

#### **NEWS RELEASE**

### Flushing Financial Corporation Reports Full Year 2018 GAAP EPS up 36% and Record Full Year Core EPS up 24%; Quarterly Yields on Loan Closings Increased 75bps from 4Q17

#### 1/31/2019

#### FOURTH QUARTER 2018<sup>1</sup> HIGHLIGHTS

- GAAP diluted EPS was \$0.44, up 109.5% from 4Q17 and down 27.9% QoQ
- Core diluted EPS was \$0.54, up 63.6% from 4Q17 and unchanged QoQ
- Net interest income of \$40.6 million, down 2.1% QoQ, and 5.6% from 4Q17
- Net interest margin was 2.55%, down 16bps QoQ and 35bps from 4Q17
- Non-interest expense decreased 5.4% QoQ and 0.5% from 4Q17
- GAAP and core ROAE were 9.2% and 11.4%, compared with 12.9% and 11.4%, respectively in 3Q18
- GAAP and core ROAA were 0.7% and 0.9%, respectively, compared with 1.1% and 1.0%, respectively in 3Q18
- Sold \$120.3 million in lower yielding investment securities, resulting in a loss on sale of \$1.9 million and purchased \$113.4 million in higher yielding investment securities; transaction expected to aid 2019 EPS and NIM
- Tax benefit of \$0.06 per diluted share due to release of previously accrued tax liability

#### FULL YEAR 2018<sup>1</sup> HIGHLIGHTS

- GAAP diluted EPS was \$1.92, up 36.2% YoY
- Record core diluted EPS of \$1.94, up 23.6% YoY
- Record loan closings of \$1,250.8 million, up 20.3% YoY

- GAAP ROAE was 10.3%, compared with 7.8% and core ROAE was 10.4%, compared with 8.6% for 2017
- GAAP ROAA was 0.9%, compared with 0.7% and core ROAA was 0.9%, compared with 0.7% for 2017
- Net interest income was \$167.4 million, down 3.3%, and net interest margin was 2.70%, down 23bps YoY
- Non-interest expense increased 3.9% YoY
- Tax benefit of \$0.12 per diluted share due to release of previously accrued tax liability

UNIONDALE, N.Y., Jan. 31, 2019 (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 fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

John R. Buran, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "We are pleased to report another quarter of strong loan closings totaling \$345 million, our highest quarterly production in 2018, bringing total annual loan closings to a record level of \$1.3 billion, resulting in net loan growth of 3.2% (non-annualized) QoQ and 7.3% for the full year. These milestones were achieved while continuing to adhere to our strategy of emphasizing rate over volume, resulting in a 75bps increase in average loan yields on loan closings in 4Q18 compared to those booked in 4Q17. The increase in new loan volume and yields combined with repricings of adjustable rate loans resulted in a 9bps increase in the yield of total loans to 4.38% in 4Q18 from 4.29% in 3Q18, excluding prepayment penalty income and recovered interest from nonaccrual loans."

"We continued to experience margin pressure during 4Q18 driven by higher cost of funds. The cost of funds increased 12bps QoQ and 58bps YoY, as the Federal Reserve increased benchmark rates by 100bps since the fourth quarter of 2017. We expect continued competition for deposits and additional compression on the NIM through 2019."

"Overall our net interest margin decreased 16bps from 3Q18 to 2.55% for 4Q18. The decline in the net interest margin was primarily driven by a decrease of approximately \$2 million in prepayment penalties and recovered interest from non-accrual loans in 4Q18 from 3Q18. The decrease in our net interest margin shrinks to 3bps QoQ using core NIM which excludes the adjustments noted above for prepayment penalties and recovered interest from non-accrual loans."

"Our strategy of focusing on our net interest margin spurred our decision to sell lower yielding investment securities, from which we recognized a loss on sale totaling \$1.9 million, and reinvested the proceeds into higher yielding investment securities. We anticipate this transaction to aid our future net interest margin and earnings per share and to break even in approximately two years."

"Similar to the prior quarter, we allowed \$15 million of participations with another financial institution to repay, as the rates offered during the refinancing process did not meet our rate criteria. Year-to-date, we have allowed approximately \$154 million of participations to repay rather than refinance at a rate below our criteria. We continue to focus on the origination and purchase of adjustable rate loans, as approximately 78% of our new loans and 46% of our new investment securities were adjustable rate products allowing us to manage future compression on net interest margin as spreads are fixed. Additionally, approximately \$450 million of forward swaps entered into in late 2017 provided a benefit of a basis point to the quarter's net interest margin. We expect these swaps to continue to benefit our net interest margin as interest rates rise."

"Over the past year, C&I loans represented 38% of new loan closings, which are primarily adjustable rate loans. For the first time business loan closings exceeded multi-family closings for the year. We have over \$2 billion of loans repricing through 2021. During the fourth quarter \$152 million of mortgage loans have repriced up an average of 57bps. In addition, the pipeline totals \$197 million with an average yield of 5.12% compared to \$355 million at 4.68% in the linked quarter."

"Total deposits increased \$258 million, or 5.5% (non-annualized) QoQ. The majority of this increase was transaction deposits which increased 8.3% (non-annualized) QoQ. Retail deposits increased \$105 million QoQ. A prominent feature in the growth of retail deposits is the "Win Flushing" program, which focuses on increasing our deposit market share in the Asian Community of Flushing, Queens. Through the fourth quarter of 2018, we substantially achieved our goal, as we captured over \$143 million of the \$160 million in deposit growth targeted to be obtained by the end of 1Q19. Central to the "Win Flushing" program was the conversion of Flushing branches to the Universal Banker model, permitting staff to spend more time with customers. As of year-end we had 15 branches operating under the Universal Banker model. In the branches that have been converted we experienced an increase of over 120% in transactions processed at ATMs, to almost 60% of all branch transactions, reducing our customer's reliance on tellers, resulting in an increase of over 30% in total branch sales, as sales per employee increased approximately 50% due to our branch staff focusing more time on sales opportunities. As previously discussed, we expect to have the remaining branches converted to the Universal Banker model by the end of 2019."

Mr. Buran continued, "We continue to see strong improvements in our delinquency trends, as non-performing assets decreased by 10% and, total delinquencies decreased 20% since December 31, 2017. The loan-to-value ratio on our non-performing real estate loans at December 31, 2018 remained conservative at 35%. The net recoveries of \$214,000 for the quarter reflect the Company's conservative underwriting and diligence in the collection process."

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

• Multi-family (excluding underlying co-operative mortgages), commercial real estate, and one-to-four family mixed-use property mortgage loans originated during 4Q18 had a yield of 4.73%, an increase of 35bps from 4.38% for 3Q18 and an increase of 82bps from 3.91% for 4Q17. We maintained our asset quality as these

loans had an average loan-to-value ratio of 46% and an average debt coverage ratio of 164%.

• We remain committed to our strategy of focusing on C&I loans, commercial real estate loans and multi-family. In the fourth quarter, loan closings represented 34%, 28%, and 25%, respectively, of all originations, which were made while maintaining conservative loan-to-value and debt coverage ratios, and increasing yield.

Mr. Buran concluded, "Overall, 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

- Manage cost of funds and continue to improve funding mix
- Increase 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 4Q18 was \$40.6 million, a decrease of \$2.4 million, or 5.6% YoY (4Q18 compared to 4Q17) and \$0.9 million, or 2.1% QoQ (4Q18 compared to 3Q18).

- Net interest margin of 2.55%, decreased 35bps YoY and 16bps QoQ
- Net interest spread of 2.34%, decreased 41bps YoY and 17bps QoQ
- Yield on average interest-earning assets of 4.24%, increased 22bps YoY but decrease 3bps QoQ
- Cost of average interest-bearing liabilities of 1.90%, increased 63bps YoY and 14bps QoQ
- Cost of funds of 1.75%, increased 58bps YoY and 12bps QoQ, driven by increases in rates paid on deposits and short-term borrowings resulting from increases in the Fed Funds rate
- Average balance of total interest-earning assets of \$6,364.5 million, increased \$430.0 million, or 7.2%, YoY and \$234.0 million, or 3.8%, QoQ
- Net interest income includes prepayment penalty income from loans totaling \$0.9 million in 4Q18 compared with \$1.4 million in 4Q17 and \$1.9 million in 3Q18, accretion of discount upon call of CLO securities of none in 4Q18 and 3Q18 and \$0.4 million in 4Q17 and recovered interest from delinquent loans of \$0.3 million in 4Q18, compared to \$0.1 million in 4Q17 and \$1.1 million in 3Q18
- Absent all above items, the yield on interest-earning assets was 4.16% in 4Q18, an improvement of 26bps from 4Q17 and 8bps from 3Q18 and the net interest margin was 2.48% in 4Q18, which decreased 29bps from 4Q17 and 3bps from 3Q18

#### Provision for loan losses

As a result of the quarterly review of the allowance for loan losses, the Company recorded a provision of \$0.4 million compared to \$6.6 million in 4Q17 and none in 3Q18.

• Recorded net charge-offs (recoveries) of (\$0.2) million in 4Q18, \$11.5 million in 4Q17 and (\$89,000) in 3Q18 Non-interest Income (Loss)

Non-interest income (loss) for 4Q18 was a loss \$1.0 million, a decrease of \$4.1 million YoY, and \$5.9 million QoQ.

- During 4Q18 securities totaling \$120.3 million at an average yield of 2.41% were sold, recording a loss on sale of \$1.9 million, and the proceeds were used to purchase \$113.4 million in securities at an average yield of 3.70%
- Additionally, non-interest income included net losses from fair value adjustments of \$3.6 million in 4Q18, \$0.6 million in 4Q17 and \$0.2 million in 3Q18, gains from sale of assets of \$1.1 million in 4Q18 and gains from life insurance of \$2.2 million in 3Q18
- Absent all above items, non-interest income was \$3.4 million, a decrease of \$0.3 million, or 8.6% YoY, but an increase of \$0.5 million, 16.4% QoQ

#### Non-interest Expense

Non-interest expense for 4Q18 was \$25.8 million, a decrease of \$0.1 million, or 0.5% YoY, and \$1.5 million, or 5.4% QoQ.

