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## **First Independent Announces New Branch Team Leaders**

First Independent has hired two new team leaders in its branch banking network. Jon Colasuonno and Mojgan Kasraei joined First Independent from previous positions at credit unions. They manage First Independent's Height and Minnehaha branches, respectively.

Colasuonno most recently was a branch manager at Advantis Credit Union in Portland. He has worked in various financial services positions since earning a Bachelor's degree from Linfield College and a Master's in management and organizational leadership from Warner Pacific. Colasuonno serves on the Board of Directors of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Portland chapter.

Kasraei has 15 years of experience in financial services companies, most recently as a branch manager with Lacamas Community Credit Union. Prior to that, she was responsible for opening and managing the first in-store branch of Columbia Credit Union on Battleground. Kasraei has also worked at Washington Mutual Bank and U.S. Bank.

"While online and mobile banking have grown increasingly popular, many families and small business owners still visit branches for part of all of their banking business," said Renee Newman, Senior Vice President and Director of Retail Banking. "Our goal is to hire the very best branch bankers we can find and give them the authority to manage our branches in a way that makes the banking experience friendly, efficient and helpful for our clients. Jon and Mojgan bring a great customer service orientation and management skills to their new positions."

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*A full service community bank with assets of nearly \$1 billion, First Independent is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The bank serves SW Washington and Portland residents and businesses from 20 branches and offices in the region and a variety of online and mobile banking services. Headquartered in Vancouver, WA, with a long tradition of supporting local community organizations, First Independent is committed to enhancing the economic vitality and quality of life in the Pacific Northwest. Member FDIC.*