

CONNECTING VALUES TO RESULTS

2022 Annual Report



SOUND
FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Shareholders,

We continued our pursuit of values-based banking with solid results. We are committed to doing well AND doing good.

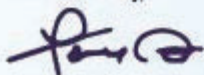
We had many achievements that we are proud to report. For the eighth consecutive year, we were recognized as a top philanthropist by the Puget Sound Business Journal. And we achieved eight successive quarters of organic loan growth despite the retirement of virtually all the PPP loans. We were again honored to be among the Top 200 performing community banks as recognized by American Banker. In October, we received an award for our bank team and an individual acknowledgment as the Most Powerful Women in Banking. This is an amazing national achievement for a community bank.

The year 2022 was almost two different economic cycles, with excess liquidity in the first half and a significant reduction in liquidity, with a return to over 100% loan-to-deposit ratio, in the second half. We were able to pivot and produce results that allowed us to grow and provide returns. Our strong capital base, solid reputation, and commitment to our communities serves us well during these challenging times in the banking industry. We thank you for your investment in the company and commitment to our values-based banking as we focus on doing the right thing.

Our sustainability report is enclosed. I hope you will review it to see examples of how we sustain our communities, clients, and bank family.

Thank you for your trust.

Most sincerely,



Laura Lee Stewart
President & CEO



SOUND FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**INDEPENDENT
AUDITORS**

Moss Adams LLP
2707 Colby Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

SPECIAL COUNSEL

Silver, Freedman, Taff & Tiernan LLP
3299 K Street NW
Suite 100
Washington, DC 20007

TRANSFER AGENT

Shareholders should direct inquiries concerning their stock, change of name, address or ownership, report lost certificates, or consolidate accounts to our transfer agent at 877-830-4936 or write:

Broadridge Corporate Issuer Solution, Inc.
1717 Arch Street, Suite 1300
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. Corporate Information

Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. is a bank holding company regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Our principal business is operating our wholly-owned subsidiary, Sound Community Bank. Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.'s executive offices are located at 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington, 98121 and the telephone number is (800) 458-5585.

Sound Community Bank is a Washington State chartered commercial bank with eight full-service banking offices and one loan production office in the greater Puget Sound area of Washington State. It is a community focused institution, primarily engaging in attracting deposits from the general public and originating loans to individuals and businesses.

Board of Directors of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. and Sound Community Bank

Tyler K. Myers, Chairman

President, General Partner, The Myers Group

David S. Haddad, Jr., Vice Chairman

Retired Operations Manager at Cutter and Buck

Laura Lee Stewart

President & Chief Executive Officer,
Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. & Sound Community Bank

Robert F. Carney

Retired Director of Meat and Seafood Merchandising,
Scolaris Food & Drug Company

Debra L. Jones, CPA

Retired Vice President of Administrative Services,
Bellingham Technical College

Rogelio Riojas

Chief Executive Officer, SeaMar Community Health Centers

James E. Sweeney

Retired Vice President, Vitamin Shoppe, Inc.

Executive Officers

Laura Lee Stewart*

President & Chief Executive Officer,
Interim Chief Credit Officer,
Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. & Sound Community Bank

Erin Nicolaus

Executive Vice President, Chief People and Inclusion Officer,
Sound Community Bank

Wesley Ochs*

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,
Sound Community Bank

David A. Raney

Executive Vice President, Chief Banking Officer,
Sound Community Bank

Heidi J. Sexton*

Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer,
Sound Community Bank

*Executive Officer for SEC reporting purposes.

Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. Shareholder Information

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. will be held on May 31, 2023, at 10:00 AM local time, at the Company's executive offices located at 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington, 98121.

Stock Listing & Dividends

Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "SFBC".

The Board of Directors and management of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. continually review our ability to pay cash dividends on common stock. Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. paid regular quarterly dividends of \$0.17 per common share and a special dividend of \$0.10 per common share during 2022. Our cash dividend payout policy is reviewed regularly by management and the Board of Directors.

Annual Report on Form 10-K

These materials contain a copy of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 (the "Form 10-K"). Additional copies of the Company's Form 10-K, including the financial statements and schedules, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), may be obtained without charge by contacting Wesley Ochs, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, at Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc., 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington, 98121. This information is also available at soundcb.com under the link titled "Investor Relations".

Stockholder and General Inquiries

Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. files annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC, which can be accessed free of charge at sec.gov. You also may obtain copies of the information that Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. files with the SEC, free of charge, by accessing the Company's website at soundcb.com under the link titled "Investor Relations" and then "SEC Filings." Alternatively, these documents, when available, may be obtained free of charge upon written request to Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc., Corporate Secretary, 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington, 98121 or by calling (206) 436-8587. Requests for these reports, as well as inquiries from shareholders, analysts, and others seeking information about Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc., should be directed to Wesley Ochs, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington, 98121, telephone (206) 436-8587



SOUND
COMMUNITY BANK
Simply better here.

2022 Sustainability Report

environment ● community ● workplace ● financial stewardship

Sandy Frankfurth



When I walk into the Sequim Village Branch of Sound Community Bank it feels like home because of the many ways they CARE! I am so grateful for the MANY ways Sound Community Bank keeps this 76-year-old grandma "balanced, between my personal and business-account banking needs!" Also, you are always true to your word! Because of this, I look forward to referring friends and family to Sound Community Bank. It feels very welcoming to walk through the doors and hear a "Hi, Sandy!" And, on more than one occasion, it's followed up with, "We just picked up the newspapers!" It's a special break in my day for "frugal" me to be out of my home office and sit amongst so much GOODNESS and sip a cup of coffee and read the paper! Shelli has also offered me, on more than one occasion, excellent SOUND advice on personal matters! It's the little things that make a HUGE difference. The bank is a blessing to me and to our entire community who benefits from all the ways you CARE and give back to the community!

Myriah Conyers

AVP | Mortgage Production Engineer



When I applied for my first car loan at Sound Community Bank, I never anticipated it would lead to my career of 18 plus years in banking. I started as a part-time teller in the downtown location and transitioned into a career in mortgage banking. Sound Community has been a wonderful place to grow in my banking career. Currently, I'm the Mortgage Production Engineer. Not only have I had the opportunity to grow my career, but I was also able to finance my first and second homes. Sound Community Bank has been instrumental in making my dreams come true and blossoming me into a proud career in banking by providing opportunities to learn and develop.

At Sound Community Bank, we make a strategic commitment to provide sustainable, secure financial services and support to individuals, businesses, communities and employees. We focus on initiatives like excellent financial performance, green products and services, superior client service and employee benefits that enhance employee relations and expand our productivity. In 2022, the management team continued to lead a focused effort to more fully integrate sustainability and corporate social responsibility into our day-to-day operations. We believe these principles, which are embedded throughout the Bank, create satisfied clients, engaged employees and sustainable financial performance for years to come. We hope you enjoyed learning about our efforts in 2022.

Laura Lee (Laurie) Stewart

President & Chief Executive Officer
Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.
and Sound Community Bank

Erin Nicolaus

Executive Vice President
Chief People and Inclusion Officer
Sound Community Bank

Wesley Ochs

Executive Vice President
Chief Strategy Officer
Sound Community Bank

David A. Raney

Executive Vice President
Chief Banking Officer
Sound Community Bank

Heidi J. Sexton

Executive Vice President
Chief Operating Officer
Sound Community Bank



Robert Leonard Salon + Spa

Becca Stordahl and Morgan Powers

At Robert Leonard Salon, our culture is what sets us apart. As a salon established in Downtown Seattle for 46 years, it is critical for us to define what exactly culture means to us — within our staff as well as our clientele. That culture is ever evolving throughout the years, but our focus and mission statement remains the same: "It is our mission to attract and retain the client that seeks a higher standard of skill, consistency, efficiency, and service. We strive to be leaders in the beauty industry by simply putting the client's needs above our own. Our focus on quality touches every part of the client experience from the products we choose to the services we provide. We always deliver sophisticated and exceptional service."

Workplace

Approximately 60% of employees work remotely on a regular basis, helping reduce carbon emissions in Western Washington

Average employee tenure of 5 years

Employees completed 1,449 banking-related courses totaling nearly 908 training hours

Employee Utilization of 14.13%, representing the percentage of an employee needed to service \$1,000,000 in assets

Financial Stewardship

5-Star "Superior" safety and soundness rating from Bauer Financial

Employees earned 19,438 shares in the Employee Stock Ownership Plan, giving them a greater stake in our success

Loan to Deposit ratio of 107.27%, displaying a commitment to the communities we serve

Return on Assets ratio of 0.92%, expressing efficient financial management to generate earnings using assets

Return on Equity ratio of 9.24%, revealing profitability leveraging investments from shareholders

Efficiency ratio of 69.65%, making evident our commitment to preserving resources



Gratton Grocers LLC DBA Grocery Outlet

John and Melanie Gratton and "Bear"

We're proud and appreciative of our partnership with John and Melanie Gratton, owners of the Port Angeles Grocery Outlet. Their dedication to community aligns with our company values – Community is our heart, we serve the needs of our communities. The Grattons fill the Habitat for Humanity homes with food when the homes are complete and families move in. "Bear" is a good paw-friend of our Port Angeles Branch and likes to join us for our team meetings sometimes!

Laurie Szczepczynski
SVP | Relationship Manager
Port Angeles Branch

Environment

51% of clients choose electronic paper statements, an eco-friendly option eliminating hundreds of thousands of printed pages

72% of client households with a checking account use Online Banking for paperless transactions and bill payment

71% of clients use a debit card, reducing the need for paper checks

9,754 clients utilize Mobile Banking, eliminating the need to visit a branch

66% of clients with a loan choose auto-pay instead of using a paper check or visiting a branch monthly

100% of loan files digitized, eliminating the need for storing 3,500,000+ pieces of paper in filing cabinets, in turn saving space and reducing expenses

66% of clients choose direct deposit, reducing the risk of check fraud and lost or stolen checks, and eliminating the need to visit a branch

Community

2,329 hours volunteered within our communities

100% employee participation in Corporate Giving Campaign

24.68% average market share in communities we serve

Sponsored over 100 community events and activities

241 checking accounts offered free to nonprofit organizations

131 clients chose a non-profit beneficiary in our communities to receive \$50 from the Bank on their behalf as part of our mortgage giving program



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April 18, 2023

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and management of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc., I cordially invite you to attend our 2023 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., Pacific Time, on May 31, 2023, at our executive offices, located at 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington.

The matters expected to be acted upon at the meeting are described in detail in the attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and proxy statement. An important part of the Annual Meeting is the shareholder vote on corporate business items. I urge you to exercise your rights as a shareholder to vote and participate in this process. At the Annual Meeting, I will present management's report to you on Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.'s 2022 financial and operating performance.

We encourage you to carefully review this year's notice and proxy statement which contain important information about the proxy voting and the business to be conducted at the annual meeting. We encourage you to vote your shares by proxy as promptly as possible by telephone, online or mail in advance of the annual meeting. Every shareholder vote is important, and we want to ensure that your shares are represented at the meeting. Your prompt response will save us the additional expense of soliciting proxies and will ensure that your shares are represented at the meeting. Returning the proxy card by mail or voting telephonically or electronically prior to the meeting does NOT deprive you of your right to attend the meeting or to vote your shares in person at the meeting.

Your Board of Directors and management are committed to the continued success of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. and the enhancement of the value of your investment. As President and Chief Executive Officer, I want to express my appreciation for your confidence and support.

Sincerely,

/s/ Laura Lee Stewart

Laura Lee Stewart

President and Chief Executive Officer

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
TO BE HELD MAY 31, 2023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of shareholders of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. will be held as follows:

TIME	Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., Pacific Time
PLACE	Sound Community Bank 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150 Seattle, Washington
BUSINESS	(1) Election of two directors of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. (2) Advisory (non-binding) vote on executive compensation. (3) Ratification of the appointment of Moss Adams, LLP as Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.'s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.
RECORD DATE	Holders of record of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. common stock at the close of business on March 31, 2023, are entitled to receive this Notice and to vote at the annual meeting, or any adjournment or postponement thereof.
PROXY VOTING	It is important that your shares be represented and voted at the annual meeting. To ensure that your shares are represented at the meeting, please take the time to vote by Internet or telephone or by mailing a completed proxy card as soon as possible. Regardless of the number of shares you own your vote is very important. Please act today.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Laura Lee Stewart _____

Laura Lee Stewart
President and Chief Executive Officer

Seattle, Washington
April 18, 2023

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of
Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting To Be Held on May 31, 2023.**

Sound Financial Bancorp Inc.'s proxy statement, Annual Report on Form 10-K
and electronic proxy card are available on the Internet at <https://www.proxyvote.com>.

You are encouraged to review all of the information contained in the proxy statement before voting.

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PROXY STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. is using this proxy statement to solicit proxies from the holders of common stock of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. for use at our upcoming annual meeting of shareholders. The annual meeting of shareholders will be held at 10:00 a.m., Pacific Time on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at our executive offices located at 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington. We strongly recommend that you vote your shares in advance of the annual meeting.

At the meeting, shareholders will be asked to vote on three proposals, which are set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and are described in more detail below. Shareholders also will consider any other matters that may properly come before the meeting, although the Board of Directors knows of no other business to be presented. Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. is referred to in this proxy statement from time to time as “Sound Financial Bancorp,” the “Company,” “we,” “us” or “our.” Certain of the information in this proxy statement relates to Sound Community Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, which is referred to in this proxy statement from time to time as the “Bank.”

By submitting your proxy, either by executing and returning the enclosed proxy card or by voting electronically via the Internet or by telephone, you authorize the Company’s Board of Directors to represent you and vote your shares at the annual meeting in accordance with your instructions. The Board of Directors also may vote your shares to adjourn the annual meeting from time to time and will be authorized to vote your shares at any adjournments or postponements of the annual meeting. This proxy statement and the accompanying materials are first being made available to shareholders on or about April 18, 2023.

Your vote is important. You may vote your shares by Internet or telephone. You also may vote by sending a completed proxy card by regular mail or by submitting a ballot in person at the Annual Meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, **please read the proxy statement and vote your shares by Internet or telephone or by sending a completed proxy card by regular mail as promptly as possible.** This will ensure that your shares are represented at the meeting.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

What is the purpose of the annual meeting?

At the annual meeting, shareholders will be asked to vote on the following proposals:

Proposal 1. Election of two directors of Sound Financial Bancorp, each for a three-year term.

Proposal 2. Advisory (non-binding) vote on executive compensation.

Proposal 3. Ratification of the appointment of Moss Adams, LLP as Sound Financial Bancorp's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

Shareholders also will transact any other business that may properly come before the annual meeting, although, as of the date of this proxy statement, the Board of Directors knows of no other business to be presented. If any other proposal properly comes before the shareholders for a vote at the meeting, the proxy holders will vote your shares in accordance with their best judgment. Members of our management team will be present at the annual meeting to respond to appropriate questions from shareholders.

How does the Board of Directors recommend I vote on the proposals?

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote:

- **FOR** the election of the two director nominees named in this proxy statement.
- **FOR** the advisory vote on executive compensation.
- **FOR** ratification of the appointment of Moss Adams, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

Who can vote at the annual meeting?

The record date for the annual meeting is March 31, 2023. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on that date are entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the annual meeting. The only class of stock entitled to be voted at the annual meeting is the common stock of the Company. Each outstanding share of common stock is entitled to one vote for each matter before the annual meeting; provided, however, that pursuant to Section D of Article 5 of the Company's charter, no shareholder who beneficially owns more than ten percent of the shares of our common stock outstanding as of that date may vote shares in excess of this limit. At the close of business on the record date, there were 2,601,443 shares of common stock outstanding.

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in street name and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by your broker or nominee. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker or nominee how to vote.

Can I attend the annual meeting?

If you are a shareholder as of the close of business on March 31, 2023, you may attend the meeting. However, if you hold your shares in street name, you will need proof of ownership to be admitted to the meeting. A recent brokerage statement or a letter from your bank or broker, are examples of proof of ownership. If you want to vote your shares of Sound Financial Bancorp common stock held in street name in person at the meeting, you must get a written proxy in your name from the broker, bank or other nominee who holds your shares.

What are the quorum and vote requirements?

The annual meeting will be held only if there is a quorum. A quorum exists if the holders of at least one-third of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, are present at the meeting. If you return valid proxy instructions or attend the meeting in person, your shares will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum, even if you abstain from voting. Broker non-votes also will be counted for purposes of determining the existence of a quorum. A broker non-vote occurs when a broker, bank or other nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that item and has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner.

Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast. Votes may be cast for or withheld from a nominee. Votes that are withheld and broker non-votes will have no effect on the election of the director nominees. The advisory vote on executive compensation and the ratification of the appointment of Moss Adams, LLP each requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the matter. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted as votes cast on these matters. Accordingly, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the advisory vote on executive compensation or the ratification of the appointment of Moss Adams, LLP.

How can I obtain a paper copy of this proxy statement, the proxy card and the Annual Report to Shareholders?

If you would like to request a paper or email copy of the proxy material(s) for this and/or future shareholder meetings, you may (1) visit www.ProxyVote.com, (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com. If sending an email, please include your Shareholder Control Number, which was printed at the bottom of the April 18, 2023 Notice of Meeting and Availability of Proxy Materials, in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.

How do I vote?

If you are a registered shareholder, that is, if you hold your stock in your own name, you may vote by:

Internet. To vote by Internet, have your Shareholder Control Number from the Notice of Meeting and Availability of Proxy Materials dated April 18, 2023, in hand; go to <https://www.proxyvote.com>; and follow the instructions for voting on-line. The deadline for voting by Internet is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 30, 2023.

Telephone. To vote by phone, have your Shareholder Control Number from the Notice of Meeting and Availability of Proxy Materials dated April 18, 2023, in hand; call the toll-free phone number 800-690-6903; and follow the instructions for voting. The deadline for voting by phone is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 30, 2023.

Mail. To vote by mail, request a paper copy of the proxy card and related materials, as noted in the response to the previous question. Then properly complete and sign the proxy card and return it in the return envelope provided in a timely manner. The mailed card must be received by the Company before the start of the annual meeting to be voted.

In person at the annual meeting. If you plan to attend the annual meeting and wish to vote in person, we will give you a ballot at the meeting. However, if your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee, you must obtain a proxy form from the named holder of your shares indicating that you were the beneficial owner of those shares on the record date for voting at the annual meeting.

Can I change my vote after I submit my proxy?

You may revoke your proxy at any time before the vote is taken at the annual meeting. If you are a registered shareholder, you may revoke your proxy and change your vote at any time before the polls close at the meeting by:

- signing another proxy with a later date;
- voting by telephone or on the Internet -- your latest telephone or Internet vote will be counted;
- giving written notice of the revocation of your proxy to the Secretary of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. prior to the annual meeting; or
- voting in person at the annual meeting. Attendance at the annual meeting will not in and of itself constitute revocation of your proxy.

If you have instructed a broker, bank or other nominee to vote your shares, you must follow directions received from your nominee to change those instructions.

What if I do not specify how my shares are to be voted?

If you submit an executed proxy by Internet, phone or mail but do not indicate any voting instructions, your shares will be voted:

- **FOR** the election of the director nominees named in this proxy statement.
- **FOR** the advisory vote on executive compensation.
- **FOR** the ratification of the appointment of Moss Adams, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

What if my shares are held in "street name" by a broker?

If your shares are held in "street name" by a broker, your broker is required to vote those shares in accordance with your instructions. If you do not give instructions to your broker, your broker nevertheless will be entitled to vote the shares with respect to "discretionary" items but will not be permitted to vote your shares with respect to any "non-discretionary" items. In the case of non-discretionary items, the shares will be treated as "broker non-votes." Whether an item is discretionary is determined by the exchange rules governing your broker. Your broker will provide information to you indicating how you can forward voting instructions and whether you can forward them by Internet, phone or mail.

What if my shares are held in Sound Financial Bancorp's employee stock ownership plan?

If you participate in the Sound Financial Bancorp Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "ESOP"), you will receive a voting instruction form that reflects all shares you may direct the trustees to vote on your behalf under the plan. Under the terms of the ESOP, each participant is entitled to instruct the trustee of the plan how to vote the shares of common stock allocated to the participant's ESOP account. If a participant properly executes the voting instruction card distributed by the trustee, the trustee will vote the participant's shares in accordance with the instructions. Where properly executed voting instruction cards are returned to the trustee with no specific instruction as to how to vote at the annual meeting, the trustee will vote the shares "FOR" the election of the director nominees named in this proxy statement, "FOR" the advisory vote on executive compensation and "FOR" the ratification of the appointment of Moss Adams, LLP. If a participant fails to give timely voting instructions to the trustee with respect to the voting of the common stock that is allocated to his or her ESOP account, the trustee will vote such shares "FOR" the election of the director nominees named in this proxy statement, "FOR" the advisory vote on executive compensation and "FOR" the ratification of the appointment of Moss Adams, LLP. The ESOP trustee, subject to the exercise of its fiduciary duties, will vote all unallocated shares of Sound Financial Bancorp common stock held by the ESOP in the same proportion as shares for which it has received timely voting instructions.

BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF COMMON STOCK

The following table shows, as of March 31, 2023, the voting record date, the beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock by:

- (1) any persons or entities known by management to beneficially own more than 5% of the outstanding shares of Sound Financial Bancorp's common stock;
- (2) each director and director nominee of Sound Financial Bancorp;
- (3) each executive officer of Sound Financial Bancorp named in the 2022 Summary Compensation Table; and
- (4) all of the directors and executive officers of Sound Financial Bancorp as a group.

