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**FIRST COMMERCE BANCORP
REPORTS PROFITABLE FIRST QUARTER**

Encino, CA – First Commerce Bancorp (OTCBB:FCCC) today announced that net income (unaudited) for the three months ended March 31, 2009 on a consolidated basis was \$300,000 compared to \$718,000 for the same period last year.

Assets (unaudited) at March 31, 2009 were \$310,102,000, up \$11,510,000 or 4% from year end and \$6,022,000 or 2% over the same period last year.

Deposits and net loans were \$273,773,000 and \$243,314,000, respectively, up 3% and down 1% over the same period last year.

According to Jack Feldman, First Commerce Bancorp President and CEO, the year-over-year earnings reduction is the direct result of a first quarter provision to the Loan Loss Reserve of \$468,000 and lower prevailing interest rates. The sizeable provision is both a reflection of modest deterioration in the loan portfolio and recognition and acknowledgment of prevailing market conditions. The Bank continues to be well capitalized in all regulatory capital categories.

First Commerce Bancorp is located at 16861 Ventura Boulevard, Encino, CA. First Commerce Bancorp's primary subsidiary, First Commerce Bank, is an independent community bank with its main office at 16861 Ventura Boulevard, Encino, CA, and a regional office in Los Angeles, CA. The Bancorp's stock trades on the Over the Counter Bulletin Board (OTCBB) under the symbol FCCC.

This release may contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements.