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San Francisco Regional Office
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February 27, 2018

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ruben L. Alvarez

[REDACTED]
Ceres, CA [REDACTED]

Subject: Prohibition under Section 19 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act

Dear Mr. Alvarez:

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) has become aware of your conviction for violation of section 487(a) of Title 13 of the California Penal Code (Crimes Against Property) in Stanislaus County, California on January 30, 2018, arising out of your former employment at the Ceres, California branch of Bank of the West, San Francisco, California.

Your conviction is covered by Section 19 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (“FDI Act”), 12 U.S.C. § 1829. Section 19 prohibits, except with the prior written consent of the FDIC, any person who has been convicted of any criminal offense involving dishonesty, breach of trust, or money laundering, or who has entered into a pretrial diversion or similar program in connection with such an offense, from becoming or continuing as an institution-affiliated party with respect to any insured depository institution; owning or controlling, directly or indirectly, any insured depository institution; or otherwise participating, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of the affairs of any insured depository institution. Because Section 19 is effective by operation of law, you are already subject to the law’s restrictions, including the prohibition on participating in the affairs of any insured depository institution.

Your attention is directed to Section 19(b) of the FDI Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1829(b), which imposes criminal penalties of up to five years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$1,000,000 upon any person who knowingly violates the restrictions of Section 19. The FDIC has also adopted a *Statement of Policy for Section 19 of the FDI Act*, which provides additional background and information.

If you have reason to believe your January 30, 2018, conviction is not covered by section 19 of the FDI Act, please provide a written response to this office within 30 days. After that time period, this letter will be posted and become publicly available on the FDIC website.

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Should you have a question regarding this matter, please contact FDIC Counsel [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,

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Kathy L. Moe
Regional Director

cc: Attorney [REDACTED]
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