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# WESTFIELD BANK WELCOMES BELMIN VELIC AS BUSINESS SPECIALIST AT BLOOMFIELD LOCATION

**Westfield, MA**— James C. Hagan, President and CEO of Westfield Bank, is pleased to announce the appointment of Belmin Velic as Business Specialist of its Bloomfield Branch, located in the Copaco Shopping Plaza, at 337 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Velic joins the bank with over seven years of banking experience. In his new role, he will be responsible for servicing existing and developing new business relationships, community development within Bloomfield, and supporting the branch as needed.

He joined the banking industry in 2019, having served in retail and business roles for a national bank at several locations within the Connecticut marketplace. He earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Central Connecticut State University and an associate's degree in business administration from Manchester Community College.

“I'm very excited to welcome Belmin to Westfield Bank,” said Kelly A. Pignatare, First Vice President and Manager of Retail Banking and Business & Government Deposit

Services. “He brings many years of experience assisting businesses with their financial needs, having worked in both retail and cash management roles, understands the local market well, and is a great addition to the Bloomfield team.”

For more information about Westfield Bank, visit the bank’s website at www.westfieldbank.com.

**About Westfield Bank**
Westfield Bank, headquartered in Westfield, Massachusetts, is a federally chartered savings bank organized in 1853 and is the largest publicly traded bank headquartered in Western Massachusetts. The Bank is a full-service community-oriented financial institution offering a complete range of commercial and retail products and services. Currently, the Bank has twenty-five branch offices, forty-nine ATMs, and an additional thirty seasonal ATMs and serves Hampden and Hampshire counties in Western Massachusetts and the Capitol Region in Connecticut. The Bank’s middle market and commercial real estate lending team is based in Springfield, Massachusetts and West Hartford, Connecticut and has a general regulatory limit on loans to one borrower of $41.8 million. As of March 31, 2026, the Bank employed 327 full and part-time employees, had $2.8 billion in total assets, $2.2 billion in its loan portfolio, and $2.4 billion in total deposits. The Bank is regulated by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. As a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Bank’s deposits are insured up to the maximum FDIC insurance coverage limits. To learn more, visit the Bank’s website at www.westfieldbank.com.

***PHOTO: Headshot of Belmin Velic is attached.***