Heritage Commerce Corp Earnings Increase 26% to \$3.4 Million for the Fourth Quarter of 2013 from the Fourth Quarter of 2012

San Jose, CA – January 23, 2014 – **Heritage Commerce Corp (Nasdaq: HTBK)**, the holding company (the "Company") for Heritage Bank of Commerce (the "Bank"), today reported net income of \$3.4 million for the fourth quarter of 2013, or \$0.10 per average diluted common share. Net income increased 26% compared to \$2.7 million, or \$0.08 per average diluted common share, from the fourth quarter of 2012, and increased 4% compared to \$3.2 million for the third quarter of 2013. For the year ended December 31, 2013, net income available to common shareholders increased 33% to \$11.5 million, or \$0.36 per average diluted common share from \$8.7 million, or \$0.27 per average diluted common share for the year ended December 31, 2012. All results are unaudited.

"Highlighted by strong loan production and continued credit improvement, our quarterly results capped a solid year of profits," said Walter Kaczmarek, President and Chief Executive Officer. "The growth of our loan portfolio demonstrates our continuing ability to expand and deepen relationships with our current customer base, as well as gain new customers and market share. Our investment in additional loan production personnel has also added to our growth. Credit quality continued to improve with nonperforming assets declining 36% year-over-year, which are at their lowest levels since the third quarter of 2008. The improvement in credit trends resulted in an \$816,000 credit to the provision for loan losses for the year, while reserve levels remained strong at 2.09% of total loans and 162.16% of total nonperforming loans."

"We remain committed to building shareholder value, and are increasing our quarterly cash dividend to \$0.04 per share for the first quarter of 2014, from \$0.03 per share distributed for the fourth quarter of 2013," added Mr. Kaczmarek.

"Heritage Bank of Commerce opened its doors in June, 1994, and we will be celebrating the Bank's 20th anniversary this year," Mr. Kaczmarek stated. "We have been through times of both prosperity and hardship since 1994. Thanks to the hard work of our entire team and the support of our shareholders and customers, we are healthy, profitable, and well positioned for future growth."

2013 Highlights (as of, or for the period ended December 31, 2013, except as noted):

- Diluted earnings per share increased 25% to \$0.10 for the fourth quarter of 2013, compared to \$0.08 per diluted share for the fourth quarter of 2012, and remained flat from the third quarter of 2013. Diluted earnings per share increased 33% to \$0.36 for the year ended December 31, 2013, compared to \$0.27 per diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2012.
- Net interest income increased 7% to \$13.0 million for the fourth quarter of 2013, compared to \$12.2 million for the fourth quarter of 2012, and increased 2% from \$12.8 million for the third quarter of 2013. Net interest income increased 4% to \$50.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2013, compared to \$48.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2012.
- ◆ During the fourth quarters of both 2013 and 2012, the Company received significantly large amount of deposits from one customer, which were placed in the Bank on a short-term basis. As a result of the short-term nature of the deposits, the funds were placed in low interest earning deposits at the Federal Reserve Bank. In the fourth quarter of 2013, these deposits totaled \$194.1 million in a combination of noninterest-bearing demand deposit and money market accounts, of which \$19.0 million remained in a money market account at December 31, 2013. In the fourth quarter of 2012, these deposits totaled \$467.5 million in a noninterest-bearing demand deposit account, of which \$195.6 million were withdrawn prior to year end, for a net outstanding balance of \$271.9 million at December 31, 2012. An additional \$233.7 million of these deposits were withdrawn in January 2013, as originally planned by the customer.
- ◆ During the fourth quarter of 2013, the Company received \$27.5 million in deposits from a law firm for legal settlements which were placed in a CDARS money market account. All of the \$27.5 million in deposits from the law firm were withdrawn in January, 2014. As a result of the short-term nature of the deposits, these funds were also placed in low interest earning deposits at the Federal Reserve Bank.
- ◆ The net interest margin increased 6 basis points to 3.80% for the fourth quarter of 2013, from 3.74% for the fourth quarter of 2012, and decreased 14 basis points from 3.94% for the third quarter of 2013. The increase in the fourth quarter of 2013 from the fourth quarter of 2012 was primarily due to a lower cost of funds, higher yields on securities, and a higher average loan balance, partially offset by a lower yield on loans. The decrease in the fourth quarter of 2013 from the third quarter of 2013 was primarily due to a lower yield on loans and a higher average balance of short-term deposits at the Federal Reserve Bank as a result of the large short-term deposits from one customer. For the year ended December 31, 2013, the net interest margin decreased 4 basis points to 3.84%, compared to 3.88% for the year ended December 31, 2012, primarily due to a lower yield on loans, and a higher average balance of short-term deposits at the Federal Reserve Bank.
- ◆ Loans (excluding loans-held-for-sale) increased 13% to \$914.9 million at December 31, 2013, compared to \$812.3 million at December 31, 2012, and increased 2% from \$893.1 million at September 30, 2013.
- Credit quality remained favorable as nonperforming assets declined to \$12.4 million, or 0.83% of total assets, at December 31, 2013, compared to \$19.5 million, or 1.15% of total assets, at December 31, 2012, and \$15.7 million, or 1.12% of total assets, at September 30, 2013.
- ◆ Classified assets, net of Small Business Administration ("SBA") guarantees, decreased 36% to \$23.6 million at December 31, 2013, from \$36.8 million at December 31, 2012, and increased 1% from \$23.3 million at September 30, 2013.

