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## **STATER BROS. PROMOTES DAROLD FERRO TO SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT DISTRIBUTION**

**San Bernardino, California (January 28, 2014)** – Jack H. Brown, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Stater Bros. Markets, has announced the promotion of Darold Fero to the position of Senior Vice President Distribution of Stater Bros. Markets.

Fero has been a member of the Stater Bros. “Family” for over 33 years and has progressed through a range of distribution center positions and responsibilities. In his new position, Fero will oversee the total operation of the company’s 2.1 million sq. ft. Norton Distribution Center which includes the dry and refrigerated distribution centers in addition to the company’s transportation and fleet maintenance departments.

Fero will report to George Frahm, Executive Vice President Administration and Distribution.

Fero first joined Stater Bros. in 1981 as a Marker in the company’s distribution center and was promoted to an Order Selector later that year. In 1984, Fero was promoted to a Forklift Receiver and in 1986 promoted to Foreman in the distribution center.

Fero was promoted to a Distribution Center Supervisor in 1988 and in 2000 he was promoted to Director Dry Distribution. In September 2010, Fero was promoted Director Distribution and later that year promoted to Senior Director Distribution. In 2011, Fero was promoted to Vice President Distribution, his most recent position.

“Darold is a well-respected and valuable member of our management team,” stated Brown. “This promotion is a result of his outstanding leadership skills that have taken our distribution operations to new levels of service and efficiency.”

Stater Bros. is the largest privately owned Supermarket Chain in Southern California and the largest private employer in both San Bernardino County and Riverside County, with annual sales in 2013 of \$3.9 billion. The Company currently operates 167 Supermarkets, and there are over 18,000 members of the Stater Bros. Supermarket Family.

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