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**By Facsimile (219.227.6101) and U.S. Mail**

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**Re: CFS Bancorp, Inc.  
Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed February 25, 2010  
File No. 0-24611**

Dear Mr. Chulos:

We have reviewed the above filing and have the following comments. Where indicated, we think the Company should revise the document in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why a comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation.

In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with supplemental information so we may better understand the Company's disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may or may not raise additional comments. All defined terms used in this letter have the same meaning as in the proxy statement listed above, unless otherwise indicated.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist the Company in its compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in its filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone number listed at the end of this letter.

**Preliminary Proxy Statement**

**Will there be a proxy contest for the election of directors at the annual meeting? Page 2**

1. We note the statement in the last paragraph of this section that the board of directors does not endorse PL Capital's nominee. Please revise the proxy statement to explain the basis for your recommendation.
2. Either here or in an appropriate section elsewhere in the proxy statement, please include a reasonably detailed description of the contacts you have had with PL Capital during the time period leading up to this solicitation.

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3. We note the Company reserves the right to vote for unidentified substitute nominees. Advise us, with a view toward revised disclosure, whether the participants are required to identify or nominate such substitute nominees in order to comply with any applicable company advance notice bylaw. In addition, please confirm for us that should the participants lawfully identify or nominate substitute nominees before the meeting, the participants will file an amended proxy statement that (1) identifies the substitute nominees, (2) discloses whether such nominees have consented to being named in the revised proxy statement and to serve if elected and (3) includes the disclosure required by Items 5(b) and 7 of Schedule 14A with respect to such nominees.

Closing Comments

Please amend the proxy statement in response to these comments. You may wish to provide us with marked copies of the amendment to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with the amendment that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested supplemental information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing the amendment and responses to our comments.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing reviewed by the staff to be certain that they have provided all information investors require for an informed decision. Since the Company is in possession of all facts relating to its disclosure, it is responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures it has made.

In connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a statement from the Company acknowledging that:

- the Company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the Company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

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In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in our review of the filing or in response to our comments on the filing.

Please direct any questions to me at (202) 551-3444. You may also contact me via facsimile at (202) 772-9203. Please send all correspondence to us at the following ZIP code: 20549-3628.

Sincerely,

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