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Tasha Pettis-Bonds Named Vice President of Community Engagement and Business Development at Midwest BankCentre

ST. LOUIS (Sept. 7, 2021) --- **Tasha Pettis-Bonds** has joined **Midwest BankCentre** as vice president of community engagement and business development. She reports to **Wes Burns**, senior vice president of community and economic development.



In her new role, Pettis-Bonds applies more than 20 years of business, retail and mortgage banking experience in St. Louis, central Illinois and Chicago. She supports the bank's mortgage, commercial, small business and retail teams in collaborating with faith-based organizations and nonprofits to advocate for equity in underserved communities and build on existing community strengths. She also provides tools and resources for financial education and empowerment through community partnerships. Her focus aligns with the bank's five-year, \$200 million commitment to help people in underserved communities buy homes, start or scale businesses, and transform neighborhoods.

"Tasha Pettis-Bonds applies her diverse banking experience and community engagement to building capacity within neighborhoods that have been marginalized," said Chairman and CEO **Orvin T. Kimbrough**. "Her efforts will help minority-owned business enterprises (MBEs) thrive through stronger access to timely financial education and credit. The community partnerships she builds will lay the groundwork for families and individuals to build generational wealth."

Pettis-Bonds most recently served as the executive director of the **Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis' Women's Business Center**. She is a member of the Employer Advisory Council at **Rung for Women** and serves on the Economic Vitality Committee of **St. Louis Main Streets**, which is part of the Missouri Mainstreet Connection. She formerly served on the boards of **Justine Petersen Housing and Redevelopment**, **St. Vincent Children's Home**, **St. Louis Regional Financial Empowerment Coalition** and the **Bayer YMCA** in North St. Louis. Pettis-Bonds graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis with a bachelor's degree in political science.

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Editor's note: **Tasha Pettis-Bond** works at Midwest BankCentre's branch in Clayton, Mo. (63105).

About Midwest BankCentre

Midwest BankCentre's current assets exceed \$2.3 billion and deposits total more than \$1.7 billion. A mainstay of the greater St. Louis community banking scene since 1906, the bank employs a staff of about 280 working at 18 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 (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®.