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TexasBank Hires Dynamic Operations Duo to Its Growing Team

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Greg Dodds, President and CEO of TexasBank has announced the hiring of Tony Vargas as its Chief Digital Officer and Stephanie Martin as SVP of Retail and Deposit Operations, “Stephanie and Tony are the perfect fit for our senior management team. Stephanie brings a wealth of retail expertise to our growing branch network while Tony will be providing direct oversight of all our digital platforms while building out our treasury management product portfolio. Most importantly, I believe that they are both a tremendous complement to the type of culture found only in a true community bank that we are dedicated to maintaining despite our growth and successes.

Tony Vargas joined TexasBank in August of 2024 as SVP Chief Digital Operations Officer following over 25 years of experience in banking technology and operations. Raised in Kansas City and educated in Madrid, Spain, Tony combines training as a systems engineer with a global perspective that drives innovation and efficiency in the financial sector.

A graduate of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at SMU in Dallas, Tony is a seasoned professional with a career marked by a commitment to excellence and a passion for leveraging technology to enhance business processes. His qualifications include Project Management Professional (PMP) certificate holder, as he excels in managing complex projects and delivering strategic solutions that meet the needs of our customers both now and into the future. Tony is also fluent in both English and Spanish further enhancing his ability to lead and collaborate in diverse environments.

Vargas shared excitement stating, "The digital team and I are excited for the opportunity to partner with our customers and build an even better and more integrated way to control and manage their finances online. We are already working hard to roll out new products and services ~~out~~ to our customers via the digital channel."

Outside of his professional life, he enjoys spending time with his family and running, playing tennis, and soccer.

Stephanie Martin also joined TexasBank in August 2024 as SVP Retail and Deposit Operations. Boasting a successful 25-year banking career, Stephanie has excelled in providing strategic leadership and oversight to high-performing teams while ensuring operational excellence and exceptional customer service.

Throughout her career, Stephanie has demonstrated a commitment to enhancing organizational performance. She has successfully led teams through core conversion projects while significantly improving account and digital banking platforms. Martin is also a champion of talent development, and has promoted numerous team members into leadership roles, fostering a culture of growth and collaboration.

Stephanie shared a quote she lives by, “Change is inevitable, growth is optional.” She continues, “starting with TexasBank and being part of the exponential growth they are experiencing is more than exciting. The team already in place is set up for success and I am honored to partner with them.”

In her personal life, Stephanie spends time outdoors in nature, speaking at and leading workshops to empower women in their personal development and growth. She is newly married, a Gem'a to a new grandson, a mom to a late son, and has gained two bonus adult children through marriage.

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