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## **CITY NATIONAL BANK LAUNCHES ORLANDO ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PROPEL CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPANSION**

*Advisory Committee, made up of six Orlando-based business leaders, will help spearhead the bank's expansion while representing the local community*

**ORLANDO, FL – (July 28, 2021)** – City National Bank of Florida (CNB), Florida's Big Bank Alternative, has formed an Advisory Committee made up of top Orlando business and community leaders to help propel the bank's Central Florida expansion. As the second-largest bank in the state with more than \$20 billion in assets, CNB is deepening its commitment to Central Florida. The five members of the newly appointed Orlando Advisory Committee will provide input on strategy and business trends in the market, so that CNB can maximize its ability to deliver the products and services clients need, while offering the personalized service they want.

"At City National Bank, we prioritize our relationships with clients, and pride ourselves in making significant impacts in the communities we serve," said Erik Weiner, Market President for Central Florida. "As a Florida-based community bank that is looking to become the state's 'iconic bank', and a critical player in the I-4 corridor, it was important we engaged with prominent business leaders in the Orlando market. The Advisory Committee will serve as our regional ambassadors while we expand our presence and drive awareness to our product and service differentiators."

The creation of the Orlando Advisory Committee comes on the heels of CNB establishing a new regional headquarters in Central Florida. Last year, the bank signed a lease for 13,500 square-feet of space and placed its brand atop the landmark 390 North Orange Ave building in Downtown Orlando. BciCapital, CNB's specialty finance subsidiary, will also be located within the bank's new headquarters.

The Orlando Advisory Committee will help accelerate CNB's regional growth by creating and presenting opportunities to drive brand awareness and business development in Central Florida.

The five members of this new Advisory Committee include:

- **Dick Batchelor**, President of Dick Batchelor Management Group, a consulting firm that specializes in business development, strategic governmental affairs, and public policy issues: A U.S. Marine Corp veteran that served during the Vietnam War, Mr. Batchelor has 40 years of political experience, including serving as a former member of the Florida House of Representatives. His intimate knowledge of the political landscape makes him one of the most savvy analysts and coveted strategists in the state of Florida. He currently serves as co-chairman of the Children's Trust of Orange County, and he is co-chairman of the Orange County Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Commission and the Orange County Children's Summit.
- **Tico Perez**, founder of Tico Perez Solutions, LLC, a business development and government relations consulting firm: Mr. Perez has practiced law in the Orlando area for more than 30 years

and has served on more than 50 community boards and organizations across Central Florida and the state. He is also involved in the Boy Scouts of America, previously serving as the National Commissioner and currently services as Chairman of the organization's National Executive Board.

- **Horace Dawson**, Executive Vice President and General Counsel at Red Lobster Seafood Co.: Mr. Dawson handles legal, communications and government affairs at the world's largest seafood restaurant, and serves on the Board of Directors of the National Restaurant Association, the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, and the Boys and Girls Club of Central Florida.
- **Laura Cosgrove**, Partner at Losey PLLC: Ms. Cosgrove's practice specializes in art law, advising artists, art collectors and museums on the legal and business aspects of their creative endeavors. As a native of Central Florida, she has an extensive and diverse background as a leader in the community. Ms. Cosgrove is a founder and past board president of the Foundation for Foster Children. She also serves on the board of the Committee of 100; is past president of the Florida Executive Women, Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families Community Leadership Council; and the Independent Insurance Agents Association of Central Florida.
- **Lewis Duncan**, Provost, Chief Operating Officer, and Dean of Faculty at US Naval War College: Dr. Duncan has spent more than 15 years as an educator in Central Florida and is internationally recognized as an accomplished research scientist in experimental space physics and radiophysics. Dr. Duncan has a wide breadth of community involvement having served on the Executive Committee for the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission, as a Trustee for the Winter Park Health Foundation, as an Advisor for the Winter Park Enzian Theater's "Science and Cinema" series, and as a speaker at the Interfaith Council of Central Florida. Dr. Duncan is currently on the Board of Directors for the Women's Center for Transformative Living and on the Board of Directors for nTutch.

"We are proud to have assembled an Advisory Committee made up of such a remarkable group of professionals who are pillars of the Orlando community," added Erik Weiner. "The Orlando Advisory Committee members were hand-selected for their impressive contributions to the growth of the greater Orlando community. Our goal is to learn from and collaborate with these individuals to provide a better banking experience for Orlando businesses and residents and make significant impacts throughout the Central Florida communities we serve."

### **About City National Bank of Florida**

Headquartered in Miami, City National Bank (CNB) is the financial institution to which Floridians have turned for more than 75 years. With more than \$20 billion in assets, CNB is one of the largest financial institutions based in the state. City National Bank is a subsidiary of Chilean bank, Banco de Credito e Inversiones (Bci), and remains a South Florida-based community bank with local decision-making. City National Bank is rated 5 stars "Superior" by BauerFinancial. CNB was voted Best Community Bank, Best Business Bank, Best Bank for Commercial Real Estate, Best Bank for Jumbo Loans, Best Private Bank and Best Foreign National Mortgage Lender by the readers of the Daily Business Review. CNB was also named Business of The Year 2019 by the South Florida Business Journal. CNB offers a diversified portfolio of financial products and services from Miami-Dade County to Central Florida.