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## **Columbia Credit Union Hires Jeff Havener as Vice President Lending Operations**

**Vancouver, WA** - Columbia Credit Union hired Jeff Havener as Vice President Lending Operations. Havener brings more than 25 years of industry experience and a broad range of lending knowledge and expertise to Columbia CU.

He will be responsible for the delivery of consistent and compliant loan service and processing throughout the credit union, overseeing direct and indirect loans, credit cards, personal loans/lines of credit, and mortgage product lines. He will manage staff to maximize operational efficiencies; ensure loan quality, growth and cross-sale opportunities; and assist in advancing the strategic direction of the credit union.

“Jeff has a depth of knowledge that covers all aspects of loan operations,” said Columbia Credit Union EVP Chief Operating Officer, Bill Fulk. “As we work to expand our footprint across all areas of lending, he is the ideal candidate to help Columbia CU reach higher levels of efficiency and sustainable loan growth.”

Havener most recently served as senior vice president of mortgage for a regional bank. Other previous roles include vice president of consumer lending and division manager of consumer lending for a multistate financial institution. He holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Linfield College. Active in the community, Havener has plans to volunteer for local organizations that promote community improvement and support youth.

“I look forward to shaping the future of lending operations at Columbia Credit Union and seeing the positive results for members and staff,” said Havener.

**About Columbia Credit Union:** Established in 1952, [Columbia Credit Union](#) is the largest deposit holder among Clark County-based financial institutions serving more than 80,856 members with local consumer, business, mortgage and wealth management services. Columbia holds \$982 million in assets and was voted Best Credit Union 2014 and Best Financial Institution/Mortgage 2009 – 2013. Columbia ranks locally as the #1 and #3 provider of auto loans and mortgages respectively. In 2014 & 2013, Columbia was recognized as a high performing credit union with a Crystal Performance Award by Raddon Financial Group. In 2013, Columbia was awarded a Corporate Partner award for community support by Vancouver’s Downtown Association; and a Best in Business Award by readers of the Vancouver Business Journal. As a certified [Clark County Green Business](#), Columbia Credit Union upholds sustainable business practices including construction under strict U.S. Green Building Council LEED standards. Individuals and businesses in Washington State are eligible for membership.

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