- ◆ Net charge-offs totaled \$166,000 for the fourth quarter of 2013, compared to net charge-offs of \$766,000 for the fourth quarter of 2012, and net recoveries of \$534,000 for the third quarter of 2013.
- ◆ There was a \$12,000 credit to the provision for loan losses for the fourth quarter of 2013, compared to a provision for loan losses of \$669,000 for the fourth quarter of 2012, and credit to the provision for loan losses of \$534,000 for the third quarter of 2013. There was an \$816,000 credit to the provision for loan losses for the year ended December 31, 2013, compared to a \$2.8 million provision for loan losses for the year ended December 31, 2012.
- ◆ The allowance for loan losses ("ALLL") was 2.09% of total loans at December 31, 2013, compared to 2.34% at December 31, 2012, and 2.17% at September 30, 2013.
- ◆ Total deposits decreased 13% to \$1.29 billion at December 31, 2013, compared to \$1.48 billion at December 31, 2012, and increased 8% from \$1.20 billion at September 30, 2013. Deposits (excluding all time deposits, CDARS deposits, and short-term deposits from one customer of \$19.0 million at December 31, 2013 and \$271.9 million at December 31, 2012) increased \$70.8 million, or 8%, to \$954.6 million at December 31, 2013, from \$883.8 million at December 31, 2012, and increased \$53.5 million, or 6%, from \$901.0 million at September 30, 2013.
- ◆ During the third quarter of 2013, the Company completed the redemption of its \$9 million floating-rate subordinated debt.
- ◆ The Company announced it will pay a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.04 per share in the first quarter of 2014 to holders of common stock and Series C Preferred Stock (on an as converted basis), an increase from \$0.03 per share paid in the fourth quarter of 2013.
- Capital ratios exceeded regulatory requirements for a well-capitalized financial institution on a holding company and bank level at December 31, 2013:

Capital Ratios	Heritage Commerce Corp	Heritage Bank of Commerce	Well-Capitalized Financial Institution Regulatory Guidelines
Total Risk-Based	15.2%	13.8%	10.0%
Tier 1 Risk-Based	14.0%	12.6%	6.0%
Leverage	11.1%	10.0%	5.0%

Operating Results

Net interest income increased to \$13.0 million for the fourth quarter of 2013, compared to \$12.2 million for the fourth quarter of 2012, and \$12.8 million for the third quarter of 2013. For the year ended December 31, 2013, net interest income was \$50.2 million, compared to \$48.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. The increase in net interest income was driven primarily by higher average loan balances and a lower cost of funds.

The net interest margin expanded 6 basis points to 3.80% for the fourth quarter of 2013, from 3.74% for the fourth quarter of 2012, and decreased 14 basis points from 3.94% for the third quarter of 2013. The increase in the fourth quarter of 2013 from the fourth quarter of 2012 was primarily due to a lower cost of funds, higher yields on securities, and a higher average loan balance, partially offset by a lower yield on loans. The decrease in the fourth quarter of 2013 from the third quarter of 2013 was primarily due to a lower yield on loans and a higher average balance of short-term deposits at the Federal Reserve Bank as a result of the large short-term deposits from one customer. For the year ended December 31, 2013, the net interest margin decreased 4 basis points to 3.84%, compared to 3.88% for the year ended December 31, 2012, primarily due to a lower yield on loans, and a higher average balance of short-term deposits at the Federal Reserve Bank.

Solid asset quality and net recoveries for the year ended December 31, 2013, led to a \$12,000 credit to the provision for loan losses for the fourth quarter of 2013, and a credit to the provision for loan losses of \$816,000 for the year ended December 31, 2013. The provision for loan losses was \$669,000 for the fourth quarter of 2012 and \$2.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. There was a credit to the provision for loan losses of \$534,000 for the third quarter of 2013. Net charge-offs totaled \$166,000 for the fourth quarter of 2013, while net recoveries totaled \$953,000 for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Noninterest income was \$1.9 million for the fourth quarter of 2013, compared to \$2.1 million for the fourth quarter of 2012, and \$1.7 million for the third quarter of 2013. Noninterest income decreased for the fourth quarter of 2013 compared to the fourth quarter of 2012, primarily due to a lower gain on sales of securities. For the year ended December 31, 2013, noninterest income decreased to \$7.2 million, compared to \$8.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, primarily due to a lower gain on sales of securities and \$BA loans. There was a \$38,000 gain on sales of securities and \$449,000 gain on sales of SBA loans for the year ended December 31, 2013, compared to \$1.6 million and \$702,000, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Total noninterest expense for the fourth quarter of 2013 was \$10.2 million, an increase of 4% from \$9.8 million for the fourth quarter of 2012, and a decrease of 2% from \$10.4 million for the third quarter of 2013. Noninterest expense for the year ended December 31, 2013 increased 4% to \$41.7 million, compared to \$40.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. The increase in noninterest expense for the fourth quarter and the year ended December 31, 2013, compared to the same periods a year ago, reflects increased salaries and employee benefits expense due to annual salary increases and hiring of additional lending relationship officers.

