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**The Bank of Tampa Appoints K. Owen LaFave as Senior Vice President,
Pinellas County Market President**

TAMPA, Fla., May 1, 2019 – [The Bank of Tampa](#) today announced Owen LaFave has been appointed Pinellas County market president. LaFave will oversee commercial and personal banking throughout Pinellas County. LaFave succeeds Scott C. Gault, who was recently appointed Hillsborough County market president at The Bank of Tampa.

“Owen’s success and leadership has been recognized, both internally and externally, and we are excited to see that success translate to the Pinellas County community,” said Corey Neil, chief banking officer at The Bank of Tampa. “Furthermore, we are proud to continue our effort to promote and develop top talent from within our bank and ensure we have deep leadership for years to come. His passion and energy make him a great leader, coupled with his understanding of The Bank of Tampa’s unique culture, he is a great fit for this elevated role.”

LaFave has been with The Bank of Tampa for six years, and has more than 18 years of banking and finance experience, specifically in the Tampa Bay region. In his previous role, his responsibilities included expanding The Bank of Tampa’s commercial real estate presence in Pinellas County. LaFave holds a bachelor of arts in business finance from the University of South Florida.

LaFave serves on the board of the Neighborhood Lending Partners, Inc. as past chairman, as well as on the boards of First Housing, Inc. and the Tampa Downtown Partnership. Previously, he held positions including chairman of the Downtown CRA Advisory Board, chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Tampa, president of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) and past sponsorship chair for Leadership Tampa.

About The Bank of Tampa

The Bank of Tampa is one of the largest community banks in the Tampa Bay area. It has been privately held by its employees, directors and clients since the banks inception in 1984. It has offices in Hillsborough, Pinellas and Sarasota counties. The Bank of Tampa’s assets total more than \$1.6 billion, with outstanding loans great than \$1 billion. Its wealth

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