



First Community Corporation

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The Deposit Beta Can't Get Much Better than Zero; BUY

On the heels of FCCO's 3Q22 earnings report, we're increasing our EPS estimates, nudging our PT higher, and reiterating **BUY**. Even though the bank doesn't rank high in terms of % of variable rate loans, it demonstrated impressive NIM expansion via a higher securities yield and a very impressive ability to lag on deposit pricing (with a zero deposit beta in 3Q22). We suspect the funding advantage will be clearly evident throughout this rate cycle, as attractive, low-cost deposit franchises clearly matter again (as opposed to recent years amid historically low rates), and in turn, should imply greater value for these banks.

Core EPS beats on NIM and provision: FCCO reported 3Q22 EPS of \$0.52, which we consider as core. This came in 6 cents above both consensus and our estimate. The core beat reflects higher than expected core PPNR and a lower than modeled provision for loan losses. The core PPNR beat stemmed from higher than expected NII, partially offset by less favorable than modeled core fee revs and core expenses. For more details on FCCO's 3Q22 results, please see our [earlier First Look note](#).

Increasing our EPS estimates: After inputting FCCO's core 3Q22 results into our model and fine-tuning our assumptions, we're increasing our 2022E EPS by 11 cents (to \$1.92), our 2023E EPS by 16 cents (to \$2.23), and our 2024E EPS by 12 cents (to \$2.29). Main adjustments, besides the flow-through of the core 3Q22 beat, was a higher base NIM (and additional expansion ahead), and to a lesser extent, a slightly lower assumed pace of provisioning, partially offset by less favorable run-rates for core fee revs and core expenses.

Nudging PT higher; reiterate BUY: We're increasing our PT by \$0.50 (to \$21.00) given our increased EPS estimates. Our PT assumes the shares will trade at 138% of our YE23E TBV/sh and 9.4x our 2023E EPS.

FCCO demonstrated the value of a high-quality, low-cost deposit franchise in a rising rate environment, as the bank recorded a zero deposit beta in 3Q22 (as the cost of deposits remained unchanged LQ at 0.09%). This ability to lag on funding costs is helped by an extremely liquid balance sheet – as the loans-to-deposits ratio is only 66%. While deposit beta likely won't be zero going forward, as FCCO has begun to raise rates, we expect the bank to have a cycle-long advantage on funding costs.

Interestingly, on the asset yield side, the near-term driver is the ramp in securities yield, while the loan yield will have more of a delayed, yet longer-tail impact further out as loans reprice and/or new loans come on the balance sheet. This reflects the bank's relatively high proportion of variable-rate securities to AEAs, as well as the relatively small % of loans that are variable. Net-net, we suspect that 3Q22 will prove the widest LQ NIM expansion (+36bp), as there should be a diminishing pace of additional expansion in 4Q22 and 1Q23, but also likely over the balance of 2023.

Loan growth has been solid in recent quarters, and pipelines still look healthy, although we get the sense that growth will slow in 4Q22 and 2023 given the uncertain economic environment (including the likelihood of some CRE projects falling out of the pipeline given the difficulty of higher rates) and a likely more selective approach on credit by the bank.

FY (Dec)		2021A	2022E	Previous	Cons.	2023E	Previous	Cons.
EPS	Q1 (Mar)	\$0.43	\$0.44A	-	n.a.	\$0.54E	\$0.51	\$0.50
	Q2 (Jun)	\$0.47	\$0.42A	-	n.a.	\$0.55E	\$0.51	\$0.51
	Q3 (Sep)	\$0.62	\$0.52A	\$0.46	n.a.	\$0.57E	\$0.53	\$0.53
	Q4 (Dec)	\$0.50	\$0.55E	\$0.49	\$0.49	\$0.57E	\$0.53	\$0.53
		<u>\$2.03</u>	<u>\$1.92E</u>	<u>\$1.81</u>	<u>\$1.88</u>	<u>\$2.23E</u>	<u>\$2.07</u>	<u>\$2.05</u>
Price/EPS		8.8x	9.3x			8.0x		
Revenue (\$M)	Q1 (Mar)	\$13.9	\$14.1A	-	n.a.	\$16.3E	\$15.8	\$15.7
	Q2 (Jun)	\$14.5	\$14.1A	-	n.a.	\$16.6E	\$16.1	\$16.1
	Q3 (Sep)	\$16.0	\$15.5A	\$15.0	n.a.	\$17.0E	\$16.4	\$16.5
	Q4 (Dec)	\$14.7	\$15.9E	\$15.5	\$15.5	\$17.3E	\$16.7	\$16.8
		<u>\$59.0</u>	<u>\$59.6E</u>	<u>\$58.7</u>	<u>\$59.0</u>	<u>\$67.1E</u>	<u>\$64.9</u>	<u>\$65.2</u>

Buy

Price Target	↑\$21.00
Price (10/19/22)	\$17.91
Industry	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Valuation & Performance

Return on Assets (MRQ)	0.95%
ROTC (MRQ)	15.7%
Net Interest Margin (MRQ)	3.29%
Efficiency Ratio (MRQ)	67.2%
TBV per Share (9/30/22)	\$13.03
TCE/TA (9/30/22)	6.0%
Dividend	\$0.52 (2.9%)

Trading Data

Shares Outstanding (M)	7.6
Market Capitalization (\$M)	\$135.5
52-week range	\$16.97 - \$23.42
Avg. Volume (3-mth.) (K)	6.8

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Company Description

Lexington, SC - First Community Corporation is the parent company of First Community Bank a +\$1.6B asset community bank base in the midlands of South Carolina. First Community Bank offers a full suite of banking and financial planning/ investment advisory services to both retail and commercial clients.

