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### **T.J. RAGUSO APPOINTED TO EX-IM BANK 2019 ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

HOUSTON (Aug. 5, 2019) — Amegy Bank Group Executive Vice President of Global Banking T.J. Raguso was recently selected to join the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) 2019 Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is Congressionally-established and advises Ex-Im Bank on its policies and programs that encourage the bank to provide competitive financing to support American jobs through exports.

The nomination process considered the congressional mandates for Advisory Committee representation, as well as the candidates' business experiences and qualifications. The Advisory Committee broadly represents an array of sectors and stakeholder groups, including small business, agriculture, environment, finance, labor, services, and textiles, among others.

“I look forward to serving on the Ex-Im advisory committee and am excited for the opportunity to provide a regional bank perspective on the importance of Ex-Im financing,” said Raguso. “California and Texas are the largest exporting states in the U.S., and we have opportunities to support customers involved in global trade across the Zions Bancorporation footprint.”

Amegy Bank has been a long-time lending resource of the Ex-Im Bank’s Working Capital Program by promoting Ex-Im guaranteed loan facilities to qualified small businesses. In 2013, Amegy Bank received Fast Track Lender Status, which is a select distinction given to only 10 banks in the United States that have demonstrated skills in Ex-Im working capital lending. In 2014, Amegy was named Small Business Lender of the Year by the Ex-Im Bank.

#### **About EXIM Bank**

EXIM is an independent federal agency that promotes and supports American jobs by providing competitive and necessary export credit to overseas purchasers of U.S. goods and services. A robust EXIM can level the global playing field for U.S. exporters when they compete against foreign companies that receive support from their governments. EXIM also contributes to U.S. economic growth by helping to create and sustain hundreds of thousands of jobs in exporting businesses and their supply chains across the United States. In recent years, 90 percent of the total number of the agency’s authorizations has directly supported small businesses.

#### **About Amegy Bank**

Amegy Bank, a division of Zions Bancorporation, N.A., is a leading Texas bank with \$13 billion in assets and about 1,600 employees. With more than 75 locations across Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Central Texas, Amegy is dedicated to serving Texas communities, families and businesses. Founded in 1990, Amegy has a strong tradition of relationship banking, local decision making and financial knowledge. Amegy specializes in banking businesses of all sizes and has the resources to provide financing, treasury

management solutions, international banking, as well as other specialized services. Equally important, the bank offers individuals and families a wide range of depository, lending, and mortgage solutions.

To learn more about Amegy, visit [www.amegybank.com](http://www.amegybank.com) or call 800-287-0301.

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