- During 4Q18 BOLI split dollar insurance expense was reduced due to an increase in the discount rate used to calculate the cumulative split dollar liability; BOLI split dollar expense (income) was (\$0.6) million in 4Q18, \$0.6 million in 4Q17 and \$0.1 million in 3Q18
- Absent the above items, non-interest expense was \$26.4 million, an increase of \$1.1 million, or 4.4% YoY, but a decrease of \$0.7 million, or 2.5% QoQ
- The efficiency ratio was 58.5% in 4Q18 compared to 55.4% in 4Q17 and 61.3% in 3Q18

#### Provision for Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes in 4Q18 was \$1.0 million, a decrease of \$6.6 million, or 86.4% YoY and a decrease of \$0.9 million, or 45.2% QoQ.

Pre-tax income decreased by \$0.2 million, or 1.3% YoY and by \$5.8 million, or 30.0% QoQ

- The effective tax rates were 7.8% in 4Q18, 56.4% in 4Q17 and 9.9% in 3Q18
- 4Q18 and 3Q18 each reflect the release of a previously accrued tax liability of \$1.8 million; 4Q17 reflects additional tax expense totaling \$3.8 million from 2017 tax reform
- Absent the above items, the effective tax rates were 20.9% in 4Q18, 28.7% in 4Q17 and 19.1% in 3Q18

#### Financial Condition Summary:

#### Loans:

- Net loans held for investment were \$5,530.5 million reflecting an increase of 3.2% QoQ (not annualized) and 7.3% from December 31, 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 closings of multi-family, commercial real estate and commercial business loans totaled \$297.2 million for 4Q18, or 86.6% of loan production
- Loan pipeline was \$196.6 million at December 31, 2018, compared to \$359.8 million at December 31, 2017 and \$355.2 million at September 30, 2018
- The loan-to-value ratio on our portfolio of real estate dependent loans as of December 31, 2018 totaled 38.8%

The following table shows the weighted average rate received from loan closings for the periods indicated:

	Fo	or the three months ende	ed
	December 31,	December 31,	
Loan type	2018	2018	2017
Mortgage loans	4.79%	4.48%	3.92%
Non-mortgage loans	5.11%	4.50%	4.52%
Total loans	4.90%	4.49%	4.15%

#### Credit Quality:

- Non-performing loans totaled \$16.3 million, a decrease of \$1.9 million, or 10.4%, from \$18.1 million at December 31, 2017
- Non-performing assets totaled \$16.3 million, a decrease of \$1.8 million, or 10.2%, from \$18.1 million at December 31, 2017
- Classified assets totaled \$46.5 million, an increase of \$12.5 million, or 36.8%, from \$34.0 million at December 31, 2017, primarily due to seven business loan relationships totaling \$24.6 million being downgraded as they did not meet certain loan covenants; five of the relationships totaling \$21.1 million are still accruing and

continue to remit payments on time

- Loans classified as troubled debt restructured (TDR) totaled \$8.4 million, a decrease of \$4.8 million, or 36.6%, from \$13.2 million at December 31, 2017, primarily due to the repayment of four taxi medallion TDRs, resulting in a recovery of \$0.1 million and the sale of one commercial TDR
- 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 34.9% average loan-to-value for non-performing loans collateralized by real estate at December 31, 2018
- Net recoveries totaled \$19,000 during the twelve months ended December 31, 2018

#### Capital Management:

- The Company and Bank, at December 31, 2018, were both well capitalized under all applicable regulatory requirements
- During 4Q18, stockholders' equity increased \$7.7 million, or 1.4%, to \$549.5 million due to net income of \$12.4 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 4Q18, the Company repurchased 42,116 treasury shares at an average cost of \$22.27 per share; as of December 31, 2018, up to 467,211 shares remained subject to repurchase under the authorized stock repurchase program, which has no expiration or maximum dollar limit
- Book value per common share increased to \$19.64 at December 31, 2018, from \$18.63 at December 31, 2017 and tangible book value per common share, a non-GAAP measure, increased to \$19.07 at December 31, 2018, from \$18.08 at December 31, 2017

#### 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 Friday, February 1, 2019 at 9:30 AM (ET) to discuss the Company's strategy and results for the fourth quarter and full year of 2018
- Dial-in for Live Call: 1-877-509-5836
- Webcast: https://services.choruscall.com/links/ffic190201.html
- Dial-in for Replay: 1-877-344-7529
- Replay Access Code: 10123652
- The conference call will be simultaneously webcast and archived through 5:00 PM (ET) on February 1, 2020

#### About Flushing Financial Corporation

Flushing Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: FFIC) is the holding company for Flushing Bank<sup>®</sup>, 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, equipment finance, and cash management services through its banking offices located in Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Long Island. 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. Flushing Bank is an Equal Housing Lender. The Bank also operates an online banking division consisting of **iGObanking.com**<sup>®</sup>, which offers competitively priced deposit products to consumers nationwide, and BankPurely<sup>®</sup>, our eco-friendly, healthier lifestyle community brand.