Price Performance

NASDAQ: FCCO

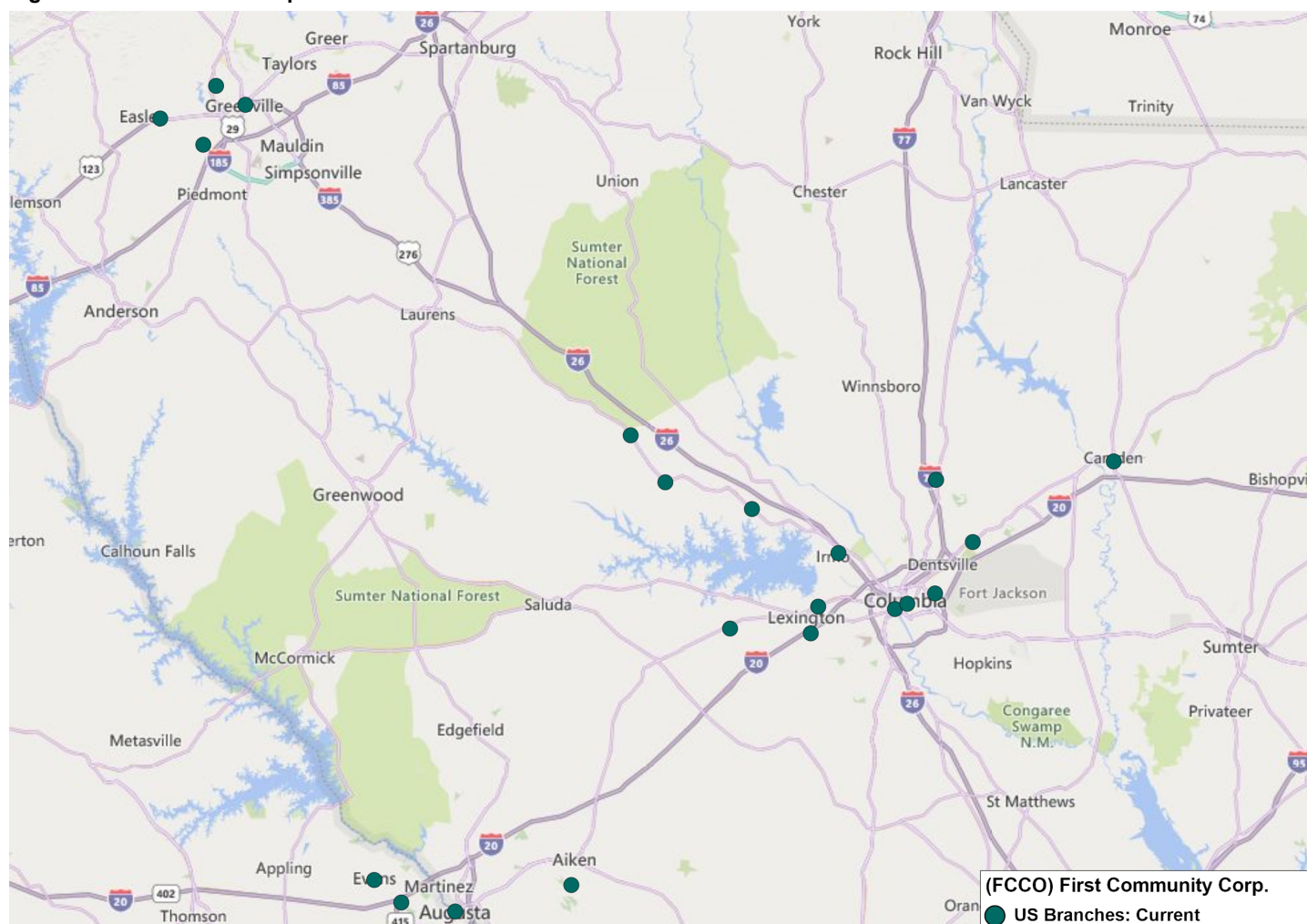


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In terms of deposit balances, FCCO only experienced a slight decline in 3Q22, and management expects to see only a slight decline to stable balances going forward. While certain customers may migrate to higher-rate products outside the bank, FCCO points to likely greater retention (given the bank has commenced raising deposit rates) and offsetting balances from new customers. On the latter, the CEO expects an influx of deposits from the opening of a new full-service branch in Rock Hill, SC.

Credit quality remains strong, with continued net recoveries and a nominal past due ratio. That said, given the uncertainty of the economic environment, we get the sense that FCCO is being a bit more cautious with residential A&D and out-of-market purchasers of properties. The bank maintains a very granular loan book and has a conservative track record on credit. We expect the bank to adopt CECL as of January 1st, 2023 (from its prior long-time framework of the incurred loss model), although we believe that the bank has been modeling in parallel in recent quarters.

Figure 1: FCCO Branch Map



Source: S&P Capital IQ

First Community Corp. (FCCO)																	Kevin P. Fitzsimmons 856-994-6062									
(SM, except Per Share Data)																										
Income Statement	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E	1Q21A	2Q21A	3Q21A	4Q21A	1Q22A	2Q22A	3Q22A	4Q22E	1Q23E	2Q23E	3Q23E	4Q23E	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E					
NET INTEREST INCOME (FTE)	\$ 40.023	\$ 45.387	\$ 47.859	\$ 55.831	\$ 59.697	\$ 10.675	\$ 11.092	\$ 12.456	\$ 11.164	\$ 10.733	\$ 11.051	\$ 12.794	\$ 13.281	\$ 13.564	\$ 13.833	\$ 14.093	\$ 14.341	\$ 14.535	\$ 14.752	\$ 15.038	\$ 15.372					
PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	\$ 3.663	\$ 0.335	\$ 0.005	\$ 2.134	\$ 3.650	\$ 0.177	\$ 0.168	\$ 0.049	\$ (0.059)	\$ (0.125)	\$ (0.070)	\$ 0.018	\$ 0.182	\$ 0.425	\$ 0.500	\$ 0.547	\$ 0.661	\$ 0.748	\$ 0.843	\$ 0.975	\$ 1.085					
Non-Interest Income					\$ -																					
Deposit service charges	\$ 1.121	\$ 0.977	\$ 1.018	\$ 1.034	\$ 1.103	\$ 0.246	\$ 0.212	\$ 0.257	\$ 0.262	\$ 0.265	\$ 0.262	\$ 0.243	\$ 0.248	\$ 0.252	\$ 0.258	\$ 0.260	\$ 0.264	\$ 0.268	\$ 0.275	\$ 0.278	\$ 0.282					
Mortgage banking income	\$ 5.557	\$ 4.319	\$ 1.891	\$ 1.190	\$ 1.247	\$ 0.990	\$ 1.143	\$ 1.147	\$ 1.039	\$ 0.839	\$ 0.481	\$ 0.290	\$ 0.281	\$ 0.276	\$ 0.302	\$ 0.312	\$ 0.300	\$ 0.288	\$ 0.317	\$ 0.329	\$ 0.313					
Invest. Advisory fees & commissions	\$ 2.720	\$ 3.995	\$ 4.467	\$ 4.539	\$ 5.134	\$ 0.877	\$ 0.957	\$ 1.040	\$ 1.121	\$ 1.198	\$ 1.195	\$ 1.053	\$ 1.021	\$ 1.057	\$ 1.110	\$ 1.166	\$ 1.206	\$ 1.236	\$ 1.274	\$ 1.299	\$ 1.325					
Gain (loss) on sale of other assets	\$ 0.147	\$ 0.077	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.077	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Other	\$ 3.814	\$ 4.349	\$ 4.375	\$ 4.547	\$ 4.732	\$ 1.106	\$ 1.106	\$ 1.060	\$ 1.077	\$ 1.068	\$ 1.111	\$ 1.087	\$ 1.109	\$ 1.120	\$ 1.131	\$ 1.142	\$ 1.154	\$ 1.165	\$ 1.177	\$ 1.189	\$ 1.201					
TOTAL NON-INTEREST INCOME (core)	\$ 13.359	\$ 13.717	\$ 11.751	\$ 11.310	\$ 12.216	\$ 3.296	\$ 3.418	\$ 3.504	\$ 3.499	\$ 3.370	\$ 3.049	\$ 2.673	\$ 2.659	\$ 2.704	\$ 2.801	\$ 2.881	\$ 2.924	\$ 2.958	\$ 3.042	\$ 3.095	\$ 3.120					
OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 53.382	\$ 58.996	\$ 59.610	\$ 67.141	\$ 71.913	\$ 13.863	\$ 14.510	\$ 15.960	\$ 14.663	\$ 14.103	\$ 14.100	\$ 15.467	\$ 15.940	\$ 16.268	\$ 16.634	\$ 16.974	\$ 17.265	\$ 17.493	\$ 17.794	\$ 18.133	\$ 18.492					
