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Monika Suarez is senior vice president, municipal finance director at Western Alliance Bank and leads the Public and Nonprofit Finance group. She has contributed to the success of the Bank's municipal portfolio, which totals more than \$1.5 billion. Based in Los Angeles, she works with clients throughout the United States, including state and local governments, school districts, public authorities, public agencies and other local districts. She also works with a wide-range of nonprofits, including educational, healthcare and senior living organizations.

Ms. Suarez joined Western Alliance in 2013 and she has more than 20 years of experience as a public finance professional. Prior to her career in banking, she worked for 10 years in the public sector at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority where she had primary responsibility for planning future debt issuances and developing innovative financing solutions.

Ms. Suarez served as president of the Women in Public Finance National Board of Directors in 2018.

She graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and earned a Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in state and local government finance from The George Washington University.