Income tax expense for the fourth quarter of 2013 was \$1.4 million, compared to \$1.2 million for the fourth quarter of 2012, and \$1.5 million for the third quarter of 2013. The effective tax rate for the fourth quarter of 2013 decreased to 30%, compared to 31% for the fourth quarter of 2012, and 32% for the third quarter of 2013. Income tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2013 was \$5.0 million, compared to \$4.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. The effective tax rate for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 was 30%. The difference in the effective tax rate for the periods reported, compared to the combined Federal and state statutory tax rate of 42%, is primarily the result of the Company's investment in life insurance policies whose earnings are not subject to taxes, tax credits related to investments in low income housing limited partnerships, and tax-exempt interest income earned on municipal bonds.

The efficiency ratio for the fourth quarter of 2013 was 68.05%, compared to 68.45% for the fourth quarter of 2012, and 71.25% for the third quarter of 2013. The efficiency ratio was 72.69% for the year ended December 31 2013, compared to 70.32% for the year ended December 31, 2012, as a result of higher noninterest expense and lower noninterest income.

Balance Sheet Review, Capital Management and Credit Quality

Total assets were \$1.49 billion at December 31, 2013, compared to \$1.69 billion December 31, 2012, and \$1.40 billion at September 30, 2013. Excluding the Company's excess funds held at the Federal Reserve Bank offsetting the short-term deposits of \$46.5 million at December 31, 2013, and \$271.9 million at December 31, 2013, total assets at December 31, 2013 increased 2% from December 31, 2012, and increased 3% from September 30, 2013.

The investment securities available-for-sale portfolio totaled \$280.1 million at December 31, 2013, compared to \$367.9 million at December 31, 2012, and \$280.5 million at September 30, 2013. At December 31, 2013, the securities available-for-sale portfolio was comprised of \$207.6 million agency mortgage-backed securities (all issued by U.S. Government sponsored entities), \$52.1 million of corporate bonds, and \$20.4 million of single entity issue trust preferred securities. The pre-tax unrealized loss on securities available-for-sale at December 31, 2013 was (\$2.4) million, compared to a pre-tax unrealized gain on securities available-for-sale at December 31, 2012 of \$11.8 million, and a pre-tax unrealized loss on securities available-for-sale at September 30, 2013 of (\$125,000).

At December 31, 2013, investment securities held-to-maturity totaled \$95.9 million, compared to \$51.5 million at December 31, 2012, and \$89.7 million at September 30, 2013. At December 31, 2013, the securities held-to-maturity portfolio, at amortized cost, was comprised of \$80.0 million tax-exempt municipal bonds and \$15.9 million agency mortgage-backed securities.

Loans, excluding loans held-for-sale, increased 13% to \$914.9 million at December 31, 2013, from \$812.3 million at December 31, 2012, and increased 2% from \$893.1 million at September 30, 2013. The loan portfolio remains well-diversified with commercial and industrial ("C&I") loans accounting for 43% of the portfolio at December 31, 2013. Commercial and residential real estate loans accounted for 46% of the total loan portfolio, of which 48% were owner-occupied by businesses. Consumer and home equity loans accounted for 8% of total loans, and land and construction loans accounted for the remaining 3% of total loans at December 30, 2013.

The yield on the loan portfolio was 4.79% for the fourth quarter of 2013, compared to 5.00% for the same period in 2012, and 4.85% for the third quarter of 2013. The yield on the loan portfolio was 4.92% for the year ended December 31, 2013, compared to 5.18% for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Credit trends remain favorable with nonperforming assets ("NPAs") declining to \$12.4 million, or 0.83% of total assets, at December 31, 2013, compared to \$19.5 million, or 1.15% of total assets, a year ago, and \$15.7 million, or 1.12% of total assets, at September 30, 2013. The following is a breakout of NPAs at December 31, 2013:

NONPERFORMING ASSETS

(in \$000's, unaudited)	Ba	% of Total		
Commercial real estate loans	\$	4,363	35%	
SBA loans		3,810	31%	
Land and construction loans		1,761	14%	
Home equity and consumer loans		788	6%	
Commercial and industrial loans		604	5%	
Foreclosed assets		575	5%	
Restructured and loans over 90 days past due and accruing		492	4%	
	\$	12,393	100%	

At December 31, 2013, the \$12.4 million of NPAs included \$607,000 of loans guaranteed by the SBA and \$492,000 of restructured loans still accruing interest income. Foreclosed assets were \$575,000 at December 31, 2013, compared to \$1.3 million at December 31, 2012, and \$631,000 at September 30, 2013.

