

Written Comments

Current and Prior Two Calendar Years

In compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), the CRA Public File must contain copies of Written Comments for each of the prior two calendar years.

We Care

Sent:

Monday, January 6, 2025 3:07 PM

To:

Cc:

We Care

Subject:

RE: Tomahawk Closing



We appreciate your feedback and thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with us.

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We apologize for your disappointment in our decision and appreciate your understanding.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Kind regards,



(Pronouns: they, them)

Customer Care Specialist | We Care

From

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 12:22 PM

To: We Care <WeCare@associatedbank.com>

Subject: Tomahawk Closing

I would like to express my disappointment of the upcoming closing of the Tomahawk WI branch.

The staff have always been wonderful and helpful. Having to drive to neighboring cities for in-person assistance is quite inconvenient.

I realize phone and digital banking is available but the personal touch is lost. Down sizing would surely be preferable to closing.

Sincerely,

saddened customer.

We Care

Sent:

Friday, January 26, 2024_6:50 PM

To: Subject:

RE: Excellent Customer Service



Thank you for taking the time to share you feedback. We have both the feedback regarding the branch closures and the compliment for taking the time to share you feedback. We have both the feedback regarding the branch closures and the compliment for taking the time to share you feedback. We have both the feedback regarding the branch closures and the



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Mail Stop

From

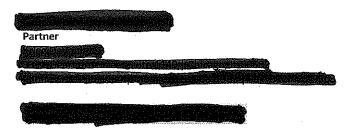
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 1:21 PM
To: We Care <WeCare@associatedbank.com>

Subject: Excellent Customer Service

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Good afternoon, I am a private banking client of Associated Bank and have been a customer for ~25 years. I believe it is important to support local and regional banks. One of the aspects I most value in banking with Associated Bank is the people, especially those in the branches that I interact with regularly. I am disappointed that you closed the LaSalle Street location and learned yesterday that the 200 E Randolph location now will also close. I went to the 200 E Randolph location branch yesterday and had the pleasure of interacting with Employees like are the reason I bank with Associated Bank. He greeted me when I came in (and it did not hurt that he complimented my hair!), asked how he could help and provided exceptional customer service. He asked about any loan needs, if I was interested in a CD, and in general made very good conversation. I sincerely hope that Associated Bank will retain this valuable and personable employee, and that once 200 E Randolph closes, I can find that another location within your bank. I recognize fantastic employees when I encounter them, and I hope Associated Bank does as well. Warm regards.





We Care

Sent:

Monday, January 29, 2024 6:03 PM

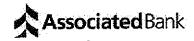
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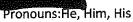
Subject:

RE: So upset and sad about the McFarland, WI branch closing



Thank you for providing the compliment and feedback. We have filed both on your behalf.





Customer Care Senior Specialist | We Care



From

Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2024 10:13 AM
To: We Care <WeCare@associatedbank.com>

Subject: So upset and sad about the McFarland, WI branch closing

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To Associated Bank Corporate Members,

I am very upset and sad that you have decided to close our Associated Bank branch in my community of McFarland, WI. The staff there are wonderful and the Manager, is exceptional at her job. I am not a stranger when I go to that bank, they are trustworthy, and I know I will get help on anything I need. We are a thriving community and deserve a branch that is local and cares about its customers like they do. Now we will be forced to drive 15" away into Madison, where we are just another body coming through the door. I am so confused on this decision; every time I'm in the Lobby, it is busy. Please reconsider this bad decision for your loyal customers. This is a wonderful branch with excellent employees, and it would be a great loss to our community.

Sincerely and Sadly,





We Care

Sent:

Friday, February 2, 2024 8:32 AM

To:

Cc:

We Care

Subject:

RE: general feed back



Thank you for your e-mail. We appreciate your feedback and thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with us.

We shall submit a complaint regarding your concerns about branch closures and the difficulty you experienced while using our website. We value your feedback as this allows us to review for improvements in our products and services.

