

NEWS RELEASE

Southern California Bancorp Completes \$42 million Capital Offering

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San Diego, December 23, 2020 – Southern California Bancorp (the “Company”) (OTC Pink: BCAL), the holding company for Bank of Southern California, N.A. (the “Bank”), announces the successful completion of a capital raise of approximately \$42 million through the issuance of common stock in a private placement to institutional and accredited individual investors at a price of \$12.00 per share.

“We are very pleased with the investment community’s response to the Southern California Bancorp offering, with strong interest shown by both institutional and individual accredited investors,” said David Rainer, Executive Chairman of Southern California Bancorp.

“The capital raise strengthens our balance sheet, and the Bank is now well positioned to execute on its strategic growth plans, including the expansion of its footprint in Southern California to drive organic growth in 2021,” said Nathan Rogge, President and CEO of Bank of Southern California. “We appreciate investors’ continued confidence in the Bank of Southern California’s performance and the Company’s ability to create shareholder value.”

The Bank was represented by MJC Partners, LLC, who served as the sole placement agent for the offering.

ABOUT MJC PARTNERS, LLC

MJC Partners, LLC is a leading Los Angeles-based boutique investment banking and advisory firm providing a full range of strategic, transactional, and valuation-related services to clients across multiple industry groups. For more information about MJC Partners, visit www.mjcpartners.com.

ABOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BANCORP

Southern California Bancorp is a registered bank holding company formed for the purpose of acquiring control of

the Bank. The Bank became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company in a reorganization transaction that closed on May 15, 2020.

For more information, please visit <https://www.banksocal.com> or call (844) BNK-SOCAL.

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The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly revise these forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.