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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 0-18630

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

95-4274680
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

90012
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 625-4700

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that

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the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common stock, \$.01 par value, 78,646,712 shares outstanding as of October 31, 2011.

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CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES

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Forward-Looking Statements

In this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, the term "Bancorp" refers to Cathay General Bancorp and the term "Bank" refers to Cathay Bank. The terms "Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to Bancorp and the Bank collectively. The statements in this report include forward-looking statements within the meaning of the applicable provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 regarding management's beliefs, projections, and assumptions concerning future results and events. We intend such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provision for forward-looking statements in these provisions. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements for purposes of federal and state securities laws, including statements about anticipated future operating and financial performance, financial position and liquidity, growth opportunities and growth rates, growth plans, acquisition and divestiture opportunities, business prospects, strategic alternatives, business strategies, financial expectations, regulatory and competitive outlook, investment and expenditure plans, financing needs and availability and other similar forecasts and statements of expectation and statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. Words such as "aims," "anticipates," "believes," "could," "estimates," "expects," "hopes," "intends," "may," "plans," "projects," "seeks," "predicts," "potential," "continue," and variations of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements by us are based on estimates, beliefs, projections, and assumptions of management and are not guarantees of future performance. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from our historical experience and our present expectations or projections. Such risks and uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, adverse developments or conditions related to or arising from:

U.S. and international economic and market conditions;

market disruption and volatility;

current and potential future by bank supervisory authorities and changes in laws and regulations, or their interpretations;

restrictions on dividends and other distributions by laws and regulations and by our regulators and our capital structure;

credit losses and deterioration in asset or credit quality;

availability of capital;

potential goodwill impairment;

liquidity risk;

fluctuations in interest rates;

past and future acquisitions;

inflation and deflation;

success of expansion, if any, of our business in new markets;

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the soundness of other financial institutions;

real estate market conditions;

our ability to compete with competitors;

increased costs of compliance and other risks associated with changes in regulation and the current regulatory environment, including the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act), and the potential for substantial changes in the legal, regulatory, and enforcement framework and oversight applicable to financial institutions in reaction to recent adverse financial market events, including changes pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act;

the short term and long term impact of the Basel II and the proposed Basel III capital standards of the Basel Committee;

our ability to retain key personnel;

successful management of reputational risk;

natural disasters and geopolitical events;

general economic or business conditions in California, Asia, and other regions where the Bank has operations;

restrictions on compensation paid to our executives as a result of our participation in the TARP Capital Purchase Program;

our ability to adapt our information technology systems; and

changes in accounting standards or tax laws and regulations.

These and other factors are further described in Cathay General Bancorp's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 (Item 1A in particular), other reports and registration statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and other filings it makes with the SEC from time to time. Actual results in any future period may also vary from the past results discussed in this report. Given these risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak to the date of this report. Cathay General Bancorp has no intention and undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement or to publicly announce any revision of any forward-looking statement to reflect future developments or events, except as required by law.

Cathay General Bancorp's filings with the SEC are available at the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>, or by request directed to Cathay General Bancorp, 9650 Flair Drive, El Monte, California 91731, Attention: Investor Relations (626) 279-3286.

Table of Contents**PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION****ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)****CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(Unaudited)**

	September 30, 2011 (In thousands, except share and per share data)	December 31, 2010
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 208,873	\$ 87,347
Short-term investments and interest bearing deposits	33,693	206,321
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	80,000	110,000
Securities held-to-maturity (market value of \$1,285,926 in 2011 and \$837,359 in 2010)	1,235,736	840,102
Securities available-for-sale (amortized cost of \$1,066,845 in 2011 and \$2,005,330 in 2010)	1,057,371	2,003,567
Trading securities	156,977	3,818
Loans held for sale	1,276	2,873
Loans	7,017,142	6,868,621
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(209,116)	(245,231)
Unamortized deferred loan fees	(8,360)	(7,621)
Loans, net	6,799,666	6,615,769
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	56,175	63,873
Other real estate owned, net	94,308	77,740
Investments in affordable housing partnerships, net	80,592	88,472
Premises and equipment, net	106,613	109,456
Customers liability on acceptances	24,638	14,014
Accrued interest receivable	29,919	35,382
Goodwill	316,340	316,340
Other intangible assets	12,834	17,044
Other assets	204,100	209,868
Total assets	\$ 10,499,111	\$ 10,801,986
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Deposits		
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 1,027,178	\$ 930,300
Interest-bearing accounts:		
NOW accounts	435,860	418,703
Money market accounts	936,449	982,617
Savings accounts	426,000	385,245
Time deposits under \$100,000	891,390	1,081,266
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more	3,408,247	3,193,715
Total deposits	7,125,124	6,991,846
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,407,500	1,561,000
Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank	205,000	550,000
Other borrowings from financial institutions	2,770	8,465
Other borrowings for affordable housing investments	18,955	19,111

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Long-term debt	171,136	171,136
Acceptances outstanding	24,638	14,014
Other liabilities	49,423	50,309
Total liabilities	9,004,546	9,365,881
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, 10,000,000 shares authorized, 258,000 issued and outstanding at September 30, 2011, and at December 31, 2010	250,103	247,455
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized, 82,853,701 issued and 78,646,136 outstanding at September 30, 2011, and 82,739,348 issued and 78,531,783 outstanding at December 31, 2010	829	827
Additional paid-in-capital	765,021	762,509
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net	(5,490)	(1,022)
Retained earnings	601,391	543,625
Treasury stock, at cost (4,207,565 shares at September 30, 2011, and at December 31, 2010)	(125,736)	(125,736)
Total Cathay General Bancorp stockholders' equity	1,486,118	1,427,658
Noncontrolling interest	8,447	8,447
Total equity	1,494,565	1,436,105
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 10,499,111	\$ 10,801,986

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

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	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
(In thousands, except share and per share data)				
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME				
Loans receivable, including loan fees	\$ 92,590	\$ 95,255	\$ 272,940	\$ 286,077
Investment securities- taxable	20,304	24,749	65,274	83,788
Investment securities- nontaxable	1,054	19	3,165	195
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	38	77	134	171
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	33		81	
Deposits with banks	360	406	901	1,031
Total interest and dividend income	114,379	120,506	342,495	371,262
INTEREST EXPENSE				
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more	10,496	12,754	32,115	42,418
Other deposits	4,777	6,603	15,871	23,689
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	14,840	16,667	45,903	49,469
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	2,101	10,090	10,592	30,110
Long-term debt	1,208	1,046	3,630	2,902
Short-term borrowings	4	5	11	5
Total interest expense	33,426	47,165	108,122	148,593
Net interest income before provision for credit losses	80,953	73,341	234,373	222,669
Provision for credit losses	9,000	17,900	25,000	146,900
Net interest income after provision for credit losses	71,953	55,441	209,373	75,769
NON-INTEREST INCOME				
Securities gains, net	8,833	484	20,243	9,112
Letters of credit commissions	1,440	1,253	4,113	3,280
Depository service fees	1,341	1,277	4,101	3,870
Other operating income/(loss)	5,213	872	13,449	(180)
Total non-interest income	16,827	3,886	41,906	16,082
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE				
Salaries and employee benefits	17,481	14,436	53,411	44,445
Occupancy expense	3,714	2,801	10,709	10,432
Computer and equipment expense	2,139	2,011	6,437	6,132
Professional services expense	4,846	4,460	13,534	14,099
FDIC and State assessments	2,642	4,599	9,864	15,527
Marketing expense	908	749	2,420	2,469
Other real estate owned expense	6,120	453	8,603	5,346

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Operations of affordable housing investments, net	2,102	1,166	6,055	5,391
Amortization of core deposit intangibles	1,461	1,484	4,402	4,476
Cost associated with debt redemption	4,540		18,527	909
Other operating expense	2,430	2,722	7,614	10,137
Total non-interest expense	48,383	34,881	141,576	119,363
Income/(loss) before income tax benefit	40,397	24,446	109,703	(27,512)
Income tax expense/(benefit)	14,162	7,023	36,802	(21,418)
Net income/(loss)	26,235	17,423	72,901	(6,094)
Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	151	151	452	452
Net income/(loss) attributable to Cathay General Bancorp	26,084	17,272	72,449	(6,546)
Dividends on preferred stock	(4,111)	(4,098)	(12,323)	(12,286)
Net income/(loss) attributable to common stockholders	21,973	13,174	60,126	(18,832)
Other comprehensive (loss)/income, net of tax				
Unrealized holding (loss)/gain arising during the period	(4,753)	290	7,264	29,024
Less: reclassification adjustments included in net income	5,120	203	11,733	3,831
Total other comprehensive (loss)/gain, net of tax	(9,873)	87	(4,469)	25,193
Total comprehensive income	\$ 16,211	\$ 17,359	\$ 67,980	\$ 18,647
Net income/(loss) per common share:				
Basic	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.76	\$ (0.25)
Diluted	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.76	\$ (0.25)
Cash dividends paid per common share	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.03
Average common shares outstanding				
Basic	78,640,308	78,520,612	78,628,477	76,584,138
Diluted	78,641,142	78,520,612	78,637,977	76,584,138

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	Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2011	2010
	(In thousands)	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income/(loss)	\$ 72,901	\$ (6,094)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities:		
Provision for loan losses	25,000	146,900
Provision for losses on other real estate owned	9,088	8,062
Deferred tax liability/(benefit)	4,380	(14,713)
Depreciation	4,577	4,753
Net gains on sale and transfer of other real estate owned	(4,842)	(7,049)
Net gains on sale of loans	(2,851)	(149)
Proceeds from sale of loans	20,699	12,681
Originations of loans held-for-sale	(10,992)	(7,332)
Write-downs on loans held-for-sale		3,160
Increase in trading securities, net	(153,440)	
Mark-to-market of trading securities	281	
Write-downs on venture capital investments	57	392
Write-downs on impaired securities		492
Gain on sales and calls of securities	(20,243)	(9,603)
Increase in fair value of warrants	(12)	(17)
(Decrease)/increase in unrealized loss from interest rate swaps mark-to-market	(2,580)	7,146
Other non-cash interest	(399)	(562)
Amortization/accretion of security premiums/discounts, net	2,903	4,073
Amortization of intangibles	4,475	4,534
Excess tax short-fall from share-based payment arrangements	276	362
Stock based compensation expense	1,278	2,690
Increase/(decrease) in deferred loan fees, net	739	(599)
Decrease in accrued interest receivable	5,463	2,309
Decrease in other assets, net	7,427	15,559
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	4,214	(12,377)
Net cash provided by operating activities	(31,601)	154,618
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Decrease in short-term investments	172,629	6,171
Decrease in securities purchased under agreements to resell	30,000	
Purchase of investment securities available-for-sale	(371,116)	(3,047,136)
Proceeds from maturity and calls of investment securities available-for-sale	385,000	2,272,239
Proceeds from sale of investment securities available-for-sale	503,561	65,073
Purchase of mortgage-backed securities available-for-sale	(403,123)	
Proceeds from repayment and sale of mortgage-backed securities available-for-sale	843,248	913,226
Purchase of investment securities held-to-maturity		(30,541)
Purchase of mortgage-backed securities held-to-maturity	(480,083)	
Proceeds from maturity and call of investment securities held-to-maturity	82,703	60,660
Redemption of Federal Home Loan Bank stock	7,698	5,284
Net increase in loans	(283,232)	(147,884)
Purchase of premises and equipment	(1,995)	(4,484)
Proceeds from sale of other real estate owned	50,115	68,791

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Net increase in investment in affordable housing	(968)	(2,767)
Net cash provided by investing activities	534,437	158,632
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Net increase in demand deposits, NOW accounts, money market and savings deposits	108,622	195,548
Net increase/(decrease) in time deposits	25,062	(592,296)
Net (decrease)/increase in federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	(153,500)	9,000
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	3,473	
Repayment of Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	(348,473)	(65,000)
Dividends paid on common stock	(2,359)	(2,355)
Dividends paid on preferred stock	(9,675)	(9,675)
Issuance of common stock		124,922
Proceeds from other borrowings		1,139
Repayment of other borrowings	(5,695)	
Proceeds from shares issued under Dividend Reinvestment Plan	205	229
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	1,306	
Excess tax short-fall from share-based payment arrangements	(276)	(362)
Net cash used in financing activities	(381,310)	(338,850)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	121,526	(25,600)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	87,347	100,124
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ 208,873	\$ 74,524

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information

Cash paid during the period:

Interest	\$ 111,300	\$ 154,195
Income taxes paid/(refunded)	\$ 39,750	\$ (3,942)
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Net change in unrealized holding (loss)/gain on securities available-for-sale, net of tax	\$ (4,469)	\$ 25,193
Loans to facilitate sale of loans	\$ 6,094	\$ 22,700
Transfers to other real estate owned from loans held for investment	\$ 73,161	\$ 69,727
Transfers to other real estate owned from loans held-for-sale	\$ 2,873	\$ 20,922
Loans transferred from investment to held for sale	\$ 4,139	\$ 1,329
Loans to facilitate the sale of other real estate owned	\$ 7,703	\$ 11,775

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CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. Business

Cathay General Bancorp (Bancorp) is the holding company for Cathay Bank (the Bank and, together, the Company), six limited partnerships investing in affordable housing investments in which the Bank is the sole limited partner, and GBC Venture Capital, Inc. The Bancorp also owns 100% of the common stock of five statutory business trusts created for the purpose of issuing capital securities. The Bank was founded in 1962 and offers a wide range of financial services. As of September 30, 2011, the Bank operated twenty branches in Southern California, eleven branches in Northern California, eight branches in New York State, three branches in Illinois, three branches in Washington State, two branches in Texas, one branch in Massachusetts, one branch in New Jersey, one branch in Hong Kong, and a representative office in Shanghai and in Taipei. Deposit accounts at the Hong Kong branch are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC).

2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2011. For further information, refer to the audited consolidated financial statements and footnotes included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management of the Company to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amount of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The most significant estimates subject to change are the allowance for loan losses, goodwill impairment, and other-than-temporary impairment.

3. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

The FASB issued ASU 2010-06 *Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements* in January 2010 to improve disclosure requirements related to ASC Topic 820. ASU 2010-06 requires an entity to report separately significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements and to explain the transfers. It also requires an entity to present separately information about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements for Level 3 fair value measurements. ASU 2010-06 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010. Adoption of ASU 2010-06 did not have a significant impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements.

The FASB issued ASU 2010-20 *Disclosures about the Credit Quality of Financing Receivables and the Allowance for Credit Losses* in July 2010 to provide disclosures that facilitate financial statement

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users' evaluation of (i) the nature of credit risk inherent in the entity's portfolio of financing receivables, (ii) how that risk is analyzed and assessed in arriving at the allowance for credit losses, and (iii) the changes and reasons for those changes in the allowance for credit losses. An entity should provide disclosures on two levels of disaggregation—portfolio segment and class of financing receivable. The disclosure requirements include, among other things, a roll-forward schedule of the allowance for credit losses as well as information about modified, impaired, non-accrual and past due loans and credit quality indicators. ASU 2010-20 was effective for the entity's financial statements as of December 31, 2010, as related to end of a reporting period disclosure requirement. Disclosures that relate to activity during a reporting period are required for the entity's financial statements that include periods beginning on or after January 1, 2011. See Note 7 to these condensed consolidated financial statements for the required disclosures at September 30, 2011.

The FASB issued ASU 2010-28 *When to Perform Step 2 of the Goodwill Impairment Test for Reporting Units with Zero or Negative Carrying Amounts* in December 2010. ASU 2010-28 modifies Step 1 of the goodwill impairment test for reporting units with zero or negative carrying amounts. For those reporting units, an entity is required to perform Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test if it is more likely than not that a goodwill impairment exists. In determining whether it is more likely than not that a goodwill impairment exists, an entity should consider whether there are any adverse qualitative factors indicating that an impairment may exist such as if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. ASU 2010-28 was effective for interim and annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2010. Adoption of ASU 2010-28 did not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In April 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-02 *A Creditor's Determination of Whether a Restructuring Is a Troubled Debt Restructuring*. ASU 2011-02 clarifies the guidance on a creditor's evaluation of whether a restructuring constitutes a troubled debt restructuring. A restructuring constitutes a troubled debt restructuring if it meets both of the following criteria: (a) the restructuring constitutes a concession; and (b) the debtor is experiencing financial difficulties. ASU 2011-02 was effective for interim and annual periods beginning on or after June 15, 2011, and was applied retrospectively to restructurings occurring on or after January 1, 2011. Adoption of ASU 2011-02 did not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In April 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-03 *Transfers and Servicing: Reconsideration of Effective Control for Repurchase Agreements*. ASU 2011-03 improves the accounting for repurchase agreements and other similar transactions by removing following: the criterion requiring the transferor to have the ability to repurchase or redeem the financial assets on substantially the agreed terms even in the event of default by the transferee, and the collateral maintenance implementation guidance related to that criterion. ASU 2011-03 will be effective for interim and annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2011, and will be applied prospectively. Adoption of ASU 2011-03 is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-05 *Presentation of Comprehensive Income*. ASU 2011-05 requires that all non-owner changes in stockholders' equity be presented either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. In the two-statement approach, the first statement should present total net income and its components followed consecutively by a second statement that should present total other comprehensive income, the components of other comprehensive income, and the total of comprehensive income. ASU 2011-

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05 will be effective for interim and annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2011, and will be applied retrospectively. Adoption of ASU 2011-05 is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In September 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-08 *Intangible- Goodwill and other*. ASU 2011-08 permits an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test described in ASC Topic 350. ASU 2011-08 will be effective for interim and annual goodwill impairment tests performed after December 15, 2011. Adoption of ASU 2011-08 is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

4. Earnings/Loss per Share

Basic earnings per share exclude dilution and is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock and resulted in the issuance of common stock that then shared in earnings. Potential dilution is excluded from computation of diluted per-share amounts when a net loss from operation exists.

Outstanding stock options with anti-dilutive effect were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share. The following table sets forth earnings or loss per common stock share calculations:

(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)	For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Net income/(loss) attributable to Cathay General Bancorp	\$ 26,084	\$ 17,272	\$ 72,449	(\$ 6,546)
Dividends on preferred stock	(4,111)	(4,098)	(12,323)	(12,286)
Net income/(loss) available to common stockholders	\$ 21,973	\$ 13,174	\$ 60,126	(\$ 18,832)
Weighted-average shares:				
Basic weighted-average number of common shares outstanding	78,640,308	78,520,612	78,628,477	76,584,138
Dilutive effect of weighted-average outstanding common share equivalents stock options	834		9,500	
Diluted weighted-average number of common shares outstanding	78,641,142	78,520,612	78,637,977	76,584,138
Average stock options and warrants with anti-dilutive effect	6,294,961	6,911,096	6,265,913	6,946,976
Earnings/(loss) per common stock share:				
Basic	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.76	(\$ 0.25)
Diluted	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.76	(\$ 0.25)

5. Stock-Based Compensation

Under the Company's equity incentive plans, directors and eligible employees may be granted incentive or non-statutory stock options and/or restricted stock units, or awarded non-vested stock. As of September 30, 2011, the only options granted by the Company were non-statutory stock options to

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selected Bank officers and non-employee directors at exercise prices equal to the fair market value of a share of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Such options have a maximum ten-year term and vest in 20% annual increments (subject to early termination in certain events) except certain options granted to the Chief Executive Officer of the Company in 2005 and 2008. If such options expire or terminate without having been exercised, any shares not purchased will again be available for future grants or awards. There were no options granted during 2010 or during the first nine months of 2011.

Option compensation expense totaled \$194,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2011, and \$694,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2010. For the nine months ended September 30, option compensation expense totaled \$756,000 for 2011 and \$2.4 million for 2010. Stock-based compensation is recognized ratably over the requisite service period for all awards. Unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to stock options totaled \$1.1 million at September 30, 2011, and is expected to be recognized over the next 1.4 years.

Stock options covering 86,860 shares were exercised during the first quarter of 2011 compared to none in the second quarter or the third quarter of 2011 and none in the year 2010. Cash received totaled \$1.3 million and the aggregate intrinsic value totaled \$172,000 from the exercise of stock options during the nine months ended September 30, 2011. There were no stock options vested during the third quarter of 2011 or during the third quarter of 2010. The table below summarizes stock option activity for the periods indicated:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)
Balance, December 31, 2010	4,947,348	27.93	3.7	\$ 334
Exercised	(86,860)	15.05		
Forfeited	(481,588)	21.82		
Balance, March 31, 2011	4,378,900	\$ 28.86	3.9	\$ 178
Forfeited	(8,992)	32.30		
Balance, June 30, 2011	4,369,908	\$ 28.85	3.6	\$ 69
Forfeited	(1,143)	26.92		
Balance, September 30, 2011	4,368,765	\$ 28.86	3.4	\$ 0
Exercisable, September 30, 2011	4,144,071	\$ 29.15	3.2	\$ 0

At September 30, 2011, 2,267,713 shares were available under the Company's 2005 Incentive Plan for future grants.

In addition to stock options, the Company also grants restricted stock units to eligible employees. On February 21, 2008, restricted stock units for 82,291 shares were granted. Upon vesting of restricted stock units, the Company issued 15,006 shares of common stock at the closing price of \$9.64 per share on February 21, 2010, and 12,633 shares of common stock at the closing price of \$18.79 per share on February 21, 2011. Restricted stock units granted in 2008 have a maximum term of five years and vest in approximately 20% annual increments subject to continued employment with the Company.

In March 2011, the Company again granted restricted stock units for 65,243 shares. The closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of the grant was \$16.14 for the 15,069 restricted stock units granted on March 15, 2011 and \$16.15 for the 50,174 restricted stock

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units granted on March 23, 2011. These restricted stock units granted in March 2011 are scheduled to vest in March 2013.

The following table presents information relating to the restricted stock units as of September 30, 2011:

	Units
Balance at December 31, 2010	38,960
Granted	65,243
Forfeited	(2,080)
Vested	(12,633)
Balance at September 30, 2011	89,490

The compensation expense recorded related to the restricted stock units was \$213,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2011, and \$82,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2010. For the nine months ended September 30, compensation expense recorded was \$523,000 in 2011 and \$245,000 in 2010. Unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to restricted stock units was \$1.2 million at September 30, 2011, and is expected to be recognized over the next 1.4 years.

