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PRESS RELEASE

Wheelhouse Credit Union Opens Redesigned Retail Branch in San Diego's Historic Downtown Financial District

SAN DIEGO, December 6, 2019 – Wheelhouse Credit Union (Wheelhouse) recently held the official grand opening of its redesigned branch in historic downtown San Diego's financial district.

The newly renovated branch, centrally located at Third Avenue and B Street in the heart of the city, features a contemporary layout and new exterior, while retaining the original period details of the building. The retail location also will include "Wheelhouse Rooms" that serve as private lounges for members and visitors to use during the day for relaxing or socializing.

"We are committed to evolving with our Members, anticipating and meeting their needs today and tomorrow," said Wheelhouse President/CEO Lisa Paul-Hill. "Members expect the latest technology for security and convenience, along with the opportunity to get expert, personalized advice – whether they are saving for college or planning for retirement. Our new branch layout and suite of amenities aligns with our Member-first commitment of easily accessible financial products and services delivered by our friendly, knowledgeable team that is dedicated to our Members' interests."

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Ribbon-cutting ceremony with (left to right) Marcia McLatchy, Chair, Wheelhouse Credit Union Board of Directors; Jerry Sanders, President/CEO, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce; Lisa Paul-Hill, President/CEO, Wheelhouse Credit Union; Gladys Nixon, Downtown Branch Manager, Wheelhouse Credit Union.

One of San Diego's oldest credit unions, Wheelhouse has deep roots in the downtown area. Founded in 1934 to serve San Diego City employees, the credit union's newly remodeled branch reclaims the building's historical qualities while adding modern architectural features. Focus was placed on restoring the building's original mid-century architecture, which had been concealed, to bring back to life its mid-century origins, opening up the interior spaces to bring in the outdoors.

"For more than 85 years, we have been *San Diego Made and Proud*. With a long City of San Diego legacy, we are honored to support the continued revitalization of the historic downtown financial district as we invest in programs to help our beautiful city thrive. We also invite our community to visit our new Wheelhouse Rooms as a casual and comfortable area to spend time while waiting for a train or taking a break from their office," Paul-Hill said.

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Opening the newly redesigned branch in historic downtown San Diego's financial district are (left to right) Jerry Sanders, President/CEO, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce; Lisa Paul-Hill, President/CEO, Wheelhouse Credit Union; Marcia McLatchy, Chair, Wheelhouse Credit Union Board of Directors; Robert Lawrence, member of the Wheelhouse Credit Union Board of Directors.

About Wheelhouse Credit Union

Wheelhouse Credit Union (formerly San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union) is a federally insured, state chartered credit union founded in 1934 serving more than 21,000 community members in the greater San Diego area. Wheelhouse is "San Diego Made and Proud," providing a full suite of consumer banking services and a comprehensive set of energy-efficient and solar loan products for the conscientious San Diegan. The credit union is committed to helping its Members succeed while supporting initiatives that help San Diego thrive. Please visit wheelhouse.com for more information, or follow the credit union on Instagram®, Facebook® and Twitter®.

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