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)

		For the	thr	ee month	ıs e	nded	For the twelve month ended		
	D	ecember 31,		eptember 30,		ecember 31,	December 31,	December 31,	
		2018		2018		2017	2018	2017	
Interest and Dividend Income									
Interest and fees on loans Interest and dividends on securities:	\$	60,722	\$	59,658	\$	53,449	\$ 232,719	\$ 209,283	
Interest Dividends		6,376 18		5,562 18		6,112 13	23,022 67	24,489 287	
Other interest income	_	317		248		123	1,190	526	
Total interest and dividend income		67,433		65,486		59,697	256,998	234,585	
Interest Expense		00.474		47.405		44.474	64.407	40.040	
Deposits Other interest expense		20,174 6,623		17,425 6,540		11,174 5,463	64,497 25,095	40,319 21,159	
Total interest expense		26,797		23,965		16,637	89,592	61,478	
Net Interest Income		40,636		41,521		43,060	167,406	173,107	
Provision for loan losses Net Interest Income After Provision for		422				6,595	575	9,861	
Loan Losses		40,214		41,521		36,465	166,831	163,246	
Non-interest Income Banking services fee income		1,065		1,017		1,383	4,030	4,156	
Net loss on sale of securities		(1,920)		-		-	(1,920)	(186)	
Net gain on sale of loans Net gain on sale of assets		- 1,141		10		207	168 1,141	603 -	
Net loss from fair value adjustments Federal Home Loan Bank of New York		(3,585)		(170)		(631)	(4,122)	(3,465)	
stock dividends Gains from life insurance proceeds		946		873 2,222		875	3,576 2,998	3,081 1,405	
Bank owned life insurance		779		782		809	3,099	3,227	
Other income Total non-interest income (loss)		588 (986)		4,955		421 3,064	1,367 10,337	1,541 10,362	
Non-interest Expense									
Salaries and employee benefits		15,094		15,720		14,249	64,560	62,087	
Occupancy and equipment Professional services		2,551 1,821		2,475 1,915		2,757 1,822	10,079 8,360	10,409 7,500	
FDIC deposit insurance Data processing		472 1,409		596 1,427		487 1,365	2,115 5,663	1,815 5,238	
Depreciation and amortization		1,464		1,484		1,339	5,792	4,832	
Other real estate owned/foreclosure expense (benefit)		(128)		(102)		28	(94)	404	
Net gain from sales of real estate owned Other operating expenses		3,077		3,718		3,832	(27) 15,235	(50) 15,239	
Total non-interest expense	_	25,760		27,233		25,879	111,683	107,474	
Income Before Income Taxes		13,468		19,243		13,650	65,485	66,134	

Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes Federal State and local Total taxes		349 697 1,046	 2,307 (397) 1,910		7,838 (145) 7,693		8,574 1,821 10,395	22,844 2,169 25,013
Net Income	\$	12,422	\$ 17,333	\$	5,957	\$	55,090 \$	41,121
Basic earnings per common share Diluted earnings per common share Dividends per common share	\$ \$ \$	0.44 0.44 0.20	 0.61 0.61 0.20	\$ \$ \$	0.21 0.21 0.18	\$ \$ \$	1.92 \$ 1.92 \$ 0.80 \$	1.41 1.41 0.72

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

(Unaudited)

ACCETC	December 31, 2018	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
ASSETS Cash and due from banks Sagurities hold to maturity	\$ 118,561	\$ 45,094	\$ 51,546
Securities held-to-maturity: Mortgage-backed securities Other securities Securities available for sale:	7,953 24,065		
Mortgage-backed securities Other securities Loans:	557,953 264,702	528,119 232,913	509,650 228,704
Multi-family residential	2,269,048	2,235,370	2,273,595
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	1,542,547 577,741 190,350 8,498 50,600 15,210 4,539 877,763 15,188 (20,945)	565,302 188,975 7,771 40,239 14,322 6,078 846,224 15,226	6,834 732,973 16,763

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	5,530,539 25,485 30,418 57,282 131,788 16,127 69,303	24,673 29,929 54,942 131,009	5,156,648 21,405 30,836 60,089 131,856 16,127 61,527
Total assets	\$6,834,176	\$6,539,543	\$6,299,274
LIABILITIES Due to depositors: Non-interest bearing Interest-bearing:	\$ 413,747	\$ 398,606	\$ 385,269
Certificate of deposit accounts Savings accounts	1,563,310 210,022	1,562,962 216,976	1,351,933 290,280
Money market accounts	1,427,992	1,223,640	979,958
NOW accounts	1,300,852	1,255,464	1,333,232
Total interest-bearing deposits Mortgagors' escrow deposits	4,502,176 44,861		3,955,403 42,606
Borrowed funds Other liabilities	1,250,843 73,085	1,197,101 84,371	1,309,653 73,735
Total liabilities	6,284,712	5,997,787	5,766,666
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, 2018, September 30, 2018 and Decei 2017; 27,983,637		-	-
shares, 28,025,081 shares and 28,588,266 shares outstanding at December 31, 2018, September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively) Additional paid-in capital Treasury stock (3,546,958 shares, 3,505,514 shares and 2,942,329 shares at			315 217,906
December 31, 2018, September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively) Retained earnings Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of taxes Total stockholders' equity	(75,146) 414,327 (12,752) 549,464	407,590	(57,675) 381,048 (8,986) 532,608
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity		\$6,539,543	

#### FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES

#### SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

		At or for t	he	three mont	s ended	At or for the twelve months ended					
		ecember 31,		eptember 30,		December 31,		December 31,		December 31,	
		2018		2018		2017	2018			2017	
Per Share Data Basic earnings per share Diluted earnings per share Average number of shares outstanding for: Basic earnings per common		0.44 0.44	\$	0.61 0.61	\$		\$	1.92 1.92	\$	1.41 1.41	
Basic earnings per common share computation Diluted earnings per		28,422,215		28,603,543		29,045,491		28,709,378		29,080,095	
common share computation	4	28,422,517		28,603,948		29,046,111		28,709,833		29,081,723	
Shares outstanding Book value per common		27,983,637		28,025,081	28,588,266			27,983,637	28,588,266		
share <sup>(1)</sup> Tangible book value per	\$	19.64	\$	19.33	\$	18.63	\$	19.64	\$	18.63	
common share <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	19.07	\$	18.77	\$	18.08	\$	19.07	\$	18.08	
Stockholders' Equity Stockholders' equity Tangible stockholders'		549,464	\$	541,756	\$	532,608	\$	549,464	\$	532,608	
equity		533,627		525,920		516,772		533,627		516,772	
Average Balances Total loans, net Total interest-earning assets Total assets Total due to depositors Total interest-bearing	\$	5,438,418 6,364,456 6,681,161 4,453,200	\$	5,280,172 6,130,422 6,446,540 4,213,118	\$	5,087,102 5,934,493 6,243,686 4,020,334	\$	5,316,968 6,194,248 6,504,598 4,288,868	\$	4,988,613 5,916,073 6,217,746 4,036,347	
liabilities Stockholders' equity		5,654,560 541,067		5,455,867 536,416		5,254,030 573,201		5,517,552 534,735		5,268,100 530,300	
Performance Ratios <sup>(3)</sup> Return on average assets Return on average equity Yield on average interest-		0.749 9.18			% 0.38 4.44		% 0.8 10.3		6	0.66% 7.75	
earning assets Cost of average interest-		4.24		4.27		4.02		4.15		3.97	
bearing liabilities Cost of funds		1.90 1.75		1.76 1.63		1.27 1.17		1.62 1.52		1.17 1.09	
Interest rate spread during										12	

period	2.34	2.51	2.75	2.53	2.80
Net interest margin	2.55	2.71	2.90	2.70	2.93
Non-interest expense to					
average assets	1.54	1.69	1.66	1.72	1.73
Efficiency ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	58.53	61.30	55.35	62.20	57.90
Average interest-earning					
assets to average					
interest-bearing liabilities	1.13X	1.12X	1.13X	1.12X	1.12X

- (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 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 the sale of securities, fair value adjustments and life insurance proceeds).

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

	for the year ended cember 31, 2018	for the year ended ember 31, 2017
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	\$ 586,582 546,230 682,527	\$ 563,426 527,727 658,777

Tier 1 leverage capital (well capitalized = 5%) Common equity Tier 1 risk-based capital (well capitalized =	8.74	%	9.02%
6.5%) Tier 1 risk-based capital (well capitalized = 8.0%) Total risk-based capital (well capitalized = 10.0%)	10.98 11.79 13.72		11.59 12.38 14.47
Regulatory capital ratios (for Flushing Bank only): Tier 1 capital Common equity Tier 1 capital Total risk-based capital	\$ 660,782 660,782 681,727		\$ 631,285 631,285 651,636
Tier 1 leverage capital (well capitalized = 5%) Common equity Tier 1 risk-based capital (well capitalized =	9.85	%	10.11%
6.5%) Tier 1 risk-based capital (well capitalized = 8.0%) Total risk-based capital (well capitalized = 10.0%)	13.28 13.28 13.70		13.87 13.87 14.31
Capital ratios: Average equity to average assets Equity to total assets Tangible common equity to tangible assets (1)	8.22 8.04 7.83	%	8.53% 8.46 8.22
Asset quality: Non-accrual loans (2) Non-performing loans Non-performing assets Net charge-offs/ (recoveries)	\$ 16,253 16,253 16,288 (19)		\$ 15,710 18,134 18,134 11,739
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	0.29 0.24 0.38 128.60 128.87	%	0.35% 0.29 0.39 112.23 112.23
Full-service customer facilities	19		18

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

### FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES NET INTEREST MARGIN

#### (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

		24.00		ende	d December 31, 2017				
	December Average		<u>18</u> /ield/	Septemb Average		/ield/	Average		<u>1 /</u> /ield/
	Balance I			Balance			Balance I		
Interest-earning Assets: Mortgage loans,									
net	\$4,555,8959	\$49,789	4.379	%\$4,467,349	\$49,612	4.449	<b>%\$4,355,973</b>	\$45,577	4.19%
Other loans, net Total loans, net	882,523	10,933	4.96	812,823	10,046	4.94	731,129	7,872	4.31
(1)	5,438,418	60,722	4.47	5,280,172	59,658	4.52	5,087,102	53,449	4.20
Taxable securities: Mortgage-backed									
securities Other securities	558,693 184,592	4,004 1,586		542,192 123,174		2.80	524,098 151,565	3,567 1,696	
Total taxable	104,332	1,360	J.44	125,174	920	3.01	131,303	1,090	4.40
securities	743,285	5,590	3.01	665,366	4,728	2.84	675,663	5,263	3.12
Tax-exempt securities: (2)									
Other securities Total tax-exemp	114,079	804	2.82	123,472	852	2.76	123,816	862	2.78
securities	114,079	804	2.82	123,472	852	2.76	123,816	862	2.78
Interest-earning deposits and federal funds				,			,		
sold Total interest-	68,674	317	1.85	61,412	248	1.62	47,912	123	1.03
earning									
assets Other assets	6,364,456 316,705	67,433	4.24	6,130,422 316,118		4.27	5,934,493 309,193	59,697	4.02
Total assets	\$6,681,161			\$6,446,540			\$6,243,686		
Interest-bearing Liabilities: Deposits:									
Savings accounts	\$ 213,091	392	0.74	\$ 219,749	304	0.55	\$ 306,273	519	0.68
NOW accounts Money market	1,312,834	4,968	1.51	1,336,873	4,416	1.32	1,357,028	2,634	0.78
accounts Certificate of	1,348,873	6,523	1.93	1,169,130	5,126	1.75	984,619	2,664	1.08

