WestStar Appoints Lorena Garay as Senior Vice President, Commercial Banker

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August 4, 2026 (El Paso, TX) – WestStar today announced the appointment of Lorena Garay as Senior Vice President, Commercial Banker. In this role, Garay will manage the bank's existing investment real estate client relationships while continuing to grow its commercial lending portfolio.

Garay brings more than 20 years of experience in commercial lending and deposit relationship management, with a focus on building long-term relationships and supporting client growth. She will work closely with business clients to structure financing solutions and expand lending portfolios. Her experience in investor real estate lending and deep ties to the El Paso market position her to contribute immediately to WestStar's continued growth.

"Lorena's experience in commercial lending and her strong relationships in the El Paso market make her a valuable addition to our team," said Liliana Miranda, Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Banking Officer. "She understands what local businesses need to grow, and her client-focused approach aligns well with WestStar's commitment to relationship-based banking."

"I am thrilled to join WestStar, El Paso's only locally owned bank," Garay said. "Within the Commercial Lending Team, I look forward to being a part of the city's growth through our commercial lending services."

She is actively involved in the community as a member of Prayer and Life Workshops, where she provides guidance to local youth and supports personal development initiatives.

Garay earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Texas at El Paso, with a specialization in commercial banking.

About WestStar
WestStar is the only El Paso-based community bank and the leading commercial bank in the Borderplex region, which includes El Paso, Texas; Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Juárez, Mexico. With over $3.1 billion in assets, 14 branches, and over 350 employees, WestStar provides commercial lending, treasury management, wealth management, and title services across the region.

WestStar's roots trace back over a century and are built on the combined legacies of four local institutions: Bank of Ysleta, Bank of El Paso, First National Bank of Fabens, and Bank of the West (rebranded as WestStar Bank in 2012). These banks united over time and through mergers, ultimately becoming WestStar in 2016. Today, WestStar continues that shared commitment to relationship-based banking.

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