Please accept our sincere apology for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Customer Care Team at 800-236-8866, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. CT, and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT.

Kind regards,



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Customer Care Specialist | We Care

From

Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:48 AM

To: We Care < WeCare@associatedbank.com>

Subject: general feed back

Today I went on your website to get some information. I am not an associated member but was interested in learning what your cd rates are or what other options you would have had for monies that I wanted to do something with. I was unsure if cd's or something else would fit my need. In googling your bank I discovered that you are in the process of closing a lot of branches. The fact that you had eliminated a branch in my town was concerning,. The fact that I couldn't figure out what your cd rates were by looking on your website was also a deterrent to doing business with Associated. My sister is an Associated member and she is the reason that I decided to check you out. I have a considerable amount sitting in a low interest rate bearing account with a different bank and wanted to see what you had to offer. A suggestion I would have would be to have your website a little more user friendly and your rates more accessible

Thank you for your time.

We Care

Sent:

Thursday, February 15, 2024 6:44 PM

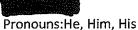
To:

Subject:

RE: Closing



Thank you for providing your feedback regarding the branch closure. A complaint has been filed on your behalf.



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Customer Care Senior Specialist | We Care

-----Original Message-----

From

Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2024 6:24 PM To: We Care < WeCare@associatedbank.com>

Subject: Closing

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I am so disappointed that you are closing the McFarland associated branch. Last Friday I was there and the place was filled with in person customers. Such a sad business decision.

Sent from my iPhone



Request Details

Service request: Complaint/Feedback CC

The Service Request Number is:

Service Request Information

Customer Name

CIF Number

Tax ID Number

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

Zip

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Type of Complaint

Mail/Email

Complaint Received By

Customer Care

Method Received

Email

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If ATM, enter branch # or location

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Comments

Customer Writes "First, you dropped convenient, nearby branches I've used.... now, your services are screwed-up....maybe you ought to throw in the towel, pack your bags and retreat to Green Bay?

Additional Comments

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Comments

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Complaint Status

Manager Approving

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We Care

Sent:

Friday, March 15, 2024 6:25 PM

To:

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Subject:

RE: Bank Location



Thank you for your feedback regarding the branches, we have filed your feedback and forwarded it the appropriate parties.



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Customer Care Senior Specialist | We Care



From:

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 2:51 PM

To: We Care <WeCare@associatedbank.com>

Subject: Bank Location



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Greetings,

I have been a customer since the Gladstone days at Central and Foster in Chicago since the bank was built. (Trailer days).

I still have my original account there (late 70's) as does my son and wife. I have moved to Homer Glen, IL in 1995 which is next to the large SW suburb of Orland Park, IL.

I have another Checking bank down here but the service there has deteriorated since my bank merged with another one.

My recently combined bank has closed two local bank buildings during the consolidation and for some reason kept the older crappy facility. One of these banks (now available) is an excellent newer building located at Wolf Rd. and 143rd St. has numerous safe deposit boxes in a large modern vault. It's a turn key facility built by First Midwest Bank.

I think it would be a grand opportunity for Associated Bank to open a facility in Orland Park that would serve the southwest Chicago suburbs Palos, Orland, Homer Glen and Lockport.

Please pass this thought on to corporate.



We Care

Sent:

Monday, April 15, 2024 7:01 PM

To:

Subject:

RE: Closure of branch



I do apologize about the inconvenience of the loss of your local branch. We have filed a complaint on your behalf.



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Customer Care Senior Specialist | We Care



From

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 10:55 AM

To: We Care < WeCare@associatedbank.com>

Subject: Closure of branch

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Very very disappointed that the branch office at Hwy 53/Eddy Lane in Eau Claire closed quietly without any notice to customers.

Now to navigate downtown to use an ATM or Kwik Trip ATM

Really really upset about this.

