March 13, 2009

## VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

Mr. Neil M. Barofsky
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Troubled Asset Relief Program
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
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Washington, D.C. 20220
Email: SIGTARP.response @ do.treas.gov
Re: Pacific Commerce Bank - UST Sequence Number 162
SIGTARP - Report on TARP funds
Dear Mr. Barofsky:
This letter shall respond to your request for information dated February 6, 2009 on the use and anticipated use of funds received by Pacific Commerce Bank, Los Angeles, California (the "Bank") in the amount of $\$ 4.06$ million on December 23, 2008 in connection with the Bank's participation in the Troubled Asset Relief Program - Capital Purchase Program ("TARP") of the United States Department of the Treasury.

Founded in 2002, the Bank is a small community bank based in Los Angeles, California and focused on small business lending. As of December 31, 2008 the Bank had approximately $\$ 187$ million in assets. In many respects, the Bank is at ground zero of the economy, supporting new start-up enterprises (through our business lending and S.B.A. products) and meeting the needs of its many small business clients. Like many other fast growing community banks, the Bank generally must raise new capital every two years or so in order to maintain conservative capital levels and meet the demands of its growing base of business. With the literal seizing-up of the capital markets in 2008, the TARP program has played a key role in allowing the Bank to continue its growth and service to the community.

## Use of TARP Preferred Stock Investment

The TARP funds received by the Bank were not segregated from other institutional funds and, therefore, as a practical matter, I cannot confirm whether the next loan the Bank makes will

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be funded by the $\$ 4$ million in TARP funds, the approximately $\$ 16$ million of common equity the Bank holds, or the approximately $\$ 167$ million in other obligations that make up the Bank's balance sheet as of December 31, 2008. However, there is no question that the Bank is lending significantly more with the TARP preferred stock investment than the Bank would be without such investment.

After committing to accept the TARP preferred stock investment this past October, the Bank has significantly increased its fourth quarter lending, closing approximately $\$ 11.5$ million in new loans (an increase of approximately $300 \%$ over the preceding quarter). In fact, the increase in loan balances in the fourth quarter alone was nearly three times the amount of the TARP funds. In the month of December 2008, the Bank approved close to $\$ 6.2$ million in new loans, approximately one and one-half times the amount of the TARP funds. (b) (4)

Tentatively and based on unaudited financial information, at December 31, 2008, the Bank's capital ratios were strong, with Total Risk-Based Capital and Tangible Equity to Total Assets of $13.39 \%$ and $10.30 \%$, respectively. (b) (4)

Without the TARP infusion to the Bank's capital this past December, it is likely that the Bank would have been reluctant to either fund its fourth quarter 2008 loan growth or (b) (4)

## Executive Compensation

The Executive Committee of the Bank's Board of Directors reviews and assesses senior management performance and has historically linked past compensation and incentive decisions to the performance of the Bank, both in terms of profitability and an assessment of the Bank's overall risk profile. Risks in the Bank's loan portfolio are evaluated by the Bank's Loan Committee at least quarterly, which analysis impacts the Bank's loan loss reserves and profitability(b) (4)

In connection with the closing of the TARP transaction, the Bank and its senior executive officers have entered into written agreements pursuant to which the parties have agreed to make such modifications to compensation plans, arrangements and agreements affecting the Bank's senior executive officers to comply with the enhanced limitations on executive compensation as set forth in Treasury's guidelines, including but not limited to: (i) the limitations on golden parachute payments, and (ii) the recovery or "clawback" by the Bank of any bonus or incentive compensation to the extent such payments were based on materially inaccurate financial statements or any other materially inaccurate performance metric criteria. To the best of my
knowledge, the Bank's Board of Directors has not specifically considered whether to offset these limitations by changes to other, longer-term or deferred forms of executive compensation; however, no such changes have been implemented.

For your review, I am attaching a copy of our 2009 Budge(b) (4)


This letter and the 2009 Budget contain "forward-looking statements" regarding projections about the Bank's plans and objectives for the future, future economic performance, or other projections or estimates based on Bank management's assumptions, expectations, estimates and projections as of the date of this letter which may later prove to be inaccurate. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecast in these forward-looking statements.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the statements made herein and in any supporting documents provided herewith are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Very truly yours,

cc: Thomas Iino
Chairman of the Board

## (b) (6)

Horgan, Rosen, Beckham \& Coren, L.L.P.

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Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

## PACIFIC COMMERCE BANK

## BUDGET FOR 2009

Baseline


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${ }_{35}^{34}$ INCOME STATEMEN


 | Net Interest Income | $6,047,687$ |
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${ }_{48}^{47}$| Loan Loss Provisions | $2,75,147$ |
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Pacific Commerce Bank 2009 Baseline Budget