Noninterest Expense																										
Salaries & employee benefits	\$ 24.026	\$ 24.494	\$ 25.199	\$ 27.240	\$ 29.045	\$ 5.964	\$ 5.948	\$ 6.394	\$ 6.188	\$ 6.119	\$ 6.175	\$ 6.373	\$ 6.532	\$ 6.630	\$ 6.796	\$ 6.864	\$ 6.950	\$ 7.044	\$ 7.255	\$ 7.328	\$ 7.419					
Occupancy	\$ 2.709	\$ 2.947	\$ 3.075	\$ 3.300	\$ 3.458	\$ 0.730	\$ 0.734	\$ 0.743	\$ 0.740	\$ 0.705	\$ 0.786	\$ 0.786	\$ 0.798	\$ 0.810	\$ 0.820	\$ 0.830	\$ 0.841	\$ 0.851	\$ 0.860	\$ 0.868	\$ 0.879					
Equipment	\$ 1.237	\$ 1.296	\$ 1.325	\$ 1.368	\$ 1.427	\$ 0.275	\$ 0.338	\$ 0.336	\$ 0.347	\$ 0.332	\$ 0.329	\$ 0.331	\$ 0.333	\$ 0.337	\$ 0.340	\$ 0.344	\$ 0.347	\$ 0.351	\$ 0.355	\$ 0.358	\$ 0.362					
Marketing & public relations	\$ 1.043	\$ 1.173	\$ 1.141	\$ 0.726	\$ 0.784	\$ 0.396	\$ 0.313	\$ 0.140	\$ 0.324	\$ 0.361	\$ 0.446	\$ 0.163	\$ 0.171	\$ 0.180	\$ 0.183	\$ 0.178	\$ 0.185	\$ 0.194	\$ 0.198	\$ 0.192	\$ 0.200					
FDIC assessment	\$ 0.404	\$ 0.618	\$ 0.477	\$ 0.484	\$ 0.484	\$ 0.169	\$ 0.146	\$ 0.189	\$ 0.114	\$ 0.130	\$ 0.105	\$ 0.121	\$ 0.121	\$ 0.121	\$ 0.121	\$ 0.121	\$ 0.121	\$ 0.121	\$ 0.121	\$ 0.121	\$ 0.121					
Amortization of intangibles	\$ 0.363	\$ 0.201	\$ 0.157	\$ 0.151	\$ 0.145	\$ 0.057	\$ 0.052	\$ 0.052	\$ 0.040	\$ 0.039	\$ 0.040	\$ 0.039	\$ 0.039	\$ 0.038	\$ 0.038	\$ 0.037	\$ 0.037	\$ 0.037	\$ 0.036	\$ 0.036	\$ 0.036					
Other operating expenses	\$ 7.551	\$ 8.367	\$ 9.556	\$ 10.231	\$ 10.805	\$ 1.920	\$ 2.292	\$ 1.993	\$ 2.162	\$ 2.221	\$ 2.278	\$ 2.585	\$ 2.472	\$ 2.509	\$ 2.540	\$ 2.572	\$ 2.610	\$ 2.649	\$ 2.683	\$ 2.716	\$ 2.757					
Noninterest Expense, Ex-Credit	\$ 37.333	\$ 39.096	\$ 40.929	\$ 43.499	\$ 46.147	\$ 9.511	\$ 9.823	\$ 9.847	\$ 9.915	\$ 9.907	\$ 10.159	\$ 10.398	\$ 10.465	\$ 10.624	\$ 10.838	\$ 10.946	\$ 11.091	\$ 11.247	\$ 11.507	\$ 11.619	\$ 11.773					
OREO expense	\$ 0.201	\$ 0.105	\$ 0.113	\$ 0.074	\$ 0.074	\$ 0.029	\$ 0.055	\$ 0.058	\$ (0.037)	\$ 0.047	\$ 0.029	\$ 0.019	\$ 0.018	\$ 0.018	\$ 0.018	\$ 0.018	\$ 0.018	\$ 0.018	\$ 0.018	\$ 0.018	\$ 0.018					
Write-down of OREO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Net loss (gain) on sale of OREO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
NONINTEREST EXPENSE (core)	\$ 37.534	\$ 39.201	\$ 41.042	\$ 43.573	\$ 46.221	\$ 9.540	\$ 9.878	\$ 9.905	\$ 9.878	\$ 9.954	\$ 10.188	\$ 10.417	\$ 10.483	\$ 10.643	\$ 10.857	\$ 10.964	\$ 11.109	\$ 11.266	\$ 11.526	\$ 11.638	\$ 11.792					
Pre-Tax Operating Income	\$ 12.185	\$ 19.460	\$ 18.562	\$ 21.435	\$ 22.041	\$ 4.146	\$ 4.464	\$ 6.006	\$ 4.844	\$ 4.274	\$ 3.982	\$ 5.032	\$ 5.274	\$ 5.200	\$ 5.277	\$ 5.463	\$ 5.496	\$ 5.480	\$ 5.426	\$ 5.520	\$ 5.616					
Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision Operating Income	\$ 15.848	\$ 19.795	\$ 18.568	\$ 23.568	\$ 25.692	\$ 4.323	\$ 4.632	\$ 6.055	\$ 4.785	\$ 4.149	\$ 3.912	\$ 5.050	\$ 5.457	\$ 5.625	\$ 5.777	\$ 6.010	\$ 6.156	\$ 6.228	\$ 6.268	\$ 6.495	\$ 6.700					
Pre-Tax, Pre-Credit Costs Operating Income	\$ 16.049	\$ 19.900	\$ 18.681	\$ 23.642	\$ 25.765	\$ 4.352	\$ 4.687	\$ 6.113	\$ 4.748	\$ 4.196	\$ 3.941	\$ 5.069	\$ 5.475	\$ 5.643	\$ 5.796	\$ 6.028	\$ 6.175	\$ 6.246	\$ 6.287	\$ 6.514	\$ 6.719					
Gain (Loss) on sale of securities	\$ 0.099	\$ -	\$ (0.045)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0.045)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Non-Operating Revenues	\$ 0.311	\$ 0.187	\$ 0.009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.060	\$ 0.127	\$ 0.004	\$ 0.005	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Non-Operating Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Merger Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Pre-Tax Income	\$ 12.595	\$ 19.647	\$ 18.526	\$ 21.435	\$ 22.041	\$ 4.146	\$ 4.464	\$ 6.066	\$ 4.971	\$ 4.278	\$ 3.942	\$ 5.032	\$ 5.274	\$ 5.200	\$ 5.277	\$ 5.463	\$ 5.496	\$ 5.480	\$ 5.426	\$ 5.520	\$ 5.616					
Income Taxes	\$ 2.496	\$ 4.182	\$ 3.790	\$ 4.501	\$ 4.629	\$ 0.891	\$ 0.921	\$ 1.318	\$ 1.052	\$ 0.789	\$ 0.812	\$ 1.081	\$ 1.108	\$ 1.092	\$ 1.108	\$ 1.147	\$ 1.154	\$ 1.151	\$ 1.139	\$ 1.159	\$ 1.179					
Tax Rate	19.82%	21.29%	20.46%	21.00%	21.00%	21.5%	20.6%	21.7%	21.2%	18.4%	20.6%	21.5%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%					
Core Tax Rate	19.66%	21.25%	21.15%	21.00%	21.00%	21.5%	20.6%	21.7%	21.2%	21.5%	20.6%	21.5%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%					
Net Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 10.099	\$ 15.465	\$ 14.737	\$ 16.933	\$ 17.413	\$ 3.255	\$ 3.543	\$ 4.748	\$ 3.919	\$ 3.489	\$ 3.130	\$ 3.951	\$ 4.167	\$ 4.108	\$ 4.169	\$ 4.315	\$ 4.341	\$ 4.329	\$ 4.286	\$ 4.361	\$ 4.436					
Net Income from Discontinued Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
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Preferred Dividends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Gain (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO COMMON	\$ 10.099	\$ 15.465	\$ 14.737	\$ 16.933	\$ 17.413	\$ 3.255	\$ 3.543	\$ 4.748	\$ 3.919	\$ 3.489	\$ 3.130	\$ 3.951	\$ 4.167	\$ 4.108	\$ 4.169	\$ 4.315	\$ 4.341	\$ 4.329	\$ 4.286	\$ 4.361	\$ 4.436					
Shares / Per Share Metrics	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E	1Q21A	2Q21A	3Q21A	4Q21A	1Q22A	2Q22A	3Q22A	4Q22E	1Q23E	2Q23E	3Q23E	4Q23E	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E					
Earnings Per Share (EPS) - Reported	\$ 1.35	\$ 2.05	\$ 1.94	\$ 2.23	\$ 2.29	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.58					
Core EPS	\$ 1.30	\$ 2.03	\$ 1.92	\$ 2.23	\$ 2.29	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.58					
Core EPS Growth (Annualized)	-10.8%	55.5%	-5.2%	15.7%	2.8%	-22.0%	34.5%	129.1%	-75.3%	-50.0%	-23.7%	99.8%	21.9%	-5.7%	5.9%	14.1%	2.4%	-1.1%	-4.0%	7.0%	6.9%					
PTPP/Avg. Shares	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.62	\$ 2.44	\$ 3.10	\$ 3.38	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.88					
Avg. Diluted Shares o/s	7.480	7.546	7.605	7.608	7.608	7.523	7.537	7.560	7.565	7.595	7.607	7.608	7.608	7.608	7.608	7.608	7.608	7.608	7.608	7.608	7.608					
EOP Shares	7.500																									

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Average Balance Sheet																					
	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E	1Q21A	2Q21A	3Q21A	4Q21A	1Q22A	2Q22A	3Q22A	4Q22E	1Q23E	2Q23E	3Q23E	4Q23E	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E
Avg. PPP	\$ 35.7	\$ 35.0	\$ 0.4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52.0	\$ 54.5	\$ 28.2	\$ 5.3	\$ 0.9	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.2	\$ 0.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Avg. Loans (ex-PPP)	\$ 799.2	\$ 854.0	\$ 917.0	\$ 991.3	\$ 1,055.3	\$ 834.3	\$ 841.1	\$ 865.7	\$ 874.7	\$ 875.5	\$ 896.4	\$ 938.1	\$ 958.3	\$ 972.6	\$ 984.8	\$ 997.1	\$ 1,010.8	\$ 1,026.0	\$ 1,042.7	\$ 1,063.5	\$ 1,088.8
Avg. Total Loans	\$ 834.8	\$ 889.0	\$ 917.4	\$ 991.3	\$ 1,055.3	\$ 886.4	\$ 895.6	\$ 893.9	\$ 880.0	\$ 876.3	\$ 896.6	\$ 938.3	\$ 958.4	\$ 972.6	\$ 984.8	\$ 997.1	\$ 1,010.8	\$ 1,026.0	\$ 1,042.7	\$ 1,063.5	\$ 1,088.8
Avg. Securities	\$ 300.8	\$ 456.3	\$ 574.3	\$ 580.3	\$ 578.1	\$ 373.3	\$ 430.9	\$ 488.5	\$ 532.4	\$ 571.8	\$ 560.4	\$ 581.0	\$ 583.9	\$ 582.5	\$ 581.0	\$ 579.6	\$ 578.1	\$ 578.1	\$ 578.1	\$ 578.1	\$ 578.1
Avg. Other Earning Assets	\$ 62.8	\$ 73.4	\$ 47.3	\$ 20.8	\$ 32.9	\$ 79.3	\$ 77.8	\$ 58.5	\$ 78.1	\$ 67.2	\$ 72.8	\$ 37.5	\$ 11.7	\$ 9.0	\$ 15.2	\$ 25.0	\$ 34.1	\$ 32.1	\$ 30.5	\$ 32.1	\$ 37.0
Avg. Earning Assets	\$ 1,198.5	\$ 1,418.7	\$ 1,539.0	\$ 1,592.5	\$ 1,666.3	\$ 1,339.1	\$ 1,404.2	\$ 1,441.0	\$ 1,490.5	\$ 1,515.4	\$ 1,529.8	\$ 1,556.9	\$ 1,554.0	\$ 1,564.1	\$ 1,581.1	\$ 1,601.7	\$ 1,623.1	\$ 1,636.2	\$ 1,651.3	\$ 1,673.7	\$ 1,704.0
Avg. Total Assets	\$ 1,295.7	\$ 1,519.9	\$ 1,649.7	\$ 1,702.7	\$ 1,775.7	\$ 1,435.3	\$ 1,507.7	\$ 1,542.8	\$ 1,593.7	\$ 1,622.3	\$ 1,643.9	\$ 1,667.7	\$ 1,664.7	\$ 1,674.6	\$ 1,691.3	\$ 1,711.8	\$ 1,733.0	\$ 1,745.9	\$ 1,760.8	\$ 1,783.0	\$ 1,812.9
Avg. Deposits	\$ 1,087.1	\$ 1,292.2	\$ 1,424.3	\$ 1,476.1	\$ 1,537.8	\$ 1,208.1	\$ 1,285.1	\$ 1,312.6	\$ 1,363.2	\$ 1,374.8	\$ 1,428.0	\$ 1,450.0	\$ 1,444.5	\$ 1,451.9	\$ 1,466.1	\$ 1,483.9	\$ 1,502.3	\$ 1,512.5	\$ 1,524.5	\$ 1,543.7	\$ 1,570.7
Avg. Total Borrowings	\$ 66.8	\$ 77.2	\$ 90.1	\$ 96.1	\$ 108.2	\$ 78.3	\$ 75.4	\$ 77.8	\$ 77.1	\$ 97.5	\$ 87.1	\$ 86.6	\$ 89.2	\$ 91.9	\$ 94.6	\$ 97.5	\$ 100.4	\$ 103.4	\$ 106.5	\$ 109.7	\$ 113.0
Avg. IB-Liabilities	\$ 810.0	\$ 946.5	\$ 1,044.3	\$ 1,086.4	\$ 1,150.1	\$ 896.5	\$ 940.2	\$ 959.9	\$ 989.6	\$ 1,023.0	\$ 1,048.8	\$ 1,054.1	\$ 1,051.2	\$ 1,060.1	\$ 1,075.9	\$ 1,095.3	\$ 1,114.2	\$ 1,124.9	\$ 1,137.6	\$ 1,156.3	\$ 1,181.6
Avg. Total Liabilities	\$ 1,166.8	\$ 1,382.0	\$ 1,526.9	\$ 1,584.3	\$ 1,658.2	\$ 1,299.7	\$ 1,372.5	\$ 1,402.4	\$ 1,453.5	\$ 1,485.0	\$ 1,527.8	\$ 1,548.7	\$ 1,545.9	\$ 1,556.0	\$ 1,572.9	\$ 1,593.6	\$ 1,614.9	\$ 1,628.0	\$ 1,643.2	\$ 1,665.6	\$ 1,695.8
Avg. Shareholders Equity	\$ 128.8	\$ 137.8	\$ 122.0	\$ 123.7	\$ 137.0	\$ 135.6	\$ 135.2	\$ 140.4	\$ 140.2	\$ 137.2	\$ 116.1	\$ 119.0	\$ 115.7	\$ 118.9	\$ 122.0	\$ 125.3	\$ 128.6	\$ 132.0	\$ 135.3	\$ 138.7	\$ 142.1
Avg. Tangible Common Equity	\$ 113.3	\$ 121.4	\$ 106.1	\$ 108.3	\$ 121.6	\$ 118.8	\$ 119.6	\$ 122.9	\$ 124.5	\$ 117.7	\$ 106.0	\$ 100.4	\$ 100.3	\$ 103.5	\$ 106.6	\$ 109.9	\$ 113.2	\$ 116.6	\$ 119.9	\$ 123.2	\$ 126.6
EOP Balance Sheet																					
	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E	1Q21A	2Q21A	3Q21A	4Q21A	1Q22A	2Q22A	3Q22A	4Q22E	1Q23E	2Q23E	3Q23E	4Q23E	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E
PPP	\$ 42.2	\$ 1.5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61.8	\$ 47.2	\$ 9.1	\$ 1.5	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Loans (ex-PPP)	\$ 801.9	\$ 862.2	\$ 966.6	\$ 1,018.3	\$ 1,102.3	\$ 807.2	\$ 831.1	\$ 872.4	\$ 862.2	\$ 875.5	\$ 916.1	\$ 950.0	\$ 966.6	\$ 978.7	\$ 990.9	\$ 1,003.3	\$ 1,018.3	\$ 1,033.6	\$ 1,051.7	\$ 1,075.4	\$ 1,102.3
Total Loans	\$ 844.2	\$ 863.7	\$ 966.6	\$ 1,018.3	\$ 1,102.3	\$ 869.1	\$ 878.3	\$ 881.5	\$ 863.7	\$ 875.8	\$ 916.3	\$ 950.2	\$ 966.6	\$ 978.7	\$ 990.9	\$ 1,003.3	\$ 1,018.3	\$ 1,033.6	\$ 1,051.7	\$ 1,075.4	\$ 1,102.3
Total Assets	\$ 1,395.4	\$ 1,584.5	\$ 1,687.2	\$ 1,779.5	\$ 1,916.8	\$ 1,492.5	\$ 1,515.0	\$ 1,560.3	\$ 1,584.5	\$ 1,652.3	\$ 1,684.8	\$ 1,651.8	\$ 1,687.2	\$ 1,712.2	\$ 1,733.6	\$ 1,755.3	\$ 1,779.5	\$ 1,806.2	\$ 1,835.5	\$ 1,872.3	\$ 1,916.8
Non-IB Deposits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Deposits	\$ 1,189.4	\$ 1,361.3	\$ 1,430.9	\$ 1,488.1	\$ 1,555.8	\$ 1,271.4	\$ 1,289.9	\$ 1,333.6	\$ 1,361.3	\$ 1,430.7	\$ 1,469.0	\$ 1,436.3	\$ 1,430.9	\$ 1,438.2	\$ 1,452.3	\$ 1,469.9	\$ 1,488.1	\$ 1,498.2	\$ 1,510.1	\$ 1,529.1	\$ 1,555.8
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,245.3	\$ 1,430.5	\$ 1,522.1	\$ 1,590.0	\$ 1,669.7	\$ 1,346.7	\$ 1,365.3	\$ 1,408.4	\$ 1,430.5	\$ 1,513.8	\$ 1,555.7	\$ 1,524.9	\$ 1,522.1	\$ 1,532.0	\$ 1,548.7	\$ 1,569.0	\$ 1,590.0	\$ 1,603.0	\$ 1,617.8	\$ 1,639.9	\$ 1,669.7
Liquidity Ratios																					
Loans / Deposits	71.0%	63.4%	67.6%	68.4%	70.8%	68.4%	68.1%	66.1%	63.4%	61.2%	62.4%	66.2%	67.6%	68.0%	68.2%	68.3%	68.4%	69.0%	69.6%	70.3%	70.8%
Avg. Earning Assets / Avg. Assets	92.5%	93.3%	93.3%	93.5%	93.8%	93.3%	93.1%	93.4%	93.5%	93.4%	93.1%	93.4%	93.4%	93.4%	93.5%	93.6%	93.7%	93.7%	93.8%	93.9%	94.0%
Avg. Borrowings / Avg. Liabilities	5.7%	5.6%	5.9%	6.1%	6.5%	6.0%	5.5%	5.6%	5.3%	6.6%	5.7%	5.6%	5.8%	5.9%	6.0%	6.1%	6.2%	6.4%	6.5%	6.6%	6.7%
Capital Analysis																					
	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E	1Q21A	2Q21A	3Q21A	4Q21A	1Q22A	2Q22A	3Q22A	4Q22E	1Q23E	2Q23E	3Q23E	4Q23E	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E
Beginning Total Equity													\$ 114.1	\$ 117.3	\$ 120.5	\$ 123.6	\$ 127.0	\$ 130.3	\$ 133.7	\$ 137.0	\$ 140.3
+ Net Income													\$ 4.2	\$ 4.1	\$ 4.2	\$ 4.3	\$ 4.3	\$ 4.3	\$ 4.3	\$ 4.4	\$ 4.4
- Dividends													\$ 1.0	\$ 1.0	\$ 1.0	\$ 1.0	\$ 1.0	\$ 1.0	\$ 1.0	\$ 1.0	\$ 1.0
- Cost of Share Repurchases													\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
+ Shares Issued (M&A less cash paid; raises)													\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
