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FDIC APPROVES TRANSFER TO THE RTC OF
WESTSIDE BANK OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the transfer of Westside Bank of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, to the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC).

Westside Bank, with total assets of \$82.3 million, was closed on Friday, September 24, 1993, by James E. Gilleran, California Banking Superintendent, and the FDIC was named receiver. California law requires the FDIC to be named receiver when a state-chartered bank fails.

Immediately upon the FDIC being named receiver, RTC arranged for the Office of Thrift Supervision to form an interim federal savings bank (FSB) to assume the operations of the failed bank. The RTC will operate the new FSB as a conservatorship under the name "Westside Bank, a federal savings bank." The RTC will be responsible for the resolution of the institution.

Westside Bank, originally Westside Savings and Loan Association, converted to a state commercial bank on July 16, 1990. Its deposits, however, remained insured by the Savings Association Insurance Fund (SAIF). The Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 stipulates that the RTC is responsible for resolving all SAIF-insured failed thrifts formerly insured by FSLIC until October 1, 1993.

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