An asterisk (*) in the table indicates that an individual beneficially owns less than one percent of the outstanding common stock of Sound Financial Bancorp. The address of each of the beneficial owners, except where otherwise indicated, is Sound Financial Bancorp's address. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

As of March 31, 2023, there were 2,601,443 shares of Sound Financial Bancorp common stock issued and outstanding.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned ⁽¹⁾	Percent of Common Stock Outstanding ⁽¹⁾
Stilwell Activist Fund, L.P., Stilwell Activist Investment, L.P., Stilwell Partners, L.P., Stilwell Value Partners VII, L.P., Stilwell Value LLC and Joseph Stilwell (collectively, the "Stilwell Group") 111 Broadway, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10006	317,936 (2)	12.2 %
FJ Capital Management LLC, Financial Opportunity Fund LLC, Financial Hybrid Opportunity Fund LLC, Financial Hybrid Opportunity SPV I LLC and Martin Friedman (collectively, the "FJ Group") 1313 Dolley Madison Blvd, Ste 306, McLean, VA 22101	203,574 (3)	7.8 %
M3 Funds, LLC, M3 Partners L.P., M3F, Inc., Jason A. Stock, and William C. Waller (collectively, the "M3 Funds") 2070 E 2100 S, Suite 250, Salt Lake City, UT 84109	173,407 (4)	6.7 %
Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan	155,135	6.0 %
Tyler K. Myers, Chairman of the Board	48,032 (5)	1.8 %
David S. Haddad, Jr., Vice Chairman of the Board/ Director Nominee	21,223 (6)	*
Laura Lee Stewart, Director, President and Chief Executive Officer/ Director Nominee	106,146 (7)	4.1 %
Robert F. Carney, Director	15,037 (8)	*
Debra Jones, Director	28,238 (9)	1.1 %
Rogelio Riojas, Director	36,929 (10)	1.4 %
James E. Sweeney, Director	22,523 (11)	*
Wes Ochs, Executive Vice President/Chief Strategy and Financial Officer	18,231 (12)	*
Heidi Sexton, Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer	34,631 (13)	1.3 %
Directors and executive officers of Sound Financial Bancorp as a group (9 persons)	330,990 (14)	12.5 %

(Footnotes below)

- (1) Except as otherwise noted in these footnotes, the nature of beneficial ownership for shares reported in this table is sole voting and investment power.
- (2) Based on Schedule 13D/A filed with the SEC on July 5, 2022, by the Stilwell Group, pursuant to which each member of the Stilwell Group reported shared voting and dispositive power over the Company's shares.
- (3) Based on Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 8, 2023 by the FJ Group, pursuant to which each member of the FJ Group reported shared voting and dispositive power over the Company's shares.
- (4) Based on Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 10, 2023 by M3 Funds, LLC, pursuant to which each member of M3 Funds reported shared voting and dispositive power over the Company's shares.
- (5) Includes 21,430 shares held in Mr. Myers' 401(k) account and 4,371 shares held in a partnership, in which he is a partner. Also includes 1,000 shares in UTMA accounts for Mr. Myers' daughter, of which he is trustee. In addition, includes options to acquire 4,092 shares over which Mr. Myers has no voting or dispositive power and 287 restricted shares over which Mr. Myers has sole voting power and no dispositive power.
- (6) Includes 14,138 shares held in an IRA account. Also includes options to acquire 1,697 shares over which Mr. Haddad has no voting or dispositive power and 287 restricted shares over which Mr. Haddad has sole voting power and no dispositive power.
- (7) Includes 18,034 shares in Ms. Stewart's 401(k) Plan account and 13,769 shares allocated to Ms. Stewart in the ESOP. In addition, includes options to acquire 16,071 shares over which Ms. Stewart has no voting or dispositive power and 800 restricted shares over which she has sole voting power and no dispositive power.
- (8) Includes options to acquire 3,622 shares over which Mr. Carney has no voting or dispositive power and 287 restricted shares over which Mr. Carney has sole voting power and no dispositive power.
- (9) Includes options to acquire 835 shares over which Ms. Jones has no voting or dispositive power and 287 restricted shares over which Ms. Jones has sole voting power and no dispositive power.
- (10) Includes options to acquire 835 shares over which Mr. Riojas has no voting or dispositive power and 287 restricted shares over which Mr. Riojas has sole voting power and no dispositive power.
- (11) Includes options to acquire 835 shares over which Mr. Sweeney has no voting or dispositive power and 287 restricted shares over which Mr. Sweeney has sole voting power and no dispositive power.
- (12) Includes 750 shares in Mr. Ochs' 401(k) account and 7,071 shares allocated to Mr. Ochs in the ESOP. Includes options to acquire 5,010 shares over which Mr. Ochs has no voting or dispositive power and 1,950 restricted shares over which he has sole voting power and no dispositive power.
- (13) Includes 2,264 shares in Ms. Sexton's 401(k) account and 9,007 shares allocated to Ms. Sexton in the ESOP. Includes options to acquire 9,460 shares over which Ms. Sexton has no voting or dispositive power and 2,015 restricted shares over which she has sole voting power and no dispositive power.
- (14) Includes shares held by current directors and executive officers directly, in retirement accounts, in a fiduciary capacity or by certain affiliated entities or members of the named individuals' families, with respect to which shares the named individuals and group may be deemed to have sole or shared voting and/or dispositive powers. Also includes options to acquire 42,457 shares over which the individuals have no voting or dispositive power and 6,487 shares of restricted stock over which they have sole voting power and no dispositive power.

PROPOSAL 1 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Sound Financial Bancorp’s Board of Directors is currently composed of seven members, each of whom is also a director of Sound Community Bank. Pursuant to the Company’s charter, the directors are divided into three classes, as nearly equal in number as reasonably possible, with approximately one-third of the directors elected annually.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the composition of Sound Financial Bancorp’s Board of Directors, including each director’s term of office. The Sound Financial Bancorp Board of Directors, acting on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, has recommended and approved the nomination of David S. Haddad, Jr. and Laura Lee Stewart to serve as directors for a term of three years to expire at the annual meeting of shareholders to be held in 2026.

It is intended that the proxies solicited on behalf of the Sound Financial Bancorp Board of Directors (other than proxies in which the authority to vote for a nominee is withheld) will be voted at the annual meeting “FOR” the election of each of the director nominees. If any nominee is unable to serve, the shares represented by all valid proxies will be voted for the election of such substitute nominee as the Board of Directors, acting on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, may recommend. At this time, we know of no reason why any director nominee might be unable to serve if elected. Except as disclosed in this proxy statement, there are no arrangements or understandings between any director nominee and any other person pursuant to which such director was selected. **The Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote “FOR” the election of the director nominees whose names appear below.**

Name	Age ⁽¹⁾	Positions With Sound Financial Bancorp	Director Since ⁽²⁾	Term Expires
<i>Director Nominees</i>				
David S. Haddad, Jr.	74	Director	1990	2026 ⁽³⁾
Laura Lee Stewart	73	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	1990	2026 ⁽³⁾
<i>Continuing Directors</i>				
Tyler K. Myers	60	Chairman of the Board	1993	2025
Robert F. Carney	75	Director	1984	2025
Debra Jones	65	Director	2005	2024
Rogelio Riojas	72	Director	2005	2024
James E. Sweeney	73	Director	1986	2025

(1) At December 31, 2022.

(2) Includes years of service on the Board of Sound Community Bank (and its predecessor entity).

(3) If elected at the annual meeting.

Business Experience and Qualifications of Directors and Director Nominees

The business experience of each director and director nominee of Sound Financial Bancorp for at least the past five years and the experience, qualifications, attributes, skills and areas of expertise of each director that supports his or her service as a director are set forth below.

David S. Haddad, Jr. Mr. Haddad is Vice Chairman of the Boards of Directors of Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Haddad was an Operations Manager at Cutter and Buck, a golf apparel company from 1999 until 2003; a Senior Manager of Operations at Progressive International, a housewares wholesaler from 1995 until 1999; and a warehouse manager for Associated Grocers from 1982 until 1995. During Mr. Haddad's years of service at the senior management level of these companies, his responsibilities included budgeting, personnel management, contract negotiations and control of capital expenditures. During his retirement, Mr. Haddad worked part time from 2004 until 2009 as a Customer Service Supervisor with Alaska Airlines. Mr. Haddad's 32 years of service as a director of Sound Community Bank (including its predecessor credit union organization) provide him with a strong knowledge and understanding of the institution's business and history. Mr. Haddad's positions at the senior management level of various companies and as a Customer Service Supervisor for Alaska Airlines have provided him with strong leadership, interpersonal, management and administrative skills.

Laura Lee Stewart. Ms. Stewart is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sound Community Bank and Sound Financial Bancorp. Prior to joining Sound Community Bank as its President in 1989, when it was a credit union, Ms. Stewart was Senior Vice President/Retail Banking at Great Western Bank. Ms. Stewart was selected as an inaugural member of the FDIC Community Bank Advisory Board and completed her term in 2011. In 2011, Ms. Stewart was appointed to the inaugural Consumer Financial Protection Bureau board and completed her term in 2013. She also served as Chair of the American Bankers Association's ("ABA") Government Relations Council and is the past Chair of the Washington Bankers Association. The American Banker magazine honored her as one of the top 25 Women to Watch in banking in 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2022, and as one of the most powerful women in Banking in 2019, 2020 and 2021. In 2016, Ms. Stewart was recognized as a Woman of Influence by the Puget Sound Business Journal. In 2018, she was named Community Banker of the Year by American Banker. Ms. Stewart also served as Chair of the National Arthritis Foundation's board of directors as well as Chair of the board of directors of Woodland Park Zoo. Ms. Stewart is currently serving her second term as a member of the Seattle Branch Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. She is also the only non-native Board member of the Jamestown Sklallan Community Development Financial Institution. In October 2019, Ms. Stewart was elected Chair of the ABA. In 2021, she was named as one of The Power 100 by the Puget Sound Business Journal. Her many years of service in all areas of financial institution operations and duties as President and Chief Executive Officer of Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank bring a specialized knowledge of the financial, economic and regulatory challenges we face, and she is well-suited to keeping the Board informed on these matters.

Tyler K. Myers. Mr. Myers is the Chairman of the Boards of Directors of Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank, and currently is the President and General Partner of The Myers Group, a conglomerate of retail businesses that are focused primarily on the grocery, hardware and fuel industries. Mr. Myers is responsible for overseeing the success and profitability of all Myers Group business and real estate operations. Mr. Myers has been with The Myers Group since 1978. Mr. Myers' years of work with and running the Myers Group has provided him with strong leadership, management, financial and administrative skills, which together with his participation in our local business community for over 40 years brings knowledge of the local economy and potential business opportunities for Sound Community Bank.

Robert F. Carney. Mr. Carney is retired and previously served as the Director of Meat and Seafood Merchandising for Sclaris Food & Drug Company in Reno, Nevada, a position he held from February 2008 to July 2017. Prior to February 2008, he was Director of Meat and Seafood Merchandising for Brown & Cole Stores in Bellingham, Washington for six years. Mr. Carney has over 20 years of experience in management positions in the food industry, including 12 years of budgeting and profit-generating responsibilities. He has an MBA from the University of Southern California and an undergraduate degree in economics and business. Mr. Carney has attended seminars on the credit union and banking business and has 38 years of experience on our Board, beginning when Sound Community Bank was a \$25 million-in-assets credit union. Mr. Carney's years of management experience, together with his educational training, has provided him with expertise in the areas of business operations, budgeting and financial management, which expertise is valuable to our organization.

Debra Jones. Ms. Jones served as the Vice President of Administrative Services at Bellingham Technical College from August 2005 until her retirement in September 2014, where she was responsible for cash management, financial affairs, physical plant administration and strategic planning. Prior to joining the college, she served from September 2004 to May 2005 as Manager of Budget and Cash Management of Brown & Cole Stores, a retail grocer, and from 1998 to 2004 as Vice President of Administrative and Financial Services at Brown & Cole Stores. She is a certified public accountant and has served in chief financial officer positions for over 25 years, with responsibility for financial management, risk management and business administration. Her experience and expertise in the areas of accounting, finance and human resources are all valuable skills which she brings to our Board of Directors and as our “audit committee financial expert.”

Rogelio Riojas. Mr. Riojas is the Chief Executive Officer of Sea Mar Community Health Centers, a health care and social services organization serving low-income and underserved populations in Seattle and several counties in Washington. He has served in this position for over 30 years. Mr. Riojas has extensive management and administrative skills and experience in the heavily regulated healthcare industry, especially in our local community. He also has experience in compensation, personnel management and other human resource matters, which are valuable skills he brings to our Board of Directors.

James E. Sweeney. Mr. Sweeney is retired and previously served as a vice president of Vitamin Shoppe, Inc., a national health and wellness retailer based in North Bergen, New Jersey. Mr. Sweeney previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Super Supplements, Inc., a Pacific Northwest retail chain specializing in vitamins, health supplements and nutrition with stores in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, from June 2006 until its acquisition by Vitamin Shoppe in February 2013. Prior to his employment with Super Supplements, Mr. Sweeney was Managing Partner of Corporate Strategies and Development, LLC, a management consulting firm serving businesses in the Puget Sound area. He brings general business, financial and risk management skills to Sound Community Bank and has experience guiding business entities during difficult business and economic cycles. His participation in our local business community for over 40 years brings knowledge of the local economy and potential business opportunities for Sound Community Bank.

Director Compensation

Directors of Sound Community Bank (excluding Laura Lee Stewart, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sound Community Bank, who receives no separate compensation for her service as a director) receive compensation for their service on the Board of Directors of Sound Community Bank. They receive no separate compensation for their service on the Board of Directors of Sound Financial Bancorp. During 2022, our directors received an annual retainer fee of \$30,720, plus \$1,500 for each monthly board meeting attended. The directors are not paid additional fees for service on various board committees or special board meetings.

The following table provides compensation paid to, or earned by, each non-employee member of the Board of Directors during the year ended December 31, 2022.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards ⁽¹⁾	Option Awards ⁽²⁾	All Other Compensation ⁽³⁾	Total
Tyler K. Myers	\$ 45,720	\$ 8,570	\$ 3,185	\$ 261	\$ 57,735
David S. Haddad, Jr.	45,720	8,570	3,185	261	57,735
Robert F. Carney	45,720	8,570	3,185	261	57,735
Debra Jones	45,720	8,570	3,185	261	57,735
Rogelio Riojas	45,720	8,570	3,185	261	57,735
James E. Sweeney	45,720	8,570	3,185	261	57,735

- (1) On January 28, 2022, each director named in the above table was awarded 200 shares of Company common stock, 25 percent of which vested immediately, with the remaining shares scheduled to vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 28, 2023. Amounts reported in this column represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the January 2022 restricted stock awards computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation- Stock Compensation (“FASB ASC Topic 718”). The grant date fair value amount is based on the per share closing price of the Company’s common stock on the date the award was made of \$42.85. As of December 31, 2022, each of the directors named in the table held 331 unvested shares of restricted common stock.
- (2) On January 28, 2022, each director named in the above table was awarded an option to purchase 320 shares of Company common stock at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the Company’s common stock on the grant date, with 25 percent of the options shares vesting immediately and the remaining option shares scheduled to vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 28, 2023. The amounts reported in this column reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of the 2022 stock option awards computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. The assumptions used in calculating these amounts are included in Note 14 to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in the Company’s 2022 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 14, 2023. As of December 31, 2022, total shares underlying stock options held by the directors named in the table were as follows: Myers - 4,247; Haddad - 1,852; Carney - 3,457; Jones - 990; Riojas - 990; and Sweeney - 3,921.
- (3) Dividends paid to the directors during 2022 on their unvested shares of restricted common stock.

With respect to the restricted stock and stock options discussed in the footnotes above, vesting accelerates in the event of the director’s death or disability or in connection with a change in control of Sound Financial Bancorp or the Bank. In the event of a termination of service for any reason other than death or disability or in connection with a change in control of Sound Financial Bancorp or the Bank, all non-vested awards would be canceled and the exercise period on the remaining unexercised, vested option awards would be reduced to three months.

Directors are provided or reimbursed for travel and lodging and other customary out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending out-of-town board and committee meetings, industry conferences and continuing education seminars. Any incremental spousal costs in connection with those meetings, conferences and seminars are paid for by the directors personally. Sound Community Bank also pays the premiums on directors’ and officers’ liability insurance.

Board of Directors' Meetings and Committees and Corporate Governance Matters

Director Independence. The Board has determined that six of our seven directors, Directors Myers, Haddad, Carney, Jones, Riojas and Sweeney, are “independent directors” as that term is defined in the NASDAQ Marketplace Rules (the “Nasdaq Rules”). The Board of Directors has made a subjective determination as to each independent director that no relationships exist that, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. In making these determinations, the directors reviewed and discussed information provided by the directors and the Company with regard to each director’s business and personal activities as they may relate to the Company and its management.

Board Leadership Structure. The Board has placed the responsibilities of Chairman with an independent non-executive member of the Board which we believe provides better accountability between the Board and our management team. We believe it is beneficial to have an independent Chairman whose sole responsibility to us is leading our Board members as they provide leadership to our executive team. Our Chairman is responsible for providing leadership to the Board and facilitating communication among the directors; setting the Board meeting agendas in consultation with the President and Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”); and presiding at Board meetings and executive sessions. This delineation of duties allows the President and CEO to focus her attention on managing the day-to-day business of Sound Community Bank. We believe this structure provides strong leadership for our Board, while positioning our President and CEO as the leader of the Company in the eyes of our customers, employees and other stakeholders.

Board Role in Risk Oversight. The Board of Directors is responsible for consideration and oversight of risks facing Sound Financial Bancorp and is responsible for ensuring that material risks are identified and managed appropriately. The Audit Committee meets quarterly, or more frequently as needed, with management in order to review our major financial risk exposures and the steps management is taking to monitor and control such exposures. Directors also serve on various committees that focus on major areas of risk in Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank that include but are not limited to loans and compensation. Directors discuss risk and risk mitigation strategies with management within these committees. All risk oversight discussions are included in committee reports to the full Board of Directors.

Stock Pledging and Hedging Policies. Sound Financial Bancorp’s “Insider Trading Policy,” among other things, generally prohibits the Company’s directors and executive officers from holding Company stock in a margin account or pledging Company stock as collateral for a loan. An exception to this policy may occur where a person wishes to pledge Company securities as collateral for a loan (not including margin debt) and clearly demonstrates the financial capacity to repay the loan without resort to the pledged securities. In addition, the policy prohibits directors, officers and employees of the Company from using any financial instruments (including without limitation prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, and exchange funds) or otherwise engaging in transactions that hedge or offset, or are designed to hedge or offset, any decrease in the market value of the Company’s securities owned by the director, executive officer or employee.

Board Meetings and Committees. Meetings of Sound Financial Bancorp’s Board of Directors are generally held on a quarterly basis. The membership of Sound Community Bank’s Board of Directors is identical to Sound Financial Bancorp’s Board of Directors. Meetings of Sound Community Bank’s Board of Directors are generally held on a monthly basis. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, the Board of Directors of Sound Financial Bancorp held five regular meetings and no special meetings, and the Board of Directors of Sound Community Bank held 10 regular meetings and no special meetings. During fiscal year 2022, no incumbent director attended fewer than 75% in the aggregate of the total number of meetings of each Board and the total number of meetings held by the committees of each Board on which committees he or she served.

The Board of Directors of Sound Financial Bancorp has standing Compensation, Audit and Nominating committees. Information regarding the functions of the Board’s committees, their present membership and the number of meetings held by each committee during the year ended December 31, 2022, is set forth below:

Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee operates under a formal written charter adopted by the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee is responsible for: (i) determining and evaluating the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers; (ii) reviewing and monitoring existing compensation plans, policies and programs and recommending changes to the goals and objectives of these plans, policies and programs to the entire Board; and (iii) reviewing and recommending new compensation plans, policies and programs. The Compensation Committee also recommends to the Board of Directors any changes in the compensation structure for non-employee directors and conducts an annual performance review of the Chief Executive Officer. The Compensation Committee does not delegate its authority to any one of its members or any

other person; however, Ms. Stewart does make recommendations to the Compensation Committee for all executive compensation, except her own.

The Compensation Committee is comprised of Directors Sweeney (chair), Jones, Haddad and Myers, each of whom is “independent” as that term is defined for compensation committee members in the Nasdaq Rules. The Compensation Committee is scheduled to meet at least once a year and on an as-needed basis. The Compensation Committee met five times during 2022.

Audit Committee. The Audit Committee operates under a formal written charter adopted by the Board of Directors. The Audit Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors to provide assistance to the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibility relating to the integrity of our consolidated financial statements and the financial reporting processes, the systems of internal accounting and financial controls, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the annual independent audit of our consolidated financial statements, the independent auditors’ qualifications and independence, the performance of our internal audit function and independent auditors and any other areas of potential financial risk to Sound Financial Bancorp specified by its Board of Directors. The Audit Committee also is responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of our independent auditors, including pre-approval of all audit and non-audit services to be performed by the independent auditors.

The current members of the Audit Committee are Directors Jones (chair), Riojas, Carney and Haddad. All members of the Audit Committee, in addition to being independent directors under the Nasdaq Rules, (i) meet the criteria for independence set forth in Section 10A(m)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) are able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including our balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement. Additionally, Debra Jones has had past employment experience in finance or accounting and/or requisite professional certification in accounting that results in her financial sophistication. The Board of Directors has determined that Ms. Jones meets the requirements adopted by the SEC for qualification as an “audit committee financial expert.” During 2022, the Audit Committee held four meetings.

Nominating Committee. Our Nominating Committee is comprised of Directors Haddad (chair), Riojas and Jones, each of whom is an independent director under the Nasdaq Rules. The Nominating Committee is scheduled to meet at least once a year and on an as-needed basis. The Nominating Committee met one time during 2022. The Nominating Committee operates under a formal written charter adopted by the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying and recommending director candidates to serve on the Board of Directors. Final approval of director nominees is determined by the full Board, based on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. The nominees for election at the meeting identified in this document were recommended to the Board by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee has the following responsibilities under its charter:

- (i) recommend to the Board the appropriate size of the Board and assist in identifying, interviewing and recruiting candidates for the Board;
- (ii) recommend candidates (including incumbents) for election and appointment to the Board of Directors, subject to the provisions set forth in the Company's charter and bylaws relating to the nomination or appointment of directors, based on the following criteria: (i) business experience, education, integrity, reputation, independence, conflicts of interest, diversity, and age; (ii) number of other directorships and commitments (including charitable obligations); (iii) tenure on the Board; (iv) attendance at Board and committee meetings; (v) stock ownership; (vi) specialized knowledge (such as an understanding of banking, accounting, marketing, finance, regulation and public policy); (vii) residency and a commitment to the Company’s communities and shared values; and (viii) overall experience in the context of the needs of the Board as a whole. As a general rule, it is the desire of the Board of Directors that directors shall live and/or work in the communities served by the Company’s subsidiary bank;
- (iii) consider and evaluate nominations from shareholders using the same criteria as all other nominations;
- (iv) annually recommend to the Board committee assignments and committee chairs on all committees of the Board, and recommend committee members to fill vacancies on committees as necessary; and
- (v) perform any other duties or responsibilities expressly delegated to the Nominating Committee by the Board.