The following table summarizes the tax short-fall from share-based payment arrangements:

(Dollars in thousands)	For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Short-fall of tax deductions in excess of grant-date fair value	\$ (5)	\$ (263)	\$ (276)	\$ (362)
Benefit of tax deductions on grant-date fair value	5	263	348	362
Total benefit of tax deductions	\$	\$	\$ 72	\$

6. Investment Securities

The following table reflects the amortized cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses, and fair values of investment securities as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010:

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	Amortized Cost	September 30, 2011 Gross Unrealized Gains Gross Unrealized Losses (In thousands)		Fair Value
Securities Held-to-Maturity				
U.S. government sponsored entities	\$ 99,955	\$ 1,818	\$	\$ 101,773
State and municipal securities	129,710	3,904	216	133,398
Mortgage-backed securities	996,101	45,221		1,041,322
Corporate debt securities	9,970		537	9,433
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$ 1,235,736	\$ 50,943	\$ 753	\$ 1,285,926
Securities Available-for-Sale				
U.S. treasury securities	\$	\$	\$	\$
U.S. government sponsored entities	350,015	1,516	83	351,448
State and municipal securities	1,870	25	8	1,887
Mortgage-backed securities	210,469	11,057	508	221,018
Collateralized mortgage obligations	18,194	611	120	18,685
Asset-backed securities	177		6	171
Corporate debt securities	432,582	534	25,687	407,429
Mutual funds	6,000	79		6,079
Preferred stock of government sponsored entities	569	1,783		2,352
Trust preferred securities	45,501	598	25	46,074
Other equity securities	1,468	760		2,228
Total securities available-for-sale	\$ 1,066,845	\$ 16,963	\$ 26,437	\$ 1,057,371
Total investment securities	\$ 2,302,581	\$ 67,906	\$ 27,190	\$ 2,343,297

	Amortized Cost	December 31, 2010 Gross Unrealized Gains Gross Unrealized Losses (In thousands)		Fair Value
Securities Held-to-Maturity				
U.S. government sponsored entities	\$ 99,921	\$ 2,639	\$	\$ 102,560
State and municipal securities	130,107		8,946	121,161
Mortgage-backed securities	600,107	5,230	1,653	603,684
Corporate debt securities	9,967		13	9,954
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$ 840,102	\$ 7,869	\$ 10,612	\$ 837,359
Securities Available-for-Sale				
U.S. treasury securities	\$ 125,573	\$	\$ 6,745	\$ 118,828
U.S. government sponsored entities	830,269	1,653	6,840	825,082
State and municipal securities	1,875		157	1,718
Mortgage-backed securities	627,574	14,854	123	642,305
Collateralized mortgage obligations	24,719	590	115	25,194
Asset-backed securities	245		5	240
Corporate debt securities	374,489	1,374	6,438	369,425
Mutual funds	4,000		73	3,927
Preferred stock of government sponsored entities	569	150		719
Trust preferred securities	14,549	58	170	14,437
Other equity securities	1,468	224		1,692

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Total securities available-for-sale	\$ 2,005,330	\$ 18,903	\$ 20,666	\$ 2,003,567
Total investment securities	\$ 2,845,432	\$ 26,772	\$ 31,278	\$ 2,840,926

The amortized cost and fair value of investment securities at September 30, 2011, by contractual maturities are shown below. Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or repay obligations with or without call or repayment penalties.

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	Securities Available-for-Sale		Securities Held-to-Maturity	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
Due in one year or less	\$ 10,081	\$ 10,104	\$ 99,955	\$ 101,773.00
Due after one year through five years	183,381	181,749		
Due after five years through ten years	687,624	671,599	24,827	24,940
Due after ten years (1)	185,759	193,919	1,110,954	1,159,213
Total	\$ 1,066,845	\$ 1,057,371	\$ 1,235,736	\$ 1,285,926

(1) Equity securities are reported in this category

Proceeds from sales of mortgage-backed securities were \$759.7 million and repayments of mortgage-backed securities were \$83.6 million during the first nine months of 2011 compared to proceeds from sales of 726.1 million and repayment of \$187.1 million during the same period a year ago. Proceeds from sales and repayments of other investment securities were \$503.6 million during the first nine months of 2011 compared to \$65.1 million during the same period a year ago. Proceeds from maturity and calls of investment securities were \$467.7 million during the first nine months of 2011 compared to \$2.3 billion during the same period a year ago. Gains of \$20.2 million and no losses were realized on sales and calls of investment securities during the first nine months of 2011 compared to gains of \$9.7 million and losses of \$67,000 realized for the same period a year ago.

At September 30, 2011, all of the Company's mortgage-backed securities were rated as investment grade except for three non-agency issues. Two issues not rated investment grade had a par amount of \$433,000 and an unrealized loss of \$63,000. The other issue was rated below investment grade by one rating agency and investment grade by another rating agency had a par amount of \$7,255,000 and an unrealized loss of \$499,000. The unrealized losses resulted from increases in credit spreads subsequent to the date that these securities were purchased. Based on the Company's analysis at September 30, 2011, there was no other-than-temporary impairment in these securities due to the low loan to value ratio for the loans underlying these securities and the credit support provided by junior tranches of these securitizations. The Company has the ability and intent to hold the securities for a period of time sufficient for a recovery of cost for those three non-agency mortgage-backed securities issues.

The Company's unrealized loss on investments in corporate bonds relates to a number of investments in bonds of financial institutions, all of which were investment grade at the date of acquisition and as of September 30, 2011, except for one issue, of which the Company owns \$5 million of par value, by a regional bank which was downgraded to below investment grade during the fourth quarter of 2010. The unrealized losses were primarily caused by the widening of credit spreads since the dates of acquisition. The contractual terms of those investments do not permit the issuers to settle the security at a price less than the amortized cost of the investment. The Company currently does not believe it is probable that it will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the investment. Therefore, it is expected that these debentures would not be settled at a price less than the amortized cost of the investment. Because the Company has the ability and intent to hold this investment until a recovery of fair value, which may be maturity, it does not consider its investments in corporate bonds to be other-than-temporarily impaired at September 30, 2011.

The temporarily impaired securities represent 21.2% of the fair value of investment securities as of September 30, 2011. Unrealized losses for securities with unrealized losses for less than twelve months represent 4.0%, and securities with unrealized losses for twelve months or more represent 8.7%, of the historical cost of these securities. Unrealized losses on these securities generally resulted from increases in interest rate spreads subsequent to the date that these securities were purchased. At September 30, 2011, 31 issues of securities had unrealized losses for 12 months or longer and 34 issues of securities had unrealized losses of less than 12 months.

At September 30, 2011, management believed the impairment was temporary and, accordingly, no impairment loss has been recognized in our condensed consolidated statements of operations. The Company expects to recover the amortized cost basis of its debt securities, and has no intent to sell and will not be required to sell available-for-sale debt securities that have declined below their cost before their anticipated recovery.

The table below shows the fair value, unrealized losses, and number of issuances of the temporarily impaired securities in our investment securities portfolio as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010:

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	As of September 30, 2011								
	Less than 12 months			Temporarily Impaired Securities 12 months or longer			Total		
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	No. of Issuances	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	No. of Issuances	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	No. of Issuances
Securities Held-to-Maturity									
State and municipal securities	\$ 8,469	\$ 19	2	\$ 8,354	\$ 197	6	\$ 16,823	\$ 216	8
Corporate debt securities	9,433	537	1				9,433	537	1
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$ 17,902	\$ 556	3	\$ 8,354	\$ 197	6	\$ 26,256	\$ 753	9
Securities Available-for-Sale									
U.S. government sponsored entities	\$ 99,932	\$ 83	1	\$	\$		\$ 99,932	\$ 83	1
State and municipal securities				1,358	8	1	1,358	8	1
Mortgage-backed securities	784	5	7	149	2	3	933	7	10
Mortgage-backed securities-Non-agency				6,856	501	2	6,856	501	2
Collateralized mortgage obligations				712	120	4	712	120	4
Asset-backed securities				171	6	1	171	6	1
Corporate debt securities	204,736	13,191	19	122,902	12,496	14	327,638	25,687	33
Trust preferred securities	8,312	25	4				8,312	25	4
Total securities available-for-sale	\$ 313,764	\$ 13,304	31	\$ 132,148	\$ 13,133	25	\$ 445,912	\$ 26,437	56
Total investment securities	\$ 331,666	\$ 13,860	34	\$ 140,502	\$ 13,330	31	\$ 472,168	\$ 27,190	65

	As of December 31, 2010								
	Less than 12 months			Temporarily Impaired Securities 12 months or longer			Total		
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	No. of Issuances	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	No. of Issuances	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	No. of Issuances
Securities Held-to-Maturity									
State and municipal securities	\$ 121,161	\$ 8,946	122				\$ 121,161	\$ 8,946	122
Mortgage-backed securities	89,439	1,653	2				89,439	1,653	2
Corporate debt securities	9,954	13	1				9,954	13	1
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$ 220,554	\$ 10,612	125	\$	\$		\$ 220,554	\$ 10,612	125
Securities Available-for-Sale									
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 118,828	\$ 6,745	5	\$	\$		\$ 118,828	\$ 6,745	5
U.S. government sponsored entities	578,118	6,840	12				578,118	6,840	12
State and municipal securities	1,718	157	2				1,718	157	2
Mortgage-backed securities	354	4	7	32	1	1	386	5	8
Mortgage-backed securities-Non-agency				10,127	118	3	10,127	118	3
Collateralized mortgage obligations				887	115	4	887	115	4
Asset-backed securities				240	5	1	240	5	1
Corporate debt securities	310,630	6,438	30				310,630	6,438	30
Mutual funds	3,927	73	1				3,927	73	1
Trust preferred securities	10,384	170	2				10,384	170	2
Total securities available-for-sale	\$ 1,023,959	\$ 20,427	59	\$ 11,286	\$ 239	9	\$ 1,035,245	\$ 20,666	68
Total investment securities	\$ 1,244,513	\$ 31,039	184	\$ 11,286	\$ 239	9	\$ 1,255,799	\$ 31,278	193

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Investment securities having a carrying value of \$1.60 billion at September 30, 2011, and \$1.80 billion at December 31, 2010, were pledged to secure public deposits, other borrowings, treasury tax and loan, Federal Home Loan Bank advances, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, interest rate swaps, and foreign exchange transactions.

At September 30, 2011, securities purchased under agreements to resell were \$80.0 million at a rate of 0.07% and matured in October, 2011.

7. Loans

Most of the Company's business activity is predominately with Asian customers located in Southern and Northern California; New York City; Houston and Dallas, Texas; Seattle, Washington; Boston, Massachusetts; Chicago, Illinois; Edison, New Jersey; and Hong-Kong. The Company has no specific industry concentration, and generally its loans are collateralized with real property or other pledged collateral of the borrowers. Loans are generally expected to be paid off from the operating profits of the borrowers, refinancing by another lender, or through sale by the borrowers of the secured collateral.

The components of loans in the condensed consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010, were as follows:

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
	(In thousands)	
Type of Loans:		
Commercial loans	\$ 1,821,059	\$ 1,441,167
Real estate construction loans	249,003	409,986
Commercial mortgage loans	3,748,524	3,940,061
Residential mortgage loans	967,396	852,454
Equity lines	215,315	208,876
Installment and other loans	15,845	16,077
Gross loans	7,017,142	6,868,621
Less:		
Allowance for loan losses	(209,116)	(245,231)
Unamortized deferred loan fees	(8,360)	(7,621)
Total loans, net	\$ 6,799,666	\$ 6,615,769
Loans held for sale	\$ 1,276	\$ 2,873

The Company transferred the only held for sale loan of \$2.9 million at December 31, 2010, to other real estate owned (OREO) in January 2011 and sold two held for sale loans of \$2.4 million with a net gains of \$109,000 in the second quarter of 2011. During the third quarter of 2011, the Company sold a held for sale loan at its carrying value. As of September 30, 2011, held for sale loans were comprised of one commercial mortgage loan of \$776,000 and one construction loan of \$500,000.

The Company identified impaired loans with a recorded investment of \$320.3 million at September 30, 2011, compared to \$382.0 million at December 31, 2010. We considered all non-accrual loans to be impaired. For impaired loans, the amounts previously charged off represent 23.6% at September 30, 2011, and 23.3% at December 31, 2010, of the contractual balances for impaired loans. The following table presents the average balance and interest income recognized related to impaired loans for the period indicated:

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	Impaired Loans							
	Average Recorded Investment				Interest Income Recognized			
	For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,		For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010
	(In thousands)							
Commercial loans	\$ 55,599	\$ 31,574	\$ 49,370	\$ 35,669	\$ 264	\$ 36	\$ 789	\$ 122
Real estate construction loans	78,307	88,496	83,011	95,010	488	243	1,461	729
Commercial mortgage loans	180,554	238,708	225,195	234,045	895	940	3,100	2,120
Residential mortgage and equity lines	17,798	11,558	17,252	10,813	9	15	28	37
Subtotal	\$ 332,258	\$ 370,336	\$ 374,828	\$ 375,537	\$ 1,656	\$ 1,234	\$ 5,378	\$ 3,008

The following table presents impaired loans and the related allowance for credit losses as of the dates indicated:

	Impaired Loans					
	September 30, 2011			December 31, 2010		
	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment	Allowance	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment	Allowance
	(In thousands)					
With no allocated allowance						
Commercial loans	\$ 36,594	\$ 26,111	\$	\$ 41,233	\$ 27,775	\$
Real estate construction loans	125,478	82,818	\$	102,186	64,274	\$
Commercial mortgage loans	169,495	131,342	\$	211,717	156,305	\$
Residential mortgage and equity lines	8,073	7,468	\$	7,823	7,436	\$
Subtotal	\$ 339,640	\$ 247,739	\$	\$ 362,959	\$ 255,790	\$
With allocated allowance						
Commercial loans	\$ 22,902	\$ 18,879	\$ 2,270	\$ 13,930	\$ 7,748	\$ 2,925
Real estate construction loans	\$	\$	\$	15,429	13,416	7,470
Commercial mortgage loans	44,036	42,220	3,930	98,593	96,449	3,812
Residential mortgage and equity lines	12,475	11,422	1,203	9,811	8,589	978
Subtotal	\$ 79,413	\$ 72,521	\$ 7,403	\$ 137,763	\$ 126,202	\$ 15,185
Total impaired loans	\$ 419,053	\$ 320,260	\$ 7,403	\$ 500,722	\$ 381,992	\$ 15,185

The following table presents the aging of the loan portfolio by type as of September 30, 2011 and as of December 31, 2010:

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	As of September 30, 2011						
	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	Greater than 90 Days Past Due	Non-accrual Loans (In thousands)	Total Past Due	Loans Not Past Due	Total
Type of Loans:							
Commercial loans	\$ 337	\$ 1,022	\$	\$ 29,723	\$ 31,082	\$ 1,789,977	\$ 1,821,059
Real estate construction loans				49,997	49,997	199,006	249,003
Commercial mortgage loans	10,366	12,715	13,053	97,338	133,472	3,615,052	3,748,524
Residential mortgage and equity lines	948	3,596		15,656	20,200	1,162,511	1,182,711
Installment and other loans	300				300	15,545	15,845
Total loans	\$ 11,951	\$ 17,333	\$ 13,053	\$ 192,714	\$ 235,051	\$ 6,782,091	\$ 7,017,142

	As of December 31, 2010						
	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	Greater than 90 Days Past Due	Non-accrual Loans (In thousands)	Total Past Due	Loans Not Past Due	Total
Type of Loans:							
Commercial loans	\$ 7,037	\$ 2,990	\$	\$ 31,498	\$ 41,525	\$ 1,399,642	\$ 1,441,167
Real estate construction loans	14,634	15,425	4,175	53,937	88,171	321,815	409,986
Commercial mortgage loans	12,569	9,430	831	144,596	167,426	3,772,635	3,940,061
Residential mortgage and equity lines	9,934	2,581		12,288	24,803	1,036,527	1,061,330
Installment and other loans						16,077	16,077
Total loans	\$ 44,174	\$ 30,426	\$ 5,006	\$ 242,319	\$ 321,925	\$ 6,546,696	\$ 6,868,621

The determination of the amount of the allowance for credit losses for impaired loans is based on management's current judgment about the credit quality of the loan portfolio and takes into consideration known relevant internal and external factors that affect collectibility when determining the appropriate level for the allowance for credit losses. The nature of the process by which the Bank determines the appropriate allowance for credit losses requires the exercise of considerable judgment. This allowance evaluation process is also applied to troubled debt restructurings since troubled debt restructurings are considered to be impaired loans.

A troubled debt restructuring (TDR) is a formal modification of the terms of a loan when the lender, for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulties, grants a concession to the borrower. The concessions may be granted in various forms, including change in the stated interest rate, reduction in the loan balance or accrued interest, or extension of the maturity date that causes significant delay in payment.

At September 30, 2011, accruing TDRs were \$126.3 million and non-accrual TDRs were \$44.1 million compared to accruing TDRs of \$136.8 million and non-accrual TDRs of \$28.1 million at December 31, 2010. The Company has allocated specific reserves of \$2.1 million to accruing TDRs and \$1.2 million to non-accrual TDRs at September 30, 2011, and \$3.6 million to accruing TDRs and \$1.3 million to non-accrual TDRs at December 31, 2010. The following table presents TDRs that were modified during the first nine months ended September 31, 2011, and during the third quarter of 2011.

	TDRs Modified During the First Nine Months of 2011					
	Accruing TDRs			Non-Accruing TDRs		
No. of Loans	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment (In thousands)	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	No. of Loans	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment (In thousands)	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	

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Commercial loans	3	\$	13,026	\$	13,025	4	\$	8,161	\$	2,161
Real estate construction loans	2		36,848		26,544	1		7,382		7,382
Commercial mortgage loans	4		27,482		16,062	2		1,248		1,248
Residential mortgage and equity lines	2		1,125		1,125	1		451		451
Total	11	\$	78,481	\$	56,756	8	\$	17,242	\$	11,242

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	TDRs Modified During the Third quarter of 2011					
	Accruing TDRs			Non-Accrual TDRs		
	No. of Loans	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment (In thousands)	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment (In thousands)	No. of Loans	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment (In thousands)	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment (In thousands)
Commercial loans	1	\$ 14	\$ 14	1	\$ 363	\$ 363
Real estate construction loans	2	36,848	26,545			
Commercial mortgage loans	3	23,708	14,270			
Residential mortgage and equity lines	1	624	624	1	451	451
Total	7	\$ 61,194	\$ 41,453	2	\$ 814	\$ 814

Accruing TDRs at September 30, 2011, were comprised of loans collateralized by ten retail shopping and commercial use buildings of \$71.6 million, eight office and commercial use buildings of \$27.6 million, two hotels of \$13.2 million, eight single family residences of \$13.1 million, one land of \$724,000, and two commercial loans of \$45,000. We expect that the troubled debt restructuring loans on accruing status as of September 30, 2011, which are all performing in accordance with their restructured terms, will continue to comply with the restructured terms because of the reduced principal or interest payments on these loans.

Modifications of the loan terms during the first nine months of 2011 were in form of changes in the stated interest rate, reduction in the loan balance or accrued interest, or extension of the maturity date. Modifications involving a reduction of the stated interest rate were for the periods ranging from six months to five years. Modification involving an extension of the maturity date were for period ranging from nine months to four years. For the first nine months, charge-offs for accruing TDRs were \$13.4 million for 2011 and \$333,000 for 2010. A summary of TDRs by type of concession, by type of loan, and related allowance for credit losses as of September 30, 2011, and as of December 31, 2010, is shown below:

Accruing TDRs	Principal Deferral	Rate Reduction	As of September 30, 2011		Total	Allowance
			Rate Reduction and Forgiveness of Principal (In thousands)	Rate Reduction and Payment Deferral		
Commercial loans	\$ 13,056	\$ 1,774	\$	\$ 436	\$ 15,266	\$ 7
Real estate construction loans	16,820	9,725		5,776	32,321	
Commercial mortgage loans	4,292	37,997	2,050	31,111	75,450	1,976
Residential mortgage loans	1,661	593		979	3,233	145
Total accruing TDRs	\$ 35,829	\$ 50,089	\$ 2,050	\$ 38,302	\$ 126,270	\$ 2,128

Non-accrual TDRs	Interest Deferral	Principal Deferral	Rate Reduction	As of September 30, 2011		Total	Allowance
				Rate Reduction and Forgiveness of Principal (In thousands)	Rate Reduction and Payment Deferral		
Commercial loans	\$	\$ 629	\$ 1,959	\$ 1,536	\$	\$ 4,124	\$ 1,088
Real estate construction loans		14,426	13,664			28,090	
Commercial mortgage loans	2,690	5,781				8,471	1
Residential mortgage loans	321	2,300	452		317	3,390	97
Total non-accrual TDRs	\$ 3,011	\$ 23,136	\$ 16,075	\$ 1,536	\$ 317	\$ 44,075	\$ 1,186

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Accruing TDRs	Principal Deferral	Rate Reduction	As of December 31, 2010		Total	Allowance
			Rate Reduction and Forgiveness of Principal (In thousands)	Rate Reduction and Payment Deferral		
Commercial loans	\$ 1,131	\$ 1,780	\$	\$ 1,114	\$ 4,025	\$ 59
Real estate construction loans	752	17,226		5,776	23,754	117
Commercial mortgage loans	16,586	70,185	3,459	15,055	105,285	3,363
Residential mortgage loans	2,658	599		479	3,736	49
Total accruing TDRs	\$ 21,127	\$ 89,790	\$ 3,459	\$ 22,424	\$ 136,800	\$ 3,588

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Non-accrual TDRs	Interest Deferral	Principal Deferral	As of December 31, 2010		Total	Allowance
			Rate Reduction (In thousands)	Rate Reduction and Payment Deferral		
Commercial loans	\$	\$	\$ 2,310	\$	\$ 2,310	\$ 1,159
Real estate construction loans		7,044			7,044	
Commercial mortgage loans	1,239	14,112		1,113	16,464	75
Residential mortgage loans	340	1,037		951	2,328	69
Total non-accrual TDRs	\$ 1,579	\$ 22,193	\$ 2,310	\$ 2,064	\$ 28,146	\$ 1,303

A loan is considered to be in payment default once it is 60 to 90 days contractually past due under the modified terms. Two commercial TDRs of \$932,000, two commercial real estate TDRs of \$1.3 million, and one residential mortgage TDR of \$2.9 million had payments defaults within the previous twelve months ended September 30, 2011. The TDRs that subsequently defaulted incurred \$361,000 charge-off during the first nine months ended September 30, 2011.

