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AMEGY BANK PROMOTES NATALIE GARZA AND RYAN HIGHTOWER TO EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENTS

HOUSTON, TX (July 5, 2022) — **Natalie Garza** and **Ryan Hightower** were each promoted to Executive Vice President at Amegy Bank. In their respective roles, they will provide executive leadership and continue their efforts in the commercial lending group. Having joined Amegy after completing the Bank's Credit Training Program, both have over 30 years of combined commercial banking experience.



Garza manages Amegy's Commercial Real Estate Banking division, focusing on construction and term lending solutions across all asset classes, including multifamily, office, industrial, and retail. After completing the Bank's Credit Training Program in 2008, Garza worked as a Relationship Manager in the Commercial Real Estate division for over eight years, then transitioned to the Corporate Banking team in 2017, focusing on public and upper middle-market companies and private equity-backed transactions. The following year she re-joined the Commercial Real Estate (CRE) lending group as the Lending Manager for the Houston CRE team. Now, she manages all CRE banking activities across the Bank's markets.

Garza holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Louisiana State University and a Master of Business Administration from the McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas–Austin. Garza is actively involved with NAIOP, ULI, CREW Houston, United Way, and St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Hightower manages Amegy's Commercial Lending Group, one of Houston's top-performing commercial teams. In 2005, Hightower joined Amegy's Credit Training Program, growing his career within the Bank's Commercial Lending team, proving himself as a valuable and trusted advisor to premier public and private companies in the Greater Houston market. Previously, he spent several years working for the U.S. Government in the House of Representatives, focusing on energy, the environment, and budget and taxes legislation.

Hightower received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Houston and his Master of Business Administration from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. In addition, Hightower co-chaired and chaired the Bank's 2021 & 2022 United Way campaigns, leading Amegy to record fundraising years with nearly \$2 million raised and



over 500 hours volunteered. For the past four years, he has also served on the Board of the University of Houston's Banking Program. Furthermore, Hightower has become a mentor to many early-career bankers to help further develop their careers and the Bank's future leaders.

About Amegy Bank

Amegy Bank, a division of Zions Bancorporation, N.A., is a leading Texas bank with \$13 billion in assets and over 75 full-service locations across Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Central Texas. Founded in 1990, Amegy has a long tradition of relationship banking, local decision-making, and financial knowledge to better serve Texas communities, families, and businesses. Headquartered in Houston, TX, Amegy specializes in banking businesses of all sizes by providing financing, treasury management, international banking, and other specialized services. Equally important, the Bank offers individuals and families a wide range of depository, lending, and mortgage solutions. To learn more about Amegy, visit amegybank.com.

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