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**MCDERMOTT + BULL PLACES JEFFREY BALL AS PRESIDENT + CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF
ORANGE COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL**

IRVINE, CA (December 1, 2021) – McDermott + Bull has successfully placed Jeffrey Ball as the President + Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Business Council (OCBC). Jeffrey will lead the organization through its next stage of growth while strengthening its position as a trusted voice and partner to businesses throughout the community.

"It is an honor and a privilege to have this opportunity to lead OCBC and follow in the footsteps of the impactful contributions made by Lucy Dunn," Ball said. "She has built and widened the Council's leadership position as the voice of Orange County's businesses in the region and California on many critical issues. I look forward to continuing that leadership as we address the many opportunities and challenges of the next decade."

Jeffrey most recently served as President and Chief Executive Officer at Friendly Hills Bank. In this role, he led the bank through its founding, state and federal bank charter status, IPO, development of new products and services and continual revenue growth. Throughout his career, he has displayed a commitment to making progress and advancements in the business community through enhancing community development initiatives and advocating for policy improvements at the state and national level.

"It was a privilege working with the Board at OCBC on this crucial engagement," said McDermott + Bull Co-Founder and Managing Partner Chris Bull. "Jeffrey Ball is an extremely accomplished executive in Orange County, and we are sure he'll continue the incredible legacy of his predecessors."

Jeffrey currently serves on the Board of Directors for Friendly Hills Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, the Western Bankers Association and technology-focused company Data Center, Inc. He is also an appointed member of the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission of the California State Bar and the Government Relations Administrative Committee for the American Bankers Association, both of which he previously chaired.

In Orange County, Jeffrey served on the OCBC board from 2003 – 2006 and is currently an active member of the OCBC Economic Forecast Committee. Additionally, he founded Kinetic Academy, a K-8 charter school where he currently serves as Vice Chair.

This executive search was completed by McDermott + Bull Co-Founder + Managing Partner [Chris Bull](#), Partner [Jeff Black](#), Directors [Anne Terry](#) and [Sara Pizarro](#) and Senior Executive Recruiter [Quyen Doan](#).

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About Orange County Business Council

Orange County Business Council represents and promotes the business community, working with government and academia, to enhance Orange County's economic development and prosperity to preserve a high quality of life. OCBC is comprised of the region's most influential global businesses and organizations, working to assure effective investment in infrastructure, an advanced education system that produces skilled workers, growth of venture capital and high-tech companies and housing solutions for the workforce. OCBC membership is comprised of some of the world's largest global corporate leaders as well as representation from local government and academia.

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