

### **NEWS RELEASE**

### Flushing Financial Corporation Reports Record Full Year Net Interest Income; 7.1% Annual Loan Growth While Credit Quality Remains Strong; 11% Quarterly Dividend Increase Planned for 2018

#### 1/30/2018

### FOURTH QUARTER 2017<sup>1</sup>

- GAAP diluted EPS was \$0.21, down 40.0% QoQ and 58.0% YoY, largely due to pre-tax provision for loan losses of \$6.6 million, or \$0.13 per share after tax, primarily related to write-downs on our taxi medallion portfolio, and the impact of U.S. federal tax reform ("Tax Reform") resulting in a charge of \$3.8 million, or \$0.13 per share, related to the revaluation of our net deferred tax assets
- Core diluted EPS was \$0.33, down 10.8% QoQ and 17.5% YoY, largely due to \$6.6 million provision for loan losses
- Net interest income was \$43.1 million, an improvement of 1.7% YoY, but unchanged QoQ
- Net interest margin was 2.90%, no change QoQ and down 6bps YoY
  - Excluding prepayment penalty income from loans and securities, recovered interest from nonaccrual loans and accelerated accretion of discount upon the call of CLO securities, the net interest margin was 2.77%, down 4bps YoY, but unchanged QoQ
- Net charge-offs were \$11.5 million for 4Q17, primarily due to write-downs of taxi medallion loans totaling \$11.2 million, compared to \$0.2 million in 3Q17 and recoveries of \$0.4 million in 4Q16
- GAAP and core ROAE were 4.4% and 7.2%, compared with 7.6% and 8.1%, respectively in 3Q17
- GAAP and core ROAA were 0.4% and 0.6%, respectively, compared with both 0.7% in 3Q17

- GAAP diluted EPS was \$1.41, down 37.1%, while core diluted EPS was \$1.57, up 3.3% YoY
- Net interest income was a record \$173.1 million, up 3.6%, and net interest margin was 2.93%, down 4bps YoY
  - Excluding prepayment penalty income from loans and securities, recovered interest from nonaccrual loans and accelerated accretion of discount upon the call of CLO securities, the net interest margin was 2.81%, down 2bps YoY
- GAAP ROAE was 7.8%, compared with 13.1% and core ROAE was 8.6%, compared with 8.9% for 2016
- GAAP ROAA was 0.7%, compared with 1.1% for 2016 and core ROAA was 0.7% for 2017 and 2016

UNIONDALE, N.Y., Jan. 30, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Flushing Financial Corporation (the "Company") (Nasdaq-GS:FFIC), the parent holding company for Flushing Bank (the "Bank"), today announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and the year ended December 31, 2017.

John R. Buran, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "I am very pleased to announce that we had record net interest income for 2017. The record net interest income was the result of executing our strategic objectives. During the year, loan growth totaled 7.1%. After essentially no loan growth in the third quarter of 2017, loan growth resumed at a rate of 2.2% (not annualized), with the yield on the fourth quarter's originations exceeding the quarterly portfolio yield. In the fourth quarter, we undertook steps to reduce both our future credit and margin risks. In order to reduce future credit risk, we reduced the carrying value of the NYC taxi medallion portfolio by over 50% to an average carrying value of \$164,000 per NYC taxi medallion by recognizing a provision for loan losses totaling \$6.6 million. The remaining book value of this portfolio is \$6.8 million. Future margin risk was reduced by entering into forward swap contracts totaling approximately \$400 million beginning at various points in 2018 and 2019, with maturity dates five years from the start date. These swaps provide protection to minimize the effects of rising interest rates on interest-bearing liabilities. Our pre-tax, pre-provision core income for 4Q17 was \$20.9 million, an increase of \$0.9 million from 3Q17 and \$3.1 million from 4Q16."

"As a result of the Tax Reform, we recorded \$3.8 million in tax expense related to the revaluation of our net deferred tax assets based on the new federal corporate tax rate of 21%. For 2018, we expect our effective corporate tax rate to be approximately 23%."

"To further reduce the impact of rising interest rates on our net interest margin, in addition to entering into forward swaps, we continued our strategy of focusing our origination efforts on higher yielding loans. This effort provided a 31bps improvement in the yield received on loan originations and purchases in 2017 to 4.06% compared to 3.75% in 2016. Although, we experienced a decline of 10bps in the yield of originations and purchases received in the fourth quarter of 2017, compared to the third quarter of 2017, the yield for the fourth quarter of 2017 exceeded the fourth quarter of 2016 by 34bps. Additionally, the yield of originations and purchases for the fourth quarter of 2017 was 6bps greater than the quarterly average yield of our total loan portfolio for the same period, excluding

prepayment penalty and recovered interest from delinquent loans. At December 31, 2017, our total loan portfolio had an average LTV of 39.1% for loans secured by real estate, while maintaining our strong underwriting standards. In the prior quarter we experienced a delay in closing loans resulting in an increase in the loan pipeline to \$417.0 million. During the recent quarter, the pipeline has reduced to \$359.8 million, yet remains strong and supports our expectation of solid loan growth in the first quarter of 2018. On the liability side of the balance sheet, the cost of funds increased two basis points from the quarter ended September 30, 2017, as government deposits did not replenish to the projected amount which caused us to rely more on relatively higher costing short-term borrowings."

Mr. Buran continued, "We remain focused on credit quality. Credit quality improved as our non-performing assets decreased by 17% in 2017 and net charge-offs, excluding charge-offs of the taxi medallion loans, remain minimal. Also, total delinquencies have decreased 28% since December 31, 2016. The allowance for loan losses to gross loans has decreased to 0.39% from 0.46% at December 31, 2016 while the allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans increased to 112% from 104% at the end of 2016. The LTV on our non-performing real estate loans at December 31, 2017 is 39.8%."