Classified assets (net of SBA guarantees) decreased 36% to \$23.6 million at December 31, 2013, from \$36.8 million at December 31, 2012, and increased 1% from \$23.3 million at September 30, 2013.

The following table summarizes the allowance for loan losses:

	For the Quarter Ended:							For the Year Ended:				
ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES (in \$000's, unaudited)	December 31, 2013		September 30, 2013		December 31, 2012		December 31, 2013			December 31, 2012		
Balance at beginning of period	\$	19,342	\$	19,342	\$	19,124	\$	19,027	\$	20,700		
Provision (credit) for loan losses during the period		(12)		(534)		669		(816)		2,784		
Net recoveries (charge-offs) during the period		(166)		534		(766)		953		(4,457)		
Balance at end of period	\$	19,164	\$	19,342	\$	19,027	\$	19,164	\$	19,027		
Total loans	\$	914,913	\$	893,052	\$	812,313	\$	914,913	\$	812,313		
Total nonperforming loans	\$	11,818	\$	15,117	\$	18,194	\$	11,818	\$	18,194		
Allowance for loan losses to total loans Allowance for loan losses to total nonperforming loans		2.09% 162.16%		2.17% 127.95%		2.34% 104.58%		2.09% 162.16%		2.34% 104.58%		

The allowance for loan losses was 2.09% of total loans at December 31, 2013, compared to 2.34% at December 31, 2012, and 2.17% at September 30, 2013. The decrease in the allowance for loan losses to total loans at December 31, 2013, was primarily due to a decline in problem loans, as well as a decline in historical charge-off levels.

Deposits totaled \$1.29 billion at December 31, 2013, compared to \$1.48 billion at December 31, 2012, and \$1.20 billion at September 30, 2013. Noninterest-bearing deposits decreased 5% to \$431.1 million at December 31, 2013, from \$455.8 million, (excluding the short-term demand deposits of \$271.9 million to one customer) at December 31, 2012, and increased 5% from \$409.3 million at September 30, 2013. Interest-bearing demand deposits increased 25% to \$195.5 million at December 31, 2013, from \$156.0 million at December 31, 2012, and increased 9% from \$178.8 million at September 30, 2013. Savings and money market deposits increased 21% to \$328.0 million (excluding the short-term money market deposits of \$19.0 million to one customer) at December 31, 2013, from \$272.0 million at December 31, 2012, and increased 5% from \$313.0 million at September 30, 2013. At December 31, 2013, brokered deposits decreased 43% to \$55.5 million, from \$97.8 million at December 31, 2012, and decreased 12% from \$62.8 million at September 30, 2013. Primarily due to \$27.5 million in deposits received from a law firm for legal settlements, CDARS money market and time deposits increased to \$40.5 million at December 31, 2013, compared to \$10.2 million at December 31, 2012, and \$14.3 million at September 30, 2013. Deposits (excluding all time deposits, CDARS deposits, and short-term deposits from one customer of \$19.0 million at December 31, 2013 and \$271.9 million at December 31, 2012 increased \$70.8 million, or 8%, to \$954.6 million at December 31, 2013, from \$883.8 million at December 31, 2012, and increased \$53.5 million, or 6%, from \$901.0 million at September 30, 2013.

The total cost of deposits decreased 4 basis points to 0.18% for the fourth quarter of 2013, from 0.22% for the fourth quarter of 2012, and decreased 1 basis point from 0.19% for the third quarter of 2013. The total cost of deposits decreased 6 basis points to 0.19% for the year ended December 31, 2013, from 0.25% for the year ended December 31, 2012.

During the third quarter of 2013, the Company completed the redemption of its \$9 million floating-rate subordinated debt. Consequently, there was no subordinated debt at the end of the third and fourth quarters of 2013, compared to \$9.3 million at December 31, 2012.

Tangible equity was \$171.9 million at December 31, 2013, compared to \$167.7 million at December 31, 2012 and \$168.8 million at September 30, 2013. Tangible book value per common share was \$5.78 at December 31, 2013, compared to \$5.63 a year ago, and \$5.67 at September 30, 2013. There were 21,004 shares of Series C Preferred Stock outstanding at December 31, 2013, December 31, 2012, and September 30, 2013, and the Series C Preferred Stock is convertible into an aggregate of 5.6 million shares of common stock at a conversion price of \$3.75, upon a transfer of the Series C Preferred Stock in a widely dispersed offering. Pro forma tangible book value per common share, assuming the Company's outstanding Series C Preferred Stock was converted into common stock, was \$5.38 at December 31, 2013, compared to \$5.25 a year ago, and \$5.29 at September 30, 2013.

