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BCB BANCORP, INC.'S SLATE --
COMMITTED TO BUILDING SHAREHOLDER VALUE

THIS ANNUAL MEETING IS CRITICAL FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUR INVESTMENT

Dear Fellow Shareholders:

Over the past few weeks, we have had the distinct pleasure of speaking with many of you - hearing your thoughts, responding to your questions, and discussing BCB's business plan and prospects for the future. With only days left before BCB Bancorp, Inc.'s Annual Meeting of Shareholders, it is important that you act now to protect the value of your investment. We urge you to reject the dissident's hostile overtures by voting the white proxy card.

YOUR INVESTMENT IS STRONG

Your current management team is proud of the significant strides we have made in the past -- and especially in the first quarter of this year, when we recorded our MOST PROFITABLE QUARTER to date. The dissident group has not been able to dispute the fact that we have been extraordinarily successful in building the Bayonne Community Bank franchise.

OUR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IS STRONG

The dissident group has written to you and misrepresented certain facts to make you believe that the governance policies of your company are weak. On the contrary, we believe that our governance practices are STRONG.

You be the judge. The following is an overview of how our company is governed:

- o All of our directors are elected on an annual basis.
- o We have split Chairman & CEO positions.
- o All of our directors own shares of the company and have an invested interest in seeing it succeed.
- o 70% of our directors are independent.
- o We DO NOT have a "shareholder rights" plan -- otherwise known as a "poison

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- pill."
- o We have established nominating and audit committees.
 - o The heads of these committees are non-employee directors.

Given these practices, does this look like a company with poor corporate governance? WE THINK NOT!!!

WE ARE SUSPICIOUS OF THE DISSIDENT GROUP'S MOTIVES

As we have previously shown, despite what has been said publicly, we believe this group has every intention of selling this bank. DO NOT LET THE DISSIDENT GROUP DESTROY OUR LONG-TERM POTENTIAL. We believe that nominating members of the dissident group to the board of directors would divide, distract and disrupt the Board and its efforts to grow the bank and maximize shareholder value.

In concluding, we would like to take this chance to thank not only our management, but also our clients, employees, and especially investors, for your continued support in growing Bayonne Community Bank. Please use the WHITE proxy card to vote FOR the BCB Bancorp, Inc.'s slate of directors. This election is critical for the future of your investment, and every vote is important. Please let your vote count!

We look forward to continuing our dialogue with you in the future, and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark D. Hogan

Mark D. Hogan
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Donald Mindiak

Donald Mindiak
President and Chief Executive Officer

BCB BANCORP, INC. -- GROWING WITH THE BAYONNE COMMUNITY

