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## **Ljilijana Cvijanovic Joins Midwest BankCentre Women Connect Advisory Board**

ST. LOUIS (December 6, 2022) --- **Ljilijana Cvijanovic** has been elected to the **Midwest BankCentre Women Connect** advisory board.

Cvijanovic served as Senior Vice President at Midwest BankCentre from 2019 until May of 2022 when she retired. In her time at Midwest BankCentre, Cvijanovic focused on growing business and strengthening



relationships in the Bosnian community. She joined Southern Commercial Bank in 2000 which was acquired by Midwest BankCentre in 2014, after earning her MBA from Webster University.

Cvijanovic has over 22 years of experience in the banking industry and started her banking career in Yugoslavia. She and her family immigrated to St. Louis in 1994 with very few personal belongings, donated clothes on their backs, and \$80 to their name. Throughout her time at Midwest BankCentre, Cvijanovic showed Bosnian families how to build a credit history and how to access capital so they could establish a foothold in their new community—to buy homes, start or scale businesses or educate their children. While she knew banking, Cvijanovic also brought compassion and kindness to her work every day. She continues to take tremendous pride in seeing the Bosnian community thrive.

Midwest BankCentre believes in helping all communities step into their dreams through democratized approach to access opportunity and capital. Midwest BankCentre has leveraged its Network for Good over the years to help build connections and capacity within the multicultural communities, particularly those who have been denied access to capital to start and scale businesses, purchase homes and fund educations. Midwest BankCentre has been very grateful for the opportunity to serve so many members of the St. Louis Bosnian community over the years.

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### ***About Midwest BankCentre***

Midwest BankCentre's current assets exceed \$2.3 billion and deposits total more than \$1.8 billion. A mainstay of the greater St. Louis community banking scene since 1906, the bank employs a staff of about 280 working at 17 bank locations in the City of St. Louis, St. Louis, Jefferson and St. Charles counties in Missouri and St. Clair County in Illinois. It empowers people, enables business and energizes neighborhoods through the strength of its financial services, including personalized consumer and business banking, business cash management, mortgage lending, home equity loans, financial planning and investments, insurance and digital banking.

Midwest BankCentre bank is a local leader in the St. Louis Regional Financial Empowerment Coalition and its Bank-On Save-Up St. Louis initiative. Since 2001, Midwest BankCentre has consecutively achieved the Bauer Financial 5-Star Superior financial rating each quarter. It has been recognized for its success in bringing mainstream financial services to unbanked and underbanked citizens in the region and other diversity and inclusion contributions with the 2019 Community Commitment Award from the American Bankers Association Foundation and the 2018 National Community Bank Service Award from the Independent Community Bankers of America®.