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WESTFIELD BANK ANNOUNCES PROMOTION OF KENNETH FONTANEZ TO BRANCH MANAGER

Westfield, MA— Westfield Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Kenneth Fontanez to Branch Manager and Retail Banking Officer at the Bank's 435 Burnett Road location in Chicopee. He will be responsible for overseeing customer service, retail and business product sales including mortgage originations, as well as business development and community outreach. Other responsibilities include managing general operations and employee development within the branch.

Fontanez holds an Associate's degree from the Business Management Transfer Program at Holyoke Community College. He started his banking career in 2009 and held multiple positions at several national banks before joining Westfield Bank in 2016 as an Assistant Branch Manager and Business Specialist, a position he has held at the Bank's offices at 599 Memorial Drive in Chicopee and 1500 Main Street in Springfield.

Fontanez is a Foster Parent Support 1 with Massachusetts MENTOR. In 2019, he received the "Commitment to Caring Award" from MENTOR. This award is given to foster parents, therapists, and workers of the MENTOR agency who help children overcome trauma and progress academically and emotionally. Fontanez resides in Springfield, MA.

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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-one 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 \$35.8 million. As of September 30, 2021, the Bank employed 334 full and part-time employees, had \$2.5 billion in total assets, \$1.8 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 our website at www.westfieldbank.com

PHOTO: A headshot of Kenneth Fontanez is attached