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John Angelesco Joins Heritage Bank of Commerce as SVP/ Commercial Loan Officer

San Jose, Calif. (February 13, 2012) - Heritage Bank of Commerce, the operating bank of Heritage Commerce Corp (NASDAQ:HTBK), today announced the addition of John Angelesco as the SVP/Commercial Loan Officer at the Bank's San Jose regional office. John will be responsible for managing a portfolio of customers and developing new business opportunities for the bank.

"John brings an invaluable skill set to our team with over 30 years of relationship banking experience throughout the South Bay Area," said Roxanne Vane, Senior Vice President and San Jose Regional Manager. "We are looking forward to the strong client focus and leadership qualities he brings to the team and we are excited to welcome him aboard."

Prior to joining the team at Heritage, he served as Senior Vice President with Valley Community Bank in San Jose, First Vice President at Comerica Bank's middle market group, and with Bank of the West as a branch manager.

Angelesco is a longtime resident of San Jose who is an avid baseball fan and currently serves as the Treasurer of the Silicon Valley Adult Baseball league. He has also previously served on the Board of the YMCA. John is a graduate of Golden Gate University (MBA) and University of Massachusetts (Amherst).

Heritage Commerce Corp, a bank holding company established in February 1998, is the parent company of Heritage Bank of Commerce, established in 1994 and headquartered in San Jose with full-service branches in Danville, Fremont, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Gatos, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Pleasanton, and Walnut Creek. Heritage Bank of Commerce is an SBA Preferred Lender with an additional Loan Production Office in Santa Rosa, California. For more information, please visit www.heritagecommercecorp.com.