Under the Company's internal underwriting policy, an evaluation is performed of the probability that the borrower will be in payment default on any of its debt in the foreseeable future without the modification in order to determine whether a borrower is experiencing financial difficulty.

As of September 30, 2011, there were no commitments to lend additional funds to those borrowers whose loans have been restructured, were considered impaired, or were on non-accrual status.

As part of the on-going monitoring of the credit quality of our loan portfolio, the Company utilizes a risk grading matrix to assign a risk grade to each loan. The risk rating categories can be generally described by the following grouping for non-homogeneous loans:

Pass/Watch These loans range from minimal credit risk to lower than average, but still acceptable, credit risk.

Special Mention Borrower is fundamentally sound and loan is currently protected but adverse trends are apparent that, if not corrected, may affect ability to repay. Primary source of loan repayment remains viable but there is increasing reliance on collateral or guarantor support.

Substandard These loans are inadequately protected by current sound net worth, paying capacity or pledged collateral. Well-defined weaknesses exist that could jeopardize repayment of debt. Loss may not be imminent, but if weaknesses are not corrected, there is a good possibility of some loss.

Doubtful The possibility of loss is extremely high, but due to identifiable and important pending events (which may strengthen the loan) a loss classification is deferred until the situation is better defined.

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Loss These loans are considered uncollectible and of such little value that to continue to carry the loan as an active asset is no longer warranted.

The following table presents loan portfolio by risk rating as of September 30, 2011, and as of December 31, 2010:

	As of September 30, 2011				Total
	Pass/Watch	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	
	(In thousands)				
Commercial loans	\$ 1,681,005	\$ 43,125	\$ 91,094	\$ 5,835	\$ 1,821,059
Real estate construction loans	118,932	24,932	96,951	8,188	249,003
Commercial mortgage loans	3,310,957	77,153	360,414		3,748,524
Residential mortgage and equity lines	1,158,638	1,172	22,901		1,182,711
Installment and other loans	15,783	62			15,845
Total gross loans	\$ 6,285,315	\$ 146,444	\$ 571,360	\$ 14,023	\$ 7,017,142
Loans held for sale	\$	\$	\$ 776	\$ 500	\$ 1,276

	As of December 31, 2010				Total
	Pass/Watch	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	
	(In thousands)				
Commercial loans	\$ 1,258,537	\$ 58,189	\$ 118,670	\$ 5,771	\$ 1,441,167
Real estate construction loans	191,455	53,172	153,857	11,502	409,986
Commercial mortgage loans	3,365,040	143,974	431,047		3,940,061
Residential mortgage and equity lines	1,026,216	6,109	28,846	159	1,061,330
Installment and other loans	15,535	542			16,077
Total gross loans	\$ 5,856,783	\$ 261,986	\$ 732,420	\$ 17,432	\$ 6,868,621
Loans held for sale	\$	\$	\$ 2,873	\$	\$ 2,873

The allowance for loan losses and the reserve for off-balance sheet credit commitments are significant estimates that can and do change based on management's process in analyzing the loan portfolio and on management's assumptions about specific borrowers, underlying collateral, and applicable economic and environmental conditions, among other factors.

The following table presents the balance in the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment and based on impairment method as of September 30, 2011, and as of December 31, 2010.

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	Commercial Loans	Real Estate Construction Loans	Commercial Mortgage Loans	Residential Mortgage Loans and Equity Lines	Consumer and Other Loans	Total
September 30, 2011						
Loans individually evaluated for impairment						
Allowance	\$ 2,270	\$	\$ 3,930	\$ 1,203	\$	\$ 7,403
Balance	\$ 44,989	\$ 82,818	\$ 173,563	\$ 18,890	\$	\$ 320,260
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment						
Allowance	\$ 61,518	\$ 23,876	\$ 109,144	\$ 7,140	\$ 35	\$ 201,713
Balance	\$ 1,776,070	\$ 166,185	\$ 3,574,961	\$ 1,163,821	\$ 15,845	\$ 6,696,882
Total allowance	\$ 63,788	\$ 23,876	\$ 113,074	\$ 8,343	\$ 35	\$ 209,116
Total balance	\$ 1,821,059	\$ 249,003	\$ 3,748,524	\$ 1,182,711	\$ 15,845	\$ 7,017,142
December 31, 2010						
Loans individually evaluated for impairment						
Allowance	\$ 2,540	\$ 7,470	\$ 3,106	\$	\$	\$ 13,116
Balance	\$ 33,555	\$ 77,691	\$ 248,059	\$ 7,435	\$	\$ 366,740
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment						
Allowance	\$ 61,379	\$ 35,791	\$ 125,241	\$ 9,668	\$ 36	\$ 232,115
Balance	\$ 1,407,612	\$ 332,295	\$ 3,692,002	\$ 1,053,895	\$ 16,077	\$ 6,501,881
Total allowance	\$ 63,919	\$ 43,261	\$ 128,347	\$ 9,668	\$ 36	\$ 245,231
Total balance	\$ 1,441,167	\$ 409,986	\$ 3,940,061	\$ 1,061,330	\$ 16,077	\$ 6,868,621

The following table details activity in the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment for the three months ended and for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, and September 30, 2010. Allocation of a portion of the allowance to one category of loans does not preclude its availability to absorb losses in other categories.

Table of Contents**For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2011**

	Commercial Loans	Real Estate Construction Loans	Commercial Mortgage Loans	Residential Mortgage and Equity Line	Installment and Other Loans	Total
	(In thousands)					
June 30, 2010 Ending Balance	\$ 60,738	\$ 42,442	\$ 144,000	\$ 8,430	\$ 40	\$ 255,650
Provision for possible credit losses	7,266	14,255	(1,920)	464	1	20,066
Charge-offs	(5,588)	(9,014)	(6,605)	(140)		(21,347)
Recoveries	963	1,945	428	1		3,337
Net charge-offs	(4,625)	(7,069)	(6,177)	(139)		(18,010)
September 30, 2010 Ending Balance	\$ 63,379	\$ 49,628	\$ 135,903	\$ 8,755	\$ 41	\$ 257,706
June 30, 2011 Ending Balance	\$ 65,860	\$ 37,683	\$ 117,014	\$ 9,307	\$ 36	\$ 229,900
Provision for possible credit losses	(1,366)	9,324	951	(224)	(1)	8,684
Charge-offs	(1,219)	(23,539)	(5,264)	(818)		(30,840)
Recoveries	513	408	373	78		1,372
Net charge-offs	(706)	(23,131)	(4,891)	(740)		(29,468)
September 30, 2011 Ending Balance	\$ 63,788	\$ 23,876	\$ 113,074	\$ 8,343	\$ 35	\$ 209,116

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2011

	Commercial Loans	Real Estate Construction Loans	Commercial Mortgage Loans	Residential Mortgage and Equity Line	Installment and Other Loans	Total
	(In thousands)					
2010 Beginning Balance	\$ 57,815	\$ 45,086	\$ 100,494	\$ 8,480	\$ 14	\$ 211,889
Provision for possible credit losses	19,733	37,897	89,981	1,807	25	149,443
Charge-offs	(17,501)	(38,213)	(55,892)	(1,605)		(113,211)
Recoveries	3,332	4,858	1,320	73	2	9,585
Net charge-offs	(14,169)	(33,355)	(54,572)	(1,532)	2	(103,626)
September 30, 2010 Ending Balance	\$ 63,379	\$ 49,628	\$ 135,903	\$ 8,755	\$ 41	\$ 257,706
Reserve for impaired loans	\$ 3,126	\$ 11,263	\$ 8,089	\$ 980		\$ 23,458
Reserve for non-impaired loans	\$ 60,253	\$ 38,365	\$ 127,814	\$ 7,775	\$ 41	\$ 234,248
Reserve for off-balance sheet credit commitments	\$ 575	\$ 1,933	\$ 116	\$ 37	\$ 3	\$ 2,664
2011 Beginning Balance	\$ 63,919	\$ 43,261	\$ 128,347	\$ 9,668	\$ 36	\$ 245,231

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Provision for possible credit losses	9,516	10,713	5,704	(458)	(1)	25,474
Charge-offs	(11,215)	(34,394)	(24,083)	(1,044)		(70,736)
Recoveries	1,568	4,296	3,106	177		9,147
Net charge-offs	(9,647)	(30,098)	(20,977)	(867)		(61,589)
September 30, 2011 Ending Balance	\$ 63,788	\$ 23,876	\$ 113,074	\$ 8,343	\$ 35	\$ 209,116
Reserve for impaired loans	\$ 2,270	\$	\$ 3,930	\$ 1,203	\$	\$ 7,403
Reserve for non-impaired loans	\$ 61,518	\$ 23,876	\$ 109,144	\$ 7,140	\$ 35	\$ 201,713
Reserve for off-balance sheet credit commitments	\$ 757	\$ 967	\$ 103	\$ 34	\$ 2	\$ 1,863

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The Company has invested in certain limited partnerships that were formed to develop and operate housing for lower-income tenants throughout the United States. The Company's investments in these partnerships were \$80.6 million at September 30, 2011, and \$88.5 million at December 31, 2010. At September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010, six of the limited partnerships in which the Company has an equity interest were determined to be variable interest entities for which the Company is the primary beneficiary. The consolidation of these limited partnerships in the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements increased total assets and liabilities by \$22.9 million at September 30, 2011, and by \$22.8 million at December 31, 2010. Other borrowings for affordable housing limited partnerships were \$19.0 million at September 30, 2011, and \$19.1 million at December 31, 2010; recourse is limited to the assets of the limited partnerships. Unfunded commitments for affordable housing limited partnerships of \$1.5 million as of September 30, 2011, and \$4.3 million as of December 31, 2010, were recorded under other liabilities.

9. Commitments and Contingencies

In the normal course of business, the Company becomes a party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit in the form of loans, or through commercial or standby letters of credit, and financial guarantees. These instruments represent varying degrees of exposure to risk in excess of the amounts included in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. The contractual or notional amount of these instruments indicates a level of activity associated with a particular class of financial instrument and is not a reflection of the level of expected losses, if any.

The Company's exposure to credit loss in the event of non-performance by the other party to the financial instrument for commitments to extend credit is represented by the contractual amount of those instruments. The Company uses the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations as it does for on-balance sheet instruments. The following table summarizes the outstanding commitments as of the dates indicated:

(In thousands)	At September 30, 2011	At December 31, 2010
Commitments to extend credit	\$ 1,533,878	\$ 1,360,266
Standby letters of credit	58,597	59,876
Other letters of credit	73,705	62,722
Bill of lading guarantees	131	245
Total	\$ 1,666,311	\$ 1,483,109

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer provided there is no violation of any condition established in the commitment agreement. These commitments generally have fixed expiration dates and the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The Company evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the Company upon extension of credit, is based on management's credit evaluation of the borrower. Letters of credit, including standby letters of credit

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and bill of lading guarantees, are conditional commitments issued by the Company to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. The credit risk involved in issuing these types of instruments is essentially the same as that involved in making loans to customers.

10. Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase were \$1.4 billion with a weighted average rate of 4.12% at September 30, 2011, compared to \$1.6 billion with a weighted average rate of 4.18% at December 31, 2010. Two long-term securities sold under agreements to repurchase totaling \$100.0 million with a weighted average rate of 4.77% matured in March 2011. In May 2011, the Company prepaid a security sold under agreement to repurchase of \$50 million with a rate of 4.83% and incurred a prepayment penalty of \$1.7 million. Fourteen floating-to-fixed rate agreements totaling \$750.0 million have initial floating rates for a period of time ranging from six months to one year, with floating rates ranging from the three-month LIBOR minus 100 basis points to three-month LIBOR minus 340 basis points. Thereafter, the rates are fixed for the remainder of the term, with interest rates ranging from 4.29% to 5.07%. After the initial floating rate term, the counter parties have the right to terminate the transaction at par at the fixed rate reset date and quarterly thereafter. Thirteen fixed-to-floating rate agreements totaling \$650.0 million have initial fixed rates ranging from 1.00% to 3.50% with initial fixed rate terms ranging from six months to 18 months. For the remainder of the seven year term, the rates float at 8% minus the three-month LIBOR rate with a maximum rate ranging from 3.25% to 3.75% and minimum rate of 0.0%. After the initial fixed rate term, the counter parties have the right to terminate the transaction at par at the floating rate reset date and quarterly thereafter. At September 30, 2011, there was one short-term security sold under an agreement to repurchase of \$7.5 million at the rate of 0.80% which matured on October 3, 2011. The table below provides summary data for long-term securities sold under agreements to repurchase as of September 30, 2011:

(Dollars in millions)	Fixed-to-floating						Floating-to-fixed		Total
	All callable at September 30, 2011						All callable at September 30, 2011		
Rate type	Float Rate						Fixed Rate		
Rate index	8% minus 3 month LIBOR								
Maximum rate	3.75%	3.53%	3.50%	3.50%	3.53%	3.25%			
Minimum rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
No. of agreements	3	1	4	3	1	1	10	4	27
Amount	\$ 150.0	\$ 50.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 150	\$ 50	\$ 50.0	\$ 550.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 1,400.0
Weighted average rate	3.75%	3.53%	3.50%	3.50%	3.53%	3.25%	4.54%	5.00%	4.14%
Final maturity	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2014	2017	

These transactions are accounted for as collateralized financing transactions and recorded at the amounts at which the securities were sold. The Company may have to provide additional collateral for the repurchase agreements, as necessary. The underlying collateral pledged for the repurchase agreements consists of U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. government agency security debt, and mortgage-backed securities with a fair value of \$1.5 billion as of September 30, 2011, and \$1.7 billion as of December 31, 2010.

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Total advances from the FHLB decreased by \$345.0 million to \$205.0 million at September 30, 2011, from \$550.0 million at December 31, 2010. The Company prepaid advances from the FHLB totaling \$200.0 million with a weighted rate of 4.29% during the first quarter of 2011, \$100.0 million at a rate of 4.33% in the second quarter of 2011, and \$100.0 million at a rate of 4.54% in the third quarter of 2011. Prepayment penalty incurred were \$16.8 million in the first nine months of 2011 and \$4.5 million in the third quarter of 2011. In January 2010, the Company prepaid advances totaling \$65.0 million from the FHLB with a rate of 3.49% and incurred prepayment penalties totaling \$909,000. There were no prepaid advances in the second quarter and in the third quarter of 2010. As of September 30, 2011, \$205.0 million FHLB advances with weighted average rate of 3.42% were outstanding compared to \$550.0 million FHLB advances with weighted average rate of 4.43% at December 31, 2010.

12. Subordinated Note and Junior Subordinated Note

On September 29, 2006, the Bank issued \$50.0 million in subordinated debt in a private placement transaction. The debt had an original maturity term of 10 years, was unsecured and bore interest at a rate of three-month LIBOR plus 110 basis points, payable on a quarterly basis. In March 2011, the Company extended the debt for an additional year. As part of the extension agreement, the rate was increased from LIBOR plus 110 basis points to LIBOR plus 330 basis points for 2011 and 2012, after which time it reverts back to LIBOR plus 110 basis points. At September 30, 2011, the per annum interest rate on the subordinated debt was 3.67% compared to 1.40% at December 31, 2010. The subordinated debt was issued through the Bank and qualifies as Tier 2 capital for regulatory reporting purposes and is included in long-term debt in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The Bancorp established three special purpose trusts in 2003 and two in 2007 for the purpose of issuing trust preferred securities to outside investors (Capital Securities). These trusts exist for the purpose of issuing the Capital Securities and investing the proceeds thereof, together with proceeds from the purchase of the common stock of the trusts by Bancorp, in Junior Subordinated Notes issued by the Bancorp (Junior Subordinated Notes). The five special purpose trusts are considered variable interest entities under FIN 46R. Because Bancorp is not the primary beneficiary of the trusts, the financial statements of the trusts are not included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company. At September 30, 2011, Junior Subordinated Notes totaled \$121.1 million with a weighted average interest rate of 2.51% compared to \$121.1 million with a weighted average rate of 2.46% at December 31, 2010. The Junior Subordinated Notes have a stated maturity term of 30 years and are currently included in the Tier 1 capital of Bancorp for regulatory capital purposes.

13. Income Taxes

Income tax expense totaled \$36.8 million, or an effective tax rate of 33.7%, for the first nine months of 2011, compared to an income tax benefit of \$21.4 million, or an effective tax benefit rate of 76.6%, for the same period a year ago. The effective tax rate includes the impact of the utilization of low income housing tax credits and recognition of other tax credits.

As of December 31, 2010, the Company had income tax receivables of approximately \$23.5 million, of which \$10.6 million relates to the carryback of the Company's net operating loss for 2009 to the 2007 tax year and \$10.3 million relates to the carryback of the Company's low income housing tax credits

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for 2009 to the 2008 tax year. These income tax receivables are included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

The Company's tax returns are open for audits by the Franchise Tax Board of the State of California back to 2003. The Internal Revenue Service completed its audit of the Company's 2007 to 2009 tax years in June 2011 without any significant impact to the current period income tax expense. The California Franchise Tax Board has begun an audit of the Company's California tax returns for the years 2003 and 2004. The Company does not expect that any such changes would have a material impact on its annual effective tax rate.

14. Fair Value Measurements

The Company adopted ASC Topic 820 on January 1, 2008, and determined the fair values of our financial instruments based on the following:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Observable prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities; prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; directly observable market inputs for substantially the full term of the asset and liability; market inputs that are not directly observable but are derived from or corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs based on the Company's own judgments about the assumptions that a market participant would use. The Company uses the following methodologies to measure the fair value of its financial assets and liabilities on a recurring basis:

Securities Available for Sale. For certain actively traded agency preferred stocks and U.S. Treasury securities, the Company measures the fair value based on quoted market prices in active exchange markets at the reporting date, a Level 1 measurement. The Company also measures securities by using quoted market prices for similar securities or dealer quotes, a Level 2 measurement. This category generally includes U.S. Government agency securities, state and municipal securities, mortgage-backed securities (MBS), commercial MBS, collateralized mortgage obligations, asset-backed securities, and corporate bonds.

Trading Securities. The Company measures the fair value of trading securities based on quoted market prices in active exchange markets at the reporting date, a Level 1 measurement.

Warrants. The Company measures the fair value of warrants based on unobservable inputs based on assumption and management judgment, a Level 3 measurement.

Currency Option Contracts and Foreign Exchange Contracts. The Company measures the fair value of currency option and foreign exchange contracts based on dealer quotes on a recurring basis, a Level 2 measurement.

Interest Rate Swaps. Fair value of interest rate swaps is derived from observable market prices for similar assets on a recurring basis, a Level 2 measurement.

The valuation techniques for the assets and liabilities valued on a nonrecurring basis are as follows:

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Impaired Loans. The Company does not record loans at fair value on a recurring basis. However, from time to time, nonrecurring fair value adjustments to collateral dependent impaired loans are recorded based on either the current appraised value of the collateral, a Level 2 measurement, or management's judgment and estimation of value reported on old appraisals which are then adjusted based on recent market trends, a Level 3 measurement.

Loans Held for Sale. The Company records loans held for sale at fair value based on quoted prices from third party sale analyses, existing sale agreements or appraisal reports adjusted by sales commission assumptions, a Level 3 measurement.

Goodwill. The Company completes step one of the impairment test by comparing the fair value of each reporting unit (as determined based on the discussion below) with the recorded book value (or carrying amount) of its net assets, with goodwill included in the computation of the carrying amount. If the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, goodwill of that reporting unit is not considered impaired, and step two of the impairment test is not necessary. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, step two of the impairment test is performed to determine the amount of impairment. Step two of the impairment test compares the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill to the implied fair value of that goodwill. The implied fair value of goodwill is computed by assuming all assets and liabilities of the reporting unit would be adjusted to the current fair value, with the offset as an adjustment to goodwill. This adjusted goodwill balance is the implied fair value used in step two. An impairment charge is then recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount of goodwill exceeds its implied fair value. In connection with the determination of fair value, certain data and information is utilized, including earnings forecasts at the reporting unit level for the next four years. Other key assumptions include terminal values based on future growth rates and discount rates for valuing the cash flows, which have inputs for the risk-free rate, market risk premium and adjustments to reflect inherent risk and required market returns. Because of the significance of unobservable inputs in the valuation of goodwill impairment, goodwill subject to nonrecurring fair value adjustments is classified as Level 3 measurement.

Core Deposit Intangibles. Core deposit intangibles is initially recorded at fair value based on a valuation of the core deposits acquired and is amortized over its estimated useful life to its residual value in proportion to the economic benefits consumed. The Company assesses the recoverability of this intangible asset on a nonrecurring basis using the core deposits remaining at the assessment date and the fair value of cash flows expected to be generated from the core deposits, a Level 3 measurement.

Other Real Estate Owned. Real estate acquired in the settlement of loans is initially recorded at fair value based on the appraised value of the property on the date of transfer, less estimated costs to sell, a Level 2 measurement. From time to time, nonrecurring fair value adjustments are made to other real estate owned based on the current updated appraised value of the property, also a Level 2 measurement, or management's judgment and estimation of value reported on old appraisals which are then adjusted based on recent market trends, a Level 3 measurement.

Investments in Venture Capital. The Company periodically reviews its investments in venture capital for other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) on a nonrecurring basis. Investments in venture capital were written down to their fair value based on available financial reports from venture capital partnerships and management's judgment and estimation, a Level 3 measurement.

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Equity Investments. The Company records equity investments at fair value on a nonrecurring basis based on quoted market prices in active exchange markets at the reporting date, a Level 1 measurement.