The Company does not currently have a formal diversity policy; however, as noted above, diversity is one of the factors that the Nominating Committee considers in identifying nominees for director. The Nominating Committee reviews the requisite skills and characteristics of Board members as well as the composition of the Board as a whole when recommending nominees for the Board. The Nominating Committee has no predefined minimum criteria for selecting director nominees, although it believes that all directors should share qualities such as business experience, excellent decision-making ability, good judgment, personal integrity and outstanding reputation. In any given search, the Nominating Committee may also define particular characteristics for candidates to balance the overall skills and characteristics of the Company’s Board and its perceived needs. However, during any search, the Nominating Committee reserves the right to modify its stated search criteria for exceptional candidates. The table below provides certain highlights of the composition of our board members and nominees. Each of the categories listed in the below table has the meaning as it is used in Nasdaq Rule 5605(f).

Board Diversity Matrix (As of April 18, 2023)				
Total Number of Directors	7			
	Female	Male	Non-Binary	Gender Undisclosed
Part I: Gender Identity				
Directors	2	5		
Part II: Demographic Background				
African American or Black				
Alaskan Native or American Indian				
Asian				
Hispanic or Latinx		1		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White	2	4		
Two or More Races or Ethnicities				
LGBTQ+	0			
Did Not Disclose Demographic Background	0			

Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors may be made only by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or by any stockholder entitled to vote for the election of directors who complies with the notice procedures. Pursuant to the Company’s bylaws, nominations for directors by shareholders must be made in writing and received by the Secretary of the Company at the Company’s principal executive offices no earlier than 120 calendar days prior to the meeting date and no later than 90 calendar days prior to the meeting date. If, however, less than 100 calendar days’ notice or public announcement of the date of the meeting is given or made to shareholders, nominations must be received by the Company not later than the close of business on the tenth calendar day following the earlier of the day on which notice of the date of the meeting was mailed or otherwise transmitted or the day on which public announcement of the date of the meeting was first made. In addition to meeting the applicable deadline, nominations must be accompanied by certain information specified in the Company’s bylaws.

This description is a summary of our nominating process. Any shareholder wishing to propose a director candidate to the Company should review and must comply, in full, with the procedures set forth in the Company’s charter and bylaws, as well as the requirements of Rule 14a-19 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. For additional information, see “Shareholder Proposals and Other Information Regarding the 2024 Annual Meeting.”

Stock Ownership Guidelines. The Board of Directors believes the alignment of directors’ interests with those of shareholders is strengthened when Board members are also shareholders. Under the Company’s stock ownership guidelines, outside (non-employee) directors of the Company or its wholly-owned operating subsidiary, Sound Community Bank, are expected to own Sound Financial Bancorp common stock equal in value to at least \$50,000 within two years of joining the Board (of which \$10,000 should be owned within the first year of joining the Board). Share ownership for purposes of calculating compliance with these ownership guidelines do not include a director’s unexercised stock options or any shares of Company common stock that are pledged or otherwise encumbered. As of the date of this proxy statement, all of our current non-employee directors meet the stock ownership threshold.

Communications with Directors. Any shareholder desiring to communicate with the Board of Directors, or one or more specific members thereof, should communicate in writing addressed to Tyler K. Myers, Chairman of the Board of the Company, 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington, 98121.

Attendance Policy at Annual Meetings. Although we do not have a formal policy regarding director attendance at annual shareholder meetings, directors are expected to attend these meetings. All directors attended last year's annual shareholder meeting.

Committee Charters. The charters of the Audit, Compensation and Nominating Committees are posted on our website at www.soundcb.com under "Investor Relations - Governance Documents."

Code of Ethics. We have adopted a code of ethics that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, and persons performing similar functions, and to all of our other employees and our directors. You may obtain a copy of the code of ethics free of charge by writing to the Corporate Secretary of Sound Financial Bancorp, 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington, 98121 or by calling (206) 448-0884. In addition, the code of ethics is available on our website at www.soundcb.com under "Investor Relations - Governance Documents."

TRANSACTIONS WITH CERTAIN RELATED PERSONS

In the normal course of our business, we have engaged and expect to continue engaging through the Bank in ordinary banking transactions with our directors, executive officers, their immediate family members and their affiliated entities, including loans to such persons. Except as set forth below, there were no transactions of this nature, the amount of which exceeded \$120,000 during 2022 or 2021.

Our directors, officers and employees are eligible for any type of credit offered by Sound Community Bank. Federal regulations permit executive officers and directors to participate in loan programs that are available to other employees, as long as the director or executive officer is not given preferential treatment compared to other participating employees. In accordance with banking regulations, such loans to directors and executive officers are made on substantially the same terms as those available to Sound Community Bank's employees generally. Such loans provide for a discount as to interest rate, consistent with the requirements of the Federal Reserve Board's Regulation O – Loans to Executive Officers, Directors, and Principal Shareholders of Member Banks. When the director or executive officer leaves Sound Community Bank, these preferential rates return to market rates and terms in effect at the time of origination. Except as set forth above, loans to directors and executive officers are made in the ordinary course of business and on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as prevailing at the time for comparable loans with persons not related to Sound Community Bank, and do not involve more than the normal risk of collectability or present other unfavorable features.

Set forth below is information regarding loans made with preferential interest rates, as compared to interest rates prevailing at the time of origination for comparable loans with persons not related to Sound Community Bank, to directors and executive officers during each of the last two fiscal years who had aggregate indebtedness to Sound Community Bank that exceeded \$120,000.

Name	Nature of Transaction	Interest Rate	Largest Principal Balance 01/01/22 to 12/31/22	Principal Balance at 12/31/2022	Principal Paid 01/01/22 to 12/31/22	Interest Paid 01/01/22 to 12/31/22
Tyler Myers	Mortgage Loan	1.50%	\$ 348,906	\$ 328,622	\$ 20,284	\$ 5,639
Debra Jones	Mortgage Loan	1.38%	413,345	393,308	20,037	6,827
James E. Sweeney	Mortgage Loan	1.50%	292,433	274,386	18,047	4,867
Laura Lee Stewart	Mortgage Loan	1.75%	687,342	567,425	119,916	12,706
Heidi Sexton	Mortgage Loan	1.75%	531,723	515,602	16,122	11,104
Wes Ochs	Mortgage Loan	1.75%	371,438	360,905	10,533	7,763

Name	Nature of Transaction	Interest Rate	Largest Principal Balance 01/01/21 to 12/31/21	Principal Balance at 12/31/2021	Principal Paid 01/01/21 to 12/31/21	Interest Paid 01/01/21 to 12/31/21
Tyler Myers	Mortgage Loan	2.13%	\$ 368,025	\$ 348,906	\$ 19,119	\$ 7,750
Debra Jones	Mortgage Loan	1.75%	432,135	413,345	18,790	9,185
James E. Sweeney	Mortgage Loan	2.00%	309,618	292,433	17,185	6,356
Laura Lee Stewart	Mortgage Loan	2.13%	703,755	687,342	16,413	18,277
Heidi Sexton	Mortgage Loan	2.38%	546,210	531,723	14,487	14,010
Wes Ochs	Mortgage Loan	2.38%	381,026	371,438	9,588	9,775

Shelli Robb-Kahler serves as a branch manager of Sound Community Bank. Ms. Robb-Kahler is the sister of Ms. Stewart, who serves as President and Chief Executive Officer, of the Company and the Bank. As a result of her employment with Sound Community Bank, Ms. Robb-Kahler received annual compensation of \$142,757 in 2022 and \$153,913 in 2021.

Executive Compensation

The following table summarizes the compensation paid to, or earned by, our President and Chief Executive Officer, and our two next highest compensated executive officers who were serving at the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 for services rendered in all capacities during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. We use the term “named executive officers” in this document to refer to the persons listed in this table.

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Salary	Bonus ⁽¹⁾	Stock Awards ⁽²⁾	Option Awards ⁽³⁾	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation ⁽⁴⁾	All Other Compensation ⁽⁵⁾	Total
Laura Lee Stewart <i>President and CEO</i>	2022	\$ 509,868	\$ 10,713	\$ 10,712	\$ —	\$ 234,975	\$ 172,928	\$ 939,196
	2021	451,793	25,968	—	1,692	156,114	132,169	767,736
Heidi Sexton <i>EVP/COO</i>	2022	277,500	8,570	34,280	19,904	95,473	78,141	513,868
	2021	260,083	6,167	24,670	10,716	74,137	69,162	444,935
Wes Ochs <i>EVP/CFO and CSO</i>	2022	275,333	8,570	34,280	19,904	95,473	93,870	527,430
	2021	232,083	6,167	24,670	10,716	66,752	75,671	416,059

- (1) Includes for 2022: (a) the grant date fair value, under FASB ASC Topic 718, of 250 shares, 200 shares and 200 shares of Company common stock granted to Ms. Stewart, Ms. Sexton and Mr. Ochs, respectively on January 28, 2022. Includes for 2021: (a) the grant date fair value, under FASB ASC Topic 718, of 800 shares, 190 shares and 190 shares of Company common stock granted to Ms. Stewart, Ms. Sexton, and Mr. Ochs, respectively, on January 27, 2021.
- (2) Represents the grant date fair value, under FASB ASC Topic 718, (i) for 2022, of 250 shares of Company common stock granted to Ms. Stewart, which vested on January 28, 2023, and 800 shares of Company common stock granted to each of Ms. Sexton and Mr. Ochs on January 28, 2022 (which vest equally over four years from the grant date) and (ii) for 2021, of 760 shares of Company common stock granted to each of Ms. Sexton and Mr. Ochs on January 27, 2021 (which vest equally over four years from the grant date). For additional information, see “- Outstanding Equity Awards at December 31, 2022” below.
- (3) Reflects the value of stock options to purchase: (i) for 2022, 2,000 shares of Company common stock granted to each of Ms. Sexton and Mr. Ochs on January 28, 2022 and (ii) for 2021, 300 shares of Company common stock granted to Ms. Stewart and 1,900 shares of Company common stock granted to each of Ms. Sexton and Mr. Ochs, respectively, on January 27, 2021. The amounts in this column are calculated using the grant date fair values of the awards under FASB ASC Topic 718, based on the fair value of the stock option awards, as estimated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in Note 14 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 filed with the SEC. For additional information, see “- Outstanding Equity Awards at December 31, 2022” below.
- (4) For additional information, see “- Annual Bonus Plan” below.
- (5) The amounts reported for the year ended December 31, 2022, consist of the following (no named executive officer received personal benefits or perquisites exceeding \$10,000 in the aggregate):

Description	Stewart	Sexton	Ochs
401(k) matching contribution	\$ 9,108	\$ 8,340	\$ 8,307
Non-qualified deferred compensation plan contribution ^(a)	113,584	25,000	35,000
Payment for executive medical benefits	2,461	8,028	10,800
Payment for unused vacation not eligible for rollover	9,904	7,512	10,731
Employee stock ownership plan allocation	27,293	27,293	27,293
Parking allowance	3,531	—	—
Dividends on restricted stock	47	1,969	1,739
Matching charitable contribution ^(b)	7,000	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 172,928</u>	<u>\$ 78,141</u>	<u>\$ 93,870</u>

- (a) Non-qualified supplemental retirement contributions made by the Bank on behalf of the executive under the Bank’s non-qualified deferred compensation plan. The Bank’s 2022 contribution for Ms. Stewart vested over one year, with 50% immediate vesting commencing on February 1, 2022 and the remainder vesting on February 1, 2023. The Bank’s 2022 contributions for Ms. Sexton and Mr. Ochs vest over five years commencing on February 1, 2023. For additional information, see “- Non-qualified Deferred Compensation Plan” below.
- (b) We annually match up to \$7,000 in charitable contributions made by Ms. Stewart to charities of her choice that are tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “IRC”).

Outstanding Equity Awards at December 31, 2022

The following table sets forth information for each named executive officer concerning stock options and restricted stock held at December 31, 2022.

Name	Options Awards				Stock Awards	
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options		Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested ⁽⁸⁾
	Exercisable	Unexercisable				
Laura Lee Stewart	13,737	—	\$ 16.80	1/23/2024		
	3,502	—	18.36	1/28/2025		
	8,362	—	18.36	1/28/2025		
	200	50 ⁽¹⁾	33.50	1/25/2029	60 ⁽¹⁾	\$2,356
	120	—	36.26	1/31/2030		
	200	100 ⁽²⁾	32.46	1/27/2031		
					250 ⁽³⁾	9,818
Heidi Sexton	500	—	22.31	1/29/2026		
	3,000	—	28.34	1/27/2027		
	1,120	280 ⁽⁴⁾	35.27	11/19/2028	25 ⁽⁴⁾	\$982
	1,200	300 ⁽¹⁾	33.50	1/25/2029	370 ⁽¹⁾	14,530
	810	540 ⁽⁵⁾	36.26	1/31/2030	740 ⁽⁵⁾	29,060
	760	1,140 ⁽⁶⁾	32.46	1/27/2031	570 ⁽⁶⁾	22,384
	400	1,600 ⁽⁷⁾	42.85	1/28/2032	800 ⁽⁷⁾	31,416
Wes Ochs	1,200	—	28.34	1/27/2027		
	600	150 ⁽⁴⁾	33.50	1/25/2029	200 ⁽¹⁾	\$7,854
	600	400 ⁽⁵⁾	36.26	1/31/2030	660 ⁽⁵⁾	25,918
	760	1,140 ⁽⁶⁾	32.46	1/27/2031	570 ⁽⁶⁾	22,384
	400	1,600 ⁽⁷⁾	42.85	1/28/2032	800 ⁽⁷⁾	31,416

(1) Vests on January 25, 2023.

(2) Vests on January 27, 2023.

(3) Vests on January 28, 2023.

(4) Vests on November 19, 2023.

(5) Vests in two equal annual installments on January 31, 2023 and 2024.

(6) Vests in three equal annual installments on January 27, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

(7) Vests in four equal annual installments on January 28, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026.

(8) Value is based on the \$39.27 closing price of a share of Sound Financial Bancorp common stock on December 31, 2022.

Employment Agreement. On January 25, 2019, the Company and the Bank (collectively, the “Employers”), entered into an amended and restated employment agreement (the “Amended Employment Agreement”) with Ms. Stewart, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Employers. The Amended Employment Agreement amends and restates the amended and restated employment agreement entered into with Ms. Stewart on August 30, 2016.

The Amended Employment Agreement currently expires on December 31, 2024 as a result of the automatic renewal of its term for one additional year on January 1, 2023. On January 1 of each year, the term of the Amended

Employment Agreement will be extended for a period of one additional year, unless either the Employers give notice to Ms. Stewart or Ms. Stewart gives notice to the Employers in writing at least 60 days prior to such date that the term of the Amended Employment Agreement will not be extended further. If any party gives timely notice that the term will not be extended as of any such January 1st, then the Amended Employment Agreement will terminate at the conclusion of its remaining term. The Amended Employment Agreement also provides that if a change in control of the Company or the Bank occurs during the term of the Amended Employment Agreement, then the term will be extended to the extent necessary so that it expires no earlier than the one-year anniversary of the date of the change in control. This ensures that the cash severance under the Amended Employment Agreement is at least one times Ms. Stewart's salary.

Ms. Stewart's annual minimum base salary under the Amended Employment Agreement is Four Hundred Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and Thirty-Seven Cents (\$413,231.37), her base salary for 2019 as established by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company. The amount of her annual salary is reviewed by the Compensation Committee each year. The Amended Employment Agreement provides for: no salary reductions; participation in bonus plans, retirement plans, group insurance and other benefits provided to full time Bank employees generally and in which executive officers participate; and reimbursement of expenses incurred by Ms. Stewart in performing services for the Employers.

Under the Amended Employment Agreement, if Ms. Stewart's employment is terminated for any reason other than cause, death, retirement, or disability, or if she resigns following certain events such as relocation or demotion, she will be entitled to receive for the remaining term of the Amended Employment Agreement: (i) her salary and (ii) at no premium cost to Ms. Stewart, the same group health benefits and other group insurance and group retirement benefits as Ms. Stewart would have received had she continued to be employed by the Employers, to the extent that the Employers can do so under the terms of applicable plans as are maintained by the Employers for the benefit of their executive officers from time to time. All of the foregoing payments are subject to cut-back to the extent the payments are deemed "parachute payments" under Section 280G of the IRC.

Annual Bonus Plan. Our named executive officers participate in an annual incentive bonus plan ("Annual Bonus Plan"), which provides for annual cash bonuses to designated senior managers, including all the named executive officers, upon the achievement of performance goals established by the Board of Directors based on the recommendation of the Compensation Committee. The participants' bonuses are based 50% on meeting quantitative goals and 50% on meeting qualitative goals. The quantitative goals are based on overall corporate performance and include performance factors relating to asset size, capital level, delinquency ratio, return on assets, levels of non-interest income and non-interest expense, net interest margin, and charge-offs. The qualitative goals are non-financial corporate goals that require leadership of senior management and are ranked based on their relative importance to our operations. The performance goals are the same for all participants. Under the Annual Bonus Plan, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Sexton and Mr. Ochs are entitled to receive a bonus of up to 50.0%, 37.5% and 37.5%, respectively, of their base salary, depending on how actual performance compares with the pre-established quantitative and qualitative corporate performance goals. Based on the Company's actual performance compared to the pre-established corporate performance goals for 2022, prior to the earnings override adjustment discussed below, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Sexton and Mr. Ochs earned a bonus of 47.63%, 35.72% and 35.72%, respectively, of their base salary.

The bonus percentages earned by the participants are subject to upward or downward adjustment by up to 50%, based on the percentage that actual net income is above or below the targeted net income as set by the Board of Directors ("Earnings Override Adjustment"). The Earnings Override Adjustment for 2022 resulted in a 4.2% downward adjustment in the bonus percentages earned. Accordingly, for the year ended December 31, 2022, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Sexton and Mr. Ochs earned bonuses of 45.63%, 34.22% and 34.22% of base salary, respectively. The bonus amount earned by each of the named executive officers for 2022 is included in the "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" column in the Summary Compensation Table above.

Supplemental Executive Retirement Plans. The Company maintains two supplemental executive retirement plans for the benefit of Ms. Stewart, which are intended to be unfunded, non-contributory defined benefit plans maintained primarily to provide her with supplemental retirement income. The first supplemental executive retirement plan ("SERP 1") became effective as of August 14, 2007. The second supplemental executive retirement plan ("SERP 2") became effective as of December 30, 2011, at which time the benefits under SERP 1 were frozen. At that time, the Company also entered into a Confidentiality, Non-Competition, and Non-Solicitation Agreement with Ms. Stewart, which is discussed below.

Under the terms of SERP 1, as amended, Ms. Stewart is entitled to receive \$53,320 per year for life commencing on the first day of the month following her separation from service (as defined in SERP 1) for any

reason from Sound Community Bank, subject to a six-month delay if required by Section 409A of the IRC. No payments will be made under SERP 1 in the event of Ms. Stewart's death and any payments that have commenced will cease upon death. In the event Ms. Stewart is involuntarily terminated in connection with a change in control (as defined in SERP 1), she will be entitled to receive the annual benefit described in the first sentence of this paragraph commencing upon such termination, subject to a six-month delay if required by Section 409A of the IRC.

Under the terms of SERP 2, as amended, upon Ms. Stewart's termination of employment with Sound Community Bank for any reason other than death, she will be entitled to receive additional retirement benefits each month for life commencing on the first day of the month following her separation from service (as defined in SERP 2) from Sound Community Bank, subject to a six-month delay if required by Section 409A of the IRC. The additional retirement benefits will equal the amount payable from the annuity underlying SERP 2, which benefits would equal \$99,450 per year as of December 31, 2022. In the event of Ms. Stewart's death prior to the commencement of the additional retirement benefits, her beneficiary will be entitled to a single lump sum payment within 90 days thereafter in an amount equal to the Bank's accrual for her retirement benefit under SERP 2 as of the date of death, or approximately \$1.1 million at December 31, 2022. If a change in control occurs (as defined in SERP 2), Ms. Stewart will receive her full retirement benefit under SERP 2 commencing upon the first day of the month following her separation from service from Sound Community Bank, subject to a six-month delay if required by Section 409A of the IRC.

Confidentiality, Non-Competition, and Non-Solicitation Agreement. On December 13, 2019, the Bank entered into an Amended and Restated Confidentiality, Non-Competition, and Non-Solicitation Agreement (the "Amended Non-Compete Agreement") with Ms. Stewart. The Amended Non-Compete Agreement amends and restates the Confidentiality, Non-Competition, and Non-Solicitation Agreement between the Bank and Ms. Stewart as originally adopted effective December 30, 2011, as amended and restated on November 23, 2015 and January 25, 2019 (the "Prior Non-Compete Agreement").

The Amended Non-Compete Agreement provides that the term of the non-compete and non-solicitation periods applicable to Ms. Stewart is a fixed period of 18 months from the date of Ms. Stewart's separation from service with the Company and the Bank (the "Restricted Period"). Under the terms of the Amended Non-Compete Agreement, upon Ms. Stewart's termination of employment by the Bank for cause or voluntarily by Ms. Stewart (other than for good reason), Ms. Stewart will be entitled to receive a bi-monthly payment, in an amount equal to Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$3,542), which amount shall be paid in equal bi-monthly payments during the Restricted Period beginning on the fifth day of the month following her separation from service with the Bank. Upon Ms. Stewart's termination of employment with the Bank for any reason other than set forth in the preceding sentence, she will be entitled to receive an amount equal to 150% of the aggregate of the sum of her then-base salary plus the average of her past three years short term bonus pay, or approximately \$960,715 at December 31, 2022, payable in 12 monthly installments beginning on the first day of the month following her termination. If Ms. Stewart breaches any of the covenants contained in the Amended Non-Compete Agreement, her right to any of the payments specified above after the date of the breach shall be forever forfeited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, under her Amended Non-Compete Agreement, if Ms. Stewart's employment with the Bank is involuntarily terminated or she terminates her employment with the Bank for good reason at any time within 24 months following a change in control, Ms. Stewart will be entitled to receive an amount equal to 150% of the aggregate of the sum of her then-base salary plus the average of her past three years' short term bonus, payable in a lump sum.

