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## **Horizon Bank Announces Relocation to One American Center** *Local bank remains at 6<sup>th</sup> and Congress in new ground floor retail location.*

**AUSTIN, TX** – Today Horizon Bank, SSB, a locally owned and operated banking entity, announced the relocation of their headquarters to One American Center at 600 Congress Avenue. The move, while close in proximity from their current Scarborough Building location, signifies a new step towards the future in Horizon’s growth strategy since reemerging on the local banking scene in 2006.

The new space includes 5,079 square feet of ground floor retail banking and 7,550 square feet of executive office space on the fourth floor with an exterior balcony that overlooks 6<sup>th</sup> and Congress. Under a long-term lease, the space totals nearly 13,000 square feet, nearly double the space currently occupied. One American Center is owned by Thomas Properties Group (TPG), a company that worked tirelessly in recruiting Horizon to the prime retail and executive space. Tenant representation was handled by John Bundy of Development 2000, Inc.

“Horizon Bank is eager to call One American Center home; 6<sup>th</sup> and Congress is the heart of the city. Andy Smith and the entire TPG team have been more than accommodating in helping us get settled in,” said James Dyess, CEO of Horizon Bank. “One American is the perfect location for the Bank’s corporate offices and will allow us to effectively serve our Austin banking clients.”

“All of us at Thomas Properties Group are extremely proud to welcome Horizon Bank to One America Center,” said Andrew Smith, managing director of leasing for TPG. “Horizon’s retail banking presence on the ground floor is a convenient addition to the busiest corner in Austin where the entertainment of 6th Street meets the business of Congress Avenue. Having Horizon’s headquarters in the building further establishes One America Center’s reputation as a premiere downtown office landmark.”

Construction on the interior finish-out of the space began in September and will conclude in mid-December. Studio 8 Architects, Inc. managed the architectural undertaking and Burt-Watts Industries served as the general contractor. Both companies are locally owned. “Horizon Bank has been a pillar of the Central Texas community for many years and we were very happy to help them with the development of their new facilities,” said Tommy Burt, president and co-founder, Burt-Watts. Construction includes a new exterior bank lobby entrance on 6<sup>th</sup> Street, a new ATM/night depository on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and a complete remodel/renovation of the occupied spaces.

Horizon Bank will be open for business at their new location on December 21<sup>st</sup>. The new physical address is 600 Congress, Suite 400, Austin, Texas, 78701. Contacts:

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- Tenant Representative: John Bundy – Development 2000, Inc. (512)306-0100
- Landlord Representative: Andrew Smith – Thomas Properties Group, (512)536-8400
- Tenant’s Attorney: Clint Bledsoe – Smith-Robertson, (512)225-5809

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Horizon Bank, headquartered in Austin, TX with banking offices in Holland and Salado, was established in 1905. It has established itself as a bank founded on community principles; neighborhood banking and local knowledge. In an era where banking options are dominated by national presence, Horizon Bank offers banking for Texans. The institution is Central Texas managed and responsible to local shareholders. Horizon Bank SSB makes a commitment to the communities they operate in and the communities they live in. The management team at Horizon believes that banking should be a valued relationship, where your bank is local and a helping hand is right around the corner. For more information please visit [www.horizonbanktexas.com](http://www.horizonbanktexas.com).