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WESTFIELD BANK WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TEAM AT LIBERTY STREET BRANCH

Westfield, MA— James C. Hagan, President and CEO of Westfield Bank, is pleased to announce the appointment of Hector Suarez as Retail Banking Officer and Branch Manager, and Jeffrey Lomma as Business Specialist, both at its Liberty Street Office, 1342 Liberty Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Hector Suarez joins the Bank with over thirty years of banking experience with responsibility for leading and managing the branch including customer service, retail and business product sales, employee development, and overseeing general branch operations. Suarez has held various officer and management roles for several national banks in the Greater Springfield area and has been recognized throughout his banking career for sales and service excellence. He has been very active with financial literacy, most recently with first time homebuyer seminars for the Holyoke Housing Authority. He resides in Springfield.

A familiar face to customers and coworkers, Jeffrey Lomma returns to the Bank, where he previously served in business development and management roles, including in the Springfield market. In his new role, he is responsible for servicing existing and developing new business relationships, community development within Springfield, and supporting the branch as needed. Lomma originally joined Westfield Bank in 2006, departing to be the Member Services Director for the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Western New England University and is deeply involved with the local community, currently serving as a Board Member for the West of the River Chamber of Commerce and as

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Treasurer and Board Member of the Asnuntuck Community College Foundation. He resides in Longmeadow.

"I am very excited to welcome Hector and welcome back Jeff to Westfield Bank," said Kelly A. Pignatare, First Vice President and Manager of Retail Banking and Business & Government Deposit Services. "Hector and Jeff bring a combined forty-one years of banking experience including strong management and business development expertise. Complemented by their knowledge of and commitment to the Springfield market, they are well positioned to deliver better banking and drive growth in our Liberty Street Branch."

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 Hartford County in Northern 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 \$41.2 million. As of September 30, 2025, the Bank employed 340 full and part-time employees, had \$2.7 billion in total assets, \$2.1 billion in its loan portfolio, and \$2.3 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: Headshots of Hector Suarez and Jeffrey Lomma are attached.

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