deposit									
accounts	1,578,402	8,276	2.10	1,487,366	7,453	2.00	1,372,414	5,322	1.55
Total due to depositors Mortgagors'	4,453,200	20,159	1.81	4,213,118	17,299	1.64	4,020,334	11,139	1.11
escrow accounts Total interest- bearing	71,108	15	0.08	57,573	126	0.88	65,127	35	0.21
deposits	4,524,308	20,174	1.78	4,270,691	17,425	1.63	4,085,461	11,174	1.09
Borrowings Total interest- bearing	1,130,252	6,623	2.34	1,185,176	6,540	2.21	1,168,569	5,463	1.87
liabilities Non interest- bearing	5,654,560_	26,797	1.90	5,455,867_	23,965	1.76	5,254,030 <u></u>	16,637	1.27
demand deposits Other liabilities	406,501 79,033			380,825 73,432			373,136 79,319		
Total liabilities Equity Total liabilities and	6,140,094 541,067			5,910,124 536,416			5,706,485 537,201		
equity	\$6,681,161			\$6,446,540			\$6,243,686		
Net interest income	5								
net interest rate spread	9	40,636	2.34%	ó <u>s</u>	\$41,521	2.51%	)	\$43,060	2.75 <sub>%</sub>
Net interest-earning assets / net interest margin		_	2.55 <sub>%</sub>	6 <u>\$ 674,555</u>	_	2.71%	\$ 680,463	_	<u>2.90</u> %
Ratio of interest- earning assets to interest- bearing			4.400			4.40			4.404
liabilities		_	1.13X		-	1.12X		_	1.13X

Loan interest income includes loan fee income (which includes net amortization of deferred fees and costs, late charges, and prepayment penalties) of approximately \$0.5 million, \$1.2 million and \$0.5 million for the three months ended December 31, 2018, September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

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)

	For the year ended										
	_	Decembe					er 31, 2017				
		Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Cost		Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Cost			
Interest-earning Assets:  Mortgage loans, net  Other loans, net	\$	4,494,210\$ 822,758	193,186 39,533	4.30% 4.80	\$	4,304,889\$ 683,724	5 181,006 28,277				
Total loans, net <sup>(1)</sup> Taxable securities:		5,316,968	232,719	4.38		4,988,613	209,283	4.20			
Mortgage-backed securities Other securities		539,771 140,461	15,065 4,658	2.79 3.32		526,934 199,350	13,686 7,349				
Total taxable securities	_	680,232	19,723	2.90		726,284	21,035	2.90			
Tax-exempt securities: (2) Other securities		121,412	3,366	2.77		139,704	3,741	2.68			
Total tax-exempt securities	_	121,412	3,366	2.77		139,704	3,741	2.68			
Interest-earning deposits and federal funds sold Total interest-earning	_	75,636	1,190	1.57		61,472	526				
assets Other assets		6,194,248 <u></u> 310,350	256,998	4.15		5,916,073 <u></u> 301,673	234,585	3.97			
Total assets	\$	6,504,598			\$	6,217,746					
Interest-bearing Liabilities: Deposits:											
Savings accounts NOW accounts Money market accounts Certificate of deposit	\$	233,392 1,407,945 1,164,505	1,370 15,896 18,707	0.59 1.13 1.61	\$	292,887 1,444,944 908,025	1,808 9,640 8,151				
accounts  Total due to depositors		1,483,026 4,288,868	28,310 64,283	1.91 1.50		1,390,491 4,036,347	20,579 40,178	1.48 1.00			
Mortgagors' escrow accounts		66,255	214	0.32		61,962	141	0.23			
Total interest-bearing deposits Borrowings		4,355,123 1,162,429	64,497 25,095	1.48 2.16		4,098,309 1,169,791	40,319 21,159	0.98 1.81			
Total interest-bearing											

liabilities Non interest-bearing	5,517,552	89,592	1.62	5,268,100 <u> </u>	61,478	1.17
demand deposits Other liabilities Total liabilities Equity Total liabilities and	 380,889 71,422 5,969,863 534,735		<u>-</u>	348,518 70,828 5,687,446 530,300		
equity	\$ 6,504,598		4	6,217,746		
Net interest income / net interest rate spread	\$	167,406	2.5 <u>3</u> %	<u>\$</u>	173,107	2.80%
Net interest-earning assets / net interest margin	\$ 676,696	_	2.70% \$	647,973	_	2.93%
Ratio of interest-earning assets to interest-bearing liabilities		_	1.12X		_	<u>1.12</u> X

