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## **Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers Announces Hiring of Dominic DiFrancesco as New President/COO**

(Harrisburg) The Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers (PACB) is pleased to announce the hiring of former Dauphin County Commissioner Dominic DiFrancesco as the organization's new President/COO, effective September 1, 2010. DiFrancesco will succeed Frank A. Pinto, who will remain as the CEO of PACB through September 2011.

DiFrancesco joins PACB following seven years of service as Dauphin County Commissioner, where he oversaw a county budget of \$370 million and over 1,600 employees. As one of three elected commissioners, Nick reduced the county workforce by 400 employees and held the line on taxes for 5 consecutive years. Prior to serving as an elected official, DiFrancesco worked for PACB for nine years as the Director of Legislative Services.

"After conducting a national search of impressively qualified candidates, the Board of Directors unanimously decided that Nick DiFrancesco is the best choice to lead PACB and be the new spokesman for community banking in Pennsylvania," said William Ritenour, President/CEO of C&G Savings Bank in Altoona and Chairman of the Board at PACB. "Nick has made significant contributions to both his community and to the community banking industry, and his track record of vision and success speaks for itself. He has displayed the strong leadership and dedication to innovation required to take the PACB to the next level."

Ritenour also said, "We are grateful for the leadership of our current President/CEO Frank A. Pinto; he will always be a part of the PACB family. I can think of no one more qualified than Frank to mentor Nick over the next year or so."

Pinto, who became President/CEO in 1986, noted, "Deciding to step back from my responsibilities at PACB is one of the hardest decisions I've ever made. It has been an incredible honor to serve the mission of the community bankers across the Commonwealth for the past 25 years. I've known and respected Nick for many years, and I know he'll do a fantastic job running the show." Pinto will continue to work with PACB as the CEO through September 1, 2011, and then in a senior advisory capacity.

Upon accepting the position, DiFrancesco said, "PACB is one of the Pennsylvania's most respected trade associations, with a proud history of promoting community banks and their mission of service and stability. It's a great honor to rejoin the PACB team and have the opportunity to build on its success."

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*The Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers is the only statewide, full-service trade association that exclusively represents the interests of Pennsylvania's local community banks. The Association represents nearly 200 members and associate members. PACB actively promotes community bank legislation in Harrisburg and Washington, DC, and offers a full range of educational programs and membership services.*

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