The following table presents the Company's hierarchy for its assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2011, and at December 31, 2010:

As of September 30, 2011	Fair Value Measurements Using			Total at Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	(In thousands)			
Assets				
Securities available-for-sale				
U.S. government sponsored entities	\$	\$ 351,448	\$	\$ 351,448
State and municipal securities		1,887		1,887
Mortgage-backed securities		221,018		221,018
Collateralized mortgage obligations		18,685		18,685
Asset-backed securities		171		171
Corporate debt securities		407,429		407,429
Mutual funds	6,079			6,079
Preferred stock of government sponsored entities		2,352		2,352
Trust preferred securities	46,074			46,074
Other equity securities	2,228			2,228
Total securities available-for-sale	54,381	1,002,990		1,057,371
Trading securities	152,462	4,515		156,977
Warrants			47	47
Option contracts		161		161
Foreign exchange contracts		1,196		1,196
Total assets	\$ 206,843	\$ 1,008,862	\$ 47	\$ 1,215,752
Liabilities				
Interest rate swaps	\$	\$ 3,928	\$	\$ 3,928
Option contracts		501		501
Foreign exchange contracts		3,904		3,904
Total liabilities	\$	\$ 8,333	\$	\$ 8,333

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As of December 31, 2010	Fair Value Measurements Using			Total at Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	(In thousands)			
Assets				
Securities available-for-sale				
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 118,828	\$	\$	\$ 118,828
U.S. government sponsored entities		825,082		825,082
State and municipal securities		1,718		1,718
Mortgage-backed securities		642,305		642,305
Collateralized mortgage obligations		25,194		25,194
Asset-backed securities		240		240
Corporate debt securities		369,425		369,425
Mutual funds	3,927			3,927
Preferred stock of government sponsored entities		719		719
Trust preferred securities	14,437			14,437
Other equity securities	1,692			1,692
Total securities available-for-sale	138,884	1,864,683		2,003,567
Trading securities	23	3,795		3,818
Warrants			40	40
Option contracts		106		106
Foreign exchange contracts		4,629		4,629
Total assets	\$ 138,907	\$ 1,873,213	\$ 40	\$ 2,012,160
Liabilities				
Interest rate swaps	\$	\$ 6,508	\$	\$ 6,508
Option contracts		72		72
Foreign exchange contracts		1,873		1,873
Total liabilities	\$	\$ 8,453	\$	\$ 8,453

The Company measured the fair value of its warrants on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs. The fair value of warrants was \$47,000 at September 30, 2011, compared to \$40,000 at December 31, 2010. The fair value adjustment of warrants was included in other operating income in the first nine months of 2011.

For financial assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis that were still reflected in the balance sheet at September 30, 2011, the following table provides the level of valuation assumptions used to determine each adjustment and the carrying value of the related individual assets at September 30, 2011, and at December 31, 2010, and the total losses for the periods indicated:

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	As of September 30, 2011			Total at fair value	Total Losses/(Gains)			
	Fair value measurements using				For the three months ended		For the nine months ended	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		September 30, 2011	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2010
Assets								
Impaired loans by type:								
Commercial loans	\$	\$	\$ 16,609	\$ 16,609	\$	\$ 2,642	\$ 1,868	\$ 4,079
Construction loans- residential						1,009		4,635
Construction loans- other						7,188		21,919
Real estate loans			37,387	37,387		(127)	532	17,485
Land loans			904	904		6,638		9,728
Residential mortgage loans			10,219	10,219	73	87	73	915
Total impaired loans			65,119	65,119	73	17,437	2,473	58,761
Loans held-for-sale			1,276	1,276		176		3,160
Other real estate owned (1)		71,462	1,054	72,516	4,125	(425)	6,505	1,739
Investments in venture capital			8,636	8,636	50	231	337	553
Equity investments	323			323	199		199	
Total assets	\$ 323	\$ 71,462	\$ 76,085	\$ 147,870	\$ 4,447	\$ 17,419	\$ 9,514	\$ 64,213

(1) Other real estate owned balance of \$94.3 million in the consolidated balance sheet is net of estimated disposal costs.

	As of December 31, 2010			Total at fair value	Total Losses	
	Fair value measurements using				For the twelve months ended	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		December 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
Assets						
Impaired loans by type:						
Commercial loans	\$	\$	\$ 4,824	\$ 4,824	\$ 3,411	\$ 16,293
Construction loans- residential			500	500	1,295	23,234
Construction loans- other			5,659	5,659		12,493
Real estate loans			99,309	99,309	1,407	27,350
Land loans			730	730	1,003	11,639
Total impaired loans			111,022	111,022	7,116	91,009
Loans held-for-sale			2,873	2,873	3,160	19,252
Other real estate owned (1)		72,159	11,105	83,264	20,139	28,216
Investments in venture capital			8,410	8,410	760	1,982
Equity investments	522			522	304	
Total assets	\$ 522	\$ 72,159	\$ 133,410	\$ 206,091	\$ 31,479	\$ 140,459

(1) Other real estate owned balance of \$77.7 million in the consolidated balance sheet is net of estimated disposal costs.

15. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments.

Cash and Cash Equivalents. For cash and cash equivalents, the carrying amount was assumed to be a reasonable estimate of fair value.

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Short-term Investments. For short-term investments, the carrying amount was assumed to be a reasonable estimate of fair value.

Securities Purchased under Agreements to Resell. The fair value of the agreements to resell is based on dealer quotes.

Securities. For securities, including securities held-to-maturity, available-for-sale and for trading, fair values were based on quoted market prices at the reporting date. If a quoted market price was not available, fair value was estimated using quoted market prices for similar securities or dealer quotes.

Loans Held for Sale. The Company records loans held for sale at fair value based on quoted prices from third party sources, or appraisal reports adjusted by sales commission assumptions.

Loans. Fair values were estimated for portfolios of loans with similar financial characteristics. Each loan category was further segmented into fixed and adjustable rate interest terms and by performing and non-performing categories.

The fair value of performing loans was calculated by discounting scheduled cash flows through the estimated maturity using estimated market discount rates that reflect the credit and interest rate risk inherent in the loan.

The fair value of impaired loans was calculated based on the net realized fair value of the collateral or the observable market price of the most recent sale or quoted price from loans held for sale.

Deposit Liabilities. The fair value of demand deposits, savings accounts, and certain money market deposits was assumed to be the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. The fair value of fixed-maturity certificates of deposit was estimated using the rates currently offered for deposits with similar remaining maturities.

Securities Sold under Agreements to Repurchase. The fair value of repurchase agreements is based on dealer quotes.

Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank. The fair value of the advances is based on quotes from the FHLB to settle the advances.

Other Borrowings. This category includes federal funds purchased, revolving line of credit, and other short-term borrowings. The fair value of other borrowings is based on current market rates for borrowings with similar remaining maturities.

Long-term Debt. The fair value of long-term debt is estimated based on the current spreads to LIBOR for long-term debt.

Currency Option Contracts and Foreign Exchange Contracts. The Company measures the fair value of currency option and foreign exchange contracts based on dealer quotes.

Interest Rate Swaps. Fair value of interest rate swaps was derived from observable market prices for similar assets.

Off-Balance-Sheet Financial Instruments. The fair value of commitments to extend credit, standby letters of credit, and financial guarantees written were estimated using the fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the

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present creditworthiness of the counter parties. The fair value of guarantees and letters of credit was based on fees currently charged for similar agreements or on the estimated cost to terminate them or otherwise settle the obligations with the counter parties at the reporting date.

Fair value was estimated in accordance with ASC Topic 825, formerly SFAS 107. Fair value estimates were made at specific points in time, based on relevant market information and information about the financial instrument. These estimates do not reflect any premium or discount that could result from offering for sale at one time the Bank's entire holdings of a particular financial instrument. Because no market exists for a significant portion of the Bank's financial instruments, fair value estimates were based on judgments regarding future expected loss experience, current economic conditions, risk characteristics of various financial instruments, and other factors. These estimates were subjective in nature and involved uncertainties and matters of significant judgment and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimates. The following table presents the estimated fair value of financial instruments at September 30, 2011, and at December 31, 2010:

Table of Contents**Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

	As of September 30, 2011		As of December 31, 2010	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
(In thousands)				
Financial Assets				
Cash and due from banks	\$ 208,873	\$ 208,873	\$ 87,347	\$ 87,347
Short-term investments	33,693	33,693	206,321	206,321
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	80,000	80,000	110,000	110,000
Securities held-to-maturity	1,235,736	1,285,926	840,102	837,359
Securities available-for-sale	1,057,371	1,057,371	2,003,567	2,003,567
Trading securities	156,977	156,977	3,818	3,818
Loans held-for-sale	1,276	1,276	2,873	2,873
Loans, net	6,799,666	6,779,506	6,615,769	6,596,501
Investment in Federal Home Loan Bank stock	56,175	56,175	63,873	63,873
Warrants	47	47	40	40
	Notional Amount	Fair Value	Notional Amount	Fair Value
Option contracts	\$ 27,861	\$ 161	\$ 29,336	\$ 106
Foreign exchange contracts	121,764	1,196	112,665	4,629
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Financial Liabilities				
Deposits	\$ 7,125,124	\$ 7,136,126	\$ 6,991,846	\$ 7,006,913
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,407,500	1,564,605	1,561,000	1,704,585
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	205,000	210,754	550,000	580,054
Other borrowings	21,725	21,727	27,576	27,585
Long-term debt	171,136	95,563	171,136	114,557
	Notional Amount	Fair Value	Notional Amount	Fair Value
Option contracts	\$ 8,532	\$ 501	\$ 72	\$ 72
Interest rate swaps	300,000	3,928	300,000	6,508
Foreign exchange contracts	124,120	3,904	68,355	1,873
	Notional Amount	Fair Value	Notional Amount	Fair Value
Off-Balance Sheet Financial Instruments				
Commitments to extend credit	\$ 1,533,878	\$ (1,005)	\$ 1,360,266	\$ (603)
Standby letters of credit	58,597	(319)	59,876	(282)
Other letters of credit	73,705	(47)	62,722	(38)
Bill of lading guarantees	131	(1)	245	(1)

16. Goodwill and Goodwill Impairment

Goodwill represents the excess of costs over fair value of assets of businesses acquired. Goodwill and intangible assets acquired in a purchase business combination and determined to have an indefinite useful life are not amortized, but instead are tested for impairment at least annually in accordance with the provisions of ASC Topic 350. ASC Topic 350 also requires that intangible assets with estimable useful lives be amortized over their respective estimated useful lives to their estimated residual values, and reviewed for impairment in accordance with ASC Topic 360, formerly, SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*.

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The Company's policy is to assess goodwill for impairment at the reporting unit level on an annual basis or between annual assessments if a triggering event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. Impairment is the condition that exists when the carrying amount of goodwill exceeds its implied fair value. Accounting standards require management to estimate the fair value of each reporting unit in making the assessment of impairment at least annually.

The impairment testing process conducted by the Company begins by assigning net assets and goodwill to its three reporting units: Commercial Lending, Retail Banking, and East Coast Operations, which beginning January 1, 2011 as a result of an internal management reorganization, included the Company's Texas lending units which had previously been part of Commercial Lending. The Company then completes step one of the impairment test by comparing the fair value of each reporting unit (as determined based on the discussion below) with the recorded book value (or carrying amount) of its net assets, with goodwill included in the computation of the carrying amount. If the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, goodwill of that reporting unit is not considered impaired, and step two of the impairment test is not necessary. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, step two of the impairment test is performed to determine the amount of impairment. Step two of the impairment test compares the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill to the implied fair value of that goodwill. The implied fair value of goodwill is computed by assuming that all assets and liabilities of the reporting unit would be adjusted to the current fair value, with the offset as an adjustment to goodwill. This adjusted goodwill balance is the implied fair value used in step two. An impairment charge is recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount of goodwill exceeds its implied fair value.

The Commercial Lending unit did not have any goodwill allocated to the unit and accordingly no goodwill impairment testing was performed for that unit. The reporting unit fair values for the Retail Banking unit and the East Coast Operations were determined based on an equal weighting of (1) the fair value determined using a market approach using a combination of price to earnings multiples determined based on a representative peer group applied to 2011 and forecasted 2012 and 2013 earnings, and a price to book multiple and (2) the fair value determined using a dividend discount model with the discount rate determined using the same representative peer group. A control premium was then applied to the unit fair values so determined.

In determining the forecasted earnings for the Retail Banking unit and the East Coast Operations, the financial forecasts assume muted growth during the forecast period. The principal driver of the Company's negative operating results has been the Commercial Lending reporting unit where the vast majority of the Company's loan losses have been incurred. A summary of the respective unit fair value, carrying amounts and unit goodwill as well as the percentage by which fair value exceed carrying value of each reporting unit as of September 30, 2011, is shown below:

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As of September 30, 2011

Reporting Units	Carrying Amount	Fair Value (Dollars in thousands)	Fair Value in Excess of Carrying Amount	Allocated Goodwill
Commercial Lending Unit	\$ 600,402	\$ 124,333		
Retail Banking Unit	419,525	608,860	45.1%	235,195
East Coast Operations	208,191	293,755	41.1%	81,145
Total	\$ 1,228,118	\$ 1,026,948		\$ 316,340

If economic conditions were to worsen instead of improve as assumed in the key assumptions, then the forecasted earnings for the Retail Banking unit and the East Coast Operations could be significantly lower than projected. In addition, a worsening of economic conditions could potentially reduce the price to earnings multiples and price to book multiples of peer groups for Retail Banking and East Coast Operations and result in a reduction in the fair value of these units even if the forecasted earnings were achieved.

17. Financial Derivatives

It is the policy of the Company not to speculate on the future direction of interest rates. However, the Company enters into financial derivatives in order to seek mitigation of exposure to interest rate risks related to our interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. We believe that these transactions, when properly structured and managed, may provide a hedge against inherent interest rate risk in the Company's assets or liabilities and against risk in specific transactions. In such instances, the Company may protect its position through the purchase or sale of interest rate futures contracts for a specific cash or interest rate risk position. Other hedge transactions may be implemented using interest rate swaps, interest rate caps, floors, financial futures, forward rate agreements, and options on futures or bonds. Prior to considering any hedging activities, we seek to analyze the costs and benefits of the hedge in comparison to other viable alternative strategies. All hedges will require an assessment of basis risk and must be approved by the Bank's Investment Committee.

The Company follows ASC Topic 815 which establishes accounting and reporting standards for financial derivatives, including certain financial derivatives embedded in other contracts, and hedging activities. It requires the recognition of all financial derivatives as assets or liabilities in the Company's consolidated balance sheet and measurement of those financial derivatives at fair value. The accounting treatment of changes in fair value is dependent upon whether or not a financial derivative is designated as a hedge and if so, the type of hedge.

As of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010, we had entered into five interest rate swap agreements with two major financial institutions in the notional amount of \$300.0 million for a period of three years. These interest rate swaps were not structured to hedge against inherent interest rate risks related to our interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. At September 30, 2011, the Company paid a fixed rate at a weighted average of 1.95% and received a floating 3-month LIBOR rate at a weighted average of 0.32% on these agreements. The net amount accrued on these interest rate swaps of \$3.7 million for the first nine months of 2011 was recorded as a reduction to other non-interest income. The Company recorded the negative fair value of these interest rate swaps within

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other liabilities of \$3.9 million at September 30, 2011, compared to \$6.5 million at December 31, 2010.

The Company enters into foreign exchange forward contracts and foreign currency option contracts with various counter parties to mitigate the risk of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates for foreign exchange certificates of deposit, foreign exchange contracts, or foreign currency option contracts entered into with our clients. These contracts are not designated as hedging instruments and are recorded at fair value in our condensed consolidated balance sheets. Changes in the fair value of these contracts as well as the related foreign exchange certificates of deposit, foreign exchange contracts or foreign currency option contracts are recognized immediately in net income as a component of non-interest income. Period end gross positive fair values are recorded in other assets and gross negative fair values are recorded in other liabilities. At September 30, 2011, the notional amount of option contracts totaled \$36.4 million with a net negative fair value of \$340,000. Spot and forward contracts in the total notional amount of \$121.8 million had positive fair value of \$1.2 million at September 30, 2011. Spot and forward contracts in the total notional amount of \$124.1 million had a negative fair value of \$3.9 million at September 30, 2011. At December 31, 2010, the notional amount of option contracts totaled \$29.3 million with a net positive fair value of \$35,000. Spot and forward contracts in the total notional amount of \$112.7 million had positive fair value, in the amount of \$4.6 million at December 31, 2010. Spot and forward contracts in the total notional amount of \$68.4 million had a negative fair value in the amount of \$1.9 million at December 31, 2010.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

The following discussion is given based on the assumption that the reader has access to and has read the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Critical Accounting Policies

The discussion and analysis of the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets and results of operations are based upon its unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these condensed consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Management of the Company considers the following to be critical accounting policies:

Accounting for the allowance for credit losses involves significant judgments and assumptions by management, which have a material impact on the carrying value of net loans. The judgments and assumptions used by management are based on historical experience and other factors, which are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances as described under the heading "Accounting for the Allowance for Loan Losses" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Accounting for investment securities involves significant judgments and assumptions by management, which have a material impact on the carrying value of securities and the recognition of any "other-than-temporary" impairment to our investment securities. The judgments and assumptions used by management are described under the heading "Investment Securities" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Accounting for income taxes involves significant judgments and assumptions by management, which have a material impact on the amount of taxes currently payable and the income tax expense recorded in the financial statements. The judgments and assumptions used by management are described under

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the heading "Income Taxes" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Accounting for goodwill and goodwill impairment involves significant judgments and assumptions by management, which have a material impact on the amount of goodwill recorded and noninterest expense in the financial statements. The judgments and assumptions used by management are described under the heading "Goodwill and Goodwill Impairment" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Accounting for other real estate owned involves significant judgments and assumptions by management, which have a material impact on the value of other real estate owned and noninterest expense recorded in the financial statements. The judgments and assumptions used by management are described under the heading "Valuation of Other Real Estate Owned" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Highlights

Improved profitability Third quarter net income was \$26.1 million compared to net income of \$24.3 million in the second quarter of 2011 and net income of \$17.3 million in the same quarter a year ago.

Strong growth in commercial loans Commercial loans increased \$183.9 million during the third quarter of 2011 and \$379.9 million during the first nine months of 2011.

Decline in non-accrual loans At September 30, 2011, total non-accrual portfolio loans, excluding non-accrual loans held for sale, were \$192.7 million, an decrease of \$49.6 million, or 20.5%, from \$242.3 million at December 31, 2010, and a decrease of \$63.7 million, or 24.8%, from \$256.4 million at June 30, 2011.

Statement of Operations Review

Net Income

Net income available to common stockholders for the quarter ended September 30, 2011, was \$22.0 million, an increase of \$8.8 million compared to a net income available to common stockholders of \$13.2 million for the same quarter a year ago. Diluted earnings per share available to common stockholders for the quarter ended September 30, 2011, was \$0.28 compared to a diluted earnings per share of \$0.17 for the same quarter a year ago due primarily to decreases in the provision for credit losses, decreases in net losses from interest rate swaps, increases in gains on sales of securities, decreases in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) assessments, and increases in net interest income which were partially offset by prepayment penalties on the repayment of Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) advances, increases in other real estate owned (OREO) expenses and increases in incentive compensation accruals.

Return on average stockholders' equity was 6.91% and return on average assets was 0.98% for the quarter ended September 30, 2011, compared to a return on average stockholders' equity of 4.76% and a return on average assets of 0.61% for the same quarter a year ago.

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	Third Quarter	
	2011	2010
Net income	\$ 26.1 million	\$ 17.3 million
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 22.0 million	\$ 13.2 million
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.17
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.17
Return on average assets	0.98%	0.61%
Return on average total stockholders' equity	6.91%	4.76%
Efficiency ratio	49.48%	45.17%

Net Interest Income Before Provision for Credit Losses

Net interest income before provision for credit losses increased \$7.7 million, or 10.4%, to \$81.0 million during the third quarter of 2011 compared to \$73.3 million during the same quarter a year ago. The increase was due primarily to the decrease in interest expense paid on time certificates of deposit and the prepayment of FHLB advances and securities sold under agreements to repurchase.

The net interest margin, on a fully taxable-equivalent basis, was 3.32% for the third quarter of 2011, an increase of 13 basis points from 3.19% for the second quarter of 2011, and an increase of 58 basis points from 2.74% for the third quarter of 2010. The decrease in the rate on interest bearing deposits and the prepayment of FHLB advances and decreases in securities sold under agreements to repurchase contributed to the increase in the net interest margin from the same quarter a year ago.

For the third quarter of 2011, the yield on average interest-earning assets was 4.68%, on a fully taxable-equivalent basis, the cost of funds on average interest-bearing liabilities equaled 1.66%, and the cost of interest bearing deposits was 0.99%. In comparison, for the third quarter of 2010, the yield on average interest-earning assets was 4.51%, on a fully taxable-equivalent basis, cost of funds on average interest-bearing liabilities equaled 2.11%, and the cost of interest bearing deposits was 1.23%. The interest spread, defined as the difference between the yield on average interest-earning assets and the cost of funds on average interest-bearing liabilities, increased 62 basis points to 3.02% for the third quarter ended September 30, 2011, from 2.40% for the same quarter a year ago, primarily due to the reasons discussed above.

The cost of deposits, including demand deposits, decreased 6 basis points to 0.85% in the third quarter of 2011 compared to 0.91% in the second quarter of 2011 and decreased 22 basis points from 1.07% in the third quarter of 2010 due primarily to the decrease in the rates paid on certificates of deposit upon renewal and on money market accounts.

