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Melissa Pillars is the Central Region New Market Tax Credits Origination Banker. In her role, she identifies opportunities where Chase can provide innovative financing as a New Markets Tax Credit equity investor to fund community facility projects and for-profit, job-generating business projects—both new construction and substantial rehabilitation—that will have strong community benefit for severely distressed communities.

Prior to her current role, she has held various roles during her 22 years with JPMorgan Chase, dating back to her humble beginning as a part time teller. Previously, Melissa was the Midwest Government Nonprofit Area Manager managing a specialized team of bankers that supported Not-for-Profits and Municipalities.

Born and raised in Chicago, Melissa participates in a number of groups internally and is very active within her community. Within JPMC, Melissa has chaired both Adelante and Women on the Move, resource groups dedicated to the retention and development of Latino and Female professionals, respectively. Within her community, Melissa serves as the Board Chair of Instituto del Progreso Latino, an organization whose mission is to contribute to the fullest development of Latino immigrants and their families through education, training, and employment that fosters full participation in the changing United States society while preserving cultural identity and dignity.

Melissa received her B.A. from Loyola University of Chicago in Political Science. She currently lives in Elmhurst with her husband, James, her three adorable children- Jimmy IV (7), Celia (4), Aiden (2) and her loving dog—Ripley.