

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP
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FINAL REMINDER

PLEASE VOTE YOUR SHARES TODAY

April 16, 2009

Dear Shareholder:

We have previously mailed to you proxy materials in connection with the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Fifth Third Bancorp (Fifth Third or the Company) to be held on April 21, 2009. **Your vote is important and your participation is requested for this important meeting.**

LEADING PROXY ADVISORY FIRMS RECOMMEND

A VOTE FOR COMPANY PROPOSAL 1

RiskMetrics Group ISS Governance Services, Glass Lewis & Co., LLC and PROXY Governance, Inc., the three leading, independent proxy advisory firms that advise institutional investors, have published recommendations that common stockholders vote FOR Company Proposal 1. RiskMetrics ISS Governance Services, Glass Lewis & Co., LLC and Proxy Governance, Inc. do not publish recommendations for preferred classes of stock.

Company Proposal 1 is asking shareholders for approval to amend article Fourth, Section (A)2(d) of the Second Amended Articles of Incorporation, as amended, of Fifth Third Bancorp. The proposed amendment would provide the Company with additional flexibility in creating one or more future series of shares of Preferred Stock. The Company is currently hampered in its ability to create, issue and sell shares of Preferred Stock that contain terms that may be required by the marketplace. Failure to approve the proposal could limit the Company in connection with future capital raising or refinancing transactions or other strategic transactions, potentially causing the company to lose opportunities due to the time delay and uncertainty of needing to hold a special meeting of shareholders to proceed with such transactions.

The proposal to amend the Company s Articles requires the affirmative vote of the holders of two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, Series F Preferred Stock and Series G Preferred Stock, each voting as a separate class. ***The failure of a Fifth Third shareholder to vote with respect to the proposal will have the same effect as a vote against the approval and adoption of the proposals.***

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR approval of this Company Proposal 1 to amend the Company s Articles to provide additional flexibility in creating and issuing future series of Preferred Stock.

You are urged to vote your shares promptly, as the votes of all shareholders are important, regardless of the number of shares held.

Please submit your vote in this important matter regarding the future of your investment by voting by telephone, via the Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy or voting instruction form in the postage-paid return envelope provided.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,

Kevin T. Kabat
Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer

3 EASY WAYS TO VOTE

Help your Company avoid the expense of further solicitation by voting today. You may use one of the following simple methods to vote your shares:

1. **Vote by Telephone.** Call the toll-free number listed for this purpose on your proxy card or voting instruction form. Have your control number listed on the form ready and follow the simple instructions.
2. **Vote by Internet.** Go to the website listed on your proxy card or voting instruction form. Have your control number listed on the form ready and follow the simple instructions.
3. **Vote by Mail.** Mark, sign, date and return your proxy or voting instruction form in the postage-paid return envelope provided.

PLEASE ACT TODAY

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Please help your Company save additional solicitation costs by signing, dating and mailing your proxy card or voting instruction form today. **Remember, a failure to vote is equivalent to a vote against the proposals.** Internet and telephone voting are also available. Please refer to your proxy card or voting instruction form for instructions. **Street name shareholders: Your bank or broker cannot vote your shares on the proposals unless it receives your specific instructions.** Please return your vote immediately. If you have any questions or need assistance voting your shares, please call D. F. King & Co., Inc., which is assisting us, toll-free at 1-800-207-3158.