



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

August 9, 2012

Via E-mail

Raymond E. Dellerba
President and Chief Executive Officer
Pacific Mercantile Bancorp
949 South Coast Drive, Suite 300
Costa Mesa, California 92626

**Re: Pacific Mercantile Bancorp
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011
Filed February 27, 2012
File No. 000-30777**

Dear Mr. Dellerba:

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/Mark Webb for

Kathryn McHale
Senior Staff Attorney

cc: Via E-mail
Nancy Gray
Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Pacific Mercantile Bank