Change in Control Agreement. We have entered into change in control agreements with a number of our officers, including Ms. Sexton and Mr. Ochs. These agreements remain in effect until canceled by either party, upon at least 12 months prior written notice to the other party.

Under the terms of the change in control agreement, the executive is entitled to a change of control payment from the Company if he or she is involuntary terminated (as defined in the agreement) concurrently with or within 12 months following a change in control (as defined in the agreement). In such an event the executive is entitled to receive a cash payment equal to two times his or her then current annual base salary. The change in control agreements also provide that for a period ending at the earlier of (i) eighteen (18) months after the effective date of the executive's termination or (ii) the date of the executive's full time employment by another employer that provides substantially similar benefits, at no premium cost to the executive, the Company shall maintain the same group health benefits and other group insurance and group retirement benefits as the executive would have received had he continued to be employed by the Company and/or the Bank, to the extent that the Company and the Bank can do so under the terms of applicable plans as are maintained by the Company and the Bank for the benefit of its executive officers from time to time. All of the above payments that would be made in connection with a change of

control are subject to cut-back to the extent the payments are deemed “parachute payments” under Section 280G of the IRC.

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan. The Bank adopted a nonqualified deferred compensation plan effective on January 1, 2017, which was amended on April 1, 2020 to include employer contributions with additional vesting schedules and start dates for vesting periods (the “NQDC Plan”). The purpose of the NQDC Plan is to provide a select group of management or highly-compensated employees of the Bank with an opportunity to defer the receipt of up to eighty percent (80%) of their annual base salary, bonus, performance-based compensation and any commission income and to assist the Bank in attracting, retaining and motivating employees of high caliber and experience. In addition to elective deferrals, the Bank may make discretionary and other contributions to be credited to the account of any or all participants, subject to the vesting requirements set forth in the NQDC Plan. For discretionary contributions made by the Bank for 2022 to our named executive officers, including the vesting schedules for such officers, see “- Summary Compensation Table” and Note (5) thereto.

Each participant’s deferred compensation account is credited with an investment return determined as if the account was invested in one or more investment funds. Each participant elects the investment funds in which his or her account shall be deemed to be invested. Distributions of vested account balances are made upon death, disability, separation from service, or a specified in-service date unforeseeable emergency. Distributions shall be made in a single cash payment or, at the election of the participant, in annual installments for a period of up to ten (10) years in the case of a separation from service and in annual installments for a period of up to five (5) years in the case of an in-service distribution.

The obligations of the Bank under the NQDC Plan are general unsecured obligations of the Bank to pay deferred compensation in the future to eligible participants in accordance with the terms of the NQDC Plan from the general assets of the Bank, although the Bank may establish a trust to hold amounts which the Bank may use to satisfy NQDC Plan distributions from time to time. Distributions from the NQDC Plan are governed by the IRC and the NQDC Plan. The Company may, at any time, in its sole discretion, terminate the NQDC Plan or amend or modify the NQDC Plan, in whole or in part, except that no such termination, amendment or modification shall have any retroactive effect to reduce any amounts deemed to be accrued and vested prior to such amendment.

Deferred Compensation Account. The Bank maintains a deferred compensation account for the benefit of Ms. Stewart, which account was established in 1994 in connection with an incentive plan which is no longer active. Ms. Stewart became fully vested in her benefits under this plan as of January 2005. Pursuant to the terms of the plan, payments in an amount equal to the fair market value of the assets in the deferred compensation account shall be made to Ms. Stewart (or to her designated beneficiary in the event of her death) in 120 equal monthly installments commencing on the last day of the month following the month in which her employment with the Bank is terminated. In the event of the death of Ms. Stewart and her designated beneficiary prior to the account being fully paid, the remaining value of the account shall be paid in a lump sum to the beneficiary’s estate. The assets in the deferred compensation account consist of cash which is held in a certificate of deposit at the Bank and earns interest at market rates. At December 31, 2022, the deferred compensation account had a fair market value of \$110,900.

Equity Incentive Plans. We maintain equity incentive plans that provide for the grant or award of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock and restricted stock units to our directors, advisory directors, officers and other employees. The Compensation Committee administers the plans, determines employee eligibility, grants awards and sets the terms of awards. Awards are discretionary and are based on an assessment of the participant’s position, years of service, and contribution to our success and growth. The exercise price of options awarded must be no less than the fair market value of a share of Sound Financial Bancorp’s common stock on the date of grant. Restricted stock awards and options granted pursuant to the Company’s equity incentive plans generally (i) are subject to a vesting period and (ii) accelerate vesting in the event of the participant’s death or disability or a change in control of Sound Financial Bancorp or Sound Community Bank. In the event of a termination of service, other than in connection with death, disability or a change in control, all non-vested awards typically would be canceled.

Pay versus Performance

The following table sets forth information concerning the compensation of our named executive officers for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 and certain measures of our financial performance for those years.

Year	Summary Compensation Table Total for PEO (1)	Compensation Actually Paid to PEO (2)	Average Summary Compensation Table Total for Non-PEO Named Executive Officers (3)	Average Compensation Actually Paid to Non-PEO Named Executive Officers (4)	Value of Initial Fixed \$100 Investment Based on:	
					Total Shareholder Return (5)	Net Income (6) (in thousands)
2022	\$ 939,196	\$ 938,320	\$ 520,649	\$ 517,564	\$ 128.38	\$ 8,804
2021	767,736	771,536	430,497	473,524	141.04	9,156

- (1) Represents the total compensation of our principal executive officer (“PEO”), Ms. Stewart, as reported in the Summary Compensation Table for each year indicated. Ms. Stewart was the only person who served as our PEO during those years.
- (2) Represents the “compensation actually paid” to Ms. Stewart, as calculated in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K. The following table presents the adjustments made to Ms. Stewart’s Summary Compensation Table total for each year to determine her compensation actually paid.

Adjustments to Determine Compensation Actually Paid to PEO	2022	2021
Deduction for amounts reported under the “Stock Awards” column in the Summary Compensation Table	\$ (10,712)	\$ —
Deduction for amounts reported under the “Option Awards” column in the Summary Compensation Table	—	(1,692)
Increase for fair value as of the end of the covered year of awards granted during the covered year that remained outstanding and unvested as of the end of the covered year	9,818	1,990
Increase for fair value at the vesting date of awards granted during the covered year that vested during the covered year	—	564
(Deduction)/increase for the change in fair value from the prior year-end to the end of the covered year of awards granted prior to the covered year that were outstanding and unvested as of the end of the covered year	(16)	2,101
Increase for the change in fair value from the prior year-end to the vesting date of awards granted prior to the covered year that vested during the covered year	34	837
Total Adjustments	\$ (876)	\$ 3,800

- (3) Represents the average of the total compensation of each of our non-PEO named executive officers (Ms. Sexton and Mr. Ochs), as reported in the Summary Compensation Table for each year indicated. Ms. Sexton and Mr. Ochs were our only non-PEO named executive officers for those years.
- (4) Represents the average of the compensation actually paid to our non-PEO named executive officers, as calculated in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K. The following table presents the adjustments made to the average of the non-PEO named executive officers’ Summary Compensation Table totals for each year to determine their average compensation actually paid.

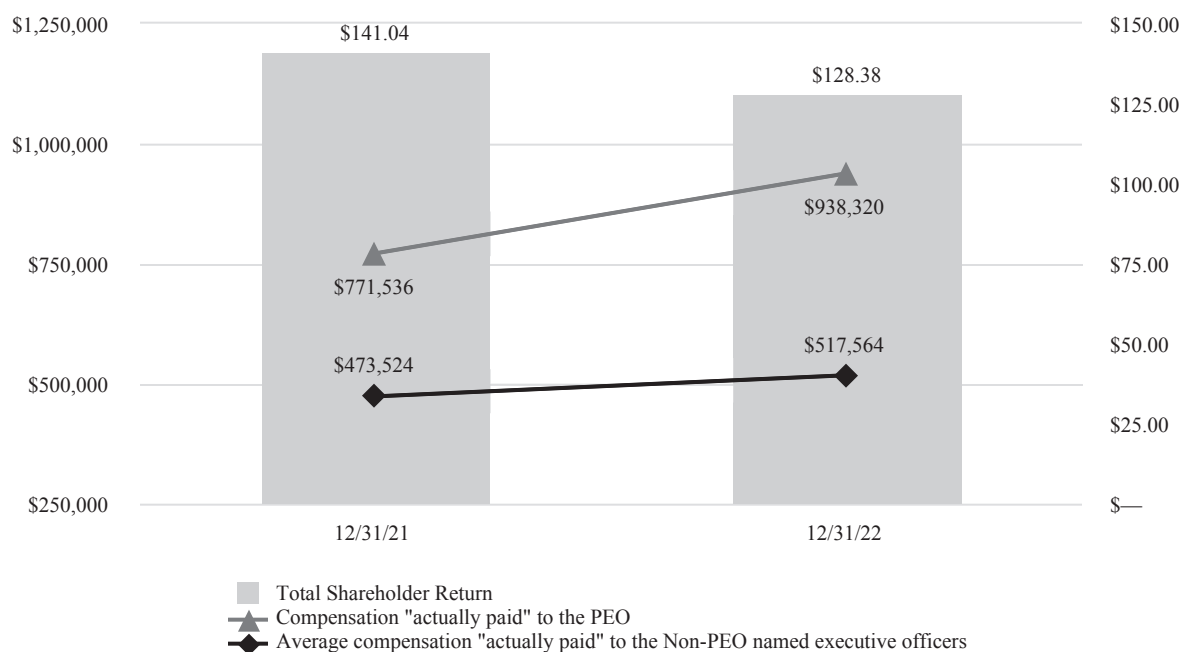
Adjustments to Determine Average Compensation Actually Paid to Non-PEO Named Executive Officers	2022	2021
Deduction for amounts reported under the “Stock Awards” column in the Summary Compensation Table	\$ (34,280)	\$ (24,670)
Deduction for amounts reported under the “Option Awards” column in the Summary Compensation Table	(19,904)	(10,716)
Increase for fair value as of the end of the covered year of awards granted during the covered year that remained outstanding and unvested as of the end of the covered year	49,528	48,564
Increase for fair value at the vesting date of awards granted during the covered year that vested during the covered year	3,981	2,143
(Deduction)/increase for the change in fair value from the prior year-end to the end of the covered year of awards granted prior to the covered year that were outstanding and unvested as of the end of the covered year	(3,083)	26,649
Increase for the change in fair value from the prior year-end to the vesting date of awards granted prior to the covered year that vested during the covered year	673	1,057
Total Adjustments	\$ (3,085)	\$ 43,027

(5) Represents the cumulative two-year total return to shareholders of our common stock and assumes that the value of the investment was \$100 on December 31, 2020, and that the subsequent dividends were reinvested. The stock price performance included in this column is not necessarily indicative of future stock price performance.

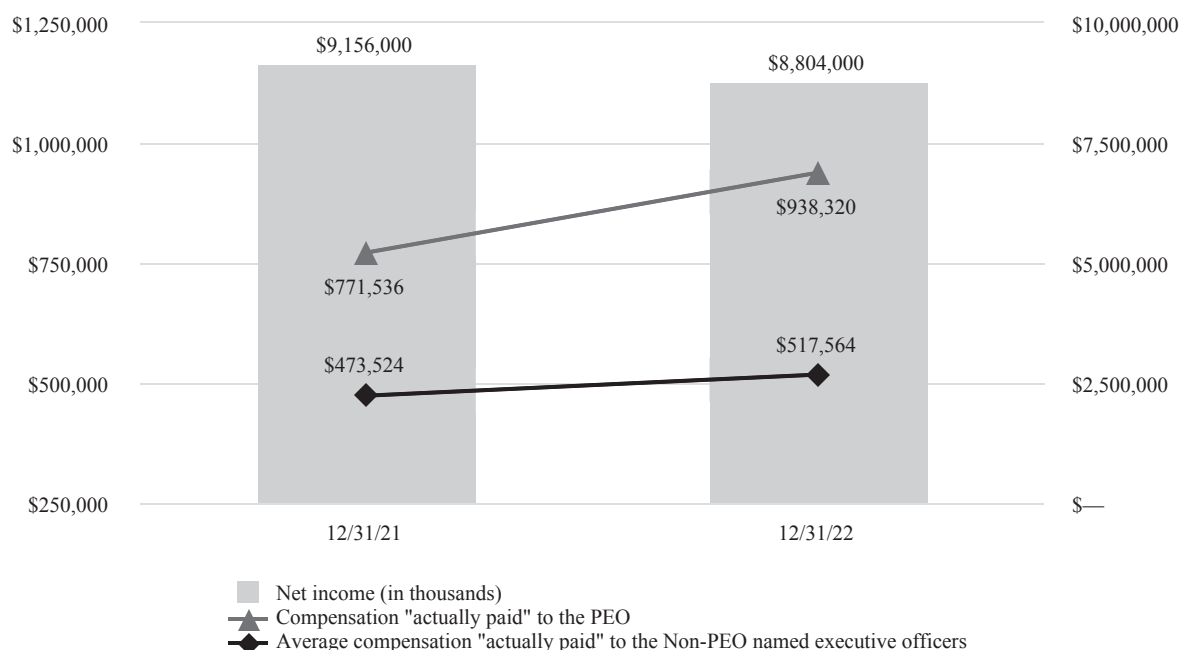
(6) Represents our reported net income for each year indicated.

The following graphs show the relationship between the compensation actually paid to our PEO and the average of the compensation actually paid to our other named executive officers to our total shareholder return and net income over the two most recently completed fiscal years.

Compensation Actually Paid to Total Shareholder Return



Compensation Actually Paid" to Net Income



PROPOSAL 2 – ADVISORY (NON-BINDING) VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the “Dodd-Frank Act”) and the SEC's implementing rules, we are including in this proxy statement and will present at the annual meeting an advisory (non-binding) vote on executive compensation, commonly known as a “say-on-pay” proposal. This proposal gives shareholders the opportunity to endorse or not endorse the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in this proxy statement. This proposal will be presented at the annual meeting as a resolution in substantially the following form:

RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to the Company’s named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company’s proxy statement for the annual meeting pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the compensation tables and narrative discussion, is hereby APPROVED.

This vote will not be binding on the Company’s Board of Directors and may not be construed as overruling a decision by the Board or creating or implying any additional fiduciary duty to the Board. Nor will it affect any compensation paid or awarded to any executive. The Compensation Committee and the Board may, however, take into account the outcome of the vote when considering future executive compensation arrangements. The purpose of our compensation programs is to attract and retain experienced, highly qualified executives critical to our long-term success and enhancement of shareholder value. The say-on-pay vote at our annual meeting of shareholders held in 2022, which related to our 2021 executive compensation, was approved by approximately 96.8% of shareholder votes cast.

The Dodd-Frank Act requires that at least once every six years we hold a non-binding, advisory vote on the frequency of future say-on-pay votes, with shareholders having the choice of every year, every two years or every three years. We held our last frequency vote in 2018, and the most votes were received for a frequency of every year. In keeping with the preference expressed by our shareholders at our 2018 annual meeting, the Company will continue holding "say-on-pay" votes annually until our next frequency vote, which will be held in 2024.

Our Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote FOR this proposal.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The information contained in this report shall not be deemed to be “soliciting materials” or to be filed with the SEC, nor shall said information be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, notwithstanding the incorporation by reference of this proxy statement into any such filing.

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, with management. The Audit Committee has discussed with Moss Adams, LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, the matters required to be discussed by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (“PCAOB”) and the SEC with Audit Committees.

The Audit Committee has also received the written disclosures and the letter from Moss Adams, LLP required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent accountant’s communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and has discussed with Moss Adams, LLP its independence.

Based on the Audit Committee's review and discussions noted above, it recommended to the Board of Directors that Sound Financial Bancorp’s audited financial statements be included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, for filing with the SEC.

The foregoing report is furnished by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors:

Debra Jones, Chair Robert Carney Rogelio Riojas David Haddad

**PROPOSAL 3 - RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT
REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors appointed Moss Adams, LLP to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 and is soliciting your ratification of that selection.

Your ratification of the Audit Committee’s selection of Moss Adams, LLP is not necessary because the Audit Committee has responsibility for selection of our independent registered public accounting firm, and such ratification is not required by the Company’s bylaws or otherwise. The Company believes, however, that requesting that shareholders ratify the selection of Moss Adams, LLP is appropriate as a matter of good corporate governance, and the Audit Committee may take the results of the vote on this proposal into consideration when selecting our independent registered public accounting firm in the future. If the shareholders do not ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee will reconsider the appointment and may retain Moss Adams, LLP or another independent registered public accounting firm without re-submitting the matter to the shareholders. Even if the shareholders ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee may, in its discretion, direct the appointment of a different firm as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year.

A representative of Moss Adams, LLP is expected to be present at the annual meeting of shareholders and will have the opportunity to make a statement or respond to any appropriate questions that shareholders may have.

The Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote “FOR” the ratification of the appointment of Moss Adams, LLP as Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.’s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

Principal Accountant Fees and Services

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, Moss Adams, LLP provided various audit services to Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank. These services included: (1) the audit of our annual financial statements and review of the financial statements included in Sound Financial Bancorp’s filings with the SEC; (2) consultation on accounting matters; and (3) professional services.

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Audit Fees	\$ 239,500	\$ 199,500
All Other Fees	17,500	16,000

Audit fees relate to professional services rendered in connection with the audit of the Company’s annual financial statements; quarterly review of financial statements included in the Company’s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and audit services provided in connection with the Company’s other filings with the SEC, including comfort letters, consents and other research work necessary to comply with generally accepted auditing standards.

All Other Fees are fees related to an annual audit of the Bank’s 401 (k) plan for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

No fees were billed for professional services rendered for services or products other than those listed under the captions “Audit Fees,” and “All Other Fees,” for 2022 and 2021.

Our Audit Committee has determined that the services provided by Moss Adams, LLP as set forth herein are compatible with maintaining Moss Adams, LLP’s independence.

Pursuant to the terms of its charter, the Audit Committee is responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the independent auditors. The Audit Committee must pre-approve the engagement letters and the fees to be paid to the independent auditors for all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditors and consider the possible effect that any non-audit services could have on the independence of the auditors. The Audit Committee may establish pre-approval policies and procedures, as permitted by applicable law and SEC regulations and consistent with its charter for the engagement of the independent auditors to render permissible non-audit services to the Corporation, provided that any pre-

approvals delegated to one or more members of the committee are reported to the committee at its next scheduled meeting. At this time, the Audit Committee has not adopted any pre-approval policies.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Proxy Solicitation Costs

The Company will pay the costs of soliciting proxies. The Company will reimburse brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for reasonable expenses incurred by them in sending proxy materials to the beneficial owners of the Company's common stock. In addition to solicitation by mail, directors, officers and employees of the Company may solicit proxies personally or by facsimile, telephone or other means, without additional compensation.

Shareholder Proposals and Other Information Regarding the 2024 Annual Meeting

In order to be eligible for inclusion in Sound Financial Bancorp's proxy materials for next year's annual meeting of shareholders, any shareholder proposal to take action at such meeting must be received in writing at Sound Financial Bancorp's executive office at 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington 98121, no later than December 20, 2023. If, however, the date of next year's annual meeting of shareholders is before May 1, 2024 or after June 30, 2024, any such proposal must be received at the Company's executive office a reasonable time before the Company begins to print and send its proxy materials for that meeting to be eligible for inclusion in those proxy materials. Any such proposals shall be subject to the requirements of the proxy rules adopted under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and to the Company's Charter and Bylaws.

In addition to the deadline and other requirements referred to above for submitting a stockholder proposal to be included in the Company's proxy materials for its next annual meeting of shareholders, the Company's bylaws require a separate notification to be made in order for a stockholder proposal to be eligible for presentation at the meeting, regardless of whether the proposal is included in the Company's proxy materials for the meeting. In order to be eligible for presentation at the Company's next annual meeting of shareholders, written notice of a stockholder proposal containing the information specified in Article I, Section 6(a) of the Company's bylaws must be received by the Secretary of the Company not earlier than the close of business on February 1, 2024 and not later than the close of business on March 2, 2024. If, however, the date of the next annual meeting is before May 11, 2024 or after July 30, 2024, the notice of the stockholder proposal must instead be received by the Company's Secretary not earlier than the close of business on the 120th calendar day prior to the date of the next annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th calendar day before the date of the next annual meeting or the tenth calendar day following the first to occur of the day on which notice of the date of the next annual meeting is mailed or otherwise transmitted or the day on which public announcement of the date of the next annual meeting is first made by the Company.

Nominations of persons for election to the Company's Board of Directors may be made only by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or by any stockholder entitled to vote for the election of directors who complies with the notice and information procedures set forth in the Company's bylaws. Pursuant to Article I, Section 6(b) of the Company's bylaws, nominations for directors by shareholders in connection with the Company's next annual meeting must be made in writing and received by the Secretary of the Company at the Company's executive office not less than 90 calendar days or more than 120 calendar days prior to the date of the Company's next annual meeting. If, however, less than 100 calendar days' notice or public announcement of the date of the meeting is given or made to shareholders, nominations must be received by the Company not later than the close of business on the tenth calendar day following the earlier of the day on which notice of the date of the meeting was mailed or otherwise transmitted or the day on which public announcement of the date of the meeting was first made. Nominations must be accompanied by certain information specified in Article I, Section 6(b) of the Company's bylaws.

Shareholders who intend to solicit proxies in support of director nominees other than the Company's nominees in connection with the Company's next annual meeting of shareholders must also provide notice to the Company that contains the information required by Rule 14a-19(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, no later than April 1, 2024. If, however, the date of the Company's next annual meeting of shareholders is before May 1, 2024 or after June 30, 2024, this notice must be provided by the later of 60 calendar days prior to the date of the annual meeting or the tenth calendar day following the day on which public announcement of the date of the annual meeting is first made by the Company. The notice required by Rule 14a-19(b) is in addition to the advance notice required under Article I, Section 6(b) of the Company's bylaws for shareholders desiring to submit director nominations.

