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**GOLDEN STATE BANCORP COMPLETES THE INITIAL PHASES OF ITS CAPITAL RAISE:  
\$10.0 MILLION IN EQUITY AND \$15.0 MILLION IN DEBT CAPITAL RAISED**

Glendale, CA, March 9, 2022 - Golden State Bancorp (Ticker Symbol: GSBX), the holding company of Golden State Bank (the "Bank"), is pleased to announce the completion of the initial phases of its capital raise with \$10.0 million in equity capital and \$15.0 million in subordinated notes raised from institutional investors.

Golden State Bancorp successfully completed the \$10.0 million equity capital portion of the raise through a private placement offering of equity securities at the equivalent of \$18.00 per share from investment funds affiliated with Castle Creek Capital ([www.castlecreek.com](http://www.castlecreek.com)), an institutional investor specializing in the community bank sector. Separately, \$15.0 million of 10 year, 5 year non-callable, subordinated debt was placed at a fixed rate of 4.50% for the initial 5 years. Golden State Bancorp has used a portion of the proceeds from this raise to repay \$10.0 million of its existing senior notes, with the rest of it intended to increase both its and the Bank's capital bases in support of its growth plans.

In the next few weeks, Golden State Bancorp will: i) provide all of its existing shareholders the opportunity to purchase shares, if they wish to do so, at the same price, \$18.00 a share, as in the private placement offering. The offering will be limited to shareholders that qualify as accredited investors; and ii) survey all of its existing shareholders to determine the level of interest in selling shares at \$18.00 a share. Depending on the level of interest, Golden State Bancorp may take steps to facilitate the sale of those shares. No insider, including members of the Board of Directors or management, would participate in any such sale of shares.

Castle Creek Capital has committed to invest a minimum of another \$2.5 million, and Golden State Bancorp will raise no more than \$5.0 million in the offering.

Robert H. Setrakian, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Golden State Bancorp stated, "First of all, we want to welcome our new shareholder and debt providers and thank them for their confidence in us and our vision for our business. We are very excited about our prospects and the growth opportunities ahead of us. We did this raise not only to support our growth, but also because we want to be prudent and maintain our well capitalized status and our strong ratios. Hence, the decision on the timing and size of the capital raise will position the Bank for our next stage of growth."

Hovde Group, LLC, a leading full-service investment bank and broker-dealer that provides investment banking, capital markets, equity research, and sales and trading services focused on the financial services sector, served as sole placement agent for both equity and debt offerings.

**About Golden State Bancorp and Golden State Bank**

Golden State Bancorp is the holding company of Golden State Bank. Golden State Bank is a full service bank, serving the business, commercial and professional markets. The Bank meets financial needs of its business clients with loans for working capital, equipment, owner-occupied and investment commercial real estate, and a full array of cash management services and deposit products for businesses and their owners. Golden State Bank meets its clients' needs through its head office and branch in Glendale and regional office and branch in Upland, California. For more information, please visit [www.goldenstatebank.com](http://www.goldenstatebank.com) and [www.goldenstatebancorp.com](http://www.goldenstatebancorp.com).

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