Loan interest income includes loan fee income (which includes net amortization of deferred fees and costs, late charges, and prepayment penalties) of approximately \$2.1 million and \$2.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

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)

(Dollars in	December S 31,	September 30,	June 30,	March 31,	December 2018 vs. September 2018,	December 31,	December 2018 vs. December 2017,
thousands)	2018	2018	2018	2018	% Change	2017	% Change
Deposits Non-interest bearing Interest bearing: Certificate of deposit	\$ 413,747 \$	398,606	\$ 388,467	\$ 377,861	3.8%	\$ 385,269	
accounts	1,563,310	1,562,962	1,452,016	1,499,326	0.0%	1,351,933	15.6%

Savings accounts	210,022	216,976	225,815	246,888	-3.2%	290,280	-27.6%
Money market accounts	1,427,992	1,223,640	1,069,835	1,032,409	16.7%	979,958	45.7%
NOW accounts	1,300,852	1,255,464	1,422,745	1,479,319	3.6%	1,333,232	-2.4%
Total interest- bearing							
deposits	4,502,176	4,259,042	4,170,411	4,257,942	5.7%	3,955,403	13.8%
Total deposits	\$4,915,923	\$4,657,648	\$4,558,878	\$4,635,803	5.5%	\$4,340,672	13.3%

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

Loan Closings

		For t	he	three mor	nths	5		For the ye	ear	ended
	D	ecember	Se	eptember		December		December		ecember
		31,		30,		31,		31,		31,
(In thousands)		2018		2018		2017		2018		2017
Multi-family residential	\$	85,095	\$	102,484	\$	118,784	\$	339,732	\$	373,512
Commerciál real estate		95,772		38,569		53,381		270,785		238,057
One-to-four family – mixed-use										
property		28,924		16,870		19,913		74,156		65,247
One-to-four family – residential		7,356		11,362		9,545		42,660		26,168
Co-operative apartments		948		-		100		2,448		332
Construction		8,968		6,008		726		39,595		7,847
Small Business Administration		1,304		344		4,772		3,843		11,559
Commercial business and other		116,365		133,188		121,598		477,572		316,748
Total	\$	344,732	\$	308,825	\$	328,819	\$	1,250,791	\$	1,039,470

Loan Composition

(Dollars in	December 31,	September 30,	June 30,	March 31,	December 2018 vs. September 2018,	December 31,	December 2018 vs. December 2017,
(Dollars in thousands)	2018	2018	2018	2018	% Change	2017	% Change
Loans held for investment: Multi-family residential	\$2,269,048	\$2,235,370	\$2,247,852		1.5%	\$2,273,595	-0.2%
Commercial rea		\$2,235,370	\$2,247,852	\$2,280,803	1.5%	\$2,273,393	-0.2%
estate	1,542,547	1,460,555	1,471,894	1,426,847	5.6%	1,368,112	12.8%
One-to-four family — mixed-use property	577,741	565,302	564,474	566,930	2.2%	564,206	2.4%
One-to-four family —	377,741	303,302	304,474	300,930	2.270	304,200	2.470
residential	190,350	188,975	187,741	190,115	0.7%	180,663	5.4%
Co-operative apartments Construction Small Business	8,498 50,600	7,771 40,239	7,839 33,826	6,826 23,887	9.4% 25.7%	6,895 8,479	23.2% 496.8%
Administration Taxi medallion Commercial	15,210 4,539	14,322 6,078	14,405 6,225	20,004 6,617	6.2% -25.3%	18,479 6,834	-17.7% -33.6%
business and other Net unamortized	877,763	846,224	783,904	768,440	3.7%	732,973	19.8%
premiums and unearned loan fees Allowance for	15,188	15,226	15,647	16,395	-0.2%	16,763	-9.4%
loan losses	(20,945)	(20,309)	(20,220)	(20,542)	3.1%	(20,351)	2.9%
Net loans	\$5,530,539	\$5,359,753	\$5,313,587	\$5,292,322	3.2%	\$5,156,648	7.3%

Net Loans Activity

	Three Months Ended										
	December	December September,									
	31,	. 30	June 30,	March 31,	31,						
(In thousands)	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017						
Loans originated and purchased	\$ 344,732	¢ 308 825	¢ 255 /10	¢ 2/1 82/	¢ 378 810						
Luaris originated and purchased	P 344,732	\$ 500,025	P 200,410	P 241,024	P 320,013						

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Principal reductions Loans sold	(173,061)	(257,902) (4,027)	(226,030) (7,273)	(202,059) (2,703)	(209,400) (1,018)
Loan charged-offs	(211)	(220)	(416)	(85)	(11,616)
Net change in deferred fees and costs	(38)	(421)	(748)	(744) (368)	(162)
Net change in the allowance for loan losses	(636)	(89)	322	(191)	4,918
Total loan activity	\$ 170,786	\$ 46,166	\$ 21,265	\$ 135,674 \$	111,541