Form 10-K

This proxy statement is accompanied by a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (excluding exhibits). We encourage you to read the Form 10-K. It includes information on our operations, products and services, as well as our audited financial statements. Although the Annual Report is being provided to shareholders with this proxy statement, it does not constitute a part of the proxy solicitation materials and is not incorporated into this proxy statement by reference. **To request a copy of the 10-K with exhibits, or to obtain a copy of our 2022 Annual Report, call or write to: Wes Ochs, Chief Financial Officer, Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc., 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington 98121; tel. (206) 436-8587.** Alternatively, copies of these documents may be obtained from our website, www.soundcb.com, by clicking “Investor Relations.”

Other Matters

We are not aware of any business to come before the annual meeting other than those matters described in this proxy statement. However, if any other matter should properly come before the meeting, it is intended that holders of the proxies will act in accordance with their best judgment.

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

- ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022
- OR
- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 001-35633

Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Maryland</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<u>45-5188530</u> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<u>2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington</u> (Address of principal executive offices)	<u>98121</u> (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(206) 448-0884**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	SFBC	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates as of June 30, 2022, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, was approximately \$55.3 million. (The exclusion from such amount of the market value of the shares owned by any person shall not be deemed an admission by the registrant that such person is an affiliate of the registrant.)

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date: As of March 10, 2023, there were 2,601,647 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

PART III of Form 10-K – Portions of the Registrant's Proxy Statement for its 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The 2023 Proxy Statement will be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year to which this report relates.

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PART I

Item 1. Business

Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain matters discussed in this Form 10-K constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements relate to our financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance or business. Forward-looking statements are not statements of historical fact but are based on certain assumptions and are generally identified by use of the words "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates," "forecasts," "intends," "plans," "targets," "potentially," "probably," "projects," "outlook" or similar expressions, or future or conditional verbs such as "may," "will," "should," "would" and "could." Forward-looking statements include statements with respect to our beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, expectations, assumptions and statements about, among other things, expectations of the business environment in which we operate, projections of future performance or financial items, perceived opportunities in the market, potential future credit experience, and statements regarding our mission and vision. These forward-looking statements are based upon current management expectations and may, therefore, involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results, performance, or achievements may differ materially from those suggested, expressed, or implied by forward-looking statements as a result of a wide variety or range of factors including, but not limited to:

- potential adverse impacts to economic conditions in the Company's local market areas, other markets where the Company has lending relationships, or other aspects of the Company's business operations or financial markets, including, without limitation, as a result of employment levels, labor shortages and the effects of inflation or deflation, a potential recession or slowed economic growth caused by increasing political instability from acts of war including Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as well as increasing energy prices and supply chain disruptions, and any governmental or societal responses to the novel coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic, including the possibility of new COVID-19 variants;
- changes in consumer spending, borrowing and savings habits;
- the risks of lending and investing activities, including changes in the level and direction of loan delinquencies and write-offs and changes in estimates of the adequacy of our allowance for loan losses;
- monetary and fiscal policies of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ("Federal Reserve") and the U.S. Government and other governmental initiatives affecting the financial services industry;
- fluctuations in the demand for loans, the number of unsold homes, land and other properties;
- fluctuations in real estate values and both residential and commercial and multifamily real estate market conditions in our market area;
- our ability to access cost-effective funding;
- the transition away from the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") toward new interest-rate benchmarks;
- our ability to control operating costs and expenses;
- secondary market conditions for loans and our ability to sell loans in the secondary market;
- fluctuations in interest rates;
- results of examinations of Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank by their regulators, including the possibility that the regulators may, among other things, require us to increase our allowance for loan losses or to write-down assets, change Sound Community Bank's regulatory capital position or affect our ability to borrow funds or maintain or increase deposits, which could adversely affect our liquidity and earnings;
- inability of key third-party providers to perform their obligations to us;
- our ability to attract and retain deposits;
- competitive pressures among financial services companies;
- our ability to successfully integrate any assets, liabilities, clients, systems, and management personnel we may acquire into our operations and our ability to realize related revenue synergies and expected cost savings and other benefits within the anticipated time frames or at all;
- the use of estimates in determining fair value of certain of our assets, which estimates may prove to be incorrect and result in significant declines in valuation;
- our ability to keep pace with technological changes, including our ability to identify and address cyber-security risks such as data security breaches, "denial of service" attacks, "hacking" and identity theft, and other attacks on our information technology systems or on the third-party vendors that perform several of our critical processing functions;
- changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the financial institution regulatory agencies or the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB");

- legislative or regulatory changes that adversely affect our business, including changes in banking, securities and tax laws, in regulatory policies and principles, or the interpretation of regulatory capital or other rules, and other governmental initiatives affecting the financial services industry and the availability of resources to address such changes;
- our ability to retain or attract key employees or members of our senior management team;
- costs and effects of litigation, including settlements and judgments;
- our ability to implement our business strategies;
- staffing fluctuations in response to product demand or the implementation of corporate strategies that affect our workforce and potential associated charges;
- our ability to pay dividends on our common stock;
- the quality and composition of our securities portfolio and the impact of any adverse changes in the securities markets;
- the effects of climate change, severe weather events, natural disasters, pandemics, epidemics and other public health crises, acts of war or terrorism, and other external events on our business;
- other economic, competitive, governmental, regulatory, and technological factors affecting our operations, pricing, products and services; and
- the other risks described from time to time in our documents filed with or furnished to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including this Form 10-K.

We caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements and that the factors listed above could materially affect our financial performance and could cause our actual results for future periods to differ materially from any such forward-looking statements expressed with respect to future periods and could negatively affect our stock price performance.

We do not undertake and specifically decline any obligation to publicly release the result of any revisions which may be made to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events.

General

References in this document to Sound Financial Bancorp refer to Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. and references to the "Bank" refer to Sound Community Bank. References to the "Company," "we," "us," and "our" means Sound Financial Bancorp and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Sound Community Bank, unless the context otherwise requires.

Sound Financial Bancorp, a Maryland corporation, is a bank holding company for its wholly owned subsidiary, Sound Community Bank. Substantially all of Sound Financial Bancorp's business is conducted through Sound Community Bank, a Washington state-chartered commercial bank. As a Washington commercial bank that is not a member of the Federal Reserve System, the Bank's regulators are the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions ("WDFI") and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). As a bank holding company, Sound Financial Bancorp is regulated by the Federal Reserve. We also sell insurance products and services to consumers through Sound Community Insurance Agency, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Bank.

Sound Community Bank's deposits are insured up to applicable limits by the FDIC. At December 31, 2022, Sound Financial Bancorp had total consolidated assets of \$976.4 million, including \$866.0 million of loans held-for-portfolio, deposits of \$808.8 million and stockholders' equity of \$97.7 million. The common stock of Sound Financial Bancorp is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "SFBC." Our executive offices are located at 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington, 98121 and our telephone number is 206-448-0884.

Our principal business consists of attracting retail and commercial deposits from the general public and investing those funds, along with borrowed funds, in loans secured by first and second mortgages on one-to-four family residences (including home equity loans and lines of credit), commercial and multifamily real estate, construction and land, consumer and commercial business loans. Our commercial business loans include unsecured lines of credit and secured term loans and lines of credit secured by inventory, equipment and accounts receivable. We also offer a variety of secured and unsecured consumer loan products, including manufactured home loans, floating home loans, automobile loans, boat loans and recreational vehicle loans. As part of our business, we focus on residential mortgage loan originations, a significant portion of which we sell to the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") and other correspondents and the remainder of which we retain for our loan portfolio consistent with our asset/liability objectives. We sell loans that conform to the underwriting standards of Fannie Mae ("conforming") but generally retain the servicing of the loan in order to maintain the direct customer relationship and to generate noninterest income. Residential loans that do not conform to the underwriting standards of Fannie Mae ("non-conforming"), are either held in our loan portfolio or sold with servicing released. We originate and retain a significant amount of commercial real estate loans, including those secured by owner-occupied and nonowner-occupied commercial real estate,

multifamily property, mobile home parks and construction and land development loans.

Market Area

We serve the Seattle Metropolitan Statistical Area ("MSA"), which includes King County (which includes the city of Seattle), Pierce County and Snohomish County within the Puget Sound region, and also serve Clallam and Jefferson Counties, on the North Olympic Peninsula of Washington. We serve these markets through our headquarters in Seattle and eight branch offices, four of which are located in the Seattle MSA, three that are located in Clallam County and one that is located in Jefferson County. We also have a loan production office in the Madison Park neighborhood of Seattle. Based on the most recent branch deposit data provided by the FDIC, our share of deposits was approximately 0.14% in King County, 0.37% in Pierce County and 0.31% in Snohomish County. In Clallam and Jefferson Counties, we have approximately 16.33% and 6.04%, respectively, of the deposits in those markets. See "—Competition."

Our market area includes a diverse population of management, professional and sales personnel, office employees, health care workers, manufacturing and transportation workers, service industry workers and government employees, as well as retired and self-employed individuals. The population has a skilled work force with a wide range of education levels and ethnic backgrounds. Major employment sectors include information and communications technology, financial services, aerospace, military, manufacturing, maritime, biotechnology, education, health and social services, retail trades, transportation and professional services. Significant employers headquartered in our market area include U.S. Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Microsoft, University of Washington, Providence Health, Costco, Boeing, Nordstrom, Amazon.com, Starbucks, Alaska Air Group and Weyerhaeuser.

Economic conditions in our markets, and the U.S. as a whole, have been negatively impacted by inflation and the rising interest rate environment, partially offset by the continued trend of low unemployment rates. Recent trends in housing prices in our market areas reflect the impact rising interest rates have had on housing prices. For December 2022, the preliminary Seattle MSA reported an unemployment rate of 3.4%, compared to the national average of 3.3%, according to the latest available information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Home prices in our markets decreased over the past year. Based on information from Case-Shiller, the average home price in the Seattle MSA decreased 1.8% in 2022.

King County has the largest population of any county in the state of Washington with approximately 2.2 million residents and a median household income of approximately \$108 thousand. Based on information from the Northwest Multiple Listing Service ("MLS"), the median home sales price in King County in December 2022 was \$815 thousand, an 9% increase from December 2021's median home sales price of \$750 thousand.

Pierce County has approximately 910,225 residents and a median household income of approximately \$86 thousand. Based on information from the MLS, the median home sales price in Pierce County in December 2022 was \$545 thousand, a 9% increase from December 2021's median home sales price of \$500 thousand.

Snohomish County has approximately 820,024 residents and a median household income of approximately \$100 thousand. Based on information from the MLS, the median home sales price in Snohomish County at December 2022 was \$730 thousand, an 12% increase from December 2021's median home sales price of \$650 thousand.

Clallam County, with a population of approximately 76,727, has a median household income of approximately \$63 thousand. The economy of Clallam County is primarily manufacturing and shipping. The Sequim Dungeness Valley continues to be a growing retirement location. Based on information from the MLS, the median home sales price in Clallam County in December 2022 was \$446 thousand, an 8% increase from December 2021's median home sales price of \$413 thousand.

Jefferson County, with a population of approximately 32,590, has a median household income of approximately \$62 thousand. Based on information from the MLS, the average home sales price in Jefferson County in December 2022 was \$608 thousand, a 13% increase from December 2021's median home sales price of \$538 thousand.

Lending Activities

The following table presents information concerning the composition of our loan portfolio, excluding loans held-for-sale, by the type of loan as of the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

	December 31,			
	2022		2021	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Real estate loans:				
One-to-four family	\$ 274,638	31.6 %	\$ 207,660	30.2 %
Home equity	19,548	2.3	13,250	1.9
Commercial and multifamily	313,358	36.1	278,175	40.4
Construction and land	116,878	13.5	63,105	9.2
Total real estate loans	<u>724,422</u>	<u>83.5</u>	<u>562,190</u>	<u>81.7</u>
Consumer loans:				
Manufactured homes	26,953	3.1	21,636	3.1
Floating homes	74,443	8.6	59,268	8.7
Other consumer	17,923	2.1	16,748	2.4
Total consumer loans	<u>119,319</u>	<u>13.8</u>	<u>97,652</u>	<u>14.2</u>
Commercial business loans				
	<u>23,815</u>	<u>2.7</u>	<u>28,026</u>	<u>4.1</u>
Total loans	<u>867,556</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>687,868</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>
Less:				
Premiums	973		897	
Deferred fees and discounts	(2,548)		(2,367)	
Allowance for loan losses	(7,599)		(6,306)	
Total loans, net	<u>\$ 858,382</u>		<u>\$ 680,092</u>	

The following table shows the composition of our loan portfolio in dollar amounts and in percentages by fixed and adjustable-rate loans as of the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

	December 31,			
	2022		2021	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Fixed-rate loans:				
Real estate loans:				
One-to-four family	\$ 181,615	20.9 %	\$ 140,943	20.5 %
Home equity	7,580	0.9	4,460	0.6
Commercial and multifamily	101,566	11.7	91,553	13.3
Construction and land	29,260	3.4	18,074	2.6
Total real estate loans	320,021	36.9	255,030	37.1
Consumer loans:				
Manufactured homes	26,953	3.1	21,636	3.1
Floating homes	66,336	7.6	53,953	7.8
Other consumer	17,603	2.0	16,444	2.4
Total consumer loans	110,892	12.8	92,033	13.4
Commercial business loans	8,631	1.0	11,891	1.7
Total fixed-rate loans	439,544	50.7	358,954	52.2
Adjustable-rate loans:				
Real estate loans:				
One-to-four family	93,023	10.7	66,717	9.7
Home equity	11,968	1.4	8,790	1.3
Commercial and multifamily	211,792	24.4	186,622	27.1
Construction and land	87,618	10.1	45,031	6.5
Total real estate loans	404,401	46.6	307,160	44.7
Consumer loans:				
Floating homes	8,107	0.9	5,315	0.8
Other consumer	320	—	304	—
Total consumer loans	8,427	1.0	5,619	0.8
Commercial business loans	15,184	1.8	16,135	2.3
Total adjustable-rate loans	428,012	49.3	328,914	47.8
Total loans	867,556	100.0 %	687,868	100.0 %
Less:				
Premiums	973		897	
Deferred fees and discounts	(2,548)		(2,367)	
Allowance for loan losses	(7,599)		(6,306)	
Total loans, net	<u>\$ 858,382</u>		<u>\$ 680,092</u>	

At December 31, 2022 and 2021, we had floating or variable rate loans totaling \$428.0 million and \$328.9 million, respectively. At December 31, 2022, a total of \$294.1 million of our floating or variable rate loans had interest rate floors below which the loan's contractual interest rate may not adjust, of which \$145.6 million were at their floors.

Loan Maturity and Repricing. The following table sets forth certain information at December 31, 2022, regarding the amount of total loans in our portfolio based on their contractual terms to maturity (in thousands). The table does not reflect the effects of possible prepayments or enforcement of due-on-sale clauses.

	Within One Year	After One Year Through Five Years	After Five Years Through Fifteen Years	After Fifteen Years	Total
Real estate loans:					
One-to-four family	\$ 4,377	\$ 12,500	\$ 20,194	\$ 237,567	\$ 274,638
Home equity	917	498	3,504	14,629	19,548
Commercial and multifamily	20,789	94,672	175,485	22,412	313,358
Construction and land	50,646	31,239	34,509	484	116,878
Total real estate loans	<u>76,729</u>	<u>138,909</u>	<u>233,692</u>	<u>275,092</u>	<u>724,422</u>
Consumer loans:					
Manufactured homes	45	542	12,673	13,693	26,953
Floating homes	278	5,920	10,556	57,689	74,443
Other consumer	368	7,712	5,020	4,823	17,923
Total consumer loans	<u>691</u>	<u>14,174</u>	<u>28,249</u>	<u>76,205</u>	<u>119,319</u>
Commercial business loans	<u>8,030</u>	<u>9,737</u>	<u>6,048</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>23,815</u>
Total	<u>\$ 85,450</u>	<u>\$ 162,820</u>	<u>\$ 267,989</u>	<u>\$ 351,297</u>	<u>\$ 867,556</u>

The following table sets forth the amount of total loans due after at December 31, 2023, with fixed or adjustable interest rates (in thousands).

	Fixed-Rate	Adjustable-Rate	Total
Real estate loans:			
One-to-four family	\$ 177,238	\$ 93,023	\$ 270,261
Home equity	6,723	11,908	18,631
Commercial and multifamily	86,732	205,837	292,569
Construction and land	20,596	45,636	66,232
Total real estate loans	<u>291,289</u>	<u>356,404</u>	<u>647,693</u>
Consumer loans:			
Manufactured homes	26,908	—	26,908
Floating homes	66,058	8,107	74,165
Other consumer	17,246	309	17,555
Total consumer loans	<u>110,212</u>	<u>8,416</u>	<u>118,628</u>
Commercial business loans	<u>7,455</u>	<u>8,330</u>	<u>15,785</u>
Total	<u>\$ 408,956</u>	<u>\$ 373,150</u>	<u>\$ 782,106</u>

Lending Authority. Our President and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") may approve unsecured loans up to \$1.0 million and all types of secured loans up to 30% of our legal lending limit, or approximately \$6.9 million at December 31, 2022. Our Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer ("CCO") may approve unsecured loans up to \$400,000 and secured loans up to 15% of our legal lending limit, or approximately \$3.5 million at December 31, 2022. The Chief Banking Officer may approve unsecured loans up to \$50,000 and all types of secured loans up to approximately \$1.5 million at December 31, 2022. The Chief Financial/Strategy Officer may approve unsecured loans up to \$400,000 and all types of secured loans up to approximately \$2.5 million at December 31, 2022. Any loans over the CEO's lending authority or loans significantly outside our general underwriting

guidelines must be approved by the Management Loan Committee and approved loans are subsequently reviewed by the Board of Directors Loan Committee, consisting of four independent directors, and the CEO. Lending authority is also granted to certain other lending staff at lower amounts.

Largest Borrowing Relationships. At December 31, 2022, the maximum amount under federal law that we could lend to any one borrower and the borrower's related entities was approximately \$23.0 million. Our five largest relationships (including unused commitments) totaled \$88.9 million in the aggregate, or 10.3% of our \$867.6 million total loan portfolio, at December 31, 2022. At December 31, 2022, the largest lending relationship totaled \$19.4 million and consisted of two loans to a business, a construction and land loan totaling \$17.5 million, of which \$13.2 million remained unfunded at December 31, 2022, and a \$1.9 million commercial real estate loan. The second largest relationship totaled \$18.2 million and consisted of one construction loan, of which \$5.1 million remained unfunded at December 31, 2022, secured by a multifamily real estate property being renovated. The third largest relationship totaled \$17.8 million and consisted of three loans to a business totaling \$11.5 million collateralized by multifamily and commercial real estate, and two loans to a business with related guarantors totaling \$6.3 million, both collateralized by multifamily real estate. The fourth largest relationship totaled \$17.0 million and consisted of two loans for the construction of a housing development of one-to-four family homes, of which \$7.0 million remained unfunded at December 31, 2022. The fifth largest borrowing relationship totaled \$16.6 million, of which \$2.3 million remained unfunded at December 31, 2022, and consisted of six loans to four businesses, all with related guarantors, collateralized by one-to-four family homes, commercial real estate, and one-to-four family construction properties. At December 31, 2022, we had 15 additional lending relationships in excess of \$7.0 million each, totaling \$161.9 million. All of the foregoing loans were performing in accordance with their repayment terms at December 31, 2022.

One-to-Four Family Real Estate Lending. One of our primary lending activities is the origination of loans secured by first mortgages on one-to-four family residences, substantially all of which are secured by properties located in our geographic lending area. We originate both fixed-rate and adjustable-rate loans. During 2022, our fixed-rate, one-to-four family loan originations decreased \$143.0 million, or 63.2%, to \$83.1 million compared to \$226.1 million in 2021, while one-to-four family adjustable-rate loan originations increased \$24.8 million, or 139.4% to \$42.5 million compared to \$17.8 million in 2021. Since 2019, we identified demand in the marketplace for one-to-four family, residential fixed-rate mortgage loans, especially jumbo loans (generally loans above the conforming Fannie Mae limits of \$647,200 or \$970,800, depending on location within our market area). At December 31, 2022, our average loan amount was \$716 thousand for adjustable-rate, one-to-four family mortgages.

Most of our loans are underwritten using generally accepted secondary market underwriting guidelines. A portion of the one-to-four family loans we originate are retained in our portfolio and the remaining loans are sold into the secondary market to Fannie Mae or other private investors. Loans that are sold into the secondary market to Fannie Mae are sold with the servicing retained to maintain the client relationship and to generate noninterest income. We also originate a small portion of government guaranteed and jumbo loans for sale servicing released to certain correspondent purchasers. The sale of mortgage loans provides a source of non-interest income through the gain on sale, reduces our interest-rate risk, provides a stream of servicing income, enhances liquidity and enables us to originate more loans at our current capital level than if we held the loans in our loan portfolio. At December 31, 2022, one-to-four family residential mortgage loans (excluding loans held-for-sale) totaled \$274.6 million, or 31.6%, of our gross loan portfolio, of which \$181.6 million were fixed-rate loans and \$93.0 million were adjustable-rate loans, compared to \$207.7 million (excluding loans held-for-sale), or 30.2% of our gross loan portfolio at December 31, 2021, of which \$140.9 million were fixed-rate loans and \$66.7 million were adjustable-rate loans.

Substantially all of the one-to-four family residential mortgage loans we retain in our portfolio consist of loans that do not satisfy acreage limits, income, credit, conforming loan limits (i.e., jumbo mortgages) or various other requirements imposed by Fannie Mae or private investors. Some of these loans are also originated to meet the needs of borrowers who cannot otherwise satisfy Fannie Mae credit requirements because of personal and financial reasons (i.e., bankruptcy, length of time employed, etc.), and other aspects, which do not conform to Fannie Mae's guidelines. Such borrowers may have higher debt-to-income ratios, or the loans are secured by unique properties in rural markets for which there are no sales of comparable properties to support the value according to secondary market requirements. We may require additional collateral or lower loan-to-value ratios to reduce the risk of these loans. We believe that these loans satisfy the needs of borrowers in our market area. As a result, subject to market conditions, we intend to continue to originate these types of loans. We also retain jumbo loans, which exceed the conforming loan limits and therefore, are not eligible to be purchased by Fannie Mae. At December 31, 2022, \$162.6 million or 59.2% of our one-to-four family loan portfolio consisted of jumbo loans.

