBOA ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, INCLUDING THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS CONTAINED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, INCLUDING THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS FILED BY THE COMPANY OR CBOA WITH THE SEC, INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY, CBOA AND THE MERGER.

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A free copy of the proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other documents filed with the SEC by the Company may be obtained at the SEC's Internet site at http://www.sec.gov. The definitive proxy statement/prospectus has also been mailed to shareholders of the Company and CBOA.

### PARTICIPANTS IN THE TRANSACTION

The Company and CBOA and certain of their respective directors and executive officers, under the rules of the SEC may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the Company's and CBOA's shareholders in favor of the approval of the merger agreement. Information about the directors and officers of the Company and CBOA and their ownership of Company and CBOA common stock are contained in the registration statement and proxy statement/prospectus pertaining to the transaction. Free copies of this document may be obtained as described above.