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THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER NAMES AQUESTA BANK A WINNER OF THE CHARLOTTE METRO AREA 2020 TOP WORKPLACES AWARD

CORNELIUS, NC – December 16, 2020 – Aquesta Bank has been awarded a Top Workplaces 2020 honor by The Charlotte Observer. The list is based solely on [employee feedback](#) gathered through a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner [Energage](#), LLC. The anonymous survey uniquely measures 15 drivers of engaged cultures that are critical to the success of any organization: including alignment, execution, and connection, just to name a few. The highest scoring area for Aquesta Bank was Appreciation.

“In times of great change, it is more important than ever to maintain a connection among employees,” said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. “When you give your employees a voice, you come together to navigate challenges and shape your path forward based on real-time insights into what works best for your organization. The Top Workplaces program can be that positive outcome your company can rally around in the coming months to celebrate leadership and the importance of maintaining an employee-focused culture, even during challenging times.”

As noted by Jim Engel, CEO & President, “Aquesta believes that our employees are the key in differentiating Aquesta from its competitors and to provide the very best service to customers. Only by having actively engaged, energized, and motivated team members can Aquesta Bank help our customers be financially successful and provide returns to shareholders as well as benefits to team members. We are very excited about this award and intend to continue to make improvements in our workplace environment as there is still room to be named number one.”

Aquesta focuses on helping its customers grow and prosper – a belief in unlimited possibilities. Aquesta Bank is the largest community bank headquartered in Mecklenburg County and has branches in Charlotte, Davidson, Huntersville, Cornelius, Mooresville, and Wilmington and loan production offices in Raleigh, Greenville and Charleston. The newest branch is scheduled to open in Charleston, SC in second quarter 2021.

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