We generally underwrite our one-to-four family loans based on the applicant's employment and credit history and the appraised value of the subject property. We generally lend up to 80% of the lesser of the appraised value or purchase price for one-to-four family first mortgage loans and nonowner-occupied first mortgage loans. For first mortgage loans with a loan-to-value ratio in excess of 80%, we may require private mortgage insurance or other credit enhancement to help mitigate credit risk. Properties securing our one-to-four family loans are typically appraised by independent fee appraisers who are selected in accordance with

criteria approved by the Loan Committee. For loans that are less than \$250 thousand, we may use an automated valuation model, in lieu of an appraisal. We require title insurance policies on all first mortgage real estate loans originated. Homeowners, liability, fire and, if required, flood insurance policies are also required for one-to-four family loans. Our real estate loans generally contain a "due on sale" clause allowing us to declare the unpaid principal balance due and payable upon the sale of the security property. The average balance of our one-to-four family residential loans was approximately \$478 thousand at December 31, 2022.

Fixed-rate loans secured by one-to-four family residences have contractual maturities of up to 30 years. All of these loans are fully amortizing, with payments due monthly. At December 31, 2022, our portfolio of fixed-rate loans also included \$582 thousand of one-to-four family loans with a five-year call option.

Adjustable-rate loans are offered with annual adjustments and lifetime rate caps that vary based on the product, generally with a maximum annual rate change of 2.0% and a maximum overall rate change of 6.0%. We generally use the rate on one-year LIBOR and 30-day secured overnight financing rate ("SOFR"), to re-price our adjustable-rate loans, however, \$9.5 million of our adjustable-rate loans are to employees and directors that re-price annually based on a margin of 1%-1.50% over our average 12-month cost of funds. As a consequence of using annual adjustments and lifetime caps, the interest rates on adjustable-rate loans may not be as rate sensitive as our cost of funds. Furthermore, because loan indices may not respond perfectly to changes in market interest rates, upward adjustments on loans may occur more slowly than increases in our cost of interest-bearing liabilities, especially during periods of rapidly increasing interest rates. Because of these characteristics, future yields on adjustable-rate loans may not be sufficient to offset increases in our cost of funds.

We continue to offer our fully amortizing adjustable-rate loans with a fixed interest rate for the first one, three, five or seven years, followed by a periodic adjustable interest rate for the remaining term. Although adjustable-rate mortgage loans may reduce to an extent our vulnerability to changes in market interest rates because they periodically re-price, as interest rates increase, the required payments due from the borrower also increase (subject to rate caps), increasing the potential for default by the borrower. At the same time, the ability of the borrower to repay the loan and the marketability of the underlying collateral may be adversely affected by higher interest rates. Upward adjustments of the contractual interest rate are also limited by our maximum periodic and lifetime rate adjustments. Moreover, the interest rates on most of our adjustable-rate loans do not adjust within the next year and may not adjust for up to ten years after origination. As a result, the effectiveness of adjustable-rate mortgage loans in compensating for changes in general interest rates may be limited during periods of rapidly rising interest rates.

At December 31, 2022, \$30.9 million, or 11.3% of our one-to-four family residential portfolio consisted of nonowner-occupied loans, compared to \$25.8 million, or 12.4% of our one-to-four family residential portfolio at December 31, 2021. At December 31, 2022, our average nonowner-occupied residential loan had a balance of \$391 thousand. Loans secured by rental properties represent potentially higher risk. As a result, we adhere to more stringent underwriting guidelines which may include, but are not limited to, annual financial statements, a budget factoring in a rental income, cash flow analysis of the borrower as well as the net operating income of the property, information concerning the borrower's expertise, credit history and profitability, and the value of the underlying property. In addition, these loans are generally secured by a first mortgage on the underlying collateral property along with an assignment of rents and leases. Of primary concern in nonowner-occupied real estate lending is the consistency of rental income of the property. Payments on loans secured by rental properties may depend primarily on the tenants' continuing ability to pay rent to the property owner, the character of the borrower or, if the property owner is unable to find a tenant, the property owner's ability to repay the loan without the benefit of a rental income stream. In addition, successful operation and management of nonowner-occupied properties, including property maintenance standards, may affect repayment. As a result, repayment of such loans may be subject to adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy. If the borrower has multiple rental property loans with us, the loans are typically not cross collateralized.

In 2016, in order to enable individuals to secure the purchase of a new residence before selling their existing residence, we commenced a loan program designed to allow borrowers to access the equity in their current residence to apply towards the purchase of a new residence. The loan or loans to purchase the new residence are generally originated in an amount in excess of \$1.0 million and secured by the borrower's existing and/or new residences, with a maximum combined loan-to-value ratio of up to 80%. These loans provide for repayment upon the earlier of the sale of the current residence or the loan maturity date, which is typically up to 12 months. Upon the sale of the borrower's current residence, we may refinance the new residence using our traditional jumbo mortgage loan underwriting guidelines. During 2022, we originated \$6.9 million of loans under this program, compared to \$3.4 million in 2021. At December 31, 2022, we had \$1.3 million of these interest-only residential loans in our one-to-four family residential mortgage loan portfolio.

The primary focus of our underwriting guidelines for interest-only residential loans is on the value of the collateral rather than the ability of the borrower to repay the loan. As a result, this type of lending exposes us to an increased risk of loss due to the larger loan balance and our inability to sell them to Fannie Mae, similar to the risks associated with jumbo one-to-four family

residential loans. In addition, a decline in residential real estate values resulting from a downturn in the Washington housing market may reduce the value of the real estate collateral securing these types of loans and increase our risk of loss if borrowers default on their loans.

Home Equity Lending. We originate home equity loans that consist of fixed-rate, fully-amortizing loans and variable-rate lines of credit. We typically originate home equity loans in amounts of up to 90% of the value of the collateral, minus any senior liens on the property; however, prior to 2010 we originated home equity loans in amounts of up to 100% of the value of the collateral, minus any senior liens on the property. Home equity lines of credit are typically originated for up to \$250,000 with an adjustable rate of interest, based on the one-year Treasury Bill rate or the Wall Street Journal Prime rate, plus a margin. Home equity lines of credit generally have a three-, five- or 12-year draw period, during which time the funds may be paid down and redrawn up to the committed amount. Once the draw period has lapsed, the payment is amortized over either a 12-, 19- or 21-year period based on the loan balance at that time. We charge a \$50 annual fee on each home equity line of credit and require monthly interest-only payments on the entire amount drawn during the draw period. At December 31, 2022, home equity loans totaled \$19.5 million, or 2.3% of our total loan portfolio, compared to \$13.3 million, or 1.9% of our total loan portfolio at December 31, 2021. Adjustable-rate home equity lines of credit at December 31, 2022 totaled \$12.0 million, or 1.4% of our total loan portfolio, compared to \$8.8 million, or 1.3% of our total loan portfolio at December 31, 2021. At December 31, 2022, unfunded commitments on home equity lines of credit totaled \$17.4 million.

Our fixed-rate home equity loans generally have terms of up to 20 years and are fully amortizing. At December 31, 2022, fixed-rate home equity loans totaled \$7.6 million, or 0.9% of our gross loan portfolio, compared to \$4.5 million, or 0.6% of our total loan portfolio at December 31, 2021.

Commercial and Multifamily Real Estate Lending. We offer a variety of commercial and multifamily real estate loans. Most of these loans are secured by owner-occupied and nonowner-occupied commercial income producing properties, apartment buildings, warehouses, office buildings, gas station/convenience stores and mobile home parks located in our market area. At December 31, 2022, commercial and multifamily real estate loans totaled \$313.4 million, or 36.1% of our total loan portfolio, compared to \$278.2 million, or 40.4% of our total loan portfolio at December 31, 2021.

Loans secured by commercial and multifamily real estate are generally originated with a variable interest rate, fixed for an initial three- to ten-year term and have a 20- to 25-year amortization period. At the end of the initial term, the balance is due in full or the loan re-prices based on an independent index plus a margin over the applicable index of 1% to 4% for another five years. Loan-to-value ratios on our commercial and multifamily real estate loans typically do not exceed 80% of the lower of cost or appraised value of the property securing the loan at origination.

Loans secured by commercial and multifamily real estate are generally underwritten based on the net operating income of the property, quality and location of the real estate, the credit history and financial strength of the borrower and the quality of management involved with the property. The net operating income, which is the income derived from the operation of the property less all operating expenses, must be sufficient to cover the payments related to the outstanding debt plus an additional coverage requirement. We generally impose a minimum debt service coverage ratio of 1.20 for originated loans secured by income producing commercial properties. If the borrower is not an individual, we typically require the personal guaranties of the principal owners of the borrowing entity. We also generally require an assignment of rents in order to be assured that the cash flow from the project will be used to repay the debt. Appraisals on properties securing commercial and multifamily real estate loans are performed by independent state certified licensed fee appraisers. In order to monitor the adequacy of cash flows on income-producing properties, the borrower is required to provide annual financial information. We also from time to time acquire participation interests in commercial and multifamily real estate loans originated by other financial institutions secured by properties located in our market area.

Historically, loans secured by commercial and multifamily properties generally present different credit risks than one-to-four family properties. These loans typically involve larger balances to single borrowers or groups of related borrowers. Because payments on loans secured by commercial and multifamily properties are often dependent on the successful operation or management of the properties, repayment of these loans may be subject to adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy. Repayments of loans secured by nonowner-occupied properties depend primarily on the tenant's continuing ability to pay rent to the property owner, who is our borrower, or, if the property owner is unable to find a tenant, the property owner's ability to repay the loan without the benefit of a rental income stream. If the cash flow from the project is reduced, or if leases are not obtained or renewed, the borrower's ability to repay the loan may be impaired. Commercial and multifamily real estate loans also expose a lender to greater credit risk than loans secured by one-to-four family because the collateral securing these loans typically cannot be sold as easily as one-to-four family collateral. In addition, most of our commercial and multifamily real estate loans are not fully amortizing and include balloon payments upon maturity. Balloon payments may require the borrower to either sell or refinance the underlying property in order to make the payment, which may increase the risk of default or non-payment. The largest single commercial and multifamily real estate loan at December 31, 2022, totaled \$11.8

million and was collateralized by a storage facility. At December 31, 2022, this loan was performing in accordance with its repayment terms.

The following table provides information on commercial and multifamily real estate loans by type at December 31, 2022 and 2021 (dollars in thousands):

	December 31,			
	2022		2021	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Multifamily residential	\$ 100,298	32.0 %	\$ 71,834	25.8 %
Owner-occupied commercial real estate retail	7,799	2.5	9,636	3.5
Owner-occupied commercial real estate office buildings	16,893	5.4	25,463	9.2
Owner-occupied commercial real estate other ⁽¹⁾	23,629	7.5	16,857	6.1
Non-owner occupied commercial real estate retail	12,012	3.8	8,000	2.9
Non-owner occupied commercial real estate office buildings	8,149	2.6	14,898	5.4
Non-owner occupied commercial real estate other ⁽¹⁾	111,550	35.6	104,606	37.6
Warehouses	12,742	4.1	9,489	3.4
Gas station/Convenience store	12,198	3.9	11,864	4.3
Mobile Home Parks	4,598	1.5	5,528	2.0
Government guaranteed	3,491	1.1	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 313,358</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 278,175</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

(1) Other commercial real estate loans include schools, churches, storage facilities, restaurants, etc.

Construction and Land Lending. We originate construction loans secured by single-family residences and commercial and multifamily real estate. We also originate land acquisition and development loans, which are secured by raw land or developed lots on which the borrower intends to build a residence, or a commercial or multifamily property. At December 31, 2022, our construction and land loans totaled \$116.9 million, or 13.5% of our total loan portfolio, compared to \$63.1 million, or 9.2% of our total loan portfolio at December 31, 2021. At December 31, 2022, unfunded construction loan commitments totaled \$65.1 million.

Construction loans to individuals and contractors for the construction of personal residences, including speculative residential construction, totaled \$15.3 million, or 13.1%, of our construction and land portfolio at December 31, 2022. In addition to custom home construction loans to individuals, we originate loans that are termed "speculative" which are those loans where the builder does not have, at the time of loan origination, a signed contract with a buyer for the home or lot who has a commitment for permanent financing with either us or another lender. At December 31, 2022, construction loans to contractors for homes that were considered speculative totaled \$8.1 million, or 6.9%, of our construction and land loan portfolio. The composition of, and location of underlying collateral securing, our construction and land loan portfolio, excluding loan commitments, at December 31, 2022 was as follows (in thousands):

Commercial and multifamily construction	<u>\$ 85,747</u>
Speculative residential construction	8,095
Land acquisition and development and lot loans	15,642
Residential lot loans	187
Residential construction	7,206
Total	<u>\$ 116,878</u>

Our residential construction loans generally provide for the payment of interest only during the construction phase, which is typically twelve to eighteen months. At the end of the construction phase, the construction loan generally either converts to a longer-term mortgage loan or is paid off with a permanent loan from another lender. Residential construction loans are made up to the lesser of a maximum loan-to-value ratio of 100% of cost or 80% of appraised value at completion; however, we generally do not originate construction loans which exceed these limits without some form of credit enhancement to mitigate the higher loan to value.

At December 31, 2022, our largest residential construction loan commitment was for \$3.5 million, \$1.5 million of which had been disbursed. This loan was performing according to its repayment terms at December 31, 2022. The average outstanding residential construction loan balance was approximately \$379 thousand at December 31, 2022. Before making a commitment to fund a construction loan, we require an appraisal of the subject property by an independent approved appraiser. During the construction phase, we make periodic inspections of the construction site and loan proceeds are disbursed directly to the contractors or borrowers as construction progresses. Loan proceeds are disbursed after inspection based on the percentage of completion method. We also require general liability, builder's risk hazard insurance, title insurance, and flood insurance, for properties located in or to be built in a designated flood hazard area, on all construction loans.

We also originate developed lot and raw land loans to individuals intending to construct a residence in the future on the property. We will generally originate these loans in an amount up to 75% of the lower of the purchase price or appraisal. These lot and land loans are secured by a first lien on the property and have a fixed rate of interest with a maximum amortization of 20 years.

We make land acquisition and development loans to experienced builders or residential lot developers in our market area. The maximum loan-to-value limit applicable to these loans is generally 75% of the appraised market value upon completion of the project. We may not require cash equity from the borrower if there is sufficient equity in the land being used as collateral. Development plans are required prior to making the loan. Our loan officers visit the proposed site of the development and the sites of competing developments. We require that developers maintain adequate insurance coverage. Land acquisition and development loans generally are originated with a loan term up to 24 months, have adjustable rates of interest based on the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate or the three- or five-year rate charged by the Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") of Des Moines and require interest-only payment during the term of the loan. Land acquisition and development loan proceeds are disbursed periodically in increments as construction progresses and as an inspection by our approved inspector warrants. We also require these loans to be paid on an accelerated basis as the lots are sold, so that we are repaid before all the lots are sold. At December 31, 2022, land acquisition and development and lot loans totaled \$15.6 million, or 13.4% of our construction and land portfolio.

We also offer commercial and multifamily construction loans. These loans are underwritten as interest only with financing typically up to 24 months under terms similar to our residential construction loans. Commercial and multifamily construction loans are made up to the lesser of a maximum loan-to-value ratio of 100% of cost or 80% of appraised value at completion. Most of our commercial and multifamily construction loans provide for disbursement of loan funds during the construction period and conversion to a permanent loan when the construction is complete and either tenant lease-up provisions or prescribed debt service coverage ratios are met. At December 31, 2022, commercial and multifamily construction loans totaled \$85.7 million or 73.4% of our construction and land portfolio, compared to \$40.6 million, or 64.4% of our construction and land portfolio at December 31, 2021. The three largest commercial and multifamily construction loans at December 31, 2022 included a \$13.1 million loan secured by the renovation of a multifamily real estate property, an \$8.2 million loan secured by construction of a multifamily real estate property and a \$7.3 million loan secured by a townhome development, located in Pierce and King Counties, Washington. At December 31, 2022, all of these loans were performing in accordance with their repayment terms.

Our construction and land development loans are based upon estimates of costs in relation to values associated with the completed project. Construction and land lending involves additional risks when compared with permanent residential lending because funds are advanced upon the collateral for the project based on an estimate of costs that will produce a future value at completion. Because of the uncertainties inherent in estimating construction costs, as well as the market value of the completed project and the effects of governmental regulation on real property, it is relatively difficult to evaluate accurately the total funds required to complete a project and the completed project loan-to-value ratio. Changes in demand, such as for new housing and higher than anticipated building costs may cause actual results to vary significantly from those estimated. For these reasons, this type of lending also typically involves higher loan principal amounts and is often concentrated with a small number of builders. A downturn in housing, or the real estate market, could increase loan delinquencies, defaults and foreclosures, and significantly impair the value of our collateral and our ability to sell the collateral upon foreclosure. Some of our builders have more than one loan outstanding with us and have residential mortgage loans for rental properties with us. Consequently, an adverse development with respect to one loan or one credit relationship can expose us to a significantly greater risk of loss.

In addition, during the term of most of our construction loans, no payment from the borrower is required since the accumulated interest is added to the principal of the loan through an interest reserve. As a result, these loans often involve the disbursement of funds with repayment substantially dependent on the success of the ultimate project and the ability of the borrower to sell or lease the property or obtain permanent take-out financing, rather than the ability of the borrower or guarantor to repay principal and interest. If our appraisal of the value of a completed project proves to be overstated, we may have inadequate security for the repayment of the loan upon completion of construction of the project and may incur a loss. Because construction loans require active monitoring of the building process, including cost comparisons and on-site inspections, these loans are more

difficult and costly to monitor. Increases in market rates of interest may have a more pronounced effect on construction loans by rapidly increasing the end purchasers' borrowing costs, thereby reducing the overall demand for the project. Properties under construction may be difficult to sell and typically must be completed in order to be successfully sold, which also complicates the process of resolving problem construction loans. This may require us to advance additional funds and/or contract with another builder to complete construction. Furthermore, in the case of speculative construction loans, there is the added risk associated with identifying an end-purchaser for the finished project. Land loans also pose additional risk because of the lack of income being produced by the property and the potential illiquid nature of the collateral. These risks can also be significantly impacted by supply and demand conditions. A downturn in housing, or the real estate market, could increase loan delinquencies, defaults and foreclosures, and significantly impair the value of our collateral and our ability to sell the collateral upon foreclosure.

Commercial Business Lending. At December 31, 2022, commercial business loans totaled \$23.8 million, or 2.7% of our total loan portfolio, compared to \$28.0 million, or 4.1% of our total loan portfolio at December 31, 2021. Substantially all of our commercial business loans have been to borrowers in our market area. Our commercial business lending activities encompass loans with a variety of purposes and security, including loans to finance commercial vehicles and equipment and loans secured by accounts receivable and/or inventory. Our commercial business lending policy includes an analysis of the borrower's background, capacity to repay the loan, the adequacy of the borrower's capital and collateral, as well as an evaluation of other conditions affecting the borrower. Analysis of the borrower's past, present and future cash flows is also an important aspect of our credit analysis. We generally require personal guarantees on both our secured and unsecured commercial business loans. Nonetheless, commercial business loans are believed to carry higher credit risk than residential mortgage and commercial real estate loans. At December 31, 2022, approximately \$1.7 million of our commercial business loans were unsecured.

Our interest rates on commercial business loans are dependent on the type of loan. Our secured commercial business loans typically have a loan-to-value ratio of up to 80% and are term loans ranging from three to seven years. Secured commercial business term loans generally have a fixed interest rate based on the commensurate FHLB amortizing rate or prime rate as reported in the West Coast edition of the Wall Street Journal plus 1% to 3%. In addition, we typically charge loan fees of 1% to 2% of the principal amount at origination, depending on the credit quality and account relationships of the borrower. Business lines of credit are usually adjustable rate and are based on the prime rate plus 1% to 3%, and are generally originated with both a floor and ceiling to the interest rate. Our business lines of credit generally have terms ranging from 12 months to 24 months and provide for interest-only monthly payments during the term.

Our commercial business loans are primarily based on the cash flow of the borrower and secondarily on the underlying collateral provided by the borrower. The borrowers' cash flow may be unpredictable, and collateral securing these loans may fluctuate in value. This collateral may consist of accounts receivable, inventory, equipment or real estate. In the case of loans secured by accounts receivable, the availability of funds for the repayment of these loans may be substantially dependent on the ability of the borrower to collect amounts due from its customers. Other collateral securing loans may depreciate over time, may be difficult to appraise, may be illiquid and may fluctuate in value based on the specific type of business and equipment. As a result, the availability of funds for the repayment of commercial business loans may be substantially dependent on the success of the business itself which, in turn, is often dependent in part upon general economic conditions.

Consumer Lending. We offer a variety of secured and unsecured consumer loans, including new and used manufactured homes, floating homes, automobiles, boats and recreational vehicle loans, and loans secured by deposit accounts. We also offer unsecured consumer loans. We originate our consumer loans primarily in our market area. All of our consumer loans are originated on a direct basis. At December 31, 2022, our consumer loans totaled \$119.3 million, or 13.8% of our total loan portfolio, compared to \$97.7 million, or 14.2% of our total loan portfolio at December 31, 2021.

We typically originate new and used manufactured home loans to borrowers who intend to use the home as a primary residence. The yields on these loans are higher than that on our other residential lending products and the portfolio has performed reasonably well with an acceptable level of risk and loss in exchange for the higher yield. Our weighted-average yield on manufactured home loans at December 31, 2022 was 8.36%, compared to 3.70% for one-to-four family mortgages, excluding loans held-for-sale. At December 31, 2022, manufactured home loans totaled \$27.0 million, or 22.6% of our consumer loans and 3.1% of our total loan portfolio. For both new and used manufactured homes, loans are generally made up to 90% of the lesser of the appraised value or purchase price up to \$150 thousand, with terms typically up to 20 years. We generally charge a 1% fee at origination. We underwrite these loans based on our review of creditworthiness of the borrower, including credit scores, and the value of the collateral, in which we hold a security interest.