Average daily balances for the three months ended September 30, 2011, and September 30, 2010, together with the total dollar amounts, on a taxable-equivalent basis, of interest income and interest expense, and the weighted-average interest rate and net interest margin are as follows:

Table of Contents**Interest-Earning Assets and Interest-Bearing Liabilities**

(Dollars in thousands)	Three months ended September 30,					
	Average Balance	2011 Interest Income/Expense	Average Yield/Rate (1)(2)	Average Balance	2010 Interest Income/Expense	Average Yield/Rate (1)(2)
Interest earning assets:						
Commercial loans	\$ 1,734,406	\$ 18,985	4.34%	\$ 1,365,143	\$ 16,162	4.70%
Residential mortgage loans	1,165,889	14,801	5.08	974,989	12,748	5.23
Commercial mortgage loans	3,759,783	55,207	5.83	4,017,561	60,205	5.95
Real estate construction loans	303,671	3,498	4.57	506,832	5,994	4.69
Other loans and leases	17,633	99	2.23	16,065	146	3.61
Total loans and leases (1)	6,981,382	92,590	5.26	6,880,590	95,255	5.49
Taxable securities	2,308,509	20,303	3.49	3,368,420	24,749	2.91
Tax-exempt securities (3)	134,735	1,621	4.77	2,130	28	5.22
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	57,439	38	0.26	67,855	77	0.45
Interest bearing deposits	64,897	360	2.20	293,015	406	0.55
Federal funds sold & securities purchased under agreements to resell	207,174	33	0.06			
Total interest-earning assets	9,754,136	114,945	4.68	10,612,010	120,515	4.51
Non-interest earning assets:						
Cash and due from banks	214,540			88,715		
Other non-earning assets	866,057			874,050		
Total non-interest earning assets	1,080,597			962,765		
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(231,486)			(266,893)		
Deferred loan fees	(7,881)			(7,699)		
Total assets	\$ 10,595,366			\$ 11,300,183		
Interest bearing liabilities:						
Interest bearing demand accounts	\$ 431,016	\$ 185	0.17	\$ 400,750	\$ 201	0.20
Money market accounts	948,678	1,698	0.71	972,665	2,129	0.87
Savings accounts	454,780	112	0.10	374,113	158	0.17
Time deposits	4,306,331	13,278	1.22	4,491,273	16,869	1.49
Total interest-bearing deposits	6,140,805	15,273	0.99	6,238,801	19,357	1.23
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,411,332	14,840	4.17	1,558,625	16,667	4.24
Other borrowings	283,996	2,105	2.94	892,652	10,095	4.49
Long-term debt	171,136	1,208	2.80	171,136	1,046	2.42
Total interest-bearing liabilities	8,007,269	33,426	1.66	8,861,214	47,165	2.11
Non-interest bearing liabilities:						
Demand deposits	1,013,859			916,345		
Other liabilities	69,082			75,981		
Total equity	1,505,156			1,446,643		
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 10,595,366			\$ 11,300,183		

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Net interest spread (4)	3.02%	2.40%
Net interest income (4)	\$ 81,519	\$ 73,350
Net interest margin (4)	3.32%	2.74%

- (1) Yields and amounts of interest earned include loan fees. Non-accrual loans are included in the average balance.
- (2) Calculated by dividing net interest income by average outstanding interest-earning assets.
- (3) The average yield has been adjusted to a fully taxable-equivalent basis for certain securities of states and political subdivisions and other securities held using a statutory Federal income tax rate of 35%.
- (4) Net interest income, net interest spread, and net interest margin on interest-earning assets have been adjusted to a fully taxable-equivalent basis using a statutory Federal income tax rate of 35%.

The following table summarizes the changes in interest income and interest expense attributable to changes in volume and changes in interest rates:

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Taxable-Equivalent Net Interest Income Changes Due to Rate and Volume(1)

(Dollars in thousands)	Three months ended September 30, 2011-2010		
	Increase (Decrease) in Net Interest Income Due to:		
	Changes in Volume	Changes in Rate	Total Change
Interest-earning assets:			
Loans and leases	1,363	(4,028)	(2,665)
Taxable securities	(8,682)	4,236	(4,446)
Tax-exempt securities (2)	1,596	(3)	1,593
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	(10)	(29)	(39)
Deposits with other banks	(507)	461	(46)
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	33		33
Total (decrease)/increase in interest income	(6,207)	637	(5,570)
Interest-bearing liabilities:			
Interest bearing demand accounts	14	(30)	(16)
Money market accounts	(51)	(380)	(431)
Savings accounts	29	(75)	(46)
Time deposits	(671)	(2,920)	(3,591)
Federal funds purchased			
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	(1,553)	(274)	(1,827)
Other borrowed funds	(5,308)	(2,682)	(7,990)
Long-term debts		162	162
Total decrease in interest expense	(7,540)	(6,199)	(13,739)
Changes in net interest income	\$ 1,333	\$ 6,836	\$ 8,169

- (1) Changes in interest income and interest expense attributable to changes in both volume and rate have been allocated proportionately to changes due to volume and changes due to rate.
- (2) The amount of interest earned on certain securities of states and political subdivisions and other securities held has been adjusted to a fully taxable-equivalent basis using a statutory federal income tax rate of 35%.

Provision for Credit Losses

The provision for credit losses was \$9.0 million for the third quarter of 2011 compared to \$10.0 million for the second quarter of 2011 and \$17.9 million in the third quarter of 2010. The provision for credit losses was based on the review of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses at September 30, 2011. The provision for credit losses represents the charge against current earnings that is determined by management, through a credit review process, as the amount needed to establish an allowance that management believes to be sufficient to absorb credit losses inherent in the Company's loan portfolio, including unfunded commitments. The following table summarizes the charge-offs and recoveries for the periods indicated:

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	For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	(In thousands)			
Charge-offs:				
Commercial loans	\$ 1,219	\$ 5,588	\$ 11,215	\$ 17,501
Construction loans- residential	10,923	5,170	18,349	15,979
Construction loans- other	12,616	3,844	16,045	22,234
Real estate loans (1)	5,560	(393)	24,119	37,677
Real estate- land loans	522	7,138	1,008	19,820
Total charge-offs	30,840	21,347	70,736	113,211
Recoveries:				
Commercial loans	513	963	1,568	3,332
Construction loans- residential	6	1,909	3,667	4,405
Construction loans- other	402	36	629	453
Real estate loans (1)	426	8	2,665	930
Real estate- land loans	25	421	618	463
Installment and other loans				2
Total recoveries	1,372	3,337	9,147	9,585
Net charge-offs	\$ 29,468	\$ 18,010	\$ 61,589	\$ 103,626

(1) Real estate loans include commercial mortgage loans, residential mortgage loans and equity lines.

Non-Interest Income

Non-interest income, which includes revenues from depository service fees, letters of credit commissions, securities gains (losses), gains (losses) on loan sales, wire transfer fees, and other sources of fee income, was \$16.8 million for the third quarter of 2011, an increase of \$12.9 million, or 333%, compared to non-interest income of \$3.9 million for the third quarter of 2010. The increase in non-interest income in the third quarter of 2011 was primarily due to increases of \$8.3 million from gains on sale of securities and \$1.6 million from sale of loans and decreases of \$3.2 million in losses from interest rate swaps.

Non-Interest Expense

Non-interest expense increased \$13.5 million, or 38.7%, to \$48.4 million in the third quarter of 2011 compared to \$34.9 million in the same quarter a year ago. The efficiency ratio was 49.48% in the third quarter of 2011 compared to 45.17% for the same quarter a year ago due primarily to increases in salaries and incentive compensation expense, increases in OREO expenses, and higher prepayment penalties from prepayment of FHLB advances.

Prepayment penalties from prepaying \$100 million of FHLB advances were \$4.5 million in the third quarter of 2011 compared to none in the same quarter a year ago. Salaries and employee benefits increased \$3.1 million to \$17.5 million in the third quarter of 2011 compared to \$14.4 million in the same quarter a year ago primarily due to increases in incentive compensation and the hiring of new employees. OREO expense increased to \$6.1 million in the third quarter of 2011 compared to \$453,000 in the third quarter of 2010 primarily due to increases of \$2.9 million in 2011 from OREO write-downs and decreases of \$2.7 million compared to 2010 in gains from OREO. Occupancy expense increased \$913,000 primarily due to a correction in the depreciation life for certain components of our administrative office building made in 2010. Operation expense on affordable housing investments also increased \$936,000 primarily due to prior year adjustments made in the third quarter of 2010. Offsetting the above increases was a decrease of \$2.0 million in FDIC assessments primarily due to the change in the FDIC insurance assessment methodology that became effective on April 1, 2011.

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Income Taxes

The effective tax rate for the third quarter of 2011 was 35.2% compared to 28.9% in the third quarter of 2010. The effective tax rate includes the impact of the utilization of low income housing tax credits during the third quarter of 2011.

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Net income attributable to common stockholders was \$60.1 million, an increase of \$78.9 million, or 419%, compared to net loss attributable to common stockholders of \$18.8 million for the same period a year ago due primarily to decreases in the provision for loan losses, decreases in net losses from interest rate swaps, decreases in FDIC assessments, increases in gains on sale of securities, and increases in net interest income which were partially offset by prepayment penalties on the repayment of FHLB advances, increases in salaries and incentive compensation expense, and increases in OREO expense. Diluted earnings per share was \$0.76 compared to a \$0.25 loss per share for the same period a year ago. The net interest margin for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, increased 46 basis points to 3.19% compared to 2.73% for the same period a year ago.

Return on average stockholders' equity was 6.59% and return on average assets was 0.91% for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, compared to a negative return on average stockholders' equity of 0.62% and a negative return on average assets of 0.08% for the same period of 2010. The efficiency ratio for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was 51.24% compared to 49.99% for the same period a year ago.

The average daily balances for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, and September 30, 2010, together with the total dollar amounts, on a taxable-equivalent basis, of interest income and interest expense, and the weighted-average interest rates, the net interest spread and the net interest margins are as follows:

Table of Contents**Interest-Earning Assets and Interest-Bearing Liabilities**

(Dollars in thousands)	Nine months ended September 30,					
	Average Balance	2011 Interest Income/Expense	Average Yield/Rate (1)(2)	Average Balance	2010 Interest Income/Expense	Average Yield/Rate (1)(2)
Interest earning assets						
Commercial loans	\$ 1,593,893	\$ 52,296	4.39%	\$ 1,336,963	\$ 46,281	4.63%
Residential mortgage loans	1,126,253	42,630	5.05	937,889	36,677	5.21
Commercial mortgage loans	3,847,865	166,228	5.78	4,033,074	181,932	6.03
Real estate construction loans	340,749	11,447	4.49	574,818	20,693	4.81
Other loans and leases	17,873	339	2.54	19,032	494	3.47
Total loans and leases (1)	6,926,633	272,940	5.27	6,901,776	286,077	5.54
Taxable securities	2,541,139	65,273	3.43	3,593,669	83,788	3.12
Tax-exempt securities (3)	134,377	4,869	4.84	8,156	299	4.90
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	60,402	134	0.30	70,000	171	0.33
Interest bearing deposits	121,406	901	0.99	329,080	1,031	0.42
Federal funds sold & securities purchased under agreements to resell	109,890	81	0.10			
Total interest-earning assets	9,893,847	344,198	4.65	10,902,681	371,366	4.55
Non-interest earning assets						
Cash and due from banks	153,108			95,029		
Other non-earning assets	869,877			886,440		
Total non-interest earning assets	1,022,985			981,469		
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(240,957)			(251,946)		
Deferred loan fees	(7,694)			(7,813)		
Total assets	\$ 10,668,181			\$ 11,624,391		
Interest bearing liabilities:						
Interest bearing demand accounts	\$ 420,214	\$ 589	0.19	\$ 391,062	\$ 718	0.25
Money market accounts	986,984	5,833	0.79	947,713	6,544	0.92
Savings accounts	408,776	390	0.13	364,893	555	0.20
Time deposits	4,327,742	41,174	1.27	4,899,150	58,290	1.59
Total interest-bearing deposits	6,143,716	47,986	1.04	6,602,818	66,107	1.34
Federal funds purchased	37	0	1.25			
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,462,277	45,903	4.20	1,559,659	49,469	4.24
Other borrowings	368,893	10,603	3.84	899,950	30,115	4.47
Junior subordinated notes	171,136	3,630	2.84	171,136	2,902	2.27
Total interest-bearing liabilities	8,146,059	108,122	1.77	9,233,563	148,593	2.15
Non-interest bearing liabilities						
Demand deposits	977,246			891,919		
Other liabilities	67,140			74,201		
Total equity	1,477,736			1,424,708		

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Total liabilities and equity	\$ 10,668,181	\$ 11,624,391	
Net interest spread (4)		2.88%	2.40%
Net interest income (4)	\$ 236,076		\$ 222,773
Net interest margin (4)		3.19%	2.73%

- (1) Yields and amounts of interest earned include loan fees. Non-accrual loans are included in the average balance.
- (2) Calculated by dividing net interest income by average outstanding interest-earning assets.
- (3) The average yield has been adjusted to a fully taxable-equivalent basis for certain securities of states and political subdivisions and other securities held using a statutory Federal income tax rate of 35%.
- (4) Net interest income, net interest spread, and net interest margin on interest-earning assets have been adjusted to a fully taxable-equivalent basis using a statutory Federal income tax rate of 35%.

The following table summarizes the changes in interest income and interest expense attributable to changes in volume and changes in interest rates:

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Taxable-Equivalent Net Interest Income Changes Due to Rate and Volume(1)

(Dollars in thousands)	Nine months ended September 30, 2011-2010		
	Increase (Decrease) in Net Interest Income Due to:		
	Changes in Volume	Changes in Rate	Total Change
Interest-earning assets:			
Loans and leases	(252)	(12,885)	(13,137)
Taxable securities	(17,971)	(544)	(18,515)
Tax-exempt securities (2)	4,569	1	4,570
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	(22)	(15)	(37)
Deposits with other banks	(339)	209	(130)
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	81		81
Total decrease in interest income	(13,934)	(13,234)	(27,168)
Interest-bearing liabilities:			
Interest bearing demand accounts	(4)	(125)	(129)
Money market accounts	(18)	(693)	(711)
Savings accounts	(7)	(158)	(165)
Time deposits	(6,297)	(10,819)	(17,116)
Federal funds purchased			
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	(3,061)	(505)	(3,566)
Other borrowed funds	(15,748)	(3,764)	(19,512)
Long-term debt		728	728
Total decrease in interest expense	(25,135)	(15,336)	(40,471)
Changes in net interest income	\$ 11,201	\$ 2,102	\$ 13,303

- (1) Changes in interest income and interest expense attributable to changes in both volume and rate have been allocated proportionately to changes due to volume and changes due to rate.
- (2) The amount of interest earned on certain securities of states and political subdivisions and other securities held has been adjusted to a fully taxable-equivalent basis, using a statutory federal income tax rate of 35%.

Balance Sheet Review**Assets**

Total assets were \$10.5 billion at September 30, 2011, a decrease of \$302.9 million, or 2.8%, from \$10.8 billion at December 31, 2010, primarily due to the decrease of \$550.6 million in investment securities offset by increases of \$148.5 million in gross loans and \$153.2 million in trading securities.

Investment Securities

Investment securities represented 21.84% of total assets at September 30, 2011, compared with 26.33% of total assets at December 31, 2010. The carrying value of investment securities at September 30, 2011, was \$2.29 billion compared with \$2.84 billion at December 31, 2010. Securities available-for-sale are carried at fair value and had a net unrealized loss of \$9.5 million at September 30, 2011, compared with a net unrealized loss of \$1.8 million at December 31, 2010. Book value for securities held-to-maturity was \$1.24 billion at September 30, 2011, compared to \$840.1 million at December 31, 2010.

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The following table reflects the amortized cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses, and fair values of investment securities as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010:

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	Amortized Cost	September 30, 2011		Fair Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
(In thousands)				
Securities Held-to-Maturity				
U.S. government sponsored entities	\$ 99,955	\$ 1,818	\$	\$ 101,773
State and municipal securities	129,710	3,904	216	133,398
Mortgage-backed securities	996,101	45,221		1,041,322
Corporate debt securities	9,970		537	9,433
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$ 1,235,736	\$ 50,943	\$ 753	\$ 1,285,926
Securities Available-for-Sale				
U.S. treasury securities	\$	\$	\$	\$
U.S. government sponsored entities	\$ 350,015	\$ 1,516	\$ 83	\$ 351,448
State and municipal securities	1,870	25	8	1,887
Mortgage-backed securities	210,469	11,057	508	221,018
Collateralized mortgage obligations	18,194	611	120	18,685
Asset-backed securities	177		6	171
Corporate debt securities	432,582	534	25,687	407,429
Mutual funds	6,000	79		6,079
Preferred stock of government sponsored entities	569	1,783		2,352
Trust preferred securities	45,501	598	25	46,074
Other equity securities	1,468	760		2,228
Total securities available-for-sale	\$ 1,066,845	\$ 16,963	\$ 26,437	\$ 1,057,371
Total investment securities	\$ 2,302,581	\$ 67,906	\$ 27,190	\$ 2,343,297
	Amortized Cost	December 31, 2010		Fair Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
(In thousands)				
Securities Held-to-Maturity				
U.S. government sponsored entities	\$ 99,921	\$ 2,639	\$	\$ 102,560
State and municipal securities	130,107		8,946	121,161
Mortgage-backed securities	600,107	5,230	1,653	603,684
Corporate debt securities	9,967		13	9,954
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$ 840,102	\$ 7,869	\$ 10,612	\$ 837,359
Securities Available-for-Sale				
U.S. treasury securities	\$ 125,573	\$	\$ 6,745	\$ 118,828
U.S. government sponsored entities	830,269	1,653	6,840	825,082
State and municipal securities	1,875		157	1,718
Mortgage-backed securities	627,574	14,854	123	642,305
Collateralized mortgage obligations	24,719	590	115	25,194
Asset-backed securities	245		5	240
Corporate debt securities	374,489	1,374	6,438	369,425
Mutual funds	4,000		73	3,927
Preferred stock of government sponsored entities	569	150		719
Trust preferred securities	14,549	58	170	14,437
Other equity securities	1,468	224		1,692

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Total securities available-for-sale	\$ 2,005,330	\$ 18,903	\$ 20,666	\$ 2,003,567
Total investment securities	\$ 2,845,432	\$ 26,772	\$ 31,278	\$ 2,840,926

ASC Topic 320 requires an entity to assess whether the entity has the intent to sell the debt security or more likely than not will be required to sell the debt security before its anticipated recovery. If either of these conditions is met, an entity must recognize an other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI). If an entity does not intend to sell the debt security and will not be required to sell the debt security, the entity must consider whether it will recover the amortized cost basis of the security. If the present value of expected cash flows is less than the amortized cost basis of the security, OTTI shall be

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considered to have occurred. OTTI is then separated into the amount of the total impairment related to credit losses and the amount of the total impairment related to all other factors. An entity determines the impairment related to credit losses by comparing the present value of cash flows expected to be collected from the security with the amortized cost basis of the security. OTTI related to the credit loss is thereafter recognized in earnings. OTTI related to all other factors is recognized in other comprehensive income. OTTI not related to the credit loss for a held-to-maturity security is recognized separately in a new category of other comprehensive income and amortized over the remaining life of the debt security as an increase in the carrying value of the security only when the entity does not intend to sell the security and it is not more likely than not that the entity will be required to sell the security before recovery of its remaining amortized cost basis.

At September 30, 2011, all of the Company's mortgage-backed securities were rated as investment grade except for three non-agency issues. Two issues not rated investment grade had a par amount of \$433,000 and an unrealized loss of \$63,000. The other issue was rated below investment grade by one rating agency and investment grade by another rating agency had a par amount of \$7,255,000 and an unrealized loss of \$499,000. The unrealized losses resulted from increases in credit spreads subsequent to the date that these securities were purchased. Based on the Company's analysis at September 30, 2011, there was no other-than-temporary impairment in these securities due to the low loan to value ratio for the loans underlying these securities and the credit support provided by junior tranches of these securitizations. The Company has the ability and intent to hold the securities for a period of time sufficient for a recovery of cost for those three non-agency mortgage-backed securities issues.

The Company's unrealized loss on investments in corporate bonds relates to a number of investments in bonds of financial institutions, all of which were investment grade at the date of acquisition and as of September 30, 2011 except for one issue, of which the Company owns \$5 million of par value, by a regional bank which was downgraded to below investment grade during the fourth quarter of 2010. The unrealized losses were primarily caused by the widening of credit spreads since the dates of acquisition. The contractual terms of those investments do not permit the issuers to settle the security at a price less than the amortized cost of the investment. The Company currently does not believe it is probable that it will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the investment. Therefore, it is expected that these debentures would not be settled at a price less than the amortized cost of the investment. Because the Company has the ability and intent to hold this investment until a recovery of fair value, which may be maturity, it does not consider its investments in corporate bonds to be other-than-temporarily impaired at September 30, 2011.

The temporarily impaired securities represent 21.2% of the fair value of investment securities as of September 30, 2011. Unrealized losses for securities with unrealized losses for less than twelve months represent 4.0%, and securities with unrealized losses for twelve months or more represent 8.7%, of the historical cost of these securities. Unrealized losses on these securities generally resulted from increases in interest rate spreads subsequent to the date that these securities were purchased. At September 30, 2011, 31 issues of securities had unrealized losses for 12 months or longer and 34 issues of securities had unrealized losses of less than 12 months.

At September 30, 2011, management believed the impairment was temporary and, accordingly, no impairment loss has been recognized in our condensed consolidated statements of operations. The Company expects to recover the amortized cost basis of its debt securities, and has no intent to sell and will not be required to sell available-for-sale debt securities that have declined below their cost before their anticipated recovery.