Accumulated other comprehensive loss was (\$4.0) million at December 31, 2013, compared to accumulated other comprehensive income of \$2.7 million a year ago, and accumulated other comprehensive loss of (\$4.3) million at September 30, 2013. The decrease was primarily due to an unrealized loss on securities available-for-sale of (\$1.4) million, net of taxes, at December 31, 2013, compared to an unrealized gain on securities available-for-sale of \$6.9 million, net of taxes, at December 31, 2012. At September 30, 2013 the unrealized loss on securities available-for-sale was (\$69,000), net of taxes. The components of other comprehensive loss, net of taxes, at December 31, 2013 include the following: an unrealized loss on available-for-sale securities of (\$1.4) million; the remaining unamortized unrealized gain on securities available-for-sale transferred to held-to-maturity of \$465,000; a liability adjustment on split dollar insurance contracts of (\$1.9) million; a liability adjustment on the supplemental executive retirement plan of (\$2.2) million; and an unrealized gain on interest-only strip from SBA loans of \$956,000.

Heritage Commerce Corp, a bank holding company established in February 1998, is the parent company of Heritage Bank of Commerce, established in 1994 and headquartered in San Jose with full-service branches in Danville, Fremont, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Gatos, Morgan Hill, Pleasanton, Sunnyvale, and Walnut Creek. Heritage Bank of Commerce is an SBA Preferred Lender with an additional Loan Production Office in Lincoln, California. For more information, please visit www.heritagecommercecorp.com.

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For the Year Ended: For the Quarter Ended: From: CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS Dec. 31, Dec. 31, Dec. 31, Dec. 31, Sep. 30, Sep. 30, Dec. 31, Percent (in \$000's, unaudited) 2013 2013 2012 2013 2012 2013 2012 Change 13,458 Interest income 13.623 12.958 1% 5% 52,786 52.565 0% 574 627 747 -8% -23% 2,600 4,187 -38% Interest expense 13,049 2% 7% 12,831 12,211 50,186 48,378 Net interest income before provision for loan losses 4% Provision (credit) for loan losses (12)(534)669 98% -102% (816)2,784 -129% 13,061 13,365 11,542 13% 51,002 45,594 Net interest income after provision for loan losses -2% 12% Noninterest income: Service charges and fees on deposit accounts 617 -4% 9% 2,457 5% 645 567 2,333 Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance 414 414 428 0% -3% 1,654 1,720 -4% 365 331 407 10% -10% 1,446 1.743 -17% Servicing income Gain on sales of SBA loans 10% 449 76 103 69 -26% 702 -36% Gain on sales of securities 396 N/A -100% 38 1,560 -98% Other 426 237 74% 80% 1,170 807 45% Total noninterest income 1.898 1,738 2,104 9% -10% 7,214 8,865 -19% Noninterest expense: Salaries and employee benefits 5,803 5,772 5,342 1% 9% 23,450 21,722 8% Occupancy and equipment 961 986 993 -3% -3% 4,043 3,997 1% 604 602 608 0% -1% 2.588 2.876 Professional fees -10% Other 2,804 3,020 2,856 -7% -2% 11,641 11,661 0% 9,799 Total noninterest expense 10,172 10,380 -2% 4% 41,722 40,256 4% Income before income taxes 4,787 4,723 3,847 1% 24% 16,494 14,203 16% Income tax expense 1,433 1,510 1,178 -5% 22% 4,954 4,294 15% Net income 3,354 3,213 2,669 4% 26% 11,540 9,909 16% Dividends and discount accretion on preferred stock N/A N/A (1,206)-100% Net income available to common shareholders 3,354 3,213 2,669 4% 26% 11 540 8,703 33% PER COMMON SHARE DATA (unaudited) 0.08 0% Basic earnings per share 0.10 \$ 0.10 \$ 25% \$ 0.36 \$ 0.27 33% Diluted earnings per share 0.10 \$ 0.10 \$ 0.08 0% 25% 0.36 \$ 0.27 33% Common shares outstanding at period-end 26,350,938 26,341,021 26,322,147 0% 0% 26,350,938 26,322,147 0% Pro forma common shares outstanding at period-end, assuming 31.951.938 0% 0% 31,951,938 Series C preferred stock was converted into common stock 31.942.021 31,923,147 31,923,147 0% Book value per share 5.84 \$ 5.73 \$ 5.71 2% 2% \$ 5.84 \$ 2% 5.71 5.67 \$ 5.78 \$ \$ 5.78 \$ Tangible book value per share 5.63 2% 3% 5.63 3% Pro forma tangible book value per share, assuming Series C \$ 5.38 \$ 5.29 \$ 5.25 2% 2% \$ 5.38 \$ 5.25 preferred stock was converted into common stock 2% KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS (unaudited) 7.74% Annualized return on average equity 6.25% 6.77% 5.75% 7.58% 2% 24% 18% Annualized return on average tangible equity 7.81% 7.65% 6.32% 2% 24% 6.84% 5.83% 17% Annualized return on average assets 0.89% 0.90% 0.75% -1% 19% 0.81% 0.73% 11% Annualized return on average tangible assets 0.89% 0.90% 0.75% -1% 19% 0.81% 0.73% 11% 3 94% 3.80% 3 74% -4% 2% 3 84% 3.88% Net interest margin -1% Efficiency ratio 68.05% 71.25% 68.45% -4% -1% 72.69% 70.32% 3% AVERAGE BALANCES (in \$000's, unaudited) 1,409,298 Average assets \$ 1,489,600 \$ 1,419,481 \$ 5% 6% \$ 1,431,398 \$ 1,353,434 6% 1,488,001 \$ 1,417,765 \$ 1,407,222 6% 1,429,624 \$ 1,351,176 Average tangible assets 5% 6% Average earning assets 1,388,239 \$ 1,316,037 \$ 1,305,332 5% 6% \$ 1,329,936 \$ 1,249,020 6% \$ -27% 63% \$ \$ Average loans held-for-sale 4.942 \$ 6.780 3.036 5.051 2.735 85% 881,830 870,637 796,045 840,252 Average total loans \$ \$ 1% 11% \$ \$ 784,297 7% Average deposits \$ 1,282,358 \$ 1,211,678 \$ 1,191,895 6% 8% \$ 1,220,044 \$ 1,123,762 9% Average demand deposits - noninterest-bearing 437,661 \$ 418,657 \$ 457,214 5% -4% 427,299 \$ 392,131 9% 844,697 793.021 \$ 792,745 Average interest-bearing deposits \$ \$ 734 681 7% 15% \$ \$ 731 631 8% 844 771 \$ 797 931 \$ 745 067 6% \$ 798,690 \$ Average interest-bearing liabilities 13% 752, 201 6% Average equity 171,952 \$ 168,254 \$ 170,004 2% 1% \$ 170,391 \$ 172,193 -1% 166,538 \$ 2% \$ Average tangible equity 170,353 167,928 1% 168,617 169,935 -1%