"We continued implementing the strategic objective of improving the scalability of our branch network. During the quarter, we opened two converted branches in the Flushing, Queens market, bringing our total conversions to nine branches at December 31, 2017, with the planned conversion of five more branches by the end of 2018. We estimate that the Universal Banker model provides on average a savings of 20% in compensation costs per converted branch."

The Company retains its focus on preserving strong risk management practices, including conservative underwriting standards and improving yields to achieve improved risk-adjusted returns.

- In the fourth quarter, commercial business, multi-family, and commercial real estate loan originations and purchases represented 37%, 36%, and 16%, respectively, of all originations, which were made while maintaining conservative loan-to-values, debt coverage ratios, and increasing yield.
- The average interest rate obtained for fourth quarter originations and purchases totaled 4.15%, a decrease of 10bps compared to 4.25% for 3Q17 and an increase of 34bps compared to 3.81% for 4Q16.
- The average rate of mortgage loan applications in the pipeline totaled 4.10% at December 31, 2017, as compared to 4.04% at September 30, 2017 and 4.20% at December 31, 2016.
- Multi-family (excluding underlying co-operative mortgages), commercial real estate, and one-to-four family mixed-use property mortgage loans originated during 4Q17 had a yield of 3.91%, a decrease of 21bps from 4.12% for 3Q17 and an increase of 25bps from 3.66% for 4Q16. We have maintained our asset quality as these loans had an average loan-to-value ratio of 50.4% and an average debt coverage ratio of 172%.

Mr. Buran concluded, "As recently announced, we have already shared some of the anticipated benefits of the recent Tax Reform with our non-executive employees in the form of one-time bonuses and with our shareholders in the form of our planned 11% increase in our quarterly dividend. We continue to evaluate opportunities to invest additional tax savings into the business to position the Company for future growth. We remain well capitalized and positioned to deliver profitable growth and long-term value to our shareholders as we continue to execute on our strategic objectives."

### Summary of Strategic Objectives

- Increase core deposits and continue to improve funding mix
- Increase net interest income by leveraging loan pricing opportunities and portfolio mix
- Enhance core earnings power by improving scalability and efficiency
- Manage credit risk
- Maintain well capitalized levels under all stress test scenarios

### Earnings Summary:

#### Net Interest Income

Net interest income for 4Q17 was \$43.1 million, an increase of \$0.7 million, or 1.7% YoY (December 31, 2017 compared to December 31, 2016) and was unchanged QoQ (December 31, 2017 compared to September 30, 2017).

- Net interest margin of 2.90%, decreased 6bps YoY but remains unchanged QoQ
- Net interest spread of 2.75%, decreased 9bps YoY and 2bps QoQ
- Net interest income includes prepayment penalty income from loans and securities of \$1.4 million in 4Q17 compared with \$1.6 million in 4Q16 and 3Q17, and recovered interest from delinquent loans of \$0.1 million in 4Q17, compared to \$0.6 million in 4Q16 and \$0.3 million in 3Q17
- Net interest income includes \$0.4 million in accelerated accretion of discount upon call of CLO securities in 4Q17
- Excluding prepayment penalty income, accelerated accretion of discount and recovered interest from nonaccrual loans, the yield on interest-earning assets was 3.90% in 4Q17, an improvement from 3.77% in 4Q16 and 3.87% in 3Q17, and the net interest margin was 2.77% in 4Q17, which decreased from 2.81% in 4Q16 and was unchanged from 2.77% in 3Q17
- Average balance of total interest-earning assets of \$5,934.5 million, increased \$217.2 million, or 3.8% YoY and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the table entitled "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

decreased \$1.6 million QoQ

- Yield on interest-earning assets of 4.02%, increased 10bps YoY and 2bps QoQ
- Cost of interest-bearing liabilities of 1.27%, increased 19bps YoY and 4bps QoQ
- Cost of funds of 1.17%, increased 16bps YoY and 2bps QoQ, driven by increases in rates paid on certificates of deposit, government deposits and short-term borrowings resulting from increases in the Fed Funds rate during 2017

Provision for loan losses

Provision recorded for loan losses for 4Q17 was \$6.6 million compared to none in 4Q16 and \$3.3 million in 3Q17.

- Provision was primarily driven by a reduction in the estimated fair value of NYC taxi medallions based on most recent sales data
- Remaining balance of taxi medallion portfolio totals \$6.8 million

Non-interest Income

Non-interest income for 4Q17 was \$3.1 million, a decrease of \$12.4 million, or 80.1%, YoY and an increase of \$1.4 million, or 84.5% QoQ.

- Non-interest income included net losses from fair value adjustments of \$0.6 million in 4Q17, \$0.5 million in 4Q16 and \$1.3 million in 3Q17, net gains on sale of building of \$14.2 million in 4Q16 and net losses from the sale of securities of \$0.8 million in 4Q16 and \$0.2 million in 3Q17
- Absent above items, non-interest income was \$3.7 million, an increase of \$1.1 million YoY and \$0.6 million
   QoQ

Non-interest Expense

Non-interest expense for 4Q17 was \$25.9 million, a decrease of \$9.5 million, or 26.8%, YoY and \$0.1 million, or 0.3% QoQ.

- As part of a balance sheet restructure, 4Q16 included a non-recurring pre-payment penalty on borrowings of \$8.3 million; absent this item, non-interest expense decreased \$1.2 million, or 4.5% YoY, driven by decreased salaries and benefits, foreclosure expense due to continued improvement in asset quality and a reduction in FDIC insurance expense, due to lower assessment rates
- Lower costs associated with FDIC insurance and foreclosure expense should be sustainable
- The efficiency ratio was 55.4% in 4Q17 compared to 59.6% in 4Q16 and 56.5% in 3Q17

Provision for Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes in 4Q17 was \$7.7 million, a decrease of \$0.4 million, or 5.2%, YoY and an increase of \$2.4 million, or 45.4%, QoQ.

