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## Lisa Morgan Joins Midwest BankCentre as <u>Vice President of Community and Economic Development</u>

ST. LOUIS (March 20, 2023) – <u>Lisa Morgan</u> has joined <u>Midwest BankCentre</u> as vice president of community and economic development, reporting to <u>Wes</u> <u>Burns</u>, executive vice president of community and economic development.

Morgan has over forty-one years of experience in the banking industry, with twentythree years of mortgage and commercial lending experience. In her new role, Morgan will be responsible for helping revitalize St. Louis communities by providing banking and lending services to underserved groups and neighborhoods and through partnerships with



community organizations and nonprofits. Her focus aligns with the bank's five-year, incremental \$200 million commitment to help people in underserved communities buy homes, start or scale businesses, and transform neighborhoods. As a Florissant native, Morgan will concentrate her efforts in the north St. Louis region.

"Lisa applies her extensive banking experience and community engagement to building capacity within neighborhoods that have been marginalized," said Burns. "Her efforts will help minority-owned business enterprises thrive through stronger access to timely financial education and credit. In addition, the community partnerships she builds will lay the groundwork for families and individuals to build generational wealth."

Morgan serves on the board of directors oftwo faith-based organizations. One is her church, Our Father's House, and the other is Missouri Midwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ. She also has served as Chief Financial Officer of Missouri Midwest for over seven years. Morgan graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis with a bachelor's degree in business administration and finance.

## About Midwest BankCentre

Midwest BankCentre's current assets exceed \$2.4 billion, and deposits total more than \$2 billion. A mainstay of the greater St. Louis community banking scene since 1906, the Bank employs a staff of about 280 working at 16 bank locations in the City of St. Louis, St. Louis, Jefferson and St. Charles counties in Missouri and a loan production office in 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 (formerly the St. Louis Regional Unbanked Task Force) 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.