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Anthony Johnson Named VP-Community & Economic Development at Midwest BankCentre

ST. LOUIS (April 11, 2023) --- **Anthony Johnson** has joined **Midwest BankCentre** as vice president of community and economic development. He reports to **Wes Burns**, executive vice president of community and economic development.

Johnson brings unique expertise in tax equity investments and lending, gained through more than ten years of commercial real estate and economic development experience. He most recently managed a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) division, sourcing LIHTC Construction loans and other tax credit loans. LIHTC lending is a complex but crucial tool for producing and preserving affordable rental housing.

At Midwest BankCentre, Johnson supports the bank's originating debt and equity opportunities in the tax credit space, including the LIHTC program, New Market Tax Credits, Historic Tax Credits, and Renewable Energy Tax Credits. His focus aligns with the Midwest BankCentre's 2021 commitment to lend an incremental \$200 million to nonprofits, faith-based institutions, community development projects, and small businesses in or benefiting historically disinvested neighborhoods over the next five years.

"Anthony's vast experience with financing structures involving Low Income Housing (LIHTC), New Markets (NMTC), Historic (HTC) and other tax credit

programming will bring access to safe and affordable housing throughout the communities we serve and will generate measurable new job opportunities across the region, creating access to affordable capital for area businesses to locate, expand or upgrade facilities within our community,” said Burns.

Johnson graduated from the University of Missouri – St. Louis with a bachelor’s degree in History.

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Editor’s note: **Anthony Johnson** works at Midwest BankCentre’s branch in Lemay, Mo. (63125). He resides in St. Louis, Mo. (63109).

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.