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**Bank of the Sierra Announces Leonard Routt as  
Vice President/Branch Loan Officer**

**PORTERVILLE, CA** — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce Leonard Routt as Vice President and Branch Loan Officer for the Fresno Shaw Street branch. Leonard received his Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from California State University of Fresno. He has over 20 years of prior experience with regional and national financial institutions as well as federal lending programs.

“We are very happy to have Leonard join the Fresno Team. With his experience and skills, Leonard will be an asset to Bank of the Sierra,” stated Keith Pretzer, Senior Vice President and Area Manager.

**About Bank of the Sierra**

With over \$1.3 billion in assets and strong performance ratios, Bank of the Sierra is the largest independently owned community bank headquartered in Southern San Joaquin Valley’s Heartland. The bank serves 15 different communities with 23 branches, two Ag Centers and one SBA Center. For more information visit the web site at [www.bankofthesierra.com](http://www.bankofthesierra.com) or call (888) 454-BANK.

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