- Additional tax expense totaling \$3.8 million from revaluation of net deferred tax assets due to new federal corporate tax rate of 21%
- Absent the above item, the effective tax rates were 28.7% in 4Q17, 36.2% in 4Q16 and 34.2% in 3Q17
- The improvement in the Company's effective tax rate in 4Q17 was primarily due to increased impact of preferential tax items

Financial Condition Summary:

#### Loans:

- Net loans held for investment were \$5,156.6 million reflecting an increase of 2.2% QoQ (not annualized) and 7.1% for 2017 as we continue to focus on the origination of multi-family, commercial real estate and commercial business loans with a full relationship while emphasizing rate over volume
- Loan originations and purchases of multi-family, commercial real estate and commercial business loans totaled \$293.8 million for 4Q17, or 89.3% of loan production
- Loan pipeline was \$359.8 million at December 31, 2017, compared to \$417.0 million at September 30, 2017 and \$310.9 million at December 31, 2016
- The loan-to-value ratio on our portfolio of real estate dependent loans as of December 31, 2017 totaled 39.1%
- Mortgage loan originations and purchases in 4Q17 were more heavily weighted towards multi-family loans,
   which generally have a lower average yield than commercial mortgages

The following table shows the average rate received from loan originations and purchases for the periods indicated:

		For the three months ended	
	December 31,	September 30,	December 31,
Loan type	2017	2017	2016
Mortgage loans	3.92%	4.13%	3.70%
Non-mortgage loans	4.52%	4.43%	4.05%
Total loans	4.15%	4.25%	3.81%

### Credit Quality:

- Non-performing loans totaled \$18.1 million, a decrease of \$3.3 million, or 15.3%, from \$21.4 million at December 31, 2016
- Classified assets totaled \$34.0 million, a decrease of \$10.0 million, or 22.8%, from \$44.0 million at December 31, 2016, primarily due to reductions in non-performing loans and our exposure to taxi medallion loans
- Loans classified as troubled debt restructured (TDR) totaled \$13.2 million, a decrease of \$4.2 million, or 24.3%, from \$17.4 million at December 31, 2016, due to the reduction in our exposure to taxi medallion loans
- We anticipate continued low loss content in the portfolio, as our strong underwriting standards coupled with our practice of obtaining updated appraisals and recording charge-offs early in the delinquency process has resulted in a 39.8% average loan-to-value for non-performing loans collateralized by real estate at December 31, 2017
- Provision for loan losses of \$9.9 million was recorded during the year ended December 31, 2017, as the estimated fair value of NYC taxi medallions was lowered based on most recent sales data, while no provision for loan losses was recorded during 2016; net charge-offs totaled \$11.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2017, of which \$11.2 million was related to taxi medallion loans, compared to net recoveries of \$0.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2016

### Capital Management:

- The Company and Bank, at December 31, 2017, were both well capitalized under all applicable regulatory requirements
- During the year ended December 31, 2017, stockholders' equity increased \$18.8 million, or 3.6%, to \$532.6 million due to net income of \$41.1 million, partially offset by the declaration and payment of dividends on the Company's common stock and repurchases of the Company's common stock
- During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company repurchased 241,625 treasury shares at an average cost of \$27.59 per share; as of December 31, 2017, up to 254,280 shares may be repurchased under the current authorized stock repurchase program, which has no expiration or maximum dollar limit
- Book value per common share increased to \$18.63 at December 31, 2017, from \$17.95 at December 31, 2016 and tangible book value per common share, a non-GAAP measure, increased to \$18.08 at December 31, 2017, from \$17.40 at December 31, 2016

### Conference Call Information:

- John R. Buran, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Susan K. Cullen, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will host a conference call on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 9:30 AM (ET) to discuss the Company's strategy and results for the fourth quarter of 2017
- Dial-in for Live Call: 1-888-317-6016
- Webcast: https://services.choruscall.com/links/ffic180131.html

• Dial-in for Replay: 1-877-344-7529

• Replay Access Code: 10115613

• The conference call will be simultaneously webcast and archived through 5:00 PM (ET) on January 31, 2019

About Flushing Financial Corporation

Flushing Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: FFIC) is the holding company for Flushing Bank®, a New York State-chartered commercial bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Bank serves consumers, businesses, professionals, corporate clients, and public entities by offering a full complement of deposit, loan, and cash management services through its banking offices located in Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Nassau County. As a leader in real estate lending, the Bank's experienced lending team creates mortgage solutions for real estate owners and property managers both within and outside the New York City metropolitan area. The Bank also operates an online banking division, iGObanking.com®, which offers competitively priced deposit products to consumers nationwide.

Additional information on Flushing Bank and Flushing Financial Corporation may be obtained by visiting the Company's website at http://www.flushingbank.com.