Manufactured home loans are higher risk than loans secured by residential real property, though this risk may be reduced if the owner also owns the land on which the home is located. A small portion of our manufactured home loans involve properties on which we also have financed the land for the owner. The primary risk in manufactured home loans is the difficulty in obtaining adequate value for the collateral due to the cost and limited ability to move the collateral. These loans tend to be made to retired

individuals and first-time homebuyers. First-time homebuyers of manufactured homes tend to be a higher credit risk than first-time homebuyers of single-family residences, due to more limited financial resources. As a result, these loans may have a higher probability of default and higher delinquency rates than single-family residential loans and other types of consumer loans. We take into account this additional risk as a component of our allowance for loan losses. We attempt to work out delinquent loans with the borrower and, if that is not successful, any past due manufactured homes are repossessed and sold. At December 31, 2022, there were three nonperforming manufactured home loans totaling \$96 thousand.

We originate floating home, houseboat and house barge loans, typically located on cooperative or condominium moorages. Terms vary from five to 30 years and generally have a fixed rate of interest. We lend up to 90% of the lesser of the appraised value or purchase price. The primary risk in floating home loans is the unique nature of the collateral and the challenges of relocating such collateral to a location other than where such housing is permitted. The process for securing the deed and/or the condominium or cooperative dock is also unique compared to other types of lending we participate in. As a result, these loans may have higher collateral recovery costs than for one-to-four family mortgage loans and other types of consumer loans. We take into account these additional risks as a part of our underwriting criteria. At December 31, 2022, floating home loans totaled \$74.4 million, or 62.4% of our consumer loan portfolio and 8.6% of our total loan portfolio. At December 31, 2022, the average principal balance of our floating home loans was \$702 thousand. At December 31, 2022, house barge loans totaled \$10.7 million, or 9.0% of our consumer loan portfolio and 1.2% of our total loan portfolio.

The balance of our consumer loans includes loans secured by new and used automobiles, boats, motorcycles and recreational vehicles, loans secured by deposits and unsecured consumer loans, all of which, at December 31, 2022, totaled \$7.2 million, or 6.0% of our consumer loan portfolio and 0.8% of our total loan portfolio.

Consumer loans (other than our manufactured and floating homes) generally have shorter terms to maturity, which reduces our exposure to changes in interest rates. In addition, management believes that offering consumer loan products helps to expand and create stronger ties to our existing client base by increasing the number of client relationships and providing additional marketing opportunities.

Consumer loans generally entail greater risk than do one-to-four family residential mortgage loans, particularly in the case of consumer loans that are secured by rapidly depreciable assets, such as manufactured homes, automobiles, boats and recreational vehicles. In these cases, any repossessed collateral for a defaulted loan may not provide an adequate source of repayment of the outstanding loan balance. As a result, consumer loan collections are dependent on the borrower's continuing financial stability and, thus, are more likely to be adversely affected by job loss, divorce, illness or personal bankruptcy.

Loan Originations, Purchases, Sales, Repayments and Servicing

We originate both fixed-rate and adjustable-rate loans. Our ability to originate loans, however, is dependent upon client demand for loans in our market area. Over the past several years, we have continued to originate residential and consumer loans, and increased our emphasis on commercial and multifamily real estate, construction and land, and commercial business lending. Demand is affected by competition and the interest-rate environment. During the past few years, we, like many other financial institutions, have experienced significant prepayments on loans due to the prevailing low interest-rate environment in the U.S. In periods of economic uncertainty, the ability of financial institutions, including us, to originate large dollar volumes of real estate loans may be substantially reduced or restricted, with a resultant decrease in interest income. If a proposed loan exceeds our internal lending limits, we may originate the loan on a participation basis with another financial institution. We also, from time to time, purchase loans from or participate with other financial institutions on loans they originate. We underwrite loan purchases and participations to the same standards as internally originated loans. We did not sell any commercial loan participations in 2022 or 2021. We had \$2.6 million in purchases of commercial business loan participations from other financial institutions in 2022 and \$4.3 million in 2021.

We originate loans that may meet one or more of the credit characteristics commonly associated with subprime lending. The term 'subprime' refers to the credit characteristics of individual borrowers which may include payment delinquencies, judgements, foreclosures, bankruptcies, low credit scores and/or high debt-to-income ratios. In exchange for the additional risk we take with such borrowers, we may require them to pay higher interest rates, require a lower debt-to-income ratio or require other enhancements to manage the additional risk. While no single credit characteristic defines a subprime loan, one commonly used indicator is a loan originated to a borrower with a credit score of 660 or lower. Of the \$125.6 million in one-to-four-family loans originated in 2022, \$753 thousand or 0.6% were to borrowers with a credit score under 660. Additionally, of the \$9.6 million in manufactured home loans originated in 2022, \$352 thousand or 3.7% were to borrowers with a credit score of 660 or lower. At December 31, 2022, the total amount of residential and consumer loans held in our loan portfolio to borrowers with a credit score of 660 or lower were \$16.2 million. We generally do not originate or purchase negative amortization or option adjustable-rate loans.

In addition to interest earned on loans and loan origination fees, we receive fees for loan commitments, late payments and other miscellaneous services.

We also sell whole one-to-four family loans without recourse to Fannie Mae and other investors, subject to a provision for repurchase upon breach of representation, warranty or covenant. These loans are fixed-rate mortgages, which primarily are sold to reduce our interest-rate risk and generate noninterest income. These loans are generally sold for cash in amounts equal to the unpaid principal amount of the loans determined using present value yields to the buyer. These sales allow for a servicing fee on loans when the servicing is retained by us. Most one-to-four family loans are sold with servicing retained. At December 31, 2022, we were servicing a \$470.3 million portfolio of residential mortgage loans for Fannie Mae and \$2.2 million for other investors. These mortgage servicing rights are carried at fair value and had a value at December 31, 2022 of \$4.7 million. We earned mortgage servicing income of \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. See “Note 6 — Mortgage Servicing Rights” in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in “Part II. Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of this report on Form 10-K. We repurchased no loans in 2022 and one loan totaling \$284 thousand in 2021.

Sales of whole real estate loans are beneficial to us since these sales may generate income at the time of sale, produce future servicing income on loans where servicing is retained, provide funds for additional lending, and increase liquidity. We sold \$20.3 million and \$147.4 million of conforming one-to-four family loans during the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Gains, losses and transfer fees on sales of one-to-four family loans and participations are recognized at the time of the sale. Our net gains on sales of residential loans for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 were \$546 thousand and \$4.2 million, respectively. In addition to loans sold to Fannie Mae and others on a servicing retained basis, we also sell nonconforming residential loans to correspondent banks on a servicing released basis. During the year ended December 31, 2022, we sold \$636 thousand of loans with servicing released and sold none during the year ended December 31, 2021.

The following table shows our loan origination, sale and repayment activities, including loans held-for-sale, for the periods indicated (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Originations by type:		
Fixed-rate:		
One-to-four family	\$ 83,122	\$ 226,125
Home equity	3,770	1,785
Commercial and multifamily	28,827	24,338
Construction and land	6,344	28,313
Manufactured homes	9,590	6,302
Floating homes	18,282	29,226
Other consumer	3,055	5,668
Commercial business	701	27,129
Total fixed-rate	<u>153,691</u>	<u>348,886</u>
Adjustable rate:		
One-to-four family	42,513	17,760
Home equity	7,024	8,021
Commercial and multifamily	54,218	58,371
Construction and land	46,483	65,623
Floating homes	3,945	2,879
Other consumer	58	105
Commercial business	256	36,812
Total adjustable-rate	<u>154,497</u>	<u>189,571</u>
Total loans originated	<u>308,188</u>	<u>538,457</u>
Purchases by type:		
One-to-four family	—	24,067
Commercial business participations	2,556	4,298
Total loan participations purchased	<u>2,556</u>	<u>28,365</u>
Sales, repayments and participations sold:		
One-to-four family	20,274	147,436
Commercial and multifamily	636	1,975
Total loans sold and loan participations	<u>20,910</u>	<u>149,411</u>
Transfers to OREO	—	84
Total principal repayments	<u>113,345</u>	<u>344,932</u>
Total reductions	<u>134,255</u>	<u>494,427</u>
Net increase in loans	<u>\$ 176,489</u>	<u>\$ 72,395</u>

The decrease in total loan originations in 2022 compared to 2021 was primarily due to slowing levels of loan activity in nearly all loan categories, partially offset by a decrease in loan sales and paydowns. Demand for one-to-four family loans slowed in 2022 as homeowners, taking advantage of historically low interest rates in prior years, refinanced their homes to lower rates. Additionally, with the rising interest rate environment, the pace of new home loans declined. While the demand for single-family homes remains high, supply of homes available for sale, coupled with the rising rate environment, slowed the ability to purchase. While the demand for construction loans, including new homes and apartment buildings continued to increase in 2022 due to appreciation in market prices, declining supplies of homes for sale and continued strong rental demand in our market area, some borrowers are being priced out of the market as a result of the rising interest rate environment causing a decline in construction loans originated. Commercial business loans decreased due to U.S. Small Business Administration (“SBA”) Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”) loan originations in the prior year. The SBA PPP expired on May 31, 2021.

Asset Quality

When a borrower fails to make a required payment on a one-to-four family loan, we attempt to cure the delinquency by contacting the borrower. In the case of loans secured by a one-to-four family property, a late notice typically is sent 15 days after the due date. Generally, a pre-foreclosure loss mitigation letter is also mailed to the borrower 30 days after the due date. All delinquent accounts are reviewed by a loan officer or branch manager who attempts to cure the delinquency by contacting the borrower. If the account becomes 120 days delinquent and an acceptable foreclosure alternative has not been agreed upon, we generally refer the account to legal counsel with instructions to prepare a notice of default. The notice of default begins the foreclosure process. If foreclosure is completed, typically we take title to the property and sell it directly through a real estate broker.

Delinquent consumer loans are handled in a similar manner to one-to-four family loans. Our procedures for repossession and sale of consumer collateral are subject to various requirements under the applicable consumer protection laws as well as other applicable laws and the determination by us that it would be beneficial from a cost basis.

Once a loan is 90 days past due, it is classified as nonaccrual. Generally, delinquent consumer loans are charged-off at 120 days past due, unless we have a reasonable basis to justify additional collection and recovery efforts.

Delinquent Loans. The following table sets forth our loan delinquencies by type, by amount and by percentage of type at December 31, 2022 (dollars in thousands):

	Loans Delinquent For:						Total Delinquent Loans		
	30-89 Days			90 Days and Over			Number	Amount	Percent of Loan Category
	Number	Amount	Percent of Loan Category	Number	Amount	Percent of Loan Category			
One-to-four family	7	\$ 682	0.2 %	7	\$ 1,934	0.7 %	14	\$ 2,616	1.0 %
Home equity	2	115	0.6	3	116	0.6	5	231	1.2
Commercial and Multifamily	2	7,198	2.3	—	—	—	2	7,198	2.3
Construction and land	4	1,210	1.0	1	296	0.3	5	1,506	1.3
Manufactured homes	10	416	1.5	2	52	0.2	12	468	1.7
Floating homes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other consumer	19	365	2.0	—	—	—	19	365	2.0
Commercial Business	1	4	—	—	—	—	1	4	—
Total	45	\$ 9,991	1.2 %	13	\$ 2,398	0.3 %	58	\$ 12,389	1.4 %

Nonperforming Assets. The table below sets forth the amounts and categories of nonperforming assets in our loan portfolio (in thousands). Loans are placed on nonaccrual status when the collection of principal and/or interest become doubtful or when the loan is more than 90 days past due. Other real estate owned ("OREO") and repossessed assets include assets acquired in settlement of loans.

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Nonaccrual loans ⁽¹⁾:		
One-to-four family	\$ 2,135	\$ 2,207
Home equity	142	140
Commercial and multifamily	—	2,380
Construction and land	324	33
Manufactured homes	96	122
Floating homes	—	493
Other consumer	262	—
Commercial business	—	176
Total nonaccrual loans	<u>2,959</u>	<u>5,552</u>
OREO and repossessed assets:		
One-to-four family	84	84
Commercial and multifamily	575	575
Total OREO and repossessed assets	<u>659</u>	<u>659</u>
Total nonperforming assets	<u>\$ 3,618</u>	<u>\$ 6,211</u>
Nonperforming assets as a percentage of total assets	<u>0.37 %</u>	<u>0.68 %</u>
Performing restructured loans:		
One-to-four family	\$ 1,610	\$ 1,859
Home equity	68	75
Construction and land	34	35
Manufactured homes	92	99
Other consumer	81	106
Total performing restructured loans	<u>\$ 1,885</u>	<u>\$ 2,174</u>

(1) Nonaccrual loans include \$103 thousand and \$422 thousand in nonperforming troubled debt restructurings ("TDRs") at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. We had no accruing loan 90 days or more delinquent for the periods reported.

Nonaccrual loans, including nonaccrual TDRs, decreased \$2.6 million to \$3.0 million at December 31, 2022 from \$5.6 million at December 31, 2021, primarily due to the payoff of a \$2.3 million nonperforming multifamily loan during the third quarter of 2022. Our largest nonperforming loan relationship at December 31, 2022 consisted of three one-to-four family loans totaling \$1.5 million, which were paid off in full subsequent to December 31, 2022. In addition, there were three manufactured home loans, four home equity loans, two construction and land loans, one other consumer loan, and six additional one-to-four family loans classified as nonperforming at December 31, 2022.

See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Financial Condition at December 31, 2022 Compared to December 31, 2021—Delinquencies and Nonperforming Assets" contained in Item 7 of this report on Form 10-K for more information on troubled assets.

Troubled Debt Restructured Loans. TDRs, which are accounted for under Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 310-40, are loans which have renegotiated loan terms to assist borrowers who are unable to meet the original terms of their loans. Such modifications to loan terms may include a lower interest rate, a reduction in principal, or a longer term to maturity. All TDRs are initially classified as impaired regardless of whether the loan was performing at the time it was restructured. At December 31, 2022, we had \$1.9 million of loans that were classified as performing TDRs and still on accrual, compared to \$2.2 million at December 31, 2021. Included in nonaccrual loans at December 31, 2022 and 2021 were nonaccrual TDRs of \$103 thousand and \$422 thousand, respectively.

OREO and Repossessed Assets. OREO and repossessed assets include assets acquired in settlement of loans. At December 31, 2022, OREO and repossessed assets totaled \$659 thousand. Our OREO at December 31, 2022, consisted of two properties. The first is a former bank branch property located in Port Angeles, Washington which was acquired in 2015 as a part of three branches purchased from another financial institution. It is currently leased to a local not-for-profit organization at a below-market rate. The second OREO property is a one-to-four family home located in Michigan.

Classified Assets. Federal regulations provide for the classification of lower quality loans and other assets (such as OREO and repossessed assets), debt and equity securities considered as "substandard," "doubtful" or "loss." An asset is considered "substandard" if it is inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. "Substandard" assets include those characterized by the "distinct possibility" that the insured institution will sustain "some loss" if the deficiencies are not corrected. Assets classified as "doubtful" have all of the weaknesses in those classified "substandard," with the added characteristic that the weaknesses present make "collection or liquidation in full," on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions and values, "highly questionable and improbable." Assets classified as "loss" are those considered "uncollectible" and of such little value that their continuance as assets without the establishment of a specific loss reserve is not warranted.

When we classify problem assets as either substandard or doubtful, we may establish a specific allowance in an amount we deem prudent to address specific impairments. General allowances represent loss allowances which have been established to recognize the inherent risk associated with lending activities, but which, unlike specific allowances, have not been specifically allocated to particular problem assets. When an insured institution classifies problem assets as a loss, it is required to charge off those assets in the period in which they are deemed uncollectible. Our determination as to the classification of our assets and the amount of our valuation allowances is subject to review by the FDIC and, since our conversion to a Washington-chartered commercial bank, the WDFI, which can order the establishment of additional loss allowances. Assets which do not currently expose us to sufficient risk to warrant classification in one of the aforementioned categories but possess weaknesses are required to be designated as special mention. At December 31, 2022, special mention assets totaled \$4.1 million.

We regularly review the problem assets in our portfolio to determine whether any assets require classification in accordance with applicable regulations. On the basis of management's review of our assets, at December 31, 2022, we had classified \$18.7 million of our assets as substandard, of which \$18.1 million represented a variety of outstanding loans and \$659 thousand represented the balance of our OREO and repossessed assets. At that date, we had no assets classified as doubtful or loss. This total amount of classified assets represented 19.2% of our equity capital and 1.9% of our assets at December 31, 2022. Classified assets totaled \$14.8 million, or 15.9% of our equity capital and 1.6% of our assets at December 31, 2021.

Allowance for Loan Losses. We maintain an allowance for loan losses to absorb probable loan losses in the loan portfolio. The allowance is based on ongoing, monthly assessments of the estimated probable incurred losses in the loan portfolio. In evaluating the level of the allowance for loan losses, management considers the types of loans and the amount of loans in the loan portfolio, peer group information, historical loss experience, adverse situations that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, estimated value of any underlying collateral, and prevailing economic conditions. Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans, such as one-to-four family, small commercial and multifamily real estate, home equity and consumer loans, including floating homes and manufactured homes, are evaluated in the aggregate using historical loss factors and peer group data adjusted for current economic conditions. More complex loans, such as commercial and multifamily real estate loans and commercial business loans are evaluated individually for impairment, primarily through the evaluation of the borrower's net operating income and available cash flow and their possible impact on collateral values.

At December 31, 2022, our allowance for loan losses was \$7.6 million, or 0.88% of our total loan portfolio, compared to \$6.3 million, or 0.92% of our total loan portfolio, at December 31, 2021. Specific valuation reserves totaled \$184 thousand and \$293 thousand at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Assessing the allowance for loan losses is inherently subjective as it requires making material estimates, including the amount and timing of future cash flows expected to be received on impaired loans that may be susceptible to significant change. In the opinion of management, the allowance, when taken as a whole, properly reflects estimated probable loan losses inherent in our loan portfolio. See "Note 1—Organization and Significant Accounting Policies" and "Note 5—Loans" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in "Part II. Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this report on Form 10-K.

The following table shows certain credit ratios at and for the periods indicated and each component of the ratio's calculations (dollars in thousands).

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u>
Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of total loans outstanding at period end	0.88 %	0.92 %
Allowance for loan losses	7,599	6,306
Total loans outstanding	867,556	687,868
Nonaccrual loans as a percentage of total loans outstanding at period end	0.34 %	0.81 %
Total nonaccrual loans	2,959	5,552
Total loans outstanding	867,556	687,868
Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of nonaccrual loans at period end	256.81 %	113.58 %
Allowance for loan losses	7,599	6,306
Total nonaccrual loans	2,959	5,552
Net recoveries (charge-offs) during period to average loans outstanding:		
One-to-four family:	0.04 %	(0.05)%
Net recoveries (charge-offs)	99	(76)
Average loans outstanding	244,016	162,816
Home equity:	0.36 %	(0.01)%
Net recoveries (charge-offs)	58	(2)
Average loans outstanding	16,139	14,343
Commercial and multifamily real estate:	— %	— %
Net (charge-offs) recoveries	—	—
Average loans outstanding	299,290	253,122
Construction and land:	— %	— %
Net (charge-offs) recoveries	—	—
Average loans outstanding	92,594	72,575
Manufactured homes:	0.05 %	— %
Net recoveries	12	1
Average loans outstanding	23,737	21,067
Floating homes:	— %	— %
Net (charge-offs) recoveries	—	—
Average loans outstanding	66,026	46,784
Other consumer:	(0.57)%	(0.29)%
Net (charge-offs)	(101)	(44)
Average loans outstanding	17,651	15,500
Commercial business:	— %	— %
Net recoveries	—	2
Average loans outstanding	24,511	58,267
Total loans:	0.01 %	(0.02)%
Net recoveries (charge-offs)	68	(119)
Average loans outstanding	783,963	644,473

Economic conditions in our markets, and the U.S. as a whole, were negatively impacted by inflation and the rising interest rate environment, partially offset by the continued trend of low unemployment rates. Recent trends in housing prices in our market areas reflect the impact rising interest rates have had on housing prices, although we continued to see strong demand for loans

despite this increase. We continually monitor our loan portfolio for possible deterioration due to inflation and other economic factors.

The allowance for loan losses as a percentage of nonperforming loans was 256.81% and 113.58% at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The provision for loan losses totaled \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to \$425 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2021. Net recoveries were \$68 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to net charge-offs of \$119 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2021.

The distribution of our allowance for losses on loans at the dates indicated is summarized as follows (dollars in thousands):

	December 31,			
	2022		2021	
	Amount	Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total Loans	Amount	Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total Loans
Allocated at end of period to:				
One-to-four family	\$ 1,771	31.6 %	\$ 1,402	30.2 %
Home equity	132	2.3	93	1.9
Commercial and multifamily	2,501	36.1	2,340	40.4
Construction and land	1,209	13.5	650	9.2
Manufactured homes	462	3.1	475	3.1
Floating homes	456	8.6	372	8.7
Other consumer	324	2.1	310	2.4
Commercial business	256	2.7	269	4.1
Unallocated	488	—	395	—
Total	<u>\$ 7,599</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 6,306</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

Investment Activities

State chartered commercial banks have the authority to invest in various types of liquid assets, including U.S. Treasury obligations, securities of various federal agencies, including callable agency securities, certain certificates of deposit of insured commercial banks and savings banks, certain bankers' acceptances, repurchase agreements and federal funds. Subject to various restrictions, state commercial banks may also invest their assets in investment grade commercial paper and corporate debt securities and mutual funds whose assets conform to the investments that the institution is otherwise authorized to make directly. See "—How We Are Regulated—Sound Community Bank" for a discussion of additional restrictions on our investment activities.

Our CEO and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") have the responsibility for the management of our investment portfolio, subject to the direction and guidance of the Board of Directors. These officers consider various factors when making decisions, including the marketability, maturity and tax consequences of the proposed investment. The maturity structure of investments will be affected by various market conditions, including the current and anticipated slope of the yield curve, the level of interest rates, the trend of new deposit inflows, and the anticipated demand for funds via deposit withdrawals and loan originations and purchases.

