

First General Bank Declared Cash Dividend

ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA, January 4, 2012 – First General Bank, Rowland Heights, announced that its Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of twenty cents per common share, payable on January 5, 2012, to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 21, 2011.

"This is the first dividend payment in the Bank's young history," noted President and Chief Executive Officer Cliff Hsu. "The strategic actions that we have taken in the last several years, including focusing on growing businesses we know and do best, operating at high efficiency and the recent mergers, have produced great financial and operational results for us," Hsu added, "We are absolutely pleased."

About First General Bank

First General Bank, founded in 2005, had total assets of approximately \$500 million as of December 31, 2011. First General Bank is headquartered in Rowland Heights, California, with branches in Arcadia, Irvine, Rosemead, Rowland Heights, and San Gabriel, California. First General Bank focuses on personalized service, combined with a full range of conventional and online core consumer and commercial banking products and cash management services for small to medium sized businesses and individuals residing or doing business in southern California.

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