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**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO APPOINTS
VANTAGE WEST LEADER AS CDIAC MEMBER**

TUCSON, Arizona. (February 1, 2017) – The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco has announced the appointment of Robert D. Ramirez, Vantage West Credit Union President and CEO, to serve on the Twelfth District Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council (CDIAC). His appointment is effective January 1, 2017 and CDIAC members generally serve a three-year term.

As a member of the Advisory Council, Ramirez will serve as a voice of local financial institutions, bringing to the Federal Reserve their perspectives and concerns on issues including the local effects of regulatory policies.

Ramirez said he looks forward to the opportunity to discuss issues that affect the ability of Vantage West Credit Union and our neighboring financial institutions to best serve our local markets.

Ramirez brings extensive financial and leadership experience to the CDIAC, having served as Vantage West President and CEO since April 2000 and prior to that, as Vice President for Asset and Liability Management (since 1985).

Ramirez also holds a variety of board and leadership positions with organizations including the Mountain West Credit Union Association, Sun Corridor Inc., Southern Arizona Leadership

Council, and he currently serves as Chairman of the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

Under his leadership, Vantage West has grown to be southern Arizona's largest credit union with \$1.6 billion in total assets.

The CDIAC represents banks, thrift institutions and credit unions within the Twelfth Federal Reserve District (headquartered in San Francisco), which includes Arizona. The council provides input to the Federal Reserve on a variety of topics, including economic and banking conditions, regulatory policies, and payment issues.

About Vantage West Credit Union

Vantage West Credit Union is a \$1.6-billion financial institution in Arizona, which serves a growing membership of more than 140,000. Vantage West has 17 branches in Pima, Pinal, Maricopa and Cochise counties and serves its vast global membership via online channels, as well. Vantage West is a full-service financial institution, offering consumer and business loans, credit cards, and deposit products, as well as retirement accounts and other financial services. Vantage West is federally insured by NCUA. vantagewest.org