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Karlos Ramirez Joins Midwest BankCentre's Legal Board of Directors

ST. LOUIS, MO. (Oct. 22, 2018) – **Karlos Ramirez**, president and chief executive officer of the **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis**, has been elected to the **Midwest BankCentre** legal board of directors.



As leader of the Hispanic Chamber since 2011, he works to promote business opportunities for Hispanic-owned firms and professionals and to drive economic development in the region.

Earlier in his career, he was director of the University Center and conference services at St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

Ramirez chairs the board of directors for the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, which oversees economic development efforts in St. Louis City and County. He earned his bachelor's degree in education at Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, Ill., and his master's degree in educational administration at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill. He is a member of the Association of Chambers of Commerce Executives (ACCE), the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC), Veiled Prophet and Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity, a Latino-based fraternity with a multicultural membership.

Midwest BankCentre, a mainstay of St. Louis community banking since 1906, employs a staff of about 280 working at 19 bank locations in the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, Jefferson County and St. Charles County. It ranks among St. Louis' largest locally owned banks with assets of about \$1.9 billion and deposits of \$1.4 billion. It provides integrated financial services with expertise in commercial, retail and digital banking; business cash management; mortgage lending; consumer lending; and insurance. The bank is a local leader in 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 was recently selected as the national winner of the 2018 National Community Bank Service Awards by the Independent Community Bankers of America® (ICBA) for its success in bringing mainstream financial services to unbanked and underbanked citizens in the region.