Percent Change

			Percent Change From:			
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS		December 31,	September 30,	December 31,	September 30,	December 31,
(in \$000's, unaudited)		2013	2013	2012	2013	2012
ASSETS						
Cash and due from banks	\$	20,158	\$ 32,571	\$ 16,520	-38%	22%
Federal funds sold and interest-bearing						
deposits in other financial institutions		92,447	9,327	357,045	891%	-74%
Securities available-for-sale, at fair value		280,100	280,471	367,912	0%	-24%
Securities held-to-maturity, at amortized cost		95,921	89,732	51,472	7%	86%
Loans held-for-sale - SBA, including deferred costs		3,148	6,975	3,409	-55%	-8%
Loans:						
Commercial		393,074	410,933	375,469	-4%	5%
Real estate:						
Commercial and residential		423,288	387,777	354,934	9%	19%
Land and construction		31,443	30,780	22,352	2%	41%
Home equity		51,815	50,100	43,865	3%	18%
Consumer		15,677	13,712	15,714	14%	0%
Loans		915,297	893,302	812,334	2%	13%
Deferred loan fees		(384)	(250)	(21)	54%	1729%
Total loans, net of deferred fees		914,913	893,052	812,313	2%	13%
Allowance for loan losses		(19,164)	(19,342)	(19,027)	-1%	1%
Loans, net		895,749	873,710	793,286	3%	13%
Company owned life insurance		50,012	49,598	48,358	1%	3%
Premises and equipment, net		7,240	7,390	7,469	-2%	-3%
Intangible assets		1,527	1,645	2,000	-7%	-24%
Accrued interest receivable and other assets		45,330	49,216	45,841	-8%	-1%
Total assets	\$	1,491,632	\$ 1,400,635	\$ 1,693,312	6%	-12%
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Deposits:						
Demand, noninterest-bearing	\$	431.085	\$ 409.269	\$ 727.684	5%	-41%
Demand, interest-bearing	Ψ	195.451	178.783	155.951	9%	25%
Savings and money market		347,052	312,991	272,047	11%	28%
Time deposits - under \$100		21,646	22,029	25,157	-2%	-14%
Time deposits - \$100 and over		195,005	195,321	190,502	0%	2%
Time deposits - brokered		55,524	62,833	97,807	-12%	-43%
CDARS - money market and time deposits		40.458	14,311	10,220	183%	296%
*	_	1,286,221	1,195,537	1,479,368	8%	-13%
Total deposits		1,280,221	1,195,557			
Subordinated debt		22.015	24.612	9,279	N/A	-100%
Accrued interest payable and other liabilities		32,015	34,613	34,924	-8%	-8%
Total liabilities		1,318,236	1,230,150	1,523,571	7%	-13%
Shareholders' Equity:		10.510	10.510	10.510	00/	00/
Series C preferred stock, net		19,519	19,519	19,519	0%	0%
Common stock		132,561	132,298	131,820	0%	1%
Retained earnings		25,345	22,949	15,721	10%	61%
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(4,029)	(4,281)	2,681	6%	-250%
Total shareholders' equity		173,396	170,485	169,741	2%	2%
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	1,491,632	\$ 1,400,635	\$ 1,693,312	6%	-12%

