



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

April 9, 2012

Via E-mail

Harris H. Simmons  
Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer  
Zions Bancorporation  
One South Main Street  
15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Salt Lake City, UT 84133

**Re: Zions Bancorporation  
Preliminary Proxy Statement filed on Schedule 14A  
Filed March 27, 2012  
File No. 001-12307**

Dear Mr. Simmons:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or 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. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Suzanne Hayes  
Suzanne Hayes  
Assistant Director