The table below shows the fair value, unrealized losses, and number of issuances of the temporarily impaired securities in our investment securities portfolio as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010:

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	Less than 12 months			As of September 30, 2011 Temporarily Impaired Securities 12 months or longer			Total		
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	No. of Issuances	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	No. of Issuances	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	No. of Issuances
Securities Held-to-Maturity									
State and municipal securities	\$ 8,469	\$ 19	2	\$ 8,354	\$ 197	6	\$ 16,823	\$ 216	8
Corporate debt securities	9,433	537	1				9,433	537	1
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$ 17,902	\$ 556	3	\$ 8,354	\$ 197	6	\$ 26,256	\$ 753	9
Securities Available-for-Sale									
U.S. government sponsored entities	\$ 99,932	\$ 83	1	\$	\$		\$ 99,932	\$ 83	1
State and municipal securities				1,358	8	1	1,358	8	1
Mortgage-backed securities	784	5	7	149	2	3	933	7	10
Mortgage-backed securities-Non-agency				6,856	501	2	6,856	501	2
Collateralized mortgage obligations				712	120	4	712	120	4
Asset-backed securities				171	6	1	171	6	1
Corporate debt securities	204,736	13,191	19	122,902	12,496	14	327,638	25,687	33
Trust preferred securities	8,312	25	4				8,312	25	4
Total securities available-for-sale	\$ 313,764	\$ 13,304	31	\$ 132,148	\$ 13,133	25	\$ 445,912	\$ 26,437	56
Total investment securities	\$ 331,666	\$ 13,860	34	\$ 140,502	\$ 13,330	31	\$ 472,168	\$ 27,190	65

	Less than 12 months			As of December 31, 2010 Temporarily Impaired Securities 12 months or longer			Total		
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	No. of Issuances	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	No. of Issuances	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	No. of Issuances
Securities Held-to-Maturity									
State and municipal securities	\$ 121,161	\$ 8,946	122				\$ 121,161	\$ 8,946	122
Mortgage-backed securities	89,439	1,653	2				89,439	1,653	2
Corporate debt securities	9,954	13	1				9,954	13	1
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$ 220,554	\$ 10,612	125	\$	\$		\$ 220,554	\$ 10,612	125
Securities Available-for-Sale									
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 118,828	\$ 6,745	5	\$	\$		\$ 118,828	\$ 6,745	5
U.S. government sponsored entities	578,118	6,840	12				578,118	6,840	12
State and municipal securities	1,718	157	2				1,718	157	2
Mortgage-backed securities	354	4	7	32	1	1	386	5	8
Mortgage-backed securities-Non-agency				10,127	118	3	10,127	118	3
Collateralized mortgage obligations				887	115	4	887	115	4
Asset-backed securities				240	5	1	240	5	1

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Corporate debt securities	310,630	6,438	30				310,630	6,438	30
Mutual funds	3,927	73	1				3,927	73	1
Trust preferred securities	10,384	170	2				10,384	170	2
Total securities available-for-sale	\$ 1,023,959	\$ 20,427	59	\$ 11,286	\$ 239	9	\$ 1,035,245	\$ 20,666	68
Total investment securities	\$ 1,244,513	\$ 31,039	184	\$ 11,286	\$ 239	9	\$ 1,255,799	\$ 31,278	193

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Gross loans, excluding loans held for sale, were \$7.02 billion at September 30, 2011, an increase of \$148.5 million, or 2.2%, from \$6.87 billion at December 31, 2010, primarily due to an increase of \$379.9 million, or 26.4%, in commercial loans and an increase of \$114.9 million, or 13.5%, in residential mortgage loans offset by a decrease of \$161.0 million, or 39.3%, in construction loans, and a decrease of \$191.5 million, or 4.9%, in commercial real estate loans. The following table sets forth the classification of loans by type, mix, and percentage change as of the dates indicated:

Type of Loans	September 30, 2011		December 31, 2010		% Change
	\$ of Gross Loans	% of Gross Loans	\$ of Gross Loans	% of Gross Loans	
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Commercial loans	\$ 1,821,059	26.0%	\$ 1,441,167	21.0%	26.4%
Residential mortgage loans	967,396	13.8	852,454	12.4	13.5
Commercial mortgage loans	3,748,524	53.4	3,940,061	57.4	(4.9)
Equity lines	215,315	3.1	208,876	3.0	3.1
Real estate construction loans	249,003	3.5	409,986	6.0	(39.3)
Installment and other loans	15,845	0.2	16,077	0.2	(1.4)
Gross loans	\$ 7,017,142	100%	\$ 6,868,621	100%	2.2%
Allowance for loan losses	(209,116)		(245,231)		(14.7)
Unamortized deferred loan fees	(8,360)		(7,621)		9.7
Total loans, net	\$ 6,799,666		\$ 6,615,769		2.8%
Loans held for sale	1,276		2,873		-55.6%

Non-performing Assets

Non-performing assets include loans past due 90 days or more and still accruing interest, non-accrual loans, and other real estate owned. The Company's policy is to place loans on non-accrual status if interest and/or principal is past due 90 days or more, or in cases where management deems the full collection of principal and interest unlikely. After a loan is placed on non-accrual status, any previously accrued but unpaid interest is reversed and charged against current income and subsequent payments received are generally first applied towards the outstanding principal balance of the loan. Depending on the circumstances, management may elect to continue the accrual of interest on certain past due loans if partial payment is received and/or the loan is well collateralized and in the process of collection. The loan is generally returned to accrual status when the borrower has brought the past due principal and interest payments current and, in the opinion of management, the borrower has demonstrated the ability to make future payments of principal and interest as scheduled.

Management reviews the loan portfolio regularly for problem loans. During the ordinary course of business, management becomes aware of borrowers that may not be able to meet the contractual requirements of the loan agreements. Such loans are placed under closer supervision with consideration given to placing the loans on non-accrual status, the need for an additional allowance for loan losses, and (if appropriate) partial or full charge-off.

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The ratio of non-performing assets, excluding non-accrual loans held for sale, to total assets was 2.9% at September 30, 2011, compared to 3.0% at December 31, 2010, and 3.2% at September 30, 2010. Total non-performing portfolio assets decreased \$25.0 million, or 7.7%, to \$300.1 million at September 30, 2011, compared to \$325.1 million at December 31, 2010, primarily due to a \$49.6 million decrease in non-accrual loans offset by a \$16.6 million increase in OREO and by a \$8.0 million increase in accruing loans past due 90 days or more. Total non-performing portfolio assets decreased \$64.4 million, or 17.7%, to \$300.1 million at September 30, 2011, compared to \$364.5 million at September 30, 2010, primarily due to a \$91.0 million decrease in non-accrual loans offset by a \$14.4 million increase in OREO, and a \$12.2 million increase in accruing loans past due 90 days or more.

As a percentage of gross loans, excluding loans held for sale, plus other real estate owned, our non-performing assets decreased to 4.22% at September 30, 2011, from 4.68% at December 31, 2010. The non-performing portfolio loan coverage ratio, defined as the allowance for credit losses to non-performing loans, increased to 102.5% at September 30, 2011, from 100.1% at December 31, 2010.

The following table presents the breakdown of non-performing assets by category as of the dates indicated:

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(Dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010	% Change	June 30, 2011	% Change
Non-performing assets					
Accruing loans past due 90 days or more	\$ 13,053	\$ 5,006	161	\$	100
Non-accrual loans:					
Construction loans- residential	28,386	25,251	12	41,030	(31)
Construction loans- non-residential	21,611	28,686	(25)	29,419	(27)
Land loans	13,355	21,923	(39)	14,209	(6)
Commercial real estate loans, excluding land loans	83,983	122,672	(32)	122,092	(31)
Commercial loans	29,723	31,499	(6)	34,350	(13)
Residential mortgage loans	15,656	12,288	27	15,319	2
Total non-accrual loans:	\$ 192,714	\$ 242,319	(20)	\$ 256,419	(25)
Total non-performing loans	205,767	247,325	(17)	256,419	(20)
Other real estate owned	94,308	77,740	21	74,233	27
Total non-performing assets	\$ 300,075	\$ 325,065	(8)	\$ 330,652	(9)
Accruing troubled debt restructurings (TDRs)	\$ 126,270	\$ 136,800	(8)	\$ 116,327	9
Non-accrual TDRs (included in non-accrual loans above)	\$ 44,075	\$ 28,146	57	\$ 38,230	15
Non-accrual loans held for sale	\$ 1,276	\$ 2,873	(56)	\$ 1,637	(22)
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 209,116	\$ 245,231	(15)	\$ 229,900	(9)
Allowance for off-balance sheet credit commitments	1,863	2,337	(20)	1,547	20
Allowance for credit losses	\$ 210,979	\$ 247,568	(15)	\$ 231,447	(9)
Total gross loans outstanding, at period-end (1)	\$ 7,017,142	\$ 6,868,621	2	\$ 6,922,157	1
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans, at period-end (2)	101.63%	99.15%		89.66%	
Allowance for loan losses to gross loans, at period-end (1)	2.98%	3.57%		3.32%	
Allowance for credit losses to non-performing loans, at period-end (2)	102.53%	100.10%		90.26%	
Allowance for credit losses to gross loans, at period-end (1)	3.01%	3.60%		3.34%	

(1) Excludes loans held for sale at period-end.

(2) Excludes non-accrual loans held for sale at period-end.

Non-accrual Loans

At September 30, 2011, total non-accrual portfolio loans, excluding non-accrual loans held for sale, were \$192.7 million, an decrease of \$49.6 million, or 20.5%, from \$242.3 million at December 31, 2010, and a decrease of \$91.0 million, or 32.1%, from \$283.7 million at September 30, 2010. The allowance for the collateral-dependent loans is calculated based on the difference between the outstanding loan balance and the value of the collateral as determined by recent appraisals, sales contracts, or other available market price information. The allowance for collateral-dependent loans

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varies from loan to loan based on the collateral coverage of the loan at the time of designation as non-performing. We continue to monitor the collateral coverage, based on recent appraisals, of these loans on a quarterly basis and adjust the allowance accordingly. Non-accrual loans also include those troubled debt restructurings that do not qualify for accrual status.

The Company transferred the only held for sale loan of \$2.9 million at December 31, 2010, to other real estate owned (OREO) in January 2011 and sold two held for sale loans of \$2.4 million with a net gains of \$109,000 in the second quarter of 2011. During the third quarter of 2011, the Company sold a held for sale loan at par. As of September 30, 2011, the Company held one commercial mortgage loan of \$776,000 and one construction loan of \$500,000 under held for sale status.

The following tables present the type of properties securing the non-accrual portfolio loans and the type of businesses the borrowers engaged in as of the dates indicated:

Type of Collateral	September 30, 2011		December 31, 2010	
	Real Estate (1)	Commercial	Real Estate (1)	Commercial
	(In thousands)			
Single/multi-family residence	\$ 54,845	\$ 1,103	\$ 50,341	\$ 7,665
Commercial real estate	94,791	1,003	138,557	
Land	13,355		21,923	
Personal property (UCC)		27,617		23,833
Total	\$ 162,991	\$ 29,723	\$ 210,821	\$ 31,498

(1) Real estate includes commercial mortgage loans, real estate construction loans, residential mortgage loans and equity lines.

Type of Business	September 30, 2011		December 31, 2010	
	Real Estate (1)	Commercial	Real Estate (1)	Commercial
	(In thousands)			
Real estate development	\$ 128,527	\$ 1,261	\$ 183,637	\$ 2,234
Wholesale/retail	23,482	6,110	16,599	14,870
Food/restaurant		855	277	400
Import/export		21,497		13,994
Other	10,982		10,308	
Total	\$ 162,991	\$ 29,723	\$ 210,821	\$ 31,498

(1) Real estate includes commercial mortgage loans, real estate construction loans, residential mortgage loans and equity lines.

Other Real Estate Owned

At September 30, 2011, other real estate owned totaled \$94.3 million which increased \$16.6 million, or 21.5%, compared to \$77.7 million at December 31, 2010, and increased \$14.3 million, or 17.9%, compared to \$80.0 million at September 30, 2010. At September 30, 2011, \$34.1 million of OREO was located in California, \$5.0 million in Nevada, \$47.5 million in Texas, \$6.4 million in the state of Washington, and \$1.3 million in all other states. At September 30, 2011, OREO was comprised of 13

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parcels of land zoned for residential purposes of \$25.5 million, three parcels of land zoned for non-residential purposes of \$1.8 million, five residential construction projects of \$2.6 million, six non-residential construction projects of \$6.5 million, 22 non-farm non-residential properties of \$49.0 million, and 11 single family residential properties of \$8.8 million.

Troubled Debt Restructurings

A troubled debt restructuring (TDR) is a formal modification of the terms of a loan when the Bank, for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulties, grants a concession to the borrower. The concessions may be granted in various forms, including change in the stated interest rate, reduction in the loan balance or accrued interest, or extension of the maturity date that causes significant delay in payment.

At September 30, 2011, accruing TDRs were \$126.3 million and non-accrual TDRs were \$44.1 million compared to accruing TDRs of \$136.8 million and non-accrual TDRs of \$28.1 million at December 31, 2010. The Company has allocated specific reserves of \$2.1 million at September 30, 2011, and \$1.2 million at December 31, 2010, to accruing TDRs. The following table presents TDRs that were modified during the first nine months ended September 31, 2011, and during the first quarter of 2011.

	TDRs Modified During the First Nine Months of 2011					
	Accruing TDRs			Non-Accrual TDRs		
	No. of Loans	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	No. of Loans	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment
		(In thousands)	(In thousands)		(In thousands)	(In thousands)
Commercial loans	3	\$ 13,026	\$ 13,025	4	\$ 8,161	\$ 2,161
Real estate construction loans	2	36,848	26,544	1	7,382	7,382
Commercial mortgage loans	4	27,482	16,062	2	1,248	1,248
Residential mortgage and equity lines	2	1,125	1,125	1	451	451
Total	11	\$ 78,481	\$ 56,756	8	\$ 17,242	\$ 11,242

	TDRs Modified During the Third quarter of 2011					
	Accruing TDRs			Non-Accrual TDRs		
	No. of Loans	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	No. of Loans	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment
		(In thousands)	(In thousands)		(In thousands)	(In thousands)
Commercial loans	1	\$ 14	\$ 14	1	\$ 363	\$ 363
Real estate construction loans	2	36,848	26,545			
Commercial mortgage loans	3	23,708	14,270			
Residential mortgage and equity lines	1	624	624	1	451	451
Total	7	\$ 61,194	\$ 41,453	2	\$ 814	\$ 814

Accruing TDRs at September 30, 2011, were comprised of loans collateralized by ten retail shopping and commercial use buildings of \$71.6 million, eight office and commercial use buildings of \$27.6 million, two hotels of \$13.2 million, eight single family residences of \$13.1 million, one land of \$724,000, and two commercial loans of \$45,000. We expect that the troubled debt restructuring loans on accruing status as of September 30, 2011, which were all performing in accordance with their restructured terms, will continue to comply with the restructured terms because of the reduced principal or interest payments on these loans.

Modifications of the loan terms during the first nine months of 2011 were in the form of changes in the stated interest rate, reduction in the loan balance or accrued interest, or extension of the maturity date. Modifications involving a reduction of the stated interest rate of loan were for periods ranging from 6 months to 5 years. Modifications involving an extension of the maturity date were for periods ranging from 9 months to 4 years. For the first nine months, charge-offs for accruing TDRs were \$13.4 million for 2011 and \$330,000 for 2010. A summary of TDRs by type of concession, by type of loan, and the related allowance for credit losses as of September 30, 2011, and as of December 31, 2010, is shown below:

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Accruing TDRs	Principal Deferral	Rate Reduction	As of September 30, 2011		Total	Allowance
			Rate Reduction and Forgiveness of Principal (In thousands)	Rate Reduction and Payment Deferral		
Commercial loans	\$ 13,056	\$ 1,774	\$	\$ 436	\$ 15,266	\$ 7
Real estate construction loans	16,820	9,725		5,776	32,321	
Commercial mortgage loans	4,292	37,997	2,050	31,111	75,450	1,976
Residential mortgage loans	1,661	593		979	3,233	145
Total accruing TDRs	\$ 35,829	\$ 50,089	\$ 2,050	\$ 38,302	\$ 126,270	\$ 2,128

Non-accrual TDRs	Interest Deferral	Principal Deferral	Rate Reduction	As of September 30, 2011		Total	Allowance
				Rate Reduction and Forgiveness of Principal (In thousands)	Rate Reduction and Payment Deferral		
Commercial loans	\$	\$ 629	\$ 1,959	\$ 1,536	\$	\$ 4,124	\$ 1,088
Real estate construction loans		14,426	13,664			28,090	
Commercial mortgage loans	2,690	5,781				8,471	1
Residential mortgage loans	321	2,300	452		317	3,390	97
Total non-accrual TDRs	\$ 3,011	\$ 23,136	\$ 16,075	\$ 1,536	\$ 317	\$ 44,075	\$ 1,186

Accruing TDRs	Principal Deferral	Rate Reduction	As of December 31, 2010		Total	Allowance
			Rate Reduction and Forgiveness of Principal (In thousands)	Rate Reduction and Payment Deferral		
Commercial loans	\$ 1,131	\$ 1,780	\$	\$ 1,114	\$ 4,025	\$ 59
Real estate construction loans	752	17,226		5,776	23,754	117
Commercial mortgage loans	16,586	70,185	3,459	15,055	105,285	3,363
Residential mortgage loans	2,658	599		479	3,736	49
Total accruing TDRs	\$ 21,127	\$ 89,790	\$ 3,459	\$ 22,424	\$ 136,800	\$ 3,588

Non-accrual TDRs	Interest Deferral	Principal Deferral	Rate Reduction	As of December 31, 2010		Total	Allowance
				Rate Reduction and Payment Deferral (In thousands)	Rate Reduction and Payment Deferral		
Commercial loans	\$	\$	\$ 2,310	\$	\$ 2,310	\$ 1,159	
Real estate construction loans		7,044			7,044		
Commercial mortgage loans	1,239	14,112		1,113	16,464	75	
Residential mortgage loans	340	1,037		951	2,328	69	
Total non-accrual TDRs	\$ 1,579	\$ 22,193	\$ 2,310	\$ 2,064	\$ 28,146	\$ 1,303	

A loan is considered to be in payment default once it is 60 to 90 days contractually past due under the modified terms. Two commercial TDRs of \$932,000, two commercial real estate TDRs of \$1.3 million, and one residential mortgage TDR of \$2.9 million had payments defaults within the previous twelve months ended September 30, 2011. The TDRs that subsequently defaulted incurred \$361,000 charge-off during the first nine

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months ended September 30, 2011.

Under the Company's internal underwriting policy, an evaluation is performed of the probability that the borrower will be in payment default on any of its debt in the foreseeable future without the modification in order to determine whether a borrower is experiencing financial difficulty.

As of September 30, 2011, there were no commitments to lend additional funds to those borrowers whose loans have been restructured, were considered impaired, or were on non-accrual status.

Troubled debt restructurings on accrual status are comprised of the loans that have, pursuant to the Bank's policy, performed under the restructured terms and have demonstrated sustained performance under the modified terms for six months before being returned to accrual status. The sustained performance considered by management pursuant to its policy includes the periods prior to the modification if the prior performance met or exceeded the modified terms. This would include cash paid by the borrower prior to the restructure to set up interest reserves.

Impaired Loans

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A loan is considered impaired when it is probable that a creditor will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement based on current circumstances and events. The assessment for impairment occurs when and while such loans are on non-accrual as a result of delinquency status of over 90 days or receipt of information indicating that full collection of principal is doubtful, or when the loan has been restructured in a troubled debt restructuring. Those loans with a balance less than our defined selection criteria, generally a loan amount less than \$500,000 (less than \$100,000 for prior quarters before September 30, 2010), are treated as a homogeneous portfolio. If loans meeting the defined criteria are not collateral dependent, we measure the impairment based on the present value of the expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate. If loans meeting the defined criteria are collateral dependent, we measure the impairment by using the loan's observable market price or the fair value of the collateral. We obtain an appraisal to determine the amount of impairment at the date that the loan becomes impaired. The appraisals are based on as is or bulk sale valuations. To ensure that appraised values remain current, we generally obtain an updated appraisal every six months from qualified independent appraisers. Furthermore, if the most current appraisal is dated more than three months prior to the effective date of the impairment test, we validate the most current value with third party market data appropriate to the location and property type of the collateral. If the third party market data indicates that the value of our collateral property values has declined since the most recent valuation date, we adjust downward the value of the property to reflect current market conditions. If the fair value of the collateral, less cost to sell, is less than the recorded amount of the loan, we then recognize impairment by creating or adjusting an existing valuation allowance with a corresponding charge to the provision for loan losses. If an impaired loan is expected to be collected through liquidation of the collateral, the amount of impairment, excluding disposal costs, which range between 3% to 6% of the fair value (5% to 10% of the fair value for years prior to 2011), depending on the size of the impaired loan, is charged off against the allowance for loan losses. Non-accrual impaired loans, including troubled debt restructurings, are not returned to accrual status unless the unpaid interest has been brought current and full repayment of the recorded balance is expected or if the borrower has made six consecutive monthly payments of the scheduled amounts due and troubled debt restructurings are reviewed for continued impairment until they are no longer reported as troubled debt restructurings.

We identified impaired loans with a recorded investment of \$320.3 million at September 30, 2011, compared to \$382.0 million at December 31, 2010. We considered all non-accrual loans to be impaired. As of September 30, 2011, \$163.0 million, or 84.6%, of the \$192.7 million of non-accrual portfolio loans were secured by real estate compared to \$210.8 million, or 87.0%, of the \$242.3 million of non-accrual loans that were secured by real estate at December 31, 2010. In light of declining property values in the current economic downturn affecting the real estate markets, the Bank has obtained current appraisals, sales contracts, or other available market price information which provide updated factors in evaluating potential loss.

At September 30, 2011, \$7.4 million of the \$209.1 million allowance for loan losses was allocated for impaired loans and \$201.7 million was allocated to the general allowance. At December 31, 2010, \$15.2 million of the \$245.2 million allowance for loan losses was allocated for impaired loans and \$230.0 million was allocated to the general allowance. The amount of the allowance for loan losses allocated to impaired loans at September 30, 2011 remained essentially the same as December 31, 2010. The remainder of the allowance for loan losses is a general allowance and decreased during the first nine months of 2011 as a result of the lower net chargeoffs during the last five quarters and the resulting decrease in loan reserve factors calculated under the Company's loan migration process and a

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decrease in the total of loans rated Special Mention and Substandard during the first nine months of 2011. For the first nine months of 2011, net loan charge-offs were \$61.6 million, or 1.19%, of average loans compared to \$103.6 million, or 2.01%, of average loans in the same period of 2010.

The allowance for credit losses to non-accrual loans increased to 109.5% at September 30, 2011, from 102.2% at December 31, 2010 primarily due to decreases in non-accrual loans. Non-accrual loans also include those troubled debt restructurings that do not qualify for accrual status.

The following table presents impaired loans and the related allowance as of the dates indicated:

	September 30, 2011		Impaired Loans			
	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment	Allowance	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment	Allowance
			December 31, 2010			
			(In thousands)			
With no allocated allowance						
Commercial loans	\$ 36,594	\$ 26,111	\$	\$ 41,233	\$ 27,775	\$
Real estate construction loans	125,478	82,818		102,186	64,274	
Commercial mortgage loans	169,495	131,342		211,717	156,305	
Residential mortgage and equity lines	8,073	7,468		7,823	7,436	
Subtotal	\$ 339,640	\$ 247,739	\$	\$ 362,959	\$ 255,790	\$
With allocated allowance						
Commercial loans	\$ 22,902	\$ 18,879	\$ 2,270	\$ 13,930	\$ 7,748	\$ 2,925
Real estate construction loans				15,429	13,416	7,470
Commercial mortgage loans	44,036	42,220	3,930	98,593	96,449	3,812
Residential mortgage and equity lines	12,475	11,422	1,203	9,811	8,589	978
Subtotal	\$ 79,413	\$ 72,521	\$ 7,403	\$ 137,763	\$ 126,202	\$ 15,185
Total impaired loans	\$ 419,053	\$ 320,260	\$ 7,403	\$ 500,722	\$ 381,992	\$ 15,185

Loan Interest Reserves

In accordance with customary banking practice, construction loans and land development loans are originated where interest on the loan is disbursed from pre-established interest reserves included in the total original loan commitment. Our construction and land development loans generally include optional renewal terms after the maturity of the initial loan term. New appraisals are obtained prior to extension or renewal of these loans in part to determine the appropriate interest reserve to be established for the new loan term. Loans with interest reserves are underwritten to the same criteria, including loan to value and, if applicable, pro forma debt service coverage ratios, as loans without interest reserves. Construction loans with interest reserves are monitored on a periodic basis to gauge progress towards completion. Interest reserves are frozen if it is determined that additional draws would result in a loan to value ratio that exceeds policy maximums based on collateral property type. Our policy limits in this regard are consistent with supervisory limits and range from 65% in the case of land to 85% in the case of one to four family residential construction projects.

As of September 30, 2011, construction loans of \$57.7 million were disbursed with pre-established interest reserves of \$2.0 million compared to construction loans of \$101.9 million with pre-established

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interest reserves of \$4.5 million at December 31, 2010. The balance for construction loans with interest reserves which have been extended was \$41.8 million at September 30, 2011, compared to \$63.6 million at December 31, 2010. Land loans of \$9.3 million were disbursed with pre-established interest reserves of \$170,000 at September 30, 2011, compared to zero such loans at December 31, 2010.

At September 30, 2011, the Bank had no loans on non-accrual status with available interest reserves. At September 30, 2011, \$15.2 million of non-accrual residential construction loans, \$21.6 million of non-accrual non-residential construction loans, and \$9.9 million of non-accrual land loans had been originated with pre-established interest reserves. At December 31, 2010, \$25.3 million of non-accrual residential construction loans, \$28.9 million of non-accrual non-residential construction loans, and \$11.3 million of non-accrual land loans had been originated with pre-established interest reserves. While loans with interest reserves are typically expected to be repaid in full according to the original contractual terms, some loans require one or more extensions beyond the original maturity. Typically, these extensions are required due to construction delays, delays in sales or lease of property, or some combination of these two factors.

Loan Concentration

Most of the Company's business activities are with customers located in the predominantly Asian areas of Southern and Northern California; New York City, New York; Dallas and Houston, Texas; Seattle, Washington; Boston, Massachusetts; Chicago, Illinois; and Edison, New Jersey. The Company has no specific industry concentration, and generally its loans are collateralized with real property or other pledged collateral of the borrowers. Loans are generally expected to be paid off from the operating profits of the borrowers, refinancing by another lender, or through sale by the borrowers of the secured collateral. There were no loan concentrations to multiple borrowers in similar activities which exceeded 10% of total loans as of September 30, 2011, and as of December 31, 2010.

The federal banking regulatory agencies issued final guidance on December 6, 2006, regarding risk management practices for financial institutions with high or increasing concentrations of commercial real estate (CRE) loans on their balance sheets. The regulatory guidance reiterates the need for sound internal risk management practices for those institutions that have experienced rapid growth in CRE lending, have notable exposure to specific types of CRE, or are approaching or exceeding the supervisory criteria used to evaluate the CRE concentration risk, but the guidance is not to be construed as a limit for CRE exposure. The supervisory criteria are: (1) total reported loans for construction, land development, and other land represent 100% of the institution's total risk-based capital, and (2) both total CRE loans represent 300% or more of the institution's total risk-based capital and the institution's CRE loan portfolio has increased 50% or more within the last thirty-six months. In January 2010, the Bank reduced its internal limit for CRE loans from 400% of total capital to 300% of total capital to be achieved no later than December 2011. Total loans for construction, land development, and other land represented 25% of total risk-based capital as of September 30, 2011, and 40% as of December 31, 2010. Total CRE loans represented 244% of total risk-based capital as of September 30, 2011, and 285% as of December 31, 2010.

Allowance for Credit Losses

The Bank maintains the allowance for credit losses at a level that is considered adequate to absorb the estimated and known risks in the loan portfolio and off-balance sheet unfunded credit commitments. Allowance for credit losses is comprised of the allowance for loan losses and the reserve for off-

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balance sheet unfunded credit commitments. With this risk management objective, the Bank's management has an established monitoring system that is designed to identify impaired and potential problem loans, and to permit periodic evaluation of impairment and the adequacy level of the allowance for credit losses in a timely manner.

In addition, the Bank's Board of Directors has established a written credit policy that includes a credit review and control system which it believes should be effective in ensuring that the Bank maintains an adequate allowance for credit losses. The Board of Directors provides oversight for the allowance evaluation process, including quarterly evaluations, and determines whether the allowance is adequate to absorb losses in the credit portfolio. The determination of the amount of the allowance for credit losses and the provision for credit losses is based on management's current judgment about the credit quality of the loan portfolio and takes into consideration known relevant internal and external factors that affect collectibility when determining the appropriate level for the allowance for credit losses. The nature of the process by which the Bank determines the appropriate allowance for credit losses requires the exercise of considerable judgment. Additions to the allowance for credit losses are made by charges to the provision for credit losses. While management utilizes its best judgment based on the information available, the ultimate adequacy of the allowance is dependent upon a variety of factors beyond the Bank's control, including the performance of the Bank's loan portfolio, the economy, changes in interest rates, and the view of the regulatory authorities toward loan classifications. Identified credit exposures that are determined to be uncollectible are charged against the allowance for credit losses. Recoveries of previously charged off amounts, if any, are credited to the allowance for credit losses. A weakening of the economy or other factors that adversely affect asset quality could result in an increase in the number of delinquencies, bankruptcies, or defaults, and a higher level of non-performing assets, net charge-offs, and provision for credit losses in future periods.

The allowance for loan losses was \$209.1 million and the allowance for off-balance sheet unfunded credit commitments was \$1.9 million at September 30, 2011, and represented the amount believed by management to be sufficient to absorb credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio, including unfunded commitments. The allowance for credit losses, the sum of allowance for loan losses and for off-balance sheet unfunded credit commitments, was \$211.0 million at September 30, 2011, compared to \$247.6 million at December 31, 2010, a decrease of \$36.6 million, or 14.8%. The allowance for credit losses represented 3.01% of period-end gross loans, excluding loans held for sale, and 102.5% of non-performing portfolio loans at September 30, 2011. The comparable ratios were 3.60% of period-end gross loans and 100.1% of non-performing loans at December 31, 2010. The following table sets forth information relating to the allowance for credit losses for the periods indicated:

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	For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Allowance for Loan Losses				
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 229,900	\$ 255,650	\$ 245,231	\$ 211,889
Provision for credit losses	9,000	17,900	25,000	146,900
Transfers from/(to) reserve for off-balance sheet credit commitments	(316)	2,166	474	2,543
Charge-offs :				
Commercial loans	(1,219)	(5,588)	(11,215)	(17,501)
Construction loans-residential	(10,923)	(5,170)	(18,349)	(15,979)
Construction loans-other	(12,616)	(3,844)	(16,045)	(22,234)
Real estate loans	(5,560)	393	(24,119)	(37,677)
Land loans	(522)	(7,138)	(1,008)	(19,820)
Total charge-offs	(30,840)	(21,347)	(70,736)	(113,211)
Recoveries:				
Commercial loans	513	963	1,568	3,332
Construction loans-residential	6	1,909	3,667	4,405
Construction loans-other	402	36	629	453
Real estate loans	426	8	2,665	930
Land loans	25	421	618	463
Installment loans and other loans				2
Total recoveries	1,372	3,337	9,147	9,585
Balance at end of period	\$ 209,116	\$ 257,706	\$ 209,116	\$ 257,706
Reserve for off-balance sheet credit commitments				
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 1,547	\$ 4,830	\$ 2,337	\$ 5,207
Provision/(reversal) for credit losses/transfers	316	(2,166)	(474)	(2,543)
Balance at end of period	\$ 1,863	\$ 2,664	\$ 1,863	\$ 2,664
Average loans outstanding during period ended (1)	\$ 6,980,063	\$ 6,874,626	\$ 6,925,265	\$ 6,877,167
Total gross loans outstanding, at period-end (1)	\$ 7,017,142	\$ 6,907,395	\$ 7,017,142	\$ 6,907,395
Total non-performing loans, at period-end (1)	\$ 205,767	\$ 284,524	\$ 205,767	\$ 284,524
Ratio of net charge-offs to average loans outstanding during the period	1.67%	1.04%	1.19%	2.01%
Provision for credit losses to average loans outstanding during the period	0.51%	1.03%	0.48%	2.86%
Allowance for credit losses to non-performing loans at period-end	102.53%	91.51%	102.53%	91.51%
Allowance for credit losses to gross loans at period-end	3.01%	3.77%	3.01%	3.77%

(1) Excludes loans held for sale at period end.

Our allowance for loan losses consists of the following:

Specific allowance. For impaired loans, we provide specific allowances for loans that are not collateral dependent based on an evaluation of the present value of the expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate and for loans that are collateral dependent based on the fair value of the underlying collateral, which is determined based on the most recent valuation information received, which may be adjusted based on factors such as changes in market conditions from the time of valuation. If the measure of the impaired loan is less than the recorded investment in the loan, the deficiency will be charged off against the allowance

for loan losses or, alternatively, a specific allocation will be established.

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General allowance. The unclassified portfolio is segmented on a group basis. Segmentation is determined by loan type and common risk characteristics. The non-impaired loans are grouped into nineteen segments: two commercial segments, ten commercial real estate segments, one residential construction segment, one non-residential construction segment, one SBA segment, one installment loans segment, one residential mortgage segment, one equity line of credit segment and one overdraft segment. The allowance is provided for each segmented group based on the group's historical loan loss experience aggregated based on loan risk classifications which takes into account the current financial condition of the borrowers and guarantors, the prevailing value of the underlying collateral if collateral dependent, charge-off history, management's knowledge of the portfolio, general economic conditions, and environmental factors which include the trends in delinquency and non-accrual, and other significant factors, such as the national and local economy, volume and composition of the portfolio, strength of management and loan staff, underwriting standards, and concentration of credit. In addition, management reviews reports on past-due loans to ensure appropriate classification. During the first quarter of 2010, we increased the number of segments for commercial real estate loans from one to ten. In addition, we changed our migration loss analysis to use as the reserve factor for loans rated Pass the total weighted average losses during the last four years for each loan segment as well as the weighting for the four-year migration so that the first two years are weighted one-third and the most recent two years are weighted two-thirds. The changes made during the first quarter of 2010 increased the allowance for loan losses by \$10.4 million. During the third quarter of 2010, we further refined our methodology to give greater weighting to the most recent twelve months of charge-offs in the calculation of the loan loss reserve percentage for Pass rated loans, which increased the allowance for loan losses by \$10.4 million; we discontinued the weighting in the four-year migration analysis for loans rated lower than Pass, which increased the allowance for loan losses by \$7.1 million, and we increased the environmental factors for purchased syndicated loans, which increased the allowance for loan losses by \$2.0 million. During the first quarter of 2011, we combined the number of segments for construction loans from nine to two by consolidating the previous three geographic groupings of East Coast, Texas and all other regions into one bankwide region in light of the convergence of credit quality for construction loans of the three separate regions, which increased the allowance for loan losses by \$4.8 million.

The table set forth below reflects management's allocation of the allowance for loan losses by loan category and the ratio of each loan category to the total average loans as of the dates indicated:

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(Dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2011		December 31, 2010	
	Amount	Percentage of Loans in Each Category to Average Gross Loans	Amount	Percentage of Loans in Each Category to Average Gross Loans
Type of Loan:				
Commercial loans	\$ 63,788	23.0%	\$ 63,919	19.7%
Residential mortgage loans (1)	8,343	16.3	9,668	13.9
Commercial mortgage loans	113,074	55.5	128,347	58.3
Real estate construction loans	23,876	4.9	43,261	7.8
Installment and other loans	35	0.3	36	0.3
Total	\$ 209,116	100%	\$ 245,231	100%

(1) Residential mortgage loans includes equity lines.

The allowance allocated to commercial loans was \$63.8 million at September 30, 2011, compared to \$63.9 million at December 31, 2010. At September 30, 2011, commercial loans of \$29.7 million were on non-accrual status. At December 31, 2010, commercial loans of \$31.5 million were on non-accrual status. Commercial loans comprised 14.1% of impaired loans and 15.4% of non-accrual portfolio loans at September 30, 2011, compared to 9.3% of impaired loans and 13.0% of non-accrual portfolio loans at December 31, 2010.

The allowance allocated to commercial mortgage loans decreased from \$128.3 million at December 31, 2010, to \$113.1 million at September 30, 2011, which was primarily due to decreases in non-impaired loans risk graded Watch, Special Mention, and Substandard. The overall allowance for total commercial mortgage loans was 3.0% at September 30, 2011, and 3.3% at December 31, 2010. At September 30, 2011, commercial mortgage loans, excluding non-accrual loans held for sale, totaling \$97.3 million, were on non-accrual status. At December 31, 2010, commercial mortgage loans, excluding non-accrual loans held for sale, totaling \$144.6 million, were on non-accrual status. Commercial mortgage loans comprised 54.2% of impaired loans and 50.5% of non-accrual portfolio loans at September 30, 2011, compared to 66.2% of impaired loans and 59.7% of non-accrual portfolio loans at December 31, 2010.

The allowance allocated for construction loans decreased \$19.4 million to \$23.9 million at September 30, 2011, compared to \$43.3 million at December 31, 2010, primarily due to decreases in non-impaired loans risk graded Special Mention and Substandard. The overall allowance for total construction loans was 9.6% at September 30, 2011, and 10.6% at December 31, 2010. At September 30, 2011, construction portfolio loans of \$50.0 million were on non-accrual status compared to \$53.9 million at December 31, 2010. Construction loans comprised 25.9% of impaired loans and 25.9% of non-accrual portfolio loans at September 30, 2011, compared to 20.3% of impaired loans and 22.3% of non-accrual portfolio loans at December 31, 2010.

Deposits

Total deposits were \$7.1 billion at September 30, 2011, an increase of \$133.3 million, or 1.9%, from \$7.0 billion at December 31, 2010, primarily due to a \$214.5 million, or 6.7%, increase in time deposits of \$100,000 or more, a \$96.9 million, or 10.4%, increase in non-interest-bearing demand

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deposits, and a \$40.8 million, or 10.6%, increase in saving deposits offset by a \$46.2 million, or 4.7%, decrease in money market deposits and a \$189.9 million, or 17.6%, decrease in time deposits under \$100,000. The following table displays the deposit mix as of the dates indicated:

	September 30, 2011	% of Total	December 31, 2010	% of Total
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Deposits				
Non-interest-bearing demand	\$ 1,027,178	14.4%	\$ 930,300	13.3%
NOW	435,860	6.1	418,703	6.0
Money market	936,449	13.2	982,617	14.0
Savings	426,000	6.0	385,245	5.5
Time deposits under \$100,000	891,390	12.5	1,081,266	15.5
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more	3,408,247	47.8	3,193,715	45.7
Total deposits	\$ 7,125,124	100.0%	\$ 6,991,846	100.0%

Borrowings

Borrowings include Federal funds purchased, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, funds obtained as advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of San Francisco, and other borrowings from financial institutions.

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase were \$1.4 billion with a weighted average rate of 4.12% at September 30, 2011, compared to \$1.6 billion with a weighted average rate of 4.18% at December 31, 2010. Two long-term securities sold under agreements to repurchase totaling \$100.0 million with a weighted average rate of 4.77% matured in March 2011. In May 2011, the Company prepaid a security sold under agreement to repurchase of \$50 million with a rate of 4.83% and incurred a prepayment penalty of \$1.7 million. Fourteen floating-to-fixed rate agreements totaling \$750.0 million have initial floating rates for a period of time ranging from six months to one year, with floating rates ranging from the three-month LIBOR minus 100 basis points to three-month LIBOR minus 340 basis points. Thereafter, the rates are fixed for the remainder of the term, with interest rates ranging from 4.29% to 5.07%. After the initial floating rate term, the counter parties have the right to terminate the transaction at par at the fixed rate reset date and quarterly thereafter. Thirteen fixed-to-floating rate agreements totaling \$650.0 million have initial fixed rates ranging from 1.00% to 3.50% with initial fixed rate terms ranging from six months to 18 months. For the remainder of the seven year term, the rates float at 8% minus the three-month LIBOR rate with a maximum rate ranging from 3.25% to 3.75% and minimum rate of 0.0%. After the initial fixed rate term, the counter parties have the right to terminate the transaction at par at the floating rate reset date and quarterly thereafter. At September 30, 2011, there was one short-term security sold under an agreement to repurchase of \$7.5 million at the rate of 0.80% which matured on October 3, 2011. The table below provides summary data for long-term securities sold under agreements to repurchase as of September 30, 2011:

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(Dollar in millions)	Fixed-to-floating						Floating-to-fixed		Total
Callable	All callable at September 30, 2011						All callable at September 30, 2011		
Rate type	Float Rate						Fixed Rate		
Rate index	8% minus 3 month LIBOR								
Maximum rate	3.75%	3.53%	3.50%	3.50%	3.53%	3.25%			
Minimum rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
No. of agreements	3	1	4	3	1	1	10	4	27
Amount	\$ 150.0	\$ 50.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 150	\$ 50	\$ 50.0	\$ 550.0	\$ 200.0	\$ 1,400.0
Weighted average rate	3.75%	3.53%	3.50%	3.50%	3.53%	3.25%	4.54%	5.00%	4.14%
Final maturity	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2014	2017	

These transactions are accounted for as collateralized financing transactions and recorded at the amounts at which the securities were sold. The Company may have to provide additional collateral for the repurchase agreements, as necessary. The underlying collateral pledged for the repurchase agreements consists of U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. government agency security debt, and mortgage-backed securities with a fair value of \$1.5 billion as of September 30, 2011, and \$1.7 billion as of December 31, 2010.

Total advances from the FHLB decreased by \$345.0 million to \$205.0 million at September 30, 2011, from \$550.0 million at December 31, 2010. The Company prepaid advances from the FHLB totaling \$200.0 million with a weighted rate of 4.29% during the first quarter of 2011, \$100.0 million at a rate of 4.33% in the second quarter of 2011, and \$100.0 million at a rate of 4.54% in the third quarter of 2011. Prepayment penalties incurred were \$16.8 million in the first nine months of 2011 and \$4.5 million in the third quarter of 2011. In January 2010, the Company prepaid advances totaling \$65.0 million from the FHLB with a rate of 3.49% and incurred prepayment penalties totaling \$909,000. There were no prepaid advances in the second quarter and in the third quarter of 2010. As of September 30, 2011, \$205.0 million FHLB advances with weighted average rate of 3.42% were outstanding compared to \$550.0 million FHLB advances with weighted average rate of 4.43% at December 31, 2010.

Long-term Debt

On September 29, 2006, the Bank issued \$50.0 million in subordinated debt in a private placement transaction. The debt had an original maturity term of 10 years, was unsecured and bore interest at a rate of three-month LIBOR plus 110 basis points, payable on a quarterly basis. In March 2011, the Company extended the debt for an additional year. As part of the extension agreement, the rate has been increased from LIBOR plus 110 basis points to LIBOR plus 330 basis points for 2011 and 2012, after which time it reverts back to LIBOR plus 110 basis points. At September 30, 2011, the per annum interest rate on the subordinated debt was 3.67% compared to 1.40% at December 31, 2010. The subordinated debt was issued through the Bank and qualifies as Tier 2 capital for regulatory reporting purposes and is included in long-term debt in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The Bancorp established three special purpose trusts in 2003 and two in 2007 for the purpose of issuing trust preferred securities to outside investors (Capital Securities). These trusts exist for the purpose of issuing the Capital Securities and investing the proceeds thereof, together with proceeds from the purchase of the common stock of the trusts by the Bancorp, in junior subordinated notes issued by the

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Bancorp (Junior Subordinated Notes). These five special purpose trusts are considered variable interest entities under FIN 46R. Because Bancorp is not the primary beneficiary of the trusts, the financial statements of the trusts are not included in the condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company. At September 30, 2011, Junior Subordinated Notes totaled \$121.1 million with a weighted average interest rate of 2.51% compared to \$121.1 million with a weighted average interest rate of 2.46% at December 31, 2010. The Junior Subordinated Notes have a stated maturity term of 30 years and are currently included in the Tier 1 capital of Bancorp for regulatory capital purposes.

Off-Balance-Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations

The following table summarizes the Company's contractual obligations to make future payments as of September 30, 2011. Payments for deposits and borrowings do not include interest. Payments related to leases are based on actual payments specified in the underlying contracts.