			End of Period:		Percent Change From:		
	December 31, 2013		September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012	
CREDIT QUALITY DATA							
(in \$000's, unaudited)							
Nonaccrual loans - held-for-investment	\$	11,326	\$ 14,615	17,335	-23%	-35%	
Restructured and loans over 90 days past due and still accruing		492	502	859	-2%	-43%	
Total nonperforming loans		11,818	15,117	18,194	-22%	-35%	
Foreclosed assets		575	631	1,270	-9%	-55%	
Total nonperforming assets	\$	12,393	\$ 15,748	\$ 19,464	-21%	-36%	
Other restructured loans still accruing	\$		\$ 10	\$ 1,450	-100%	-100%	
Net (recoveries) charge-offs during the quarter	\$	166	\$ (534)		131%	-78%	
Provision (credit) for loan losses during the quarter	\$	(12)	\$ (534)	\$ 669	98%	-102%	
Allowance for loan losses	\$	19,164	\$ 19,342	\$ 19,027	-1%	1%	
Classified assets*	\$	23,631	\$ 23,342	\$ 36,810	1%	-36%	
Allowance for loan losses to total loans		2.09%	2.17%	2.34%	-4%	-11%	
Allowance for loan losses to total nonperforming loans		162.16%	127.95%	104.58%	27%	55%	
Nonperforming assets to total assets		0.83%	1.12%	1.15%	-26%	-28%	
Nonperforming loans to total loans		1.29%	1.69%	2.24%	-24%	-42%	
Classified assets* to Heritage Commerce Corp Tier 1							
capital plus allowance for loan losses		13%	13%	21%	0%	-38%	
Classified assets* to Heritage Bank of Commerce Tier 1							
capital plus allowance for loan losses		14%	14%	22%	0%	-36%	
OTHER PERIOD-END STATISTICS							
(in \$000's, unaudited)							
Heritage Commerce Corp:							
Tangible equity	\$	171,869			2%	2%	
Tangible common equity	\$	152,350			2%	3%	
Shareholders' equity / total assets		11.62%	12.17%	10.02%	-5%	16%	
Tangible equity / tangible assets		11.53%	12.07%	9.92%	-4%	16%	
Tangible common equity / tangible assets		10.22%	10.67%	8.76%	-4%	17%	
Loan to deposit ratio		71.13%	74.70%	54.91%	-5%	30%	
Noninterest-bearing deposits / total deposits		33.52%	34.23%	49.19%	-2%	-32%	
Total risk-based capital ratio		15.2%	15.2%	16.2%	0%	-6%	
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio		14.0%	14.0%	15.0%	0%	-7%	
Leverage ratio		11.1%	11.5%	11.5%	-3%	-3%	
Heritage Bank of Commerce:							
Total risk-based capital ratio		13.8%	13.7%	15.3%	1%	-10%	
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio		12.6%	12.5%	14.0%	1%	-10%	
Leverage ratio		10.0%	10.2%	10.7%	-2%	-7%	

