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**WERTZ & COMPANY, LLP ANNOUNCES
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ACQUISITION**

Russ Wertz, Chief Executive Officer of Wertz & Company LLP, one of Orange County's most successful local CPA firms, announced today the merger of the tax practice of Tim Torre, formerly a partner of Torre & Vellema, with its Irvine office. This marks the sixth such combination for Wertz & Company.

"I have come to know and respect Russ Wertz for his proven business success and professionalism and felt his company was the perfect firm to partner with," said Torre. "Similar to my practice, Wertz & Company is a local firm, one of the finest in Southern California. They combine a breadth of services and a depth of resources with the professional attention and sensibilities of a local practice. These and other factors lead me to choose W&C as the right fit for me and my clients."

Tim Torre, has been in public accounting since 1973. He began his career with Seidman & Seidman, an international accounting firm in Beverly Hills, California. After moving to Orange County in 1977, he joined a local accounting firm where he became a partner. In 1982, his firm merged with the international accounting firm of Ernst & Young. In 1984 Tim left Ernst & Young to form his own accounting firm. In 1990 he merged his practice with John Vellema to form Torre & Vellema, A Professional Corporation, located in Irvine,

California. Mr. Torre's areas of experience is real estate, partnership and LLC taxation and accounting, as well as estate planning, trusts, financial statement compilation, review and audit. Mr. Torre has relocated his office to the Wertz & Company office building in Irvine to ensure the smooth transition of his client base.

"This combination is only one component of our overall growth strategy," said Wertz. "We remain committed to providing exceptional service in our core areas of business, while expanding our service offerings in anticipation of the future needs of our entrepreneurial clients." Wertz further added, "We will remain open to the possibility of future acquisitions. There are many firms that need the resources and stability that we make available."

Headquarters in Irvine, with an additional office in Long Beach, Wertz & Company is a full service, client centered, CPA firm organized along the service lines that help build, maintain, and grow its client's enterprises. The Company offers resources in the areas of tax, attest, consulting and financial advisory services to individuals and privately-held entrepreneurial companies throughout Southern California.

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