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

(Dollars in thousands) Loans 90 Days Or More Past Due and Still Accruing:	31, 2018	September 30, 2018	June 30, 2018	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Commercial real estate Construction Total	\$ - - -	\$ 111 - 111	\$ - 730 730	\$ 1,668 - 1,668	\$ 2,424 - 2,424
Non-accrual Loans: Multi-family residential Commercial real estate One-to-four family - mixed-use property One-to-four family - residential Co-operative apartments Small Business Administration Taxi medallion <sup>(1)</sup> Commercial business and other	2,410 1,379 928 6,144 - 1,267 613 3,512	862 1,398 795 6,610 - 1,395 712 761	2,165 1,448 2,157 6,969 575 - 743 2	2,193 1,894 2,396 7,542 - 41 906	3,598 1,473 1,867 7,808 - 46 918
Total	16,253	12,533	14,059	14,972	15,710
Total Non-performing Loans	16,253	12,644	14,789	16,640	18,134
Other Non-performing Assets: Real estate acquired through foreclosure Other asset acquired through foreclosure Total	35 35	35 35	35 35	638 106 744	- - -

Total Non-performing Assets	\$ 16,288	\$ 12,679	\$14,824	\$17,384	\$ 18,134
Non-performing Assets to Total Assets Allowance For Loan Losses to Non-	0.24%	0.19%	0.23%	0.27%	0.29%
performing Loans	128.9%	160.6%	136.7%	123.5%	112.2%

Net Charge-Offs (Recoveries)

	Three Months Ended											
	December			eptember 30,	June 30,		March 31,		ecember 31,			
(In thousands)		31, 2018		2018	2018		2018		2017			
Multi-family residential	\$	(4)	\$	18	\$ 28	\$	51	\$	(1)			
Commercial real estate One-to-four family – mixed-use		-		-	-		-		(3)			
property		(18)		(36)	(79)	)	_		(37)			
One-to-four family – residential		(199)		(258)	(4)	)	(107)		212			
Small Business Administration Taxi medallion		(143)		134 40	18 353		19		109 11,229			
Commercial business and other		(20)		13	6		(1)		4			
Total net loan charge-offs (recoveries)	\$	(214)	\$	(89)	\$ 322	\$	(38)	\$	11,513			

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.

<sup>(1)</sup> Not included in the above analysis are TDR taxi medallion loans totaling \$3.9 million in 4Q18, \$5.4 million in 3Q18, \$5.5 million in 2Q18, \$5.7 million in 1Q18 and \$5.9 million in 4Q17.

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)

		Thr	ee	Months Er	nde	ed	Twelve Months Ended				
	D	ecember 31,	Se	eptember 30,		ecember 31,	D	ecember 31,	D	ecember 31,	
		2018		2018		2017		2018		2017	
GAAP income before income taxes	\$	13,468	\$	19,243	\$	13,650	\$	65,485	\$	66,134	
Net loss from fair value adjustments Net loss on sale of securities Gain from life insurance proceeds Net gain on sale of assets Accelerated employee benefits		3,585 1,920 - (1,141)		170 (2,222)		631 - - -		4,122 1,920 (2,998) (1,141)		3,465 186 (1,405)	
upon Officer's death		-		149		-		149		-	
Core income before taxes		17,832		17,340		14,281		67,537		68,380	
Provision for income taxes for core income		2,395		2,010		4,652		11,960		22,613	
Core net income	\$	15,437	\$	15,330	\$	9,629	\$	55,577	\$	45,767	
GAAP diluted earnings per common share	\$	0.44	\$	0.61	\$	0.21	\$	1.92	\$	1.41	
Net loss from fair value adjustments, net of tax		0.09		-		0.01		0.10		0.07	
Net loss on sale of securities, net of tax Gain from life insurance proceeds Federal tax reform 2017		0.05		(0.08)		- - 0.13		0.05 (0.10)		(0.05) 0.13	
Net gain on sale of assets, net of tax		(0.03)		-		-		(0.03)		-	
Accelerated employee benefits upon Officer's death, net of tax		-		-		_		-			

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Core diluted earnings per commo share <sup>1</sup>	n <u>\$</u>	0.54	\$	0.54	\$	0.33	\$	1.94	\$	1.57
Core net income, as calculated above	\$	15,437	\$	15,330	\$	9,629	\$	55,577	\$	45,767
Average assets Average equity	6	,681,161 541,067	6	5,446,540 536,416	6	,243,686 537,201	6	5,504,598 534,735	6	,217,746 530,300
Core return on average assets <sup>2</sup>		0.929	6	0.95%	6	0.62%	)	0.85%	0	0.74%
Core return on average equity <sup>2</sup>		11.419	6	11.439	6	7.17%	)	10.39%	0	8.63%

<sup>(1)</sup> Core diluted earnings per common share may not foot due to rounding.

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

(Dollars in thousands)	D	ecember 31, 2018	D	ecember 31, 2017
Total Equity Less: Goodwill Intangible deferred tax liabilities Tangible Stockholders' Common Equity	\$	549,464	\$	532,608
		(16,127) 290		(16,127) 291
	\$	533,627	\$	516,772
Total Assets Less: Goodwill Intangible deferred tax liabilities Tangible Assets	\$	6,834,176	\$	6,299,274
		(16,127) 290		(16,127) 291
	\$	6,818,339	\$	6,283,438
Tangible Stockholders' Common Equity to Tangible Assets		7.83%	)	8.22%

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Ratios are calculated on an annualized basis.

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