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Swanson and Castellon Promoted

BELLINGHAM, WA – October 2009 – Horizon Bank announced that Mark Swanson has been promoted to manage both their Cornwall and Holly offices in Bellingham. For the past 2 years, Swanson has been managing their Lynden office. In his new role, Swanson will focus on developing personal and business relationships for Horizon's downtown Bellingham customer base. Swanson has also been selected as an Employee Campaign Coordinator for United Way of Whatcom County and looks forward to becoming better acquainted with the Bellingham community.

Horizon Bank also announced that Abe Castellon has been promoted to Retail Office Manager of their Lynden office. Castellon had been with the Bank for the past 3 years holding positions such as bank teller, Personal Banker and most recently, Sr. Personal Banker with a Washington State Fixed Insurance License to sell Fixed Annuity Products. In his new role, Castellon will focus on ensuring that the financial needs of customers are being met and developing community business relationships. Castellon is a current member of the Washington Latino Business Association in Whatcom County and speaks fluent Spanish.

Horizon Financial Corp. is a \$1.36 billion, state-chartered bank holding company headquartered in Bellingham, Washington. Its primary subsidiary, Horizon Bank, maintains a regional banking presence that has been serving customers for 87 years, and operates 18 full-service offices, four commercial loan centers and four real estate loan centers throughout Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish and Pierce counties in Washington.

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