Not long ago when I was in the branch office and the new one was being built on London road staff reassured me they weren't closing So much more convenient than traveling downtown or to the other side of town.

We do exist on the north end

Unhappy,

Sent from my iPad



We Care

Sent:

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 5:20 PM

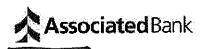
To:

Subject:

RE:



I do apologize about the loss of your local branches, and we do understand how the lack of local service can impact local communities. We have filed a complaint on your behalf.



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Customer Care Senior Specialist | We Care



From

Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 4:22 PM

To: We Care < We Care@associatedbank.com>

Subject:

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I have been with Associated Bank for many years! I am getting really pissed trying to find a bank. You used to have branches in grocery stores, they are gone. You open a branch bank and then it is closed. I have a US bank right up the road from me and it is looking favorable for me to switch all my banking there. How much do you think people are going to put up with???????

Messages Exchanged

11/02/2024 12:16:06 PM CST

Read

Thank you for your inquiry.

I'm sorry for any inconvenience. Unfortunately, we are unable to order checks free of charge.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to respond to this message or call our Customer Care Department at 1-800-236-8866. Our hours are Monday-Finday, 7am-9pm, and Saturdays, 8am-5pm. Have a wonderful day and thank you for banking at Associated.

Customer Care Online Specialist

11/01/2024 7:55:04 AM CST

and I received the letter about the local branch in Neilsville, will closing. It's going to be very inconvenient for us. If we need to go to the bank we will have to travel round trip 70 miles. If will need checks ordered. So if you want us to stay with your bank and we have been with you for a long time. I request checks with no charge. Simplicity here in town offers no charge for checks. So it's up to you, indo believe that this is the least you can do for us since our years with your bank. Please let me know ASAP. So I know whether to switch to simplicity.

Thank you.

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Creation time: 11/01/2024 7:55:04 AM CST

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From:

We Care

Sent:

Monday, November 18, 2024 6:54 PM

To:

Subject:

RE: Keep our branch open!!!



I do apologize about the community impact but unfortunately we cannot stop it. However, we have filed a complaint on your behalf.





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Customer Care Senior Specialist | We Care



From

Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 8:42 AM

To: We Care < WeCare@associatedbank.com>

Subject: Keep our branch open!!!

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Hello! You sent me an email explaining the many benefits and yet you are closing my branch in Neillsville. Look at a map. Thus branch is the center hub of at least 10 communities. It should be appreciated for the large area it serves not closed down!

My name is bank!

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and I beg you to look into this and to reconsider this decision. We need our

Sent from my Galaxy

Sent: To:

Subject:

We Care

Thursday, November 21, 2024 10:09 AM



RE: Keep our branch open!!!

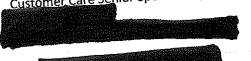


We will certainly get the additional information added to your complaint.



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Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 12:37 PM To: We Care < We Care@associated bank.com>

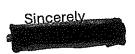
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Obviously you have not looked at the impact close enough. Neillsville sits in the center of a dozen Dear We Care, communities that will now have to drive a distance. And I will not have a way to pay my rent. Stupid landlord won't Zelle.

I work in retail and have asked several of my customers who bank there how they feel, and most of them said that they are just going to switch to one of the other 3 who are in town. Way to go!



Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: We Care < WeCare@associatedbank.com >

Date: 11/18/24 6:57 PM (GMT-06:00) To

Subject: RE: Keep our branch open!!!



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Customer Care Senior Specialist | We Care



From

Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 6.42 AM

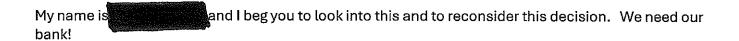
To: We Care < WeCare@associatedbank.com >

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We Care

Sent:

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 7:00 PM

To:

Subject:

RE: Bank closing



I do apologize about the inconvenience of the branch closing. We have filed a complaint on your behalf. Unfortunately we cannot stop the closure.



