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FDIC APPROVES ASSISTANCE FOR SUBSIDIARY BANKS OF FIRST REPUBLICBANK CORP., DALLAS, TEXAS

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced it is advancing \$1 billion to subsidiary banks of First RepublicBank Corp., Dallas, Texas, to provide stability to the First Republic system while a solution to its problems is developed.

The advance is in the form of a 6-month term note, bearing interest at the six month Treasury bill rate, plus 50 basis points. The note is guaranteed by First RepublicBank Corp. and collateralized by a pledge of certain assets of the holding company.

The combination of FDIC assistance and liquidity support by the Federal Reserve will provide needed stability to First Republic's banking institutions and their depositors. The Comptroller of the Currency, the primary regulator, supports this transaction. In any arrangements that may be necessary to achieve a long-term solution to First Republic's problems, the FDIC assures that all depositors and other general creditors of First Republic's banks will be fully protected and service to the banks' customers will not be interrupted.

The FDIC Board of Directors voted to provide assistance pursuant to Section 13(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

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