

July 30, 2015

To Our Members:

Today the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (Bank) approved maintaining the dividend levels set last quarter for the second quarter of 2015. The Board again recognized our members that borrow from the Bank and thus support the entire cooperative by declaring a 2.25% dividend on Class B1 activity stock. The Board also declared a 0.50% dividend on Class B2 membership stock.

The Bank expects to report net income of \$97 million for the second quarter of 2015 when we file our Form 10-Q with the Securities and Exchange Commission next month. Preliminary and unaudited financial results and details on the dividend payments are included at the end of this letter.

### **Supporting Your Business**

We continue to focus on ways we can support your business. First, we want to ensure your borrowing costs remain low. The higher dividend on Class B1 activity stock relative to the Class B2 membership stock that we announced today reduces your all-in cost of borrowing an advance, making our funding attractive to other alternatives. Second, earlier in June we introduced a new *monthly* Reduced Capitalization Advance Program (RCAP). Now on a monthly basis you have the opportunity to borrow new advances with an activity stock requirement of only 2% for the life of the advance instead of the traditional 5% requirement. [Read more here.](#)

Lastly, we have also been evaluating how to increase your collateral capacity, which directly affects your ability to access funding and liquidity. At the end of June we announced changes to our collateral loan margins, which provides you with more collateral value and, in turn, greater opportunities to use advances for your business needs.

### **More Ways to Access the Secondary Mortgage Market**

The Bank has expanded its product offerings through the Mortgage Partnership Finance<sup>®</sup> (MPF<sup>®</sup>) Program. Members can once again earn higher fee income for sharing the credit risk of conventional, conforming loans while the Bank manages the liquidity, interest rate, and prepayment risks with MPF Original, MPF 125, and MPF 35 products. We were also pleased to announce that members can choose to sell jumbo loans to the secondary mortgage market through the MPF Direct product, which has a single-family loan limit of \$1.5 million.

To help you remain competitive in the government loan market, we now offer the MPF Government MBS product. On July 21, we issued our first security guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae). The \$5 million security is backed by mortgages originated by participating members through MPF Government MBS. Ginnie Mae securities are among the most liquid financial instruments in the world, and this new product allows you to offer competitive FHA, VA, and Government Guaranteed Native American and Rural Housing mortgages.

### **Community First<sup>®</sup> Fund Commits More Money to District**

Supporting your communities remains a priority as well. Since February, we have committed \$21 million of the Community First Fund to three new CDFI (community development financial institution) partners. Chicago-based CIC (Community Investment Corporation) will use the funds to help support small business entrepreneurs—multifamily building owners who provide

affordable rental housing throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Impact Seven, based in Almena, Wisconsin, will use the funding to provide flexible loan capital for business expansion to foster job creation and investment in low-income communities. And CCLF (Chicago Community Loan Fund) based in Chicago plans to use the capital to finance projects that provide better goods and services, healthy food outlets, social services, and high-quality affordable housing to the communities it serves.

Our commitment to you is steadfast as we develop new products and services to help you remain competitive in an ever-changing business environment. We are member-owned and member-focused. As always, thank you for your membership in—and for using—the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.

Best regards,  
Matt Feldman  
President and CEO

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### Second Quarter 2015 Dividend

On July 30, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (Bank) declared a cash dividend for both the average activity-based capital stock (Class B1) and average membership-based capital stock (Class B2), based on the Bank's preliminary financial results for the second quarter of 2015.

The dividend declared per share of Class B1 activity stock is at an annualized rate of 2.25%. The dividend declared per share of Class B2 membership stock is at an annualized rate of 0.50%. The actual effective combined dividend rate on the total stock held by each member will depend on its level of activity with the Bank during the second quarter and the relative number of shares of Class B2 membership and Class B1 activity stock. The dividend will be paid by crediting your account on August 13, 2015.

The Board of Directors continued to declare a higher dividend per share on Class B1 activity stock than on Class B2 membership stock, as the Board recognizes members that use FHLBC advances; this activity supports the entire cooperative and the higher dividend lowers their all-in costs to borrow.

### Second Quarter 2015 Financial Highlights

The results discussed here are preliminary and unaudited. Please refer to the Condensed Statements of Income and Statements of Condition on the next page. We expect to file our second quarter 2015 Form 10-Q with the Securities and Exchange Commission next month. You will be able to access it on our website, [www.fhlbc.com](http://www.fhlbc.com), or through the SEC's reporting website.

- We recorded **net income** of \$97 million for the second quarter of 2015, up slightly from \$94 million in the second quarter of 2014.
- **Net interest income** for the second quarter of 2015 was \$117 million, down slightly from \$122 million for the second quarter of 2014.
- **Total investment securities** declined \$1.8 billion from \$27.3 billion at December 31, 2014, to \$25.5 billion at June 30, 2015, as the portfolio continued to pay down.
- **Advances** outstanding increased \$2.1 billion to \$34.6 billion at June 30, 2015, up from \$32.5 billion at December 31, 2014.
- **Total assets** decreased \$2.0 billion to \$69.8 billion at June 30, 2015, down from \$71.8 billion at December 31, 2014.
- We reached approximately \$2.6 billion in **retained earnings** at June 30, 2015.
- We remained in compliance with all of our regulatory capital requirements as of June 30, 2015.

<b>Condensed Statements of Condition</b>			
<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>			
<b>(Preliminary and Unaudited)</b>			
	<b>June 30, 2015</b>	<b>December 31, 2014</b>	<b>Change</b>
Cash and due from banks, interest bearing deposits, Federal Funds sold, and securities purchased under agreement to resell	\$ 4,112	\$ 5,827	(29)%
Investment securities	25,519	27,260	(6)%
Advances	34,553	32,485	6 %
MPF Loans held in portfolio, net	5,374	6,057	(11)%
Other	202	212	(5)%
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 69,760</b>	<b>\$ 71,841</b>	<b>(3)%</b>
Consolidated obligation discount notes	\$ 34,552	\$ 31,054	11 %
Consolidated obligation bonds	28,672	34,251	(16)%
Subordinated notes	944	944	— %
Other	1,043	1,067	(2)%
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>65,211</b>	<b>67,316</b>	<b>(3)%</b>
Capital stock	1,835	1,902	(4)%
Retained earnings	2,575	2,406	7 %
Accumulated other comprehensive income	139	217	(36)%
<b>Total capital</b>	<b>4,549</b>	<b>4,525</b>	<b>1 %</b>
<b>Total liabilities and capital</b>	<b>\$ 69,760</b>	<b>\$ 71,841</b>	<b>(3)%</b>

<b>Condensed Statements of Income</b>						
<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>						
<b>(Preliminary and Unaudited)</b>						
	<b>For the three months ended June 30,</b>			<b>For the year to date ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Change</b>
Interest income	\$ 309	\$ 345	(10)%	\$ 630	\$ 700	(10)%
Interest expense	(188)	(226)	(17)%	(379)	(454)	(17)%
Reversal of (provision for) credit losses	(4)	3	(233)%	(4)	6	(167)%
Net interest income	117	122	(4)%	247	252	(2)%
Noninterest gain (loss)	24	13	85 %	19	3	533 %
Noninterest expense	(33)	(31)	6 %	(66)	(61)	8 %
Affordable Housing Program assessment	(11)	(10)	10 %	(20)	(19)	5 %
Net income	\$ 97	\$ 94	3 %	\$ 180	\$ 175	3 %
Net yield on interest-earning assets	0.71%	0.67%	0.04 %	0.71%	0.70%	0.01 %

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