	Payment Due by Period				Total
	1 year or less	More than 1 year but less than 3 years	3 years or more but less than 5 years	5 years or more	
(In thousands)					
Contractual obligations:					
Deposits with stated maturity dates	\$ 3,920,043	\$ 379,122	\$ 472	\$	\$ 4,299,637
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase (1)	7,500	650,000	550,000	200,000	1,407,500
Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank (2)	205,000				205,000
Other borrowings	2,770			18,955	21,725
Long-term debt				171,136	171,136
Operating leases	5,888	9,336	3,805	441	19,470
Total contractual obligations and other commitments	\$ 4,141,201	\$ 1,038,458	\$ 554,277	\$ 390,532	\$ 6,124,468

- (1) These repurchase agreements have a final maturity of 5-year, 7-year and 10-year from origination date but are callable on a quarterly basis after six months, one year, or 18 months for the 7-year term and one year for the 5-year and 10-year term.
- (2) FHLB advances of \$150.0 million that mature in 2012 are all puttable on a quarterly basis.

In the normal course of business, we enter into various transactions, which, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, are not included in our consolidated balance sheets. We enter into these transactions to meet the financing needs of our customers. These transactions include commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit, which involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk and interest rate risk in excess of the amounts recognized in the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Loan Commitments. We enter into contractual commitments to extend credit, normally with fixed expiration dates or termination clauses, at specified rates and for specific purposes. Substantially all of our commitments to extend credit are contingent upon customers maintaining specific credit standards at the time of loan funding. We minimize our exposure to loss under these commitments by

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subjecting them to credit approval and monitoring procedures. Management assesses the credit risk associated with certain commitments to extend credit in determining the level of the allowance for credit losses.

Standby Letters of Credit. Standby letters of credit are written conditional commitments issued by us to secure the obligations of a customer to a third party. In the event the customer does not perform in accordance with the terms of an agreement with the third party, we would be required to fund the commitment. The maximum potential amount of future payments we could be required to make is represented by the contractual amount of the commitment. If the commitment is funded, we would be entitled to seek reimbursement from the customer. Our policies generally require that standby letter of credit arrangements contain security and debt covenants similar to those contained in loan agreements.

Capital Resources

Total equity was \$1.49 billion at September 30, 2011, an increase of \$58.5 million, or 4.1%, from \$1.44 billion at December 31, 2010. The following table summarizes the activity in total equity:

(In thousands)	Nine months ended September 30, 2011
Net income	\$ 72,901
Proceeds from shares issued through the Dividend Reinvestment Plan	205
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	1,307
Tax short-fall from stock-based compensation expense	(276)
Share-based compensation	1,278
Other comprehensive income	(4,469)
Preferred stock dividends	(10,127)
Cash dividends paid to common stockholders	(2,359)
Net increase in total equity	\$ 58,460

Capital Adequacy Review

Management seeks to maintain the Company's capital at a level sufficient to support future growth, protect depositors and stockholders, and comply with various regulatory requirements.

On September 29, 2006, the Bank issued \$50.0 million in subordinated debt in a private placement transaction. This instrument matures on September 29, 2017. The subordinated debt was issued through the Bank and qualifies as Tier 2 capital for regulatory reporting purposes.

The Bancorp established five special purpose trusts for the purpose of issuing trust preferred securities to outside investors (*Capital Securities*). These trusts exist for the purpose of issuing the *Capital Securities* and investing the proceeds thereof, together with proceeds from the purchase of the common stock of the trusts by Bancorp, in junior subordinated notes issued by Bancorp (*Junior Subordinated Notes*). The Junior Subordinated Notes totaled \$121.1 million as of September 30, 2011, and were included in the Tier 1 capital of the Bancorp for regulatory capital purposes.

Both the Bancorp's and the Bank's regulatory capital continued to exceed the regulatory minimum requirements as of September 30, 2011. In addition, the capital ratios of the Bank place it in the well capitalized category which is defined as institutions with a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio equal to or

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greater than 6.0%, total risk-based ratio equal to or greater than 10.0%, and Tier 1 leverage capital ratio equal to or greater than 5.0%.

The following table presents Bancorp's and the Bank's capital and leverage ratios as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010:

(Dollars in thousands)	Cathay General Bancorp				Cathay Bank			
	September 30, 2011		December 31, 2010		September 30, 2011		December 31, 2010	
	Balance	%	Balance	%	Balance	%	Balance	%
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	\$ 1,293,946	15.83	\$ 1,228,184	15.37	\$ 1,260,290	15.44	\$ 1,182,033	14.81
Tier 1 capital minimum requirement	326,950	4.00	319,607	4.00	326,577	4.00	319,209	4.00
Excess	\$ 966,996	11.83	\$ 908,577	11.37	\$ 933,713	11.44	\$ 862,824	10.81
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)	\$ 1,448,479	17.72	\$ 1,379,758	17.27	\$ 1,413,716	17.32	\$ 1,333,610	16.71
Total capital minimum requirement	653,899	8.00	639,214	8.00	653,093	8.00	638,418	8.00
Excess	\$ 794,580	9.72	\$ 740,544	9.27	\$ 760,623	9.32	\$ 695,192	8.71
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)								
Leverage ratio	\$ 1,293,946	12.60	\$ 1,228,184	11.44	\$ 1,260,290	12.29	\$ 1,182,033	11.03
Minimum leverage requirement	410,628	4.00	429,254	4.00	410,136	4.00	428,667	4.00
Excess	\$ 883,318	8.60	\$ 798,930	7.44	\$ 850,154	8.29	\$ 753,366	7.03
Risk-weighted assets	\$ 8,173,738		\$ 7,990,176		\$ 8,163,659		\$ 7,980,219	
Total average assets (1)	\$ 10,265,709		\$ 10,731,357		\$ 10,253,409		\$ 10,716,672	

- (1) The quarterly total average assets reflect all debt securities at amortized cost, equity security with readily determinable fair values at the lower of cost or fair value, and equity securities without readily determinable fair values at historical cost.

Dividend Policy

Holders of common stock are entitled to dividends as and when declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends. Although we have historically paid cash dividends on our common stock, we are not required to do so. Commencing with the second quarter of 2009, our board of directors reduced our common stock dividend to \$.08 per share and to \$.01 per share thereafter. The amount of future dividends will depend on earnings, financial condition, capital requirements and other factors, and will be determined by our board of directors. As discussed in the Regulatory Matters section below, we are to consult with our regulators before paying any dividends. On November 17, 2010, the Federal Reserve issued guidance that bank holding companies participating in government capital programs still outstanding should not increase dividend payouts. There can be no assurance that our regulators will not object to the payment of such dividends. In our three-year capital and strategic plan submitted to our regulators, we indicated that the Bank was not expecting to pay dividends to us through 2011. The terms of our Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B, and Junior Subordinated Notes also limit our ability to pay dividends on our common stock. If we are not current in our payment of dividends on our Series B Preferred Stock or in our payment of interest on our Junior Subordinated Notes, we may not pay dividends on our common stock.

The Company declared a cash dividend of one cent per share for distribution to holders of our common stock on March 10, 2011, on 78,631,617 shares outstanding, on June 10, 2011, on 78,634,462 shares outstanding, and on September 8, 2011, on 78,640,564 shares outstanding. Total cash dividends of \$2.4 million were paid for the first nine months ended September 30, 2011.

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Financial Derivatives

It is the policy of the Company not to speculate on the future direction of interest rates. However, the Company enters into financial derivatives in order to seek mitigation of exposure to interest rate risks related to our interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. We believe that these transactions, when properly structured and managed, may provide a hedge against inherent interest rate risk in the Company's assets or liabilities and against risk in specific transactions. In such instances, the Company may protect its position through the purchase or sale of interest rate futures contracts for a specific cash or interest rate risk position. Other hedge transactions may be implemented using interest rate swaps, interest rate caps, floors, financial futures, forward rate agreements, and options on futures or bonds. Prior to considering any hedging activities, we seek to analyze the costs and benefits of the hedge in comparison to other viable alternative strategies. All hedges will require an assessment of basis risk and must be approved by the Bank's Investment Committee.

The Company follows ASC Topic 815 which established accounting and reporting standards for financial derivatives, including certain financial derivatives embedded in other contracts, and hedging activities. It requires the recognition of all financial derivatives as assets or liabilities in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet and measurement of those financial derivatives at fair value. The accounting treatment of changes in fair value is dependent upon whether or not a financial derivative is designated as a hedge and if so, the type of hedge.

As of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010, we had entered into five interest rate swap agreements with two major financial institutions in the notional amount of \$300.0 million for a period of three years. These interest rate swaps were not structured to hedge against inherent interest rate risks related to our interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. At September 30, 2011, the Company paid a fixed rate at a weighted average of 1.95% and received a floating 3-month LIBOR rate at a weighted average of 0.32% on these agreements. The net amount accrued on these interest rate swaps of \$3.7 million for the first nine months of 2011 was recorded as a reduction to other non-interest income. The Company recorded the negative fair value of these interest rate swaps within other liabilities of \$3.9 million at September 30, 2011, compared to \$6.5 million at December 31, 2010.

The Company enters into foreign exchange forward contracts and foreign currency option contracts with various counter parties to mitigate the risk of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates for foreign exchange certificates of deposit, foreign exchange contracts, or foreign currency option contracts entered into with our clients. These contracts are not designated as hedging instruments and are recorded at fair value in our condensed consolidated balance sheets. Changes in the fair value of these contracts as well as the related foreign exchange certificates of deposit, foreign exchange contracts or foreign currency option contracts are recognized immediately in net income as a component of non-interest income. Period end gross positive fair values are recorded in other assets and gross negative fair values are recorded in other liabilities. At September 30, 2011, the notional amount of option contracts totaled \$36.4 million with a net negative fair value of \$340,000. Spot and forward contracts in the total notional amount of \$121.8 million had positive fair value of \$1.2 million at September 30, 2011. Spot and forward contracts in the total notional amount of \$124.1 million had a negative fair value of \$3.9 million at September 30, 2011. At December 31, 2010, the notional amount of option contracts totaled \$29.3 million with a net positive fair value of \$35,000. Spot and

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forward contracts in the total notional amount of \$112.7 million had positive fair value, in the amount of \$4.6 million at December 31, 2010. Spot and forward contracts in the total notional amount of \$68.4 million had a negative fair value in the amount of \$1.9 million at December 31, 2010.

Liquidity

Liquidity is our ability to maintain sufficient cash flow to meet maturing financial obligations and customer credit needs, and to take advantage of investment opportunities as they are presented in the marketplace. Our principal sources of liquidity are growth in deposits, proceeds from the maturity or sale of securities and other financial instruments, repayments from securities and loans, federal funds purchased, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, and advances from the FHLB. At September 30, 2011, our liquidity ratio (defined as net cash plus short-term and marketable securities to net deposits and short-term liabilities) was 14.5% compared to 20.3% at December 31, 2010. At September 30, 2011, our short-term investments and interest bearing deposits totaled \$33.7 million compared to \$206.3 million at December 31, 2010.

The Bank is a shareholder of the FHLB of San Francisco, enabling it to have access to lower cost FHLB financing when necessary. As of September 30, 2011, the Bank had an approved credit line with the FHLB of San Francisco totaling \$1.6 billion and an unused borrowing capacity of \$1.4 billion. The Bank expects to be able to access this source of funding, if required, in the near term. The total credit outstanding with the FHLB of San Francisco at September 30, 2011, was \$205.0 million. The Bank has pledged a portion of its commercial and real estate loans to the Federal Reserve Bank's Discount Window under the Borrower-in-Custody program to secure these borrowings. At September 30, 2011, the borrowing capacity under the Borrower-in-Custody program was \$241.0 million.

Liquidity can also be provided through the sale of liquid assets, which consist of federal funds sold, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, and unpledged investment securities. At September 30, 2011, investment securities at fair value and trading securities totaled \$2.45 billion, with \$1.70 billion pledged as collateral for borrowings and other commitments. The remaining \$747.7 million was available as additional liquidity or to be pledged as collateral for additional borrowings.

Approximately 91% of the Company's time deposits mature within one year or less as of September 30, 2011. Management anticipates that there may be some outflow of these deposits upon maturity due to the keen competition in the Bank's marketplace. However, based on our historical run-off experience, we expect that the outflow will be minimal and can be replenished through our normal growth in deposits. Management believes the above-mentioned sources will provide adequate liquidity to the Bank to meet its daily operating needs.

The Bancorp obtains funding for its activities primarily through dividend income contributed by the Bank and the issuance of additional common stock and, to a lesser extent, proceeds from issuance of Bancorp common stock through our Dividend Reinvestment Plan and exercise of stock options. Dividends paid to the Bancorp by the Bank are subject to regulatory limitations and approval. In light of the uncertain economic times and the regulatory considerations described under *Dividend Policy* and *Regulatory Matters*, the Bank did not pay a dividend to Bancorp in either 2009 or 2010 and is not expected to pay a dividend to the Bancorp in 2011. The business activities of Bancorp consist primarily of the operation of the Bank and limited activities in other investments. Management believes Bancorp's cash on hand on September 30, 2011, of \$24.8 million is sufficient to meet its operational needs for the next twelve months.

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On December 17, 2009, the Bancorp entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (FRB SF) under which we agreed that we will not, without the FRB SF's prior written approval, (i) receive any dividends or any other form of payment or distribution representing a reduction of capital from the Bank, or (ii) declare or pay any dividends, make any payments on trust preferred securities, or make any other capital distributions. We do not believe that this agreement regarding dividends from the Bank will have a material adverse effect on our operations. We had retained a portion of the proceeds from our common stock offerings to be used, for among other things, payments of future dividends on our common and preferred stock and payments on trust preferred securities. At September 30, 2011, our cash on hand totaled \$24.8 million which is sufficient to cover future dividends on our common stock at the current quarterly rate of \$.01 per share, on our preferred stock, and payments on our trust preferred securities, subject to FRB SF approval, for at least twelve months.

Under the memorandum, we also agreed to submit to the FRB SF for review and approval a plan to maintain sufficient capital at the Company on a consolidated basis and at the Bank, a dividend policy for the Bancorp, a plan to improve management of our liquidity position and funds management practices, and a liquidity policy and contingency funding plan for the Bancorp. As part of our compliance with the memorandum, on January 22, 2010, we submitted to the FRB SF a Three-Year Capital and Strategic Plan that updates a previously submitted plan and establishes, among other things, targets for our Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio, total risk-based capital ratio, Tier 1 leverage capital ratio, and tangible common risk-based ratio, each of which, where applicable, are above the minimum requirements for a well-capitalized institution. An updated Capital Plan was submitted to the FRB SF on September 30, 2011 and we are in compliance with its target ratios as of that date. In addition, we agreed to notify the FRB SF prior to effecting certain changes to our senior executive officers and board of directors and we are limited and/or prohibited, in certain circumstances, in our ability to enter into contracts to pay and to make golden parachute severance and indemnification payments. We also agreed in the memorandum that we will not, without the prior written approval of the FRB SF, directly or indirectly, (i) incur, renew, increase or guaranty any debt, (ii) issue any trust preferred securities, or (iii) purchase, redeem, or otherwise acquire any of our stock. The target and actual capital levels of the Three-Year Capital and Strategic Plan submitted to the FRB SF, with any excess or deficiency of the actual over the target levels, are as follows as of September 30, 2011:

	Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	Total risk-based capital ratio	Tier 1 leverage capital ratio	Tangible common risk-based ratio *
Actual	15.83%	17.72%	12.60%	11.18%
Target Levels	11.50%	13.50%	9.50%	5.00%
Excess/(deficiency)	4.33%	4.22%	3.10%	6.18%

* Tier 1 risk-based capital excluding preferred stock, trust preferred stock and REIT preferred stock divided by total risk-weighted assets. On March 1, 2010, the Bank entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) and the FDIC pursuant to which we are required to develop and implement, within specified time periods, plans satisfactory to the DFI and the FDIC to reduce commercial real estate concentrations, to enhance and to improve the quality of our stress testing of the Bank's loan

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portfolio, and to revise our loan policy in connection therewith; to develop and adopt a strategic plan addressing improved profitability and capital ratios and to reduce the Bank's overall risk profile; to develop and adopt a capital plan; to develop and implement a plan to improve asset quality, including the methodology for calculating the loss reserve allocation and evaluating its adequacy; and to develop and implement a plan to reduce dependence on wholesale funding. In addition, we are required to report our progress to the DFI and FDIC on a quarterly basis. As part of our compliance with the Bank memorandum, on April 30, 2010, we submitted to the DFI and the FDIC a Three-Year Capital Plan that updated the Three-Year Capital and Strategic Plan previously submitted to the FRB SF on January 22, 2010 and established, among other things, targets for our Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio and total risk-based capital ratio, each of which are above the minimum requirements for a well-capitalized institution, and effective September 30, 2010, a target Tier 1 to total tangible assets ratio. An updated Capital Plan was submitted to the DFI and FDIC on September 30, 2011 and we are in compliance with its target ratios as of that date. The target and actual capital levels of the Three-Year Capital Plan submitted to the DFI and FDIC, and any excess or deficiency of the actual over target levels, are as follows as of September 30, 2011:

	Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	Total risk-based capital ratio	Tier 1 Capital to total tangible assets ratio
Actual	15.44%	17.32%	12.36%
Target Levels	11.50%	13.50%	9.50%
Excess/(deficiency)	3.94%	3.82%	2.86%

Under the memorandum of understanding with the DFI and the FDIC, we are also subject to a restriction on dividends from the Bank to Bancorp, a requirement to maintain an adequate allowance for loan and lease losses, and restrictions on any new branches and business lines without prior approval. We are currently required to notify the FDIC prior to effecting certain changes to our senior executive officers and board of directors and are limited and/or prohibited, in certain circumstances, in our ability to enter into contracts to pay and to make golden parachute severance and indemnification payments; and we are required to retain management and directors acceptable to the DFI and the FDIC.

The Bancorp and the Bank believe that they have taken appropriate steps to comply with the terms of their respective memorandums of understanding and we believe we are in compliance with the memorandums. In particular, on January 21, 2010 the Board of Directors of the Bank appointed the Compliance Committee to review the Company's management and governance and consider making recommendations based on such review and, on February 18, 2010, authorized the Company's Audit Committee to oversee compliance with the two memoranda. We do not believe that the memoranda or our compliance activities will have a material adverse effect on our operations or financial condition, including liquidity. If we fail to comply with the terms of the memoranda, that failure could lead to additional enforcement action by regulators that could have a material adverse effect on our operations or financial condition.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK***Market Risk***

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We use a net interest income simulation model to measure the extent of the differences in the behavior of the lending and funding rates to changing interest rates, so as to project future earnings or market values under alternative interest rate scenarios. Interest rate risk arises primarily through the Company's traditional business activities of extending loans and accepting deposits. Many factors, including economic and financial conditions, movements in interest rates and consumer preferences affect the spread between interest earned on assets and interest paid on liabilities. The net interest income simulation model is designed to measure the volatility of net interest income and net portfolio value, defined as net present value of assets and liabilities, under immediate rising or falling interest rate scenarios in 100 basis point increments.

Although the modeling is very helpful in managing interest rate risk, it does require significant assumptions for the projection of loan prepayment rates on mortgage related assets, loan volumes and pricing, and deposit and borrowing volume and pricing, that might prove inaccurate. Because these assumptions are inherently uncertain, the model cannot precisely estimate net interest income, or precisely predict the effect of higher or lower interest rates on net interest income. Actual results will differ from simulated results due to the timing, magnitude, and frequency of interest rate changes, the differences between actual experience and the assumed volume, changes in market conditions, and management strategies, among other factors. The Company monitors its interest rate sensitivity and attempts to reduce the risk of a significant decrease in net interest income caused by a change in interest rates.

We have established a tolerance level in our policy to define and limit net interest income volatility to a change of plus or minus 15% when the hypothetical rate change is plus or minus 200 basis points. When the net interest rate simulation projects that our tolerance level will be met or exceeded, we seek corrective action after considering, among other things, market conditions, customer reaction, and the estimated impact on profitability. The Company's simulation model also projects the net economic value of our portfolio of assets and liabilities. We have established a tolerance level in our policy to value the net economic value of our portfolio of assets and liabilities to a change of plus or minus 15% when the hypothetical rate change is plus or minus 200 basis points.

The table below shows the estimated impact of changes in interest rate on net interest income and market value of equity as of September 30, 2011:

Change in Interest Rate (Basis Points)	Net Interest Income Volatility (1)	Market Value of Equity Volatility (2)
+200	6.9	9.4
+100	2.9	6.6
-100	-2.0	-5.9
-200	-5.7	-3.7

- (1) The percentage change in this column represents net interest income of the Company for 12 months in a stable interest rate environment versus the net interest income in the various rate scenarios.
- (2) The percentage change in this column represents net portfolio value of the Company in a stable interest rate environment versus the net portfolio value in the various rate scenarios.

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ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

The Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based upon their evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports filed or submitted by it under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in such reports is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There has not been any change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Bancorp's wholly-owned subsidiary, Cathay Bank, is a party to ordinary routine litigation from time to time incidental to various aspects of its operations. Management does not believe that any such litigation is expected to have a material adverse impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

There is no material change in the risk factors as previously disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, in response to Item 1A in Part I of Form 10-K.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS.

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Period	(a) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased	(b) Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)	(c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	(d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
Month # 1 (July 1, 2011 - July 31, 2011)	0	\$ 0	0	622,500
Month # 2 (August 1, 2011 - August 31, 2011)	0	\$ 0	0	622,500
Month # 3 (September 1, 2011 - September 30, 2011)	0	\$ 0	0	622,500
Total	0	\$ 0	0	622,500

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. (REMOVED AND RESERVED.)**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION.**

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS.

- (i) **Exhibit 31.1** Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- (ii) **Exhibit 31.2** Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- (iii) **Exhibit 32.1** Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- (iv) **Exhibit 32.2** Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- (v) **Exhibit 101.INS** XBRL Instance Document **
- (vi) **Exhibit 101.SCH** XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document **

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- (vii) **Exhibit 101.CAL** XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document **
- (viii) **Exhibit 101.DEF** XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document **
- (ix) **Exhibit 101.LAB** XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document **
- (x) **Exhibit 101.PRE** XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document **

* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

** XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) information shall not be deemed to be filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and otherwise shall not be subject to liability under these sections, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Cathay General Bancorp

(Registrant)

Date: November 4, 2011

/s/ Dunson K. Cheng
Dunson K. Cheng

Chairman, President, and

Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 4, 2011

/s/ Heng W. Chen
Heng W. Chen

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer