



WestStar Names Saul Castro to Public Funds Officer and Assistant Vice President

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April 16, 2026 (El Paso, TX) – WestStar, the leading financial institution in the Borderplex, is proud to announce the promotion of Saul Castro to Public Funds Officer and Assistant Vice President. Castro brings more than 20 years of banking experience and a deep understanding of the regional economy to this role, where he will lead WestStar’s newly established Public Funds Department.

WestStar created the Public Funds Department to meet the growing demand for specialized public-sector banking services in the Borderplex. The department is designed to support local governments, school districts and public entities by ensuring strong stewardship of public funds, regulatory compliance and the ability to keep local deposits working within the communities they serve.

Throughout his career, Castro has supported small businesses as a business banker, developed future leaders as an assistant manager, and built deep technical expertise in merchant services, earning recognition as a top performer and multiple nationwide awards. Since joining WestStar two years ago as a Senior Treasury Management Sales Advisor, he has expanded his expertise in treasury and liquidity solutions, making him well-suited to lead the Bank’s public funds efforts.

“I am honored to step into the role of Public Funds Officer and help lead an initiative that is vital to both our bank and our community,” Castro said. “When public funds stay local, they strengthen the economic foundation of the city they come from and support the businesses, families and institutions that rely on them.”

In his new role, Castro will oversee public deposit relationships, manage collateral and reporting requirements, support liquidity and risk management efforts, and work closely with public sector partners to ensure strong governance and regulatory compliance.

Castro is also deeply committed to community service. He volunteers with Strive Now, a mentorship and character development program for youth, and is an active member of Abundant Church, supporting outreach efforts that serve underserved communities throughout El Paso. His interest in public policy and local civic issues further strengthens his ability to serve WestStar’s public funds clients.

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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