+ Net Other													\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Ending Shareholders Equity	\$ 136.3	\$ 141.0	\$ 117.3	\$ 130.3	\$ 143.8	\$ 132.7	\$ 137.9	\$ 139.1	\$ 141.0	\$ 125.4	\$ 117.6	\$ 114.1	\$ 117.3	\$ 120.5	\$ 123.6	\$ 127.0	\$ 130.3	\$ 133.7	\$ 137.0	\$ 140.3	\$ 143.8
Less: Intangible Assets	\$ 15.8	\$ 15.6	\$ 15.4	\$ 15.4	\$ 15.4	\$ 15.7	\$ 15.6	\$ 15.6	\$ 15.6	\$ 15.5	\$ 15.5	\$ 15.4	\$ 15.4	\$ 15.4	\$ 15.4	\$ 15.4	\$ 15.4	\$ 15.4	\$ 15.4	\$ 15.4	\$ 15.4
Less: Preferred Equity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tangible Common Equity	\$ 120.6	\$ 125.4	\$ 101.9	\$ 114.9	\$ 128.4	\$ 117.0	\$ 122.3	\$ 123.5	\$ 125.4	\$ 109.9	\$ 102.1	\$ 98.7	\$ 101.9	\$ 105.0	\$ 108.2	\$ 111.5	\$ 114.9	\$ 118.2	\$ 121.5	\$ 124.9	\$ 128.4
Tangible Assets	\$ 1,379.6	\$ 1,569.0	\$ 1,671.7	\$ 1,764.0	\$ 1,901.3	\$ 1,476.8	\$ 1,499.3	\$ 1,544.7	\$ 1,569.0	\$ 1,636.8	\$ 1,669.3	\$ 1,636.4	\$ 1,671.7	\$ 1,696.8	\$ 1,718.2	\$ 1,739.9	\$ 1,764.0	\$ 1,790.7	\$ 1,820.1	\$ 1,856.8	\$ 1,901.3
Tier 1 Capital						\$ 122.9	\$ 125.7	\$ 129.7	\$ 129.7	\$ 135.6	\$ 137.9	\$ 137.9	\$ 141.09	\$ 144.2	\$ 147.4	\$ 150.7	\$ 154.09	\$ 157.4	\$ 160.7	\$ 164.1	\$ 167.56
Total Capital						\$ 133.4	\$ 136.4	\$ 140.8	\$ 140.8	\$ 146.6	\$ 149.1	\$ 149.1	\$ 152.31	\$ 155.4	\$ 158.6	\$ 162.0	\$ 165.31	\$ 168.7	\$ 172.0	\$ 175.3	\$ 178.78
CET-1						\$ 122.9	\$ 125.7	\$ 129.7	\$ 129.7	\$ 135.6	\$ 137.9	\$ 137.9	\$ 141.09	\$ 144.2	\$ 147.4	\$ 150.7	\$ 154.09	\$ 157.4	\$ 160.7	\$ 164.1	\$ 167.56
Risk Weighted Assets						\$ 1,114.2	\$ 1,131.0	\$ 1,164.8	\$ 1,182.9	\$ 975.9	\$ 1,023.8	\$ 1,003.8	\$ 1,025.27	\$ 1,040.5	\$ 1,053.5	\$ 1,066.7	\$ 1,081.34	\$ 1,097.6	\$ 1,115.4	\$ 1,137.7	\$ 1,164.78
TBV / Share (calc)	\$ 16.08	\$ 16.62	\$ 13.46	\$ 15.17	\$ 16.95	\$ 15.55	\$ 16.22	\$ 16.37	\$ 16.62	\$ 14.53	\$ 13.50	\$ 13.03	\$ 13.46	\$ 13.87	\$ 14.29	\$ 14.73	\$ 15.17	\$ 15.61	\$ 16.05	\$ 16.49	\$ 16.95
Shares Repurchased	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shares Issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Avg. Share Effect of Shares Issued																					
Capital Ratios																					
Total Capital / Risk Weighted Assets	13.94%	11.90%	14.86%	15.29%	15.35%	14.26%	12.06%	12.08%	11.90%	15.02%	14.57%	14.86%	14.86%	14.94%	15.06%	15.18%	15.29%	15.37%	15.42%	15.41%	15.35%
Tier-1 / Risk Weighted Assets	12.83%	10.97%	13.76%	14.25%	14.39%	13.13%	11.12%	11.14%	10.97%	13.89%	13.47%	13.74%	13.76%	13.86%	13.99%	14.13%	14.25%	14.34%	14.41%	14.42%	14.39%
Leverage Ratio	8.80%	8.22%	8.55%	8.97%	9.32%	8.70%	8.43%	8.51%	8.22%	8.46%	8.34%	8.36%	8.55%	8.69%	8.80%	8.89%	8.97%	9.10%	9.21%	9.28%	9.32%
CET-1 / Risk Weighted Assets	12.83%	10.97%	13.76%	14.25%	14.39%	13.13%	11.12%	11.14%	10.97%	13.89%	13.47%	13.74%	13.76%	13.86%	13.99%	14.13%	14.25%	14.34%	14.41%	14.42%	14.39%
TCE/TA	8.74%	8.00%	6.09%	6.51%	6.75%	7.92%	8.16%	8.00%</													

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