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# FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	D€	For the ecember 31,	ee months ptember 30,	ded ecember 31,	For	the twelve Decen		nths ended
	-	2017	2017	2016		2017	IDCI	2016
Interest and Dividend Income Interest and fees on loans Interest and dividends on securities: Interest Dividends	\$	53,449 6,112 13	\$ 5,850 30	\$ 49,973 5,866 121	\$	209,283 24,489 287	\$	195,125 25,141 481
Other interest income  Total interest and dividend income		123 59,697	 121 59,319	 59 56,019		526 234,585		250 220,997
Interest Expense Deposits Other interest expense Total interest expense		11,174 5,463 16,637	 10,655 5,623 16,278	8,760 4,908 13,668		40,319 21,159 61,478		33,350 20,561 53,911
Net Interest Income Provision for loan losses Net Interest Income After Provision for Loan Losses		43,060 6,595 36,465	 43,041 3,266 39,775	 42,351 - 42,351		173,107 9,861 163,246		167,086 - 167,086
Non-interest Income Banking services fee income Net (loss) gain on sale of securities Net gain on sale of loans Net gain on sale of buildings Net loss from fair value adjustments		1,383 - 207 - (631)	885 (186) 152 - (1,297)	983 (839) - 14,204 (509)		4,156 (186) 603 - (3,465)		3,758 1,524 584 48,018 (3,434)
Net gain on sale of buildings		875 - 809 421 3,064	 740 238 816 313 1,661	794 2 701 90 15,426		3,081 1,405 3,227 1,541 10,362		2,664 460 2,797 1,165 57,536
Non-interest Expense Salaries and employee benefits Occupancy and equipment Professional services FDIC deposit insurance Data processing Depreciation and amortization Other real estate owned/foreclosure expense Net loss (gain) from sales of real estate owned Prepayment penalty on borrowings Other operating expenses Total non-interest expense		14,249 2,757 1,822 487 1,365 1,339 28 - - 3,832 25,879	15,310 2,502 1,763 499 1,349 1,173 121 - - 3,249 25,966	15,801 2,550 1,813 613 1,135 1,187 476 275 8,274 3,251 35,375		62,087 10,409 7,500 1,815 5,238 4,832 404 (50) 15,239		60,825 9,848 7,720 2,993 4,364 4,450 1,307 2,001 10,356 14,739
Income Before Income Taxes		13,650	15,470	 22,402		66,134		106,019
Provision for Income Taxes Federal State and local Total taxes		7,838 (145) 7,693	 4,680 611 5,291	 8,062 54 8,116		22,844 2,169 25,013		33,580 7,523 41,103
Net Income	\$	5,957	\$ 10,179	\$ 14,286	\$	41,121	\$	64,916

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Basic earnings per common share	\$ 0.21 \$	0.35 \$	0.50 \$	1.41 \$	2.24
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.21 \$	0.35 \$	0.50 \$	1.41 \$	2.24
Dividends per common share	\$ 0.18 \$	0.18 \$	0.17 \$	0.72 \$	0.68

# FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	D	ecember 31, 2017	Se	eptember 30, 2017	De	ecember 31, 2016
ASSETS Cash and due from banks	\$	51,546	\$	60,161	\$	35,857
Securities held-to-maturity:  Mortgage-backed securities Other securities Securities available for sale:		7,973 22,913		7,978 22,952		37,735
Mortgage-backed securities Other securities Loans:		509,650 228,704		519,861 276,698		516,476 344,905
Multi-family residential Commercial real estate One-to-four family — mixed-use property One-to-four family — residential Co-operative apartments Construction Small Business Administration Taxi medallion Commercial business and other Net unamortized premiums and unearned loan fees Allowance for loan losses Net loans Interest and dividends receivable Bank premises and equipment, net Federal Home Loan Bank of New York stock Bank owned life insurance Goodwill Other assets Total assets		,273,595 ,368,112 564,206 180,663 6,895 8,479 18,479 16,763 (20,351) 1,156,648 21,405 30,836 60,089 131,856 16,127 61,527		2,236,173 1,352,775 556,723 177,578 7,035 15,811 14,485 18,165 674,706 16,925 (25,269) 5,045,107 21,076 28,389 55,228 131,047 16,127 76,758	4,	178,504 246,132 558,502 185,767 7,418 11,495 15,198 18,996 597,122 16,559 (22,229) .813,464 20,228 26,561 59,173 132,508 16,127 55,453 .058,487
LIABILITIES Due to depositors: Non-interest bearing Interest-bearing:	\$	,		362,509	\$	333,163
Certificate of deposit accounts Savings accounts Money market accounts NOW accounts	1	,351,933 290,280 979,958 ,333,232	1	1,404,555 323,186 991,706 1,308,821	_1,	,372,115 254,283 843,370 ,362,484
Total interest-bearing deposits Mortgagors' escrow deposits Borrowed funds Other liabilities	1	42,606 ,309,653 73,735	1	1,028,268 53,671 1,200,682 76,643	1,	,832,252 40,216 ,266,563 72,440
Total liabilities	5	,766,666		5,721,773	5,	,544,634

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Preferred stock (5,000,000 shares authorized; none issued) Common stock (\$0.01 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 31,530,595 shares issued at December 31, 2017, September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016; 28,588,266 shares, 28,819,891 shares and 28,632,904 shares outstanding at December	-	-	-
31, 2017, September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively)	315	315	315
Additional paid-in capital Treasury stock (2 942 329 shares 2 710 704 shares and 2 897 691 shares at December	217,906	216,929	214,462
Treasury stock (2,942,329 shares, 2,710,704 shares and 2,897,691 shares at December 31, 2017, September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively)	(57,675)		
Retained earnings	381,048	380,316	361,192
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of taxes	(8,986)		
Total stockholders' equity	532,608	539,609	513,853
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$6,299,274	\$6,261,382	\$6,058,487

# FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	At or for the three months ended December September December							At or for t months	nded	
		31, 2017		30, 2017		31, 2016		Decem 2017	bei	<sup>-</sup> 31, 2016
Per Share Data Basic earnings per share Diluted earnings per share Average number of shares outstanding for:	\$	0.21	\$	0.35 0.35	\$	0.50 0.50	\$	1.41 1.41	\$	2.24 2.24
Basic earnings per common share computation	29,	045,491	2	29,119,753		28,849,783		29,080,095		28,956,859
Diluted earnings per common share computation	29,	046,111	2	29,120,356		28,859,665		29,081,723		28,969,582
Shares outstanding Book value per common share <sup>(1)</sup> Tangible book value per common share <sup>(2)</sup>	28, \$ \$	588,266 18.63 18.08	\$	28,819,891 18.72 18.18		28,632,904 17.95 17.40		28,588,266 18.63 18.08	\$	28,632,904 17.95 17.40
Stockholders' Equity Stockholders' equity Tangible stockholders' equity		532,608 516,772		539,609 523,873		513,853 498,115		532,608 516,772		513,853 498,115
Average Balances Total loans, net Total interest-earning assets Total assets Total due to depositors Total interest-bearing liabilities Stockholders' equity	5, 6, 4, 5,	087,102 934,493 243,686 020,334 254,030 537,201	\$	5,033,666 5,936,129 6,239,321 3,972,663 5,275,937 536,468	\$	4,757,124 5,717,298 6,003,125 3,796,337 5,077,893 512,317	\$	4,988,613 5,916,073 6,217,746 4,036,347 5,268,100 530,300	\$	4,600,682 5,626,748 5,913,534 3,748,822 5,035,989 496,820
Performance Ratios <sup>(3)</sup> Return on average assets		0.389	%	0.65%	6	0.95%	6	0.66%	6	1.10%

Return on average equity	4.44	/.59	11.15	/./5	13.07
Yield on average interest-earning assets	4.02	4.00	3.92	3.97	3.93
Cost of average interest-bearing liabilities	1.27	1.23	1.08	1.17	1.07
Cost of funds	1.17	1.15	1.01	1.09	1.01
Interest rate spread during period	2.75	2.77	2.84	2.80	2.86
Net interest margin	2.90	2.90	2.96	2.93	2.97
Non-interest expense to average assets	1.66	1.66	2.36	1.73	2.01
Efficiency ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	55.35	56.51	59.63	57.90	59.64
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-					
bearing liabilities	1.13 X	1.13 X	1.13 X	1.12 X	1.12 X

- (1) Calculated by dividing stockholders' equity by shares outstanding.
- (2) Calculated by dividing tangible stockholders' common equity, a non-GAAP measure by shares outstanding. Tangible stockholders' common equity is stockholders' equity less intangible assets (goodwill, net of deferred taxes). See "Calculation of Tangible Stockholders' Common Equity to Tangible Assets".
- (3) Ratios are presented on an annualized basis, where appropriate.
- (4) Efficiency ratio, a non-GAAP measure, was calculated by dividing non-interest expense (excluding OREO expense, prepayment penalties from the extinguishment of debt and the net gain/loss from the sale of OREO) by the total of net interest income and non-interest income (excluding net gains and losses from fair value adjustments, net gain and losses from the sale of securities, life insurance proceeds, and sale of buildings).

## FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	en	the year ded er 31, 2017		At or for end December	ed	_
Selected Financial Ratios and Other Data						
Regulatory capital ratios (for Flushing Financial Corporation): Tier 1 capital Common equity Tier 1 capital Total risk-based capital	\$	563,426 527,727 658,777		\$	539,228 506,432 636,457	
Tier 1 leverage capital (well capitalized = 5%) Common equity Tier 1 risk-based capital (well capitalized = 6.5%) Tier 1 risk-based capital (well capitalized = 8.0%) Total risk-based capital (well capitalized = 10.0%)		9.02 11.59 12.38 14.47	%		9.00 11.79 12.56 14.82	%
Regulatory capital ratios (for Flushing Bank only): Tier 1 capital Common equity Tier 1 capital Total risk-based capital	\$	631,285 631,285 651,636		\$	607,033 607,033 629,262	
Tier 1 leverage capital (well capitalized = 5%)		10.11	%		10.12	%

Common equity Tier T risk-based capital (well capitalized = 6.5%) Tier 1 risk-based capital (well capitalized = 8.0%) Total risk-based capital (well capitalized = 10.0%)	13.87 13.87 14.31	14.12 14.12 14.64
Capital ratios: Average equity to average assets Equity to total assets Tangible common equity to tangible assets <sup>(1)</sup>	8.53 % 8.46 8.22	8.40 % 8.48 8.24
Asset quality:  Non-accrual loans <sup>(2)</sup> Non-performing loans  Non-performing assets  Net charge-offs/ (recoveries)	\$ 15,710 18,134 18,134 11,739	\$ 21,030 21,416 21,949 (694)
Asset quality ratios: Non-performing loans to gross loans Non-performing assets to total assets Allowance for loan losses to gross loans Allowance for loan losses to non-performing assets Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans	0.35 % 0.29 0.39 112.23 112.23	0.44 % 0.36 0.46 101.28 103.80
Full-service customer facilities	18	19

- (1) See "Calculation of Tangible Stockholders' Common Equity to Tangible Assets".
- (2) Excludes performing non-accrual TDR loans.

# FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES NET INTEREST MARGIN (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	For the three months ended									
	Decembe	er 31, 20	17	Septemb	er 30, 20	)17	Decemb	er 31, 20	116	
	Average	\	Yield/	Average	\	Yield/	Average		Yield/	
	Balance	Interest	Cost	Balance	Interest	Cost	Balance	Interest	Cost	
Interest-earning Assets:										
Mortgage loans, net	\$4,355,973	\$45,577	4.199	%\$4,350,338	\$46,121	4.24	%\$4,140,511	\$44,219	4.27%	
Other loans, net	731,129	7,872	4.31	683,328	7,197	4.21	616,613	5,754	3.73	
Total loans, net <sup>(1)</sup> Taxable securities:	5,087,102	53,449	4.20	5,033,666	53,318	4.24	4,757,124	49,973	4.20	
Mortgage-backed securities	524,098			520,889			514,527			
Other securities	151,565	1,883		189,957			248,765		3.54	
Total taxable securities	675,663	5,450	3.23	710,846	5,122	2.88	763,292	5,205	2.73	
Tax-exempt securities: <sup>(2)</sup>										
Other securities	123,816		2.18	142,899		2.12	147,184		2.13	
Total tax-exempt securities	123,816	675	2.18	142,899	758	2.12	147,184	₊ 782	2.13	
Interest-earning deposits and federal funds sold	47,912	123	1.03	48,718	121	0.99	49,698	59	0.47	
Total interest-earning assets Other assets	5,934,493 309,193	59,697	4.02	5,936,129 303,192		4.00	5,717,298 285,827		3.92	

Total assets	\$6,243,686			\$6,239,321			\$6,003,125		
Interest-bearing Liabilities: Deposits: Savings accounts	\$ 306,273	519	0.68	\$ 330.3169	\$ 583	0.71	\$ 256,677	309	0.48
NOW accounts Money market accounts	1,357,028 984,619	2,634 2,664	0.78	1,340,228 927,067		0.74	1,370,618 780,233	2,028	0.59
Certificate of deposit accounts	1,372,414	5,322	1.55	1,375,052	5,218	1.52	1,388,809	5,081	1.46
Total due to depositors Mortgagors' escrow accounts	4,020,334 65,127		1.11 0.21	3,972,663 54,236		1.07 0.36	3,796,337 58,151	8,733 27	
Total interest-bearing deposits	4,085,461	11,174	1.09	4,026,899	10,655	1.06	3,854,488	8,760	0.91
Borrowings	1,168,569	5,463	1.87	1,249,038	5,623	1.80	1,223,405	4,908	1.60
Total interest-bearing liabilities Non interest-bearing demand deposits Other liabilities	5,254,030 373,136 79,319	16,637	1.27	5,275,937 354,149 72,767	16,278	1.23	5,077,893 331,232 81,683		1.08
Total liabilities Equity	5,706,485 537,201			5,702,853 536,468			5,490,808 512,317		
Total liabilities and equity	\$6,243,686			\$6,239,321			\$6,003,125		
Net interest income / net interest rate spread	<u>.</u>	\$43,060	2.75%	6 <u>9</u>	\$43,041	2.77 %		\$42,351	2.84%
Net interest-earning assets / net interest margin	\$ 680,463	_	2.90%	ó <u>\$ 660,192</u>	-	2.90 %	\$ 639,405		2.96%
Ratio of interest-earning assets to interest- bearing liabilities		<u>-</u>	1.13	<	<u>-</u>	1.13 X	(	<u>-</u>	1.13 X

- (1) Loan interest income includes loan fee income (which includes net amortization of deferred fees and costs, late charges, and prepayment penalties) of approximately \$1.4 million, \$1.6 million and \$1.5 million for the three months ended December 31, 2017, September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.
- (2) Interest income on tax-exempt securities does not include the tax benefit of the tax-exempt securities.

## FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES NET INTEREST MARGIN (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	F	or the y	'ea	ar ended						
Decem	ber 31, 201	7		December 31, 2016						
Average		Yield/		Average		Yield/				
Balance	Interest	Cost		Balance	Interest	Cost				

Mortgage loans, net Other loans, net Total loans, net <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	4,304,889\$ 683,724 4,988,613	181,006 28,277 209,283	4.14	\$	4,014,734\$ 585,948 4,600,682	1/3,419 21,706 195,125	
Taxable securities: Mortgage-backed securities Other securities Total taxable securities	_	526,934 199,350 726,284	13,689 8,103 21,792	2.60	_	581,505 243,567 825,072	14,231 8,243 22,474	2.45 3.38 2.72
Tax-exempt securities: (2) Other securities Total tax-exempt securities Interest-earning deposits and federal funds sold Total interest-earning assets Other assets Total assets	\$	139,704 139,704 61,472 5,916,073 301,673 6,217,746	2,984 2,984 526 234,585	2.14	\$	142,472 142,472 58,522 5,626,748 286,786 5,913,534	3,148 3,148 250 220,997	2.21 2.21 0.43 3.93
Interest-bearing Liabilities: Deposits: Savings accounts NOW accounts Money market accounts Certificate of deposit accounts Total due to depositors Mortgagors' escrow accounts Total interest-bearing deposits Borrowings Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$	292,887 1,444,944 908,025 1,390,491 4,036,347 61,962 4,098,309 1,169,791 5,268,100	1,808 9,640 8,151 20,579 40,178 141 40,319 21,159 61,478	0.67 0.90	\$	260,948 1,496,712 581,390 1,409,772 3,748,822 56,152 3,804,974 1,231,015 5,035,989	1,219 7,891 3,592 20,536 33,238 112 33,350 20,561 53,911	0.47 0.53 0.62 1.46 0.89 0.20 0.88 1.67 1.07
Non interest-bearing demand deposits Other liabilities Total liabilities Equity Total liabilities and equity	\$	348,518 70,828 5,687,446 530,300 6,217,746			\$	305,096 75,629 5,416,714 496,820 5,913,534		
Net interest income / net interest rate spread		\$	173,107	2.80%		\$	167,086	2.86%
Net interest-earning assets / net interest margin	\$	647,973	-	2.93%	\$	590,759	_	2.97%
Ratio of interest-earning assets to interest-bearing liabilities			-	1.12 X			_	1.12 X

- (1) Loan interest income includes loan fee income (which includes net amortization of deferred fees and costs, late charges, and prepayment penalties) of approximately \$5.0 million and \$6.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.
- (2) Interest income on tax-exempt securities does not include the tax benefit of the tax-exempt securities.

FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES DEPOSIT COMPOSITION (Unaudited)

December 2017 vs.
September December December December

					p		
	31,	30,	June 30,	March 31,	2017	31,	2016,
(Dollars in thousands)	2017	2017	2017	2017	% Change	2016	% Change
Deposits Non-interest bearing Interest bearing:	\$ 385,269\$	362,509	\$ 349,302	\$ 344,028	6.3%	\$ 333,163	15.6%
Certificate of deposit accounts Savings accounts Money market accounts	1,351,933 290,280 979,958	1,404,555 323,186 991,706	1,332,377 325,815 837,565	1,411,819 254,822 851,129	-3.7% -10.2% -1.2%	1,372,115 254,283 843,370	-1.5% 14.2% 16.2%
NOW accounts	1,333,232	1,308,821	1,368,441	1,487,120	1.9%	1,362,484	-2.1%
Total interest- bearing deposits	3,955,403	4,028,268	3,864,198	4,004,890	-1.8%	3,832,252	3.2%
Total deposits	\$ 4,340,672\$	4,390,777	\$4,213,500	\$4,348,918	-1.1%	\$4,165,415	4.2%

### FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES LOANS (Unaudited)

Loan Originations and Purchases

Eddir Originations and Farenases		Fo	or t	For the year ended				
	Dec	cember 31,	S	eptember 30,		December 31,	Decemb	
(In thousands)		2017		2017		2016	2017	2016
Multi-family residential	\$	118,784	\$	64,551	\$	77,812 \$	373,512	371,197
Commercial real estate		53,381		25,385	)	77,607	238,057	322,721
One-to-four family – mixed-use property		19,913		13,136	)	20,242	65,247	62,735
One-to-four family – residential		9,545		5,843		7,770	26,168	24,820
Co-operative apartments		100		232	-	-	332	470
Construction		726		148		9,738	7,847	15,772
Small Business Administration		4,772		4,276	)	1,662	11,559	8,447
Taxi medallion		-		-		-	-	-
Commercial business and other		121,598		69,354	-	87,761	316,748	326,776
Total	\$	328,819	\$	182,925	\$	282,592 \$	1,039,470	1,132,938

Loan Composition

(Dollars in thousands)	31, 2017	30, 2017	June 30, 2017	March 31, 2017	2017 % Change	31, 2016	2016 % Change
Loans held for investment:							
Multi-family residential	\$2,273,595	\$2,236,173	\$2,243,643	\$2,261,946	1.7%	\$2,178,504	4.4%
Commercial real estate One-to-four family — mixed-use	1,368,112	1,352,775	1,349,634	1,268,770	1.1%	1,246,132	9.8%
property One-to-four family — residential Co-operative apartments Construction Small Business Administration Taxi medallion Commercial business and other Net unamortized premiums and	564,206 180,663 6,895 8,479 18,479 6,834 732,973	556,723 177,578 7,035 15,811 14,485 18,165 674,706	556,906 181,213 7,069 16,842 10,591 18,303 644,262	10,519 18,832 632,503	1.3% 1.7% -2.0% -46.4% 27.6% -62.4% 8.6%	558,502 185,767 7,418 11,495 15,198 18,996 597,122	1.0% -2.7% -7.1% -26.2% 21.6% -64.0% 22.8%
unearned loan fees Allowance for loan losses	16,763 (20,351)	16,925 (25,269)	17,217 (22,157)	16,836 (22,211)	-1.0% -19.5%	16,559 (22,229)	1.2% -8.4%
Net loans	\$5,156,648	\$5,045,107	\$5,023,523	\$4,952,380	2.2%	\$4,813,464	7.1%

•	Three Months Ended									
	De	cember 31,	Se	ptember, 30		June 30,	Λ	March 31,	De	ecember 31,
(In thousands)		2017		2017		2017		2017		2016
Loans originated and purchased	\$	328,819	\$	182,925	\$	261,155	\$	266,571	\$	282,592
Principal reductions		(209,400)		(155,007)		(143, 195)		(122,897)		(187,780)
Loans transferred to held-for-sale		-		-		(30,565)		-		-
Loans sold		(1,018)		(2,606)		(16,337)		(4,874)		-
Loan charged-offs		(11,616)		(324)		(350)		(179)		(370)
Foreclosures		-		-		-		-		(138)
Net change in deferred (fees) and costs		(162)		(292)		381		277		112
Net change in the allowance for loan losses		4,918		(3,112)		54		18		(434)
Total loan activity	\$	111,541	\$	21,584	\$	71,143	\$	138,916	\$	93,982

Net Loans Activity

FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES NON-PERFORMING ASSETS and NET CHARGE-OFFS (Unaudited)

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(Dollars in thousands)	De	cember 31, 2017	Sep	tember 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	March 31, 2017	De	cember 31, 2016
Loans 90 Days Or More Past Due and Still Accruing: Multi-family residential Commercial real estate One-to-four family - mixed-use property Construction Taxi medallion Total	\$	2,424 - - - 2,424	\$	415 38 129 - 1,147 1,729	\$ - - 602 727 1,329	\$ - 75 - 602 - 677	\$	- 386 - - 386
Non-accrual Loans: Multi-family residential Commercial real estate One-to-four family - mixed-use property One-to-four family - residential Small Business Administration Taxi medallion <sup>(1)</sup> Commercial business and other Total	<u> </u>	3,598 1,473 1,867 7,808 46 918 -		1,309 1,147 2,217 7,434 50 - 4	1,537 1,948 2,971 7,616 53 - 5	1,354 1,462 3,328 7,847 58 3,771 38 17,858		1,837 1,148 4,025 8,241 1,886 3,825 68 21,030
Total Non-performing Loans		18,134		13,890	15,459	18,535		21,416
Other Non-performing Assets: Real estate acquired through foreclosure Total		-		-	-	-		533 533
Total Non-performing Assets	\$	18,134	\$	13,890	\$ 15,459	\$ 18,535	\$	21,949
Non-performing Assets to Total Assets Allowance For Loan Losses to Non-performing Loans		0.29% 112.2%		0.22% 181.9%	0.25% 143.3%			0.36% 103.8%

(1) Not included in the above analysis are troubled debt restructured taxi medallion loans totaling \$5.9 million at December 31, 2017.

