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RIDGEWOOD SAVINGS BANK ANNOUNCES KEY PROMOTIONS

Michelle Rossetti Joins Ridgewood as First Vice President & Director of Human Resources

James Jewett Promoted to Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Officer & Corporate Secretary

A Highly Skilled and Diverse Staff of 12 Elevated to Officer Positions



RIDGEWOOD, N.Y. (January 2, 2024) – Exciting changes are underway at Ridgewood Savings Bank ("Ridgewood") as it proudly unveils dynamic leadership promotions with the recent addition of **Michelle Rossetti as First Vice President and Director of Human Resources** and the promotion of **James Jewett to Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Officer, and Corporate Secretary**. Additionally, a highly skilled and diverse staff of twelve dedicated members of the Ridgewood family have received promotions ranging from assistant vice president to officer roles.

Leonard Stekol, Chairman, President & CEO, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "These promotions underscore Ridgewood Savings Bank's commitment to cultivating a robust leadership team and fostering a positive workplace culture that will serve our communities exceptionally well. We are proud of our leaders' achievements and excited about the constructive impact they will continue to make."

About Michelle Rossetti

Ms. Rossetti joined Ridgewood in October after 15 years at BNY Mellon, where she most recently served as Director and Senior HR Business Partner for Global Operation and Technology. In her new role, Ms. Rossetti will lead Ridgewood's People Operations and Talent Management teams and oversee the execution of various HR initiatives that align with the Bank's strategic goals and over one hundred year history as a mutual community bank.

A native of Queens and a graduate of Queens College (BA), Ms. Rossetti has earned numerous professional certificates from Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations and Pace University. She is a Senior Certified Professional, Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM-SCP), and a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR), HR Certification Institute. She resides with her family and a rescue dog on Long Island.

About James Jewett

In his role of Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, Mr. Jewett oversees the Bank's Investments and Financial Services departments. A seasoned professional with more than 23-years of employment with Ridgewood Savings Bank, Mr. Jewett possesses deep institutional knowledge and investment experience. He is uniquely qualified to manage the Bank's investment, wholesale funding, and retail wealth management strategies. Mr. Jewett will continue to serve as Corporate Secretary, overseeing Board governance and the Bank's philanthropic efforts.

Mr. Jewett received his M.B.A. and his undergraduate degree in finance from C.W. Post/Long Island University. He graduated with honors from American Bankers Association (ABA) Stonier Graduate School of Banking in 2011 and received a Wharton School Leadership Certificate in 2013. Devoted to "Multiplying the Good," Jewett is on the Boards of both MercyFirst and Operation SPLASH (Stop Polluting Littering and Save Harbors), making an impact in child welfare and the environment. MercyFirst serves more than 3,000 children, teenagers, and families annually in the New York metro area. Operation SPLASH has removed millions of pounds of marine debris from the South Shore waters of Long Island. He resides with his family in Nassau County.

The momentum doesn't stop there. A wave of internal promotions within the Ridgewood family showcases the bank's dedication to recognizing and nurturing talent:

- **Jo-Anne Harvey**, of Hempstead, NY, Assistant Vice President & Operations Audit Manager.
- **Kevin McCall**, of Levittown, NY, Assistant Vice President.
- **Sharon Baptiste-Morris**, of Laurelton, NY, Assistant Vice President.
- **Rudra Rupchand**, of Hollis, NY, Assistant Vice President & Training Officer.

New Officer Promotions:

- **Alix Bracci**, of Belle Harbor, Branch Banking Officer.
- **Eugene Chernyak**, of Brooklyn, NY, IT Service & Support Manager.
- **Victor Fernandez**, of Island Park, NY, Systems Engineer.
- **Landel Fisher**, of Bronx, NY, Branch Banking Officer.
- **Denis Myagkov**, of Whitestone, NY, Branch Banking Officer
- **Medina Osmanovic**, of Maspeth, NY, Enterprise Payments Officer.
- **Diana Suero**, of Brooklyn, NY, Digital Branch Officer.
- **Patrick Wong**, of Brooklyn, NY, Enterprise Risk Officer.

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About Ridgewood Savings Bank

Founded in 1921, Ridgewood Savings Bank continues to serve the community as a strong and stable mutual savings bank with over \$6.8 billion in assets and 36 branches located throughout the New York metropolitan area. It has been ranked as a 'Best Regional Bank' by Bankrate (2024), 'Best Bank' by Money (2023, 2024), 'Best Regional Bank' by Newsweek (2024), and 'Honorable Mention' designation by the American Banking Association Foundation Community Commitment Awards in recognition of our work protecting older Americans (2023). Since inception, Ridgewood Savings Bank has remained true to its community bank roots and mission to provide its customers the best possible service and banking experience. As it continues to refine and enhance its services and delivery channels, Ridgewood Savings Bank will continuously strive to be the bank that offers "Traditional Values with Modern Solutions."