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Customer Care Senior Specialist | We Care



----Original Message

From:

Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 11:33 AM To: We Care < WeCare@associatedbank.com>

Subject: Bank closing

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I hear you are closing the Tomahawk, Wi branch; Please don't. I'm retired on a fixed income and having a bank near my home is more than just a continence. I have banked there for more than several years, building working relationships and trust with staff members. I'll have to travel over 20 miles if I stay with Associated; or change banks to keep my banking in Tomahawk (I have no wish to do that).

Thank you for listening,

Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:16 PM

We Care

To:
We Care

Subject: RE: Eau Claire Eddy Lane branch

Hello

We understand your concerns and apologize for any additional frustration caused by our response. We understand the closure of the Eddy Location is concerning to customers, but also wish to provide an accurate response.

Please accept our sincere apology for this situation.

Kind regards,

(Pronouns: they, them)

Customer Care Specialist | We Care

Mail Stop #

Direct | Fax

----Original Message----

From Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 3:25 PM

Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 3:25 PM
To: We Care <WeCare@associatedbank.com>
Subject: Re: Eau Claire Eddy Lane branch

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The stilted language you used in your reply proves you do not care about your customers. Although I understood every word, I am insulted by your quick dismissal of my comments. Your downtown Eau Claire location is awful and almost entirely inaccessible. At the very least, you should not close the easily accessible Eddy Lane location until you solve the problem of downtown accessibility. You also should not dismiss the needs of elderly customers who have sizable amounts of money and do not choose to use ATMs and impersonal digital banking. If you truly cared, you would survey your customers to find out what they want, instead of looking at supposed "trends" and suppositions. Please pass this on to your superiors.

> On Dec 1, 2023, at 2:57 PM, We Care < WeCare@associatedbank.com > wrote:

> Dear

> We appreciate your feedback and thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with us.

> The analysis of branch locations, their transaction trends and strategic fit, is an ongoing process at Associated and throughout the banking industry. Accordingly, we recently completed an evaluation of our retail footprint to ensure our network is ideally positioned for future success, especially as it pertains to evolving customer banking preferences and the changing regulatory and competitive environment. As a result, we decided to close this location. Customers will continue to have access to their account(s) through other area branches. Our online and mobile banking also allows them to access and manage their accounts anytime, anywhere. Customers can even deposit checks by using Associated Snap Deposit(tm) within our mobile app. Our Customer Care team is available at 800-236-8866 Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT.

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> Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

> Kind regards,

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> Customer Care Specialist | We Care

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> ----Original Message----

> From:

> Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 8:14 PM

> To:

> Subject: Eau Claire Eddy Lane branch

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> My husband, and I received a letter saying our local Associated Bank branch is closing in March. What an awful decision! We have been banking at the same location, through several bank name changes, for 40 years. If you close this location, we have to drive several miles to do business at a different Associated Bank location. Not only that, the Grand Avenue location has been surrounded by ongoing construction for many months and is inconvenient and almost inaccessible. You should close that location. The other suggested branch on London Road is also several miles away for anyone who lives on the north side of Eau Claire.

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> We DO NOT DO digital banking. If we are forced to drive several miles every time we need banking services, we will have to consider moving our money to a more helpful bank. I hope we will not have to do that. We have checking, savings, automatic deposits, and mortgage accounts through your bank. Very disappointed in your decision to ignore the entire north side of Eau Claire. What can I do to change your mind?



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From:

We Care

Sent:

Friday, December 29, 2023 4:06 PM

To:

We Care

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RE:

Categories:

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Kind regards,



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Customer Care Specialist | We Care

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Sent: Friday, December 29, 2023 12:07 PM To: We Care < WeCare@associatedbank.com>

Subject:

Hi. I just wanted to let you know how disappointed I was to hear you were closing your Hamel Illinois branch after such a short time. Rural areas rely on services such as yours, and elderly people need them locally. The employees at this branch are great, so helpful. Please reconsider closing this branch!!!