Net Cha	rge-Offs	(Recov	/eries)
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				i nree i	vioni	tns End	aea			
	De	cember 31,	Sep	otember 30,	Jur	ne 30,	Ма	irch 31,	Dec	cember 31,
(In thousands)		2017	'	2017	2	2017		2017		2016
Multi-family residential	\$	(1)	\$	224	\$	(53)	\$	(16)	\$	(103)
Commercial real estate		(3)		(25)		4		(68)		-
One-to-four family – mixed-use property		(37)		1		(67)		34		(520)
One-to-four family – residential		212		(58)		170		-		40
Small Business Administration		109		(17)		14		26		186
Taxi medallion		11,229		_		-		54		142
Commercial business and other		4		29		(14)		(12)		(179)
Total net loan charge-offs (recoveries)	\$	11,513	\$	154	\$	54	\$	18	\$	(434)
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Core Diluted EPS, Core ROAE, Core ROAA, tangible book value per common share and core earnings before provision and income taxes are each non-GAAP measures used in this release. A reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures appears in tabular form at the end of this release. The Company believes that these measures are useful for both investors and management to understand the effects of certain non-interest

items and provide an alternative view of the Company's performance over time and in comparison to the Company's competitors. These measures should not be viewed as a substitute for net income. The Company believes that tangible book value per common share is useful for both investors and management as these are measures commonly used by financial institutions, regulators and investors to measure the capital adequacy of financial institutions. The Company believes these measures facilitate comparison of the quality and composition of the Company's capital over time and in comparison to its competitors. These measures should not be viewed as a substitute for total shareholders' equity.

These non-GAAP measures have inherent limitations, are not required to be uniformly applied and are not audited. They should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of results reported under GAAP. These non-GAAP measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

#### FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION OF GAAP EARNINGS and CORE EARNINGS (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

		Three Months Ended					Twelve Months Ended			
	D	ecember 31, 2017	S	september 30, 2017	De	ecember 31, 2016	D	ecember 31, 2017	D	ecember 31, 2016
GAAP income before income taxes	\$	13,650	\$	15,470	\$	22,402	\$	66,134	\$	106,019
Net loss from fair value adjustments Net loss (gain) on sale of securities Gain from life insurance proceeds Net gain on sale of buildings Prepayment penalty on borrowings	Ť	631	Ť	1,297 186 (238)	Ť	509 839 (2) (14,204) 8,274	Ť	3,465 186 (1,405)	Ť	3,434 (1,524) (460) (48,018) 10,356
Core income before taxes	_	14,281		16,715		17,818		68,380		69,807
Provision for income taxes for core income		4,652		5,812		6,227		22,613		25,855
Core net income	\$	9,629	\$	10,903	\$	11,591	\$	45,767	\$	43,952
GAAP diluted earnings per common share	\$	0.21	\$	0.35	\$	0.50	\$	1.41	\$	2.24
Net loss from fair value adjustments, net of tax Net loss (gain) on sale of securities, net of tax Gain from life insurance proceeds Net gain on sale of buildings, net of tax Prepayment penalty on borrowings Federal tax reform of 2017		0.01 - - - - - 0.13		0.03 (0.01) - - -		0.01 0.02 - (0.29) 0.17		0.07 (0.05) - 0.13		0.07 (0.03) (0.02) (0.95) 0.21
Core diluted earnings per common share*	\$	0.33	\$	0.37	\$	0.40	\$	1.57	\$	1.52

Core net income, as calculated above

9,629 \$ 10,903 \$ 11,591 \$ 45,767 \$ 43,952

Average assets Average equity
Core return on average assets\*\*
Core return on average equity\*\*

6,243,686	6,239,321	6,003,125	6,217,746	5,913,534
537,201	536,468	512,317	530,300	496,820
0.62%	0.70%	0.77%	0.74%	0.74%
7.17%	8.13%	9.05%	8.63%	8.85%

Core diluted earnings per common share may not foot

### FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION OF GAAP EARNINGS and CORE EARNINGS BEFORE PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES and INCOME TAXES (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	De	ecember	ee Months End September	Twelve Months Ended December December			
		31, 2017	30, 2017	31, 2016	31, 2017	31, 2016	
GAAP income before income taxes	\$	13,650	\$ 15,470	\$ 22,402	\$ 66,134	\$ 106,019	
Provision for loan losses Net loss from fair value adjustments Net loss (gain) on sale of securities Gain from life insurance proceeds Net gain on sale of buildings Prepayment penalty on borrowings		6,595 631 - - - -	3,266 1,297 186 (238)	509 839 (2) (14,204) 8,274	9,861 3,465 186 (1,405)	3,434 (1,524) (460) (48,018) 10,356	
Core income before provision for loan losses and income taxes	\$	20,876	\$ 19,981	\$ 17,818	\$ 78,241	69,807	

### FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES CALCULATION OF TANGIBLE STOCKHOLDERS' COMMON EQUITY to TANGIBLE ASSETS (Unaudited)

	December 31,	December 31,
(Dollars in thousands)	2017	2016
Total Equity	\$ 532,608	\$ 513,853

<sup>\*</sup> due to rounding.
\*\*Ratios are calculated on an annualized basis.

Less: Goodwill Intangible deferred tax liabilities	(16,127) 291		(16,127) 389	
Tangible Stockholders' Common Equity	\$	516,772	\$	498,115
Total Assets Less: Goodwill Intangible deferred tax liabilities	\$	6,299,274	\$	6,058,487
		(16,127) 291		(16,127) 389
Tangible Assets	\$	6,283,438	\$	6,042,749
Tangible Stockholders' Common Equity to Tangible Assets		8.22%		8.24%

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Source: Flushing Financial Corporation