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5-STAR COMPASS COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION: WHERE YOU'RE A PERSON, NOT A NUMBER

Eureka, CA—BauerFinancial, Inc., the Nation's premier bank and credit union rating firm, salutes 5-star Compass Community Credit Union for its continued financial excellence. Not only has the credit union earned Bauer's highest (5-star) rating for financial strength and stability, it has **maintained that top rating for 36 consecutive quarters**. Earning a 5-star rating indicates the credit union excels in areas of capital adequacy, profitability, asset quality and much more.

"The People Helping People ideology that engenders credit unions", observes Karen Dorway, president of BauerFinancial, "is alive and well. Credit unions base decisions on relationships, not just on numbers. We seem to be coming to a point where human interaction is regaining importance. Technology is an invaluable tool, but only when it enhances the member experience. Compass Community Credit Union has never lost sight of that."

"This is such an honor to be recognized for our hard work and dedication," said Compass Community Credit Union CEO, Ray Litchfield. "We truly put our members first and our members appreciate us going above and beyond. I think that makes us unique and separates us from the competition."

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Compass Community Credit Union serves members in Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity counties. Membership is open to anyone who lives, works or worships in these three counties. For over 68 years, Compass Community Credit Union has been offering financial solutions to members. For more information, visit <u>www.CompassCCU.org</u>.