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CHRISTINE KOSTER APPOINTED TO VICE PRESIDENT, COMMERCIAL LOAN OFFICER

Westfield, MA— James C. Hagan, President and CEO of Westfield Bank, is pleased to announce that Christine Koster has been appointed to Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer in our West Hartford location. She will be responsible for building relationships with business clients in Connecticut.

Koster has spent over 25 years in the financial industry. She began her career with other local banks as a Vice President Relationship Manager and has held additional roles including Vice President Commercial Loan Officer, prior to her current role.

“We are very excited to have Chris join our Connecticut Commercial Lending team. Her years of experience working with small businesses in the market along with her drive to provide exceptional customer service make her a perfect fit for our growing team” said Jamie Garcia, Senior Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer & Team Leader.

Koster serves on the Board of Directors for Friends of Connecticut State Parks and additionally serves as the President and Board of Directors for the Friends of

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Hammonasset. Besides from serving her community, Koster enjoys traveling by RV and has visited 48 states and counting.

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, fifty-four ATMs, and an additional thirty seasonal ATMs and serves Hampden and Hampshire counties in Western Massachusetts and Hartford and Tolland counties in Northern Connecticut. The Bank's middle market and commercial real estate lending team is based in Springfield, Massachusetts, and has a general regulatory limit on loans to one borrower of \$40.4 million. As of June 30, 2023, the Bank employed 362 full and part-time employees, had \$2.6 billion in total assets, \$2.0 billion in its loan portfolio, and \$2.2 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: A headshot of Christine Koster is attached

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