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**FIRST COMMERCE BANCORP ANNOUNCES
2009 FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR-END FINANCIAL RESULTS**

Encino, CA – First Commerce Bancorp (OTCBB: FCCC), the parent holding company of First Commerce Bank, today announced unaudited financial results for the fourth quarter and the year ended December 31, 2009.

Consolidated net income (unaudited) for the fourth quarter of 2009 was \$237,000 or \$0.03 per diluted common share compared to a net loss of (\$2,970,000) or (\$0.32) per diluted common share for the fourth quarter of 2008.

Consolidated net income (unaudited) for the year ended December 31, 2009 was \$849,000 or \$0.09 per diluted common share compared to a net loss of (\$1,241,000) or (\$0.13) per diluted common share for 2008.

Total Assets at December 31, 2009 were \$340,473,000 up \$41,881,000 or 14% over the prior year-end. Net loans and deposits grew to \$248,889,000 and \$303,162,000 respectively, up 4% and 16% over the same period last year.

Jack Feldman, President and CEO of the Holding Company and the Bank, said “The Bank has been able to achieve net earnings in a most challenging economic environment. At the same time, we continued to build our loan loss reserves, providing \$3.0 million during 2009. We are working closely with those borrowers who are experiencing difficulties in the current market. Our liquidity is strong with no reliance on borrowings or brokered deposits. Also, our capital ratios exceed those required for a ‘well capitalized’ bank.”

First Commerce Bank is an independent community bank with its corporate headquarters and main office in Encino, California, and maintains a regional office in Los Angeles, California. The Bancorp’s stock trades on the Over the Counter Bulletin Board (OTCBB) under the symbol FCCC. For more information on us, visit www.fcb.la

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