^{*}Net of SBA guarantees

For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2013

For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2012

	December 31, 2013					December 31, 2012					
NET INTEREST INCOME AND NET INTEREST MARGIN (in \$000's, unaudited)		Average Balance		Interest Income/ Expense	Average Yield/ Rate		Average Balance		Interest Income/ Expense	Average Yield/ Rate	
Assets:		Bulunce		Емреняе	Tute	_	Dulunce		Expense	Hute	
Loans, gross ⁽¹⁾	\$	886,772	\$	10,696	4.79%	\$	799,081	\$	10,046	5.00%	
Securities - taxable	Ψ	305,615	Ψ	2,365	3.07%	Ψ	422,830	Ψ	2,765	2.60%	
Securities - tax exempt(2)		77,159		752	3.87%		16,878		165	3.88%	
Federal funds sold and interest-bearing		,					-,				
deposits in other financial institutions		118,693		74	0.25%		66,543		40	0.24%	
Total interest earning assets(2)		1,388,239		13,887	3.97%	_	1,305,332		13,016	3.97%	
Cash and due from banks		24,095					22,341				
Premises and equipment, net		7,357					7,569				
Intangible assets		1,599					2,076				
Other assets		68,310					71,980				
Total assets	\$	1,489,600				\$	1,409,298				
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:											
Deposits:											
Demand, noninterest-bearing	\$	437,661				\$	457,214				
Demand, interest-bearing		188,869		72	0.15%		156,638		56	0.14%	
Savings and money market		352,158		160	0.18%		278,019		123	0.18%	
Time deposits - under \$100		21,823		18	0.33%		25,668		27	0.42%	
Time deposits - \$100 and over		195,780		170	0.34%		176,144		226	0.51%	
Time deposits - brokered		59,992		151	1.00%		92,702		222	0.95%	
CDARS - money market and time deposits		26,075		2	0.03%	_	5,510	_	1	0.07%	
Total interest-bearing deposits	_	844,697		573	0.27%	_	734,681	_	655	0.35%	
Total deposits		1,282,358		573	0.18%		1,191,895		655	0.22%	
Subordinated debt		_		-	N/A		9,279		91	3.90%	
Short-term borrowings		74		1	5.36%		1,107		1	0.36%	
Total interest-bearing liabilities		844,771		574	0.27%		745,067		747	0.40%	
Total interest-bearing liabilities and demand,						_					
noninterest-bearing / cost of funds		1,282,432		574	0.18%		1,202,281		747	0.25%	
Other liabilities		35,216					37,013				
Total liabilities		1,317,648					1,239,294				
Shareholders' equity		171,952					170,004				
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	1,489,600				\$	1,409,298				
Net interest income ⁽²⁾ / margin			_	13,313	3.80%			_	12,269	3.74%	
Less tax equivalent adjustment(2)				(264)	2.3070				(58)	21, 170	
Net interest income			\$	13,049				\$	12,211		
The interest income			Ψ	13,04)				φ	14,411		

⁽¹⁾Includes loans held-for-sale. Yield amounts earned on loans include loan fees and costs. Nonaccrual loans are included in average balance. (2)Reflects tax equivalent adjustment for tax exempt income based on a 35% tax rate.

For	the	Year	Ended
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For the Year Ended December 31, 2012 December 31, 2013 Interest Average Interest Average NET INTEREST INCOME AND NET INTEREST MARGIN Average Income/ Yield/ Average Income/ Yield/ (in \$000's, unaudited) **Balance** Expense Rate Balance Expense Rate Assets: Loans, gross(1) 845,303 \$ 41,570 4.92% \$ 787,032 \$ 40,800 5.18% 339,778 2.79% 404,913 11,519 Securities - taxable 9,472 2.84% Securities - tax exempt(2) 61,636 2,355 3.82% 4,575 172 3.77% Federal funds sold and interest-bearing 83,219 0.26% 52,500 134 0.26% deposits in other financial institutions 214 52,625 53,611 Total interest earning assets(2) 1,329,936 4.03% 1,249,020 4.21% Cash and due from banks 23,510 21.583 7,774 Premises and equipment, net 7,500 Intangible assets 1,774 2,258 72,799 Other assets 68,678 1,353,434 Total assets 1,431,398 Liabilities and shareholders' equity: Deposits: Demand, noninterest-bearing \$ 392,131 \$ 427,299 Demand, interest-bearing 172,615 246 0.14% 150,476 223 0.15% 308,510 544 0.18% 611 0.21% Savings and money market 288,980 23,069 80 0.35% 27,337 132 0.48% Time deposits - under \$100 Time deposits - \$100 and over 194,587 747 0.38% 167,804 958 0.57% Time deposits - brokered 75,968 745 0.98% 91,278 867 0.95% CDARS - money market and time deposits 17,996 7 0.04% 5.756 9 0.16% Total interest-bearing deposits 792,745 2,369 0.30% 731,631 2,800 0.38% 2,369 Total deposits 1,220,044 0.19%2,800 0.25%1,123,762 Subordinated debt 5,816 229 3.94% 19,052 7.26% 1,383 1.55% Short-term borrowings 129 1 518 0.26% Total interest-bearing liabilities 798,690 2,600 0.33% 752,201 4,187 0.56% Total interest-bearing liabilities and demand, noninterest-bearing / cost of funds 1,225,989 2,600 0.21% 1,144,332 4,187 0.37% Other liabilities 35,018 36,909 Total liabilities 1,261,007 1,181,241 Shareholders' equity 170,391 172,193 Total liabilities and shareholders' equity 1,431,398 1,353,434 3.84% 3.88% Net interest income(2) / margin 51,011 48,438

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Less tax equivalent adjustment(2)

Net interest income

⁽I)Includes loans held-for-sale. Yield amounts earned on loans include loan fees and costs. Nonaccrual loans are included in average balance.

⁽²⁾Reflects tax equivalent adjustment for tax exempt income based on a 35% tax rate.