STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION

TO: West Field Financial Lending Group a/k/a Westfield Lending Group https://westfieldlgroup.com
1925 Century Park E
Los Angeles, CA 90067

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

(For violations of Financial Code section 22100)

The Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation (Commissioner) finds that:

- 1. At all relevant times, West Field Financial Lending Group a/k/a Westfield Lending Group (Westfield) is and was an entity of unknown form with a stated address of 1925 Century Park E, Los Angeles, CA 90067, telephone number of (888) 375-6133, and website at www.westfieldlgroup.com.
- 2. In December 2023, Westfield approached at least one California consumer about a loan.
- 3. Westfield offered the prospective California borrower a personal loan of \$5,000 for a term of 30 months at a 16% interest rate.
- 4. Westfield informed this prospective borrower that before it could issue the loan, however, the borrower would need to send it a payment of \$580.
- 5. The prospective borrower complied with Westfield's instructions and wired Westfield \$580 via Ria Money Transfer.
- 6. Westfield then informed the prospective borrower that the prospective borrower would need to transfer an additional \$580 before Westfield could issue the loan.
- 7. The prospective borrower complied with Westfield's instructions and wired Westfield \$580 via MoneyGram.
- 8. Westfield informed the prospective borrower in January 2024 that the prospective borrower needed to transfer another \$1,000 to Westfield before the prospective borrower would get any loan proceeds. The prospective borrower declined to send these funds and demanded a return of

prior payments. Westfield stated it would return the \$1,160 the prospective borrower had transferred to Westfield. To date, Westfield has failed to return these funds.

- 9. Westfield has never been issued a license by the Commissioner authorizing it to engage in the business of a finance lender under the California Financing Law (Fin. Code, §22000 et seq.), nor is it exempt from the licensing requirements of Financial Code section 22100.
- 10. Based on the foregoing findings, the Commissioner is of the opinion that West Field Financial Lending Group a/k/a Westfield Lending Group has engaged in the business of a finance lender without having first obtained a license from the Commissioner in violation of Financial Code section 22100.

Pursuant to Financial Code section 22712, West Field Financial Lending Group a/k/a Westfield Lending Group is ordered to desist and refrain from engaging in the business of a finance lender in the State of California without first obtaining a license from the Commissioner, or otherwise being exempt.

This order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of California borrowers, and is consistent with the purposes, policies, and provisions of the California Financing Law.

Dated: June 11, 2024 Sacramento, California



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Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation