

CLAUDIA RODRIGUEZ TRANSITIONS TO SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

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June 1, 2022 (El Paso, TX) – WestStar, the Borderplex region's leading financial institution, has announced the promotion of Claudia Rodriguez to Senior Vice President, Risk Management Director. In this new role, Rodriguez will manage the Risk Management division, including Audit, BSA, Compliance, Information Security, Legal and Loan Review. Key responsibilities include the development of innovative and effective risk management solutions and guidelines to support the financial institution's strategic risk management approach.

Rodriguez previously served as Operations Center Manager. Prior to working in Operations, Rodriguez served as the bank's Internal Auditor. She has 20 years of banking experience, ten of them at WestStar. On her new promotion, Rodriguez said, "I am honored to be leading our Risk Management division and look forward to continuing the legacy of supporting the bank's strategic goals with an effective and sound risk management program."

Rodriguez has served on the boards of the El Paso Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and the El Paso Chapter of the Association of Fraud Examiners (ACFE). She has also been a longtime contributor to United Way for almost 20 years. Rodriguez has a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Computer Applications from the University of Notre Dame and is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) in Texas. She is also a graduate of the Western States School of Banking.

About WestStar

WestStar is a locally owned community bank with more than \$2.7 billion in assets. It services the El Paso, Las Cruces, and northern Mexico area (collectively known as the Borderplex region). WestStar provides businesses and retail consumers local access to a broad array of financial services, including banking, treasury management, wealth management, insurance, and title services. Additionally, WestStar team members serve on over 60 boards and committees of non-profit and civic organizations and participate in a wide range of community betterment efforts and philanthropic causes. For more information, visit the WestStar website at weststarbank.com.

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