The general objectives of our investment portfolio are to provide liquidity when loan demand is high, to assist in maintaining earnings when loan demand is low and to maximize earnings while satisfactorily managing risk, including credit risk, reinvestment risk, liquidity risk and interest-rate risk. Our investment quality emphasizes safer investments with the yield on those investments secondary to not taking unnecessary risk with the available funds. See "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" contained in Item 7A. of this report on Form 10-K for additional information about our interest-rate risk management.

At December 31, 2022, we owned \$2.8 million of stock issued by the FHLB of Des Moines. As a condition of membership in the FHLB of Des Moines, we are required to purchase and hold a certain amount of FHLB stock.

We review investment securities on an ongoing basis for the presence of other than temporary impairment (“OTTI”), taking into consideration current market conditions, fair value in relationship to cost, extent and nature of the change in fair value, issuer rating changes and trends, whether we intend to sell a security or if it is likely that we will be required to sell the security before recovery of our amortized cost basis of the investment, which may be maturity, and other factors. For debt securities, if we intend to sell the security or it is likely that we will be required to sell the security before recovering its cost basis, the entire impairment loss would be recognized in earnings as an OTTI loss. If we do not intend to sell the security and it is not more likely than not that we will be required to sell the security but we do not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security, only the portion of the impairment loss representing credit losses would be recognized in earnings. The credit loss on a security is measured as the difference between the amortized cost basis and the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected.

Projected cash flows are discounted by the original or current effective interest rate depending on the nature of the security being measured for potential OTTI. The remaining impairment related to all other factors, the difference between the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected and the fair value, is recognized as a charge to other comprehensive income. Impairment losses related to all other factors are presented as separate categories within other comprehensive income.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, we did not recognize any non-cash OTTI charges on our investment securities. At December 31, 2022, there were 16 securities in an unrealized loss position for less than 12 months, and three securities in an unrealized loss position for more than 12 months, although management determined the decline in value was not related to specific credit deterioration. We do not intend to sell these securities and it is more likely than not that we will not be required to sell any securities before anticipated recovery of the remaining amortized cost basis. We closely monitor our investment securities for changes in credit risk. The current market environment significantly limits our ability to mitigate our exposure to valuation changes in these securities by selling them. If market conditions deteriorate and we determine our holdings of these or other investment securities have OTTI losses, our future earnings, stockholders' equity, regulatory capital and continuing operations could be materially adversely affected.

See "Note 4—Investments" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in "Part II. Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this report on Form 10-K for additional information on our investments.

Sources of Funds

General. Our sources of funds are primarily deposits (including deposits from public entities), borrowings, payments of principal and interest on loans and investments and funds provided from operations.

Deposits. We offer a variety of deposit accounts to both consumers and businesses with a wide range of interest rates and terms. Our deposits consist of savings accounts, money market deposit accounts, NOW accounts, demand accounts and certificates of deposit. We solicit deposits primarily in our market area; however, at December 31, 2022, approximately 6.9% of our deposits were from persons outside the State of Washington. At December 31, 2022, core deposits, which we define as our non-time deposit accounts and time deposit accounts less than \$250 thousand (excluding brokered deposits and public funds), represented approximately 92.2% of total deposits, compared to 94.6% at December 31, 2021. We did not have any brokered deposits at December 31, 2022 and 2021. We primarily rely on competitive pricing policies, marketing and client service to attract and retain these deposits and we expect to continue these practices in the future.

The flow of deposits is influenced significantly by general economic conditions, changes in money market and prevailing interest rates and competition. The variety of deposit accounts we offer has allowed us to be competitive in obtaining funds and to respond with flexibility to changes in consumer demand. We manage the pricing of our deposits in keeping with our asset/liability management, liquidity and profitability objectives, subject to competitive factors. Based on our experience, we believe that our deposits are relatively stable sources of funds. Despite this stability, our ability to attract and maintain these deposits and the rates paid on them is and will continue to be significantly affected by market conditions.

The following table sets forth our deposit flows during the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Opening balance	\$ 798,320	\$ 747,981
Net deposits	7,493	47,057
Interest credited	2,950	3,282
Ending balance	<u>\$ 808,763</u>	<u>\$ 798,320</u>
Net increase	\$ 10,443	\$ 50,339
Percent increase	1.3 %	6.7 %

The following table sets forth the dollar amount of deposits in the various types of deposit programs offered by us at the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

	December 31,			
	2022		2021	
	Amount	Percent of total	Amount	Percent of total
Noninterest-bearing demand	\$ 170,549	21.1 %	\$ 187,684	23.5 %
Interest-bearing demand	254,982	31.5	307,061	38.5
Savings	95,641	11.8	103,401	13.0
Money market	74,639	9.2	91,670	11.5
Escrow	2,647	0.3	2,782	0.3
Total non-maturity deposits	<u>598,458</u>	<u>74.0</u>	<u>692,598</u>	<u>86.8</u>
Certificates of deposit:				
1.99% or below	38,783	4.8	79,763	10.0
2.00 — 3.99%	153,356	19.0	25,959	3.3
4.00 — 5.99%	18,166	2.2	—	—
Total certificates of deposit	<u>210,305</u>	<u>26.0</u>	<u>105,722</u>	<u>13.2</u>
Total deposits	<u>\$ 808,763</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 798,320</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the average amount of and the average rate paid on deposit categories that are in excess of 10 percent of average total deposits.

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2022		2021	
	Average Balance Outstanding	Weighted Average Rate	Average Balance Outstanding	Weighted Average Rate
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Demand deposits:				
Non-interest bearing	\$ 190,113	— %	\$ 178,535	— %
Interest bearing	295,919	0.23	289,096	0.21
Savings	102,202	0.05	96,050	0.08
Money Market	86,276	0.19	75,356	0.14
Certificate accounts	129,011	1.59	158,649	1.57
Total deposits	<u>\$ 803,521</u>	<u>0.37 %</u>	<u>\$ 797,686</u>	<u>0.41 %</u>

Noninterest-bearing demand accounts decreased \$17.1 million, or 9.1%, in 2022 compared to 2021. We also experienced decreases in our interest-bearing demand, savings, money market, and escrow accounts in 2022 compared to 2021. Certificates

of deposits increased \$104.6 million, or 98.9%, in 2022 compared to 2021. The increase in total deposits over the past year was the result of an increase in certificate accounts, which was primarily used to fund organic loan growth in 2022.

We are a public funds depository and at December 31, 2022, we had \$7.0 million in public funds compared to \$24.0 million at December 31, 2021. These funds consisted of \$3.4 million in certificates of deposit, \$3.4 million in money market accounts and \$126 thousand in checking accounts at December 31, 2022. These accounts must be 50% collateralized if the amount on deposit exceeds FDIC insurance of \$250 thousand. We use letters of credit from the FHLB of Des Moines as collateral for these funds. The Company had outstanding letters of credit from the FHLB of Des Moines with a notional amount of \$8 million and \$11.5 million at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, to secure public deposits.

The following table shows rate and maturity information for our certificates of deposit at December 31, 2022 (dollars in thousands):

	<u>0.00-1.99%</u>	<u>2.00-3.99%</u>	<u>4.00-5.99%</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Certificate accounts maturing in quarter ending:					
March 31, 2023	\$ 10,289	\$ 30,602	\$ 428	\$ 41,319	19.6 %
June 30, 2023	7,579	39,405	1,247	48,231	22.9
September 30, 2023	5,406	56,706	2,737	64,849	30.8
December 31, 2023	5,258	6,628	2,988	14,874	7.1
March 31, 2024	2,519	1,710	—	4,229	2.0
June 30, 2024	761	70	1,499	2,330	1.1
September 30, 2024	910	6,113	—	7,023	3.3
December 31, 2024	415	10,359	8,782	19,556	9.3
March 31, 2025	1,690	1,052	245	2,987	1.4
June 30, 2025	1,142	—	240	1,382	0.7
September 30, 2025	226	—	—	226	0.1
December 31, 2025	447	—	—	447	0.2
Thereafter	2,141	711	—	2,852	1.4
Total	<u>\$ 38,783</u>	<u>\$ 153,356</u>	<u>\$ 18,166</u>	<u>\$ 210,305</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>
Percent of total	18.4 %	72.9 %	8.6 %	100.0 %	

As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, approximately \$161.9 million and \$190.0 million, respectively, of our deposit portfolio was uninsured. The uninsured amounts are estimates based on the methodologies and assumptions used for Sound Community Bank's regulatory reporting requirements. The following table sets forth the portion of our time deposits that are in excess of the FDIC insurance limit, by remaining time until maturity, as of December 31, 2022 (dollars in thousands).

3 months or less	\$ 6,010
Over 3 through 6 months	6,659
Over 6 months through 12 months	8,078
Over 12 months	1,580
	<u>\$ 22,327</u>

For additional information regarding our deposits, see "Note 9 - Deposits" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in "Part II. Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this report on Form 10-K.

Borrowings. Although deposits are our primary source of funds, we may utilize borrowings as a cost-effective source of funds when they can be invested at a positive interest-rate spread, for additional capacity to fund loan demand, or to meet our asset/liability management goals.

We are a member of and obtain advances from the FHLB of Des Moines, which is part of the Federal Home Loan Bank System. The eleven regional FHLBs provide a central credit facility for their member institutions. These advances are provided upon the security of certain of our mortgage loans and mortgage-backed securities. These advances may be made pursuant to

several different credit programs, each of which has its own interest rate, range of maturities and call features, and all long-term advances are required to provide funds for residential home financing. We have entered into a loan agreement with the FHLB of Des Moines pursuant to which Sound Community Bank may borrow up to approximately 45% of total assets, secured by a blanket pledge on a portion of our residential mortgage portfolio, including one-to-four family loans, commercial and multifamily real estate loans and home equity loans. Based on eligible collateral, the total amount available under this agreement at December 31, 2022 was \$199.0 million. At the same date, we had \$43.0 million of outstanding FHLB overnight advances. We had outstanding letters of credit from the FHLB of Des Moines with a notional amount of \$8.0 million at December 31, 2022. We plan to rely in part on FHLB advances to fund asset and loan growth. We also use short-term FHLB advances to meet short term liquidity needs. We are required to own stock in the FHLB of Des Moines, the amount of which varies based on the amount of our advance activity.

From time to time, we also may borrow from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's "discount window" for overnight liquidity needs. The Company participates in the Federal Reserve's Borrower-in-Custody program, which gives the Company access to the discount window. The Company pledges commercial and consumer loans as collateral for its Borrower-in-Custody line of credit. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company had no outstanding borrowings and unused borrowing capacity of \$20.8 million and \$22.4 million, respectively, under the Borrower-in-Custody program.

The Company completed a private placement of \$12.0 million in aggregate principal of 5.25% Fixed-to-Floating Rate Subordinated Notes (the "subordinated notes") due 2030 resulting in net proceeds, after placement fees and offering expenses, of approximately \$11.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2020. The subordinated notes have a stated maturity of October 1, 2030 and bear interest at a fixed rate of 5.25% per year until October 1, 2025. From October 1, 2025 to the maturity date or early redemption date, the interest rate will reset quarterly at a variable rate equal to the then current three-month term SOFR, plus 513 basis points. As provided in the subordinated notes, the interest rate on the subordinated notes during the applicable floating rate period may be determined based on a rate other than three-month term SOFR. Prior to October 1, 2025, the Company may redeem the subordinated notes, in whole but not in part, only under certain limited circumstances set forth in the subordinated notes. On or after October 1, 2025, the Company may redeem the subordinated notes, in whole or in part, at its option, on any interest payment date. Any redemption by the Company would be at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the subordinated notes being redeemed, together with any accrued and unpaid interest on the subordinated notes being redeemed to but excluding the date of redemption.

For additional information regarding our borrowings, see "Note 10—Borrowings, FHLB Stock and Subordinated Notes" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in "Part II. Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this report on Form 10-K.

Subsidiary and Other Activities

Sound Financial Bancorp has one subsidiary, Sound Community Bank. In 2018, Sound Community Bank formed Sound Community Insurance Agency, Inc. as a wholly owned subsidiary for purposes of selling a full range of insurance products.

Competition

We face competition in attracting deposits and originating loans. Competition in originating real estate loans comes primarily from commercial banks, credit unions, life insurance companies, mortgage brokers and more recently financial technology (or "FinTech") companies. Commercial banks, credit unions and finance companies, including FinTech companies, provide vigorous competition in consumer lending. Commercial business competition is primarily from local commercial banks, but credit unions also compete for this business. We compete by consistently delivering high-quality, personal service to our clients, which results in a high level of client satisfaction.

Our market area has a high concentration of financial institutions, many of which are branches of large money center and regional banks that have resulted from the consolidation of the banking industry in Washington and other western states. These include such large national lenders as US Bank, JP Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Key Bank and others in our market area that have greater resources than we do.

We attract our deposits through our branch offices and web site. Competition for those deposits is principally from commercial banks and credit unions, as well as mutual funds, FinTech companies and other alternative investments. We compete for these deposits by offering superior service, online and mobile access and a variety of deposit accounts at competitive rates. Based on the most recent data provided by the FDIC, there are approximately 50 other commercial banks and savings banks operating in the Seattle MSA, which includes King, Snohomish and Pierce Counties. Based on the most recent branch deposit data provided by the FDIC, our share of deposits in the Seattle MSA is approximately 0.18%. The five largest financial institutions in that area have 72.0% of those deposits. In Clallam County, there are nine other commercial banks and savings banks. Our share of

deposits in Clallam County was the second highest in the county at approximately 16.33%, with the five largest institutions in that county having 79.5% of the deposits. In Jefferson County there are six other commercial banks and savings banks. Our share of deposits in Jefferson County is approximately 6.04%, while the five largest institutions in that county have 86.7% of those deposits.

How We Are Regulated

The following is a brief description of certain laws and regulations which are applicable to the Company and Sound Community Bank. The description of these laws and regulations, as well as descriptions of laws and regulations contained elsewhere herein, does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable laws and regulations.

Legislation is introduced from time to time in the United States Congress (“Congress”) or the Washington State Legislature that may affect the Company and Sound Community Bank’s operations. In addition, the regulations governing the Company and Sound Community Bank may be amended from time to time by the WDFI, the FDIC, the Federal Reserve or the SEC, as appropriate. Any such legislation or regulatory changes in the future could have an adverse effect on our operations and financial condition. We cannot predict whether any such changes may occur.

The WDFI and, as the Bank's primary federal regulator, FDIC have extensive enforcement authority over Sound Community Bank. The Federal Reserve and the WDFI have the same type of authority over Sound Financial Bancorp. This enforcement authority includes, among other things, the ability to assess civil money penalties, issue cease-and-desist orders and removal orders and initiate injunctive actions. In general, these enforcement actions may be initiated for violations of laws and regulations and unsafe or unsound practices. Other actions or inactions may provide the basis for enforcement action, including misleading or untimely reports filed with the regulators.

Regulation of Sound Community Bank

General. Sound Community Bank, as a state-chartered commercial bank, is subject to applicable provisions of Washington law and to regulations and examinations of the WDFI. As an insured institution, it also is subject to examination and regulation by the FDIC, which insures the deposits of Sound Community Bank to the maximum permitted by law. During state or federal regulatory examinations, the examiners may require Sound Community Bank to provide for higher general or specific loan loss reserves, which can impact our capital and earnings. This regulation of Sound Community Bank is intended for the protection of depositors and the Deposit Insurance Fund (“DIF”) of the FDIC and not for the purpose of protecting stockholders of Sound Community Bank or Sound Financial Bancorp. Sound Community Bank is required to maintain minimum levels of regulatory capital and is subject to certain limitations on the payment of dividends to Sound Financial Bancorp. See “—Capital Rules” and “—Limitations on Dividends and Other Capital Distributions.”

Regulation by the WDFI and the FDIC. State laws and regulations govern Sound Community Bank’s ability to take deposits and pay interest, to make loans on or invest in residential and other real estate, to make other loans, to invest in securities, to offer various banking services, and to establish branch offices. As a state-chartered commercial bank, Sound Community Bank must pay semi-annual assessments, examination costs and certain other charges to the WDFI.

Washington law generally provides the same powers for Washington commercial banks as federally and other-state chartered savings banks with branches in Washington. Washington law allows Washington commercial banks to charge the maximum interest rates on loans and other extensions of credit to Washington residents which are allowable for a national bank in another state if higher than Washington limits. In addition, the WDFI may approve applications by Washington commercial banks to engage in an otherwise unauthorized activity, if it determines that the activity is closely related to banking, and Sound Community Bank is otherwise qualified under the statute. Federal laws and regulations generally limit the activities and equity investments of Sound Community Bank to those that are permissible for national banks, unless approved by the FDIC, and govern our relationship with our depositors and borrowers to a great extent, especially with respect to disclosure requirements.

The FDIC has adopted regulatory guidelines establishing safety and soundness standards on such matters as loan underwriting and documentation, asset quality, earnings standards, internal controls and information systems, audit systems, interest-rate risk exposure and compensation and other benefits. If the FDIC determines that Sound Community Bank fails to meet any standard prescribed by these guidelines, it may require Sound Community Bank to submit an acceptable plan to achieve compliance with the standard. Among these safety and soundness standards are FDIC regulations that require Sound Community Bank to adopt and maintain written policies that establish appropriate limits and standards for real estate loans. These standards, which must

be consistent with safe and sound banking practices, establish loan portfolio diversification standards, prudent underwriting standards (including loan-to-value ratio limits) that are clear and measurable, loan administration procedures, and documentation, approval and reporting requirements. Sound Community Bank is obligated to monitor conditions in its real estate markets to ensure that its standards continue to be appropriate for current market conditions. Sound Community Bank's Board of Directors is required to review and approve Sound Community Bank's standards at least annually. The FDIC has published guidelines for compliance with these regulations, including supervisory limitations on loan-to-value ratios for different categories of real estate loans. Under the guidelines, the aggregate level of all loans in excess of the supervisory loan-to-value ratios should not exceed an aggregate limit of 100% of total capital, and within the aggregate limit, the total of all loans for commercial, agricultural, multifamily or other non-one-to-four family residential properties should not exceed 30% of total capital.

Loans in excess of the supervisory loan-to-value ratio limitations must be identified in Sound Community Bank's records and reported at least quarterly to Sound Community Bank's Board of Directors. Sound Community Bank is in compliance with the records and reporting requirements. At December 31, 2022, Sound Community Bank's aggregate loans in excess of the supervisory loan-to-value ratios were \$16.4 million and were within the aggregate limits set forth in the preceding paragraph.

The FDIC and the WDFI must approve any merger transaction involving Sound Community Bank as the acquirer, including an assumption of deposits from another depository institution. The FDIC generally is authorized to approve interstate merger transactions without regard to whether the transaction is prohibited by the law of any state. Interstate acquisitions of branches are permitted only if the law of the state in which the branch is located permits such acquisitions. Interstate mergers and branch acquisitions are also subject to the nationwide and statewide insured deposit concentration amounts described below. The Dodd-Frank Act permits de novo interstate branching for banks.

Insurance of Accounts. Sound Community Bank's deposits are insured up to \$250 thousand per separately insured deposit ownership right or category by the DIF of the FDIC. As insurer, the FDIC imposes deposit insurance premiums and is authorized to conduct examinations of, and to require reporting by, FDIC-insured institutions.

The FDIC assesses deposit insurance premiums quarterly on each FDIC-insured institution applied to its deposit base, which is its average consolidated total assets minus its Tier 1 capital. No institution may pay a dividend if it is in default on its federal deposit insurance assessment. Total base assessment rates currently range from 3 to 30 basis points subject to certain adjustments. The FDIC has authority to increase insurance assessments.

Extraordinary growth in insured deposits during the first and second quarters of 2020 caused the DIF reserve ratio to decline below the statutory minimum of 1.35 percent as of June 30, 2020. In September 2020, the FDIC Board of Directors adopted a Restoration Plan to restore the reserve ratio to at least 1.35 percent within eight years, absent extraordinary circumstances, as required by the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. The Restoration Plan maintained the assessment rate schedules in place at the time and required the FDIC to update its analysis and projections for the deposit insurance fund balance and reserve ratio at least semiannually. In the semiannual update for the Restoration Plan in June 2022, the FDIC projected that the reserve ratio was at risk of not reaching the statutory minimum of 1.35 percent by September 30, 2028, the statutory deadline to restore the reserve ratio. Based on this update, the FDIC Board approved an Amended Restoration Plan, and concurrently proposed an increase in initial base deposit insurance assessment rate schedules uniformly by 2 basis points, applicable to all insured depository institutions.

In October 2022, the FDIC Board finalized the increase with an effective date of January 1, 2023, applicable to the first quarterly assessment period of 2023. The revised assessment rate schedules are intended to increase the likelihood that the reserve ratio of the DIF reaches the statutory minimum level of 1.35 percent by September 30, 2028. Management cannot predict what assessment rates will be in the future.

The FDIC also conducts examinations of and requires reporting by state non-member banks, such as Sound Community Bank. The FDIC also may prohibit any insured institution from engaging in any activity determined by regulation or order to pose a serious risk to the DIF. No institution may pay a dividend if it is in default on its federal deposit insurance assessment. Management is not aware of any existing circumstances which would result in termination of the Bank's deposit insurance.

Commercial Real Estate Lending Concentrations. The federal banking agencies have issued guidance on sound risk management practices for concentrations in commercial real estate lending. The particular focus is on exposure to commercial real estate loans that are dependent on the cash flow from the real estate held as collateral and that are likely to be sensitive to conditions in the commercial real estate market (as opposed to real estate collateral held as a secondary source of repayment or as an abundance of caution). The purpose of the guidance is not to limit a bank's commercial real estate lending but to guide banks in developing risk management practices and capital levels commensurate with the level and nature of real estate concentrations. The guidance directs the FDIC and other federal bank regulatory agencies to focus their supervisory resources

on institutions that may have significant commercial real estate loan concentration risk. A bank that has experienced rapid growth in commercial real estate lending, has notable exposure to a specific type of commercial real estate loan, or is approaching or exceeding the following supervisory criteria may be identified for further supervisory analysis with respect to real estate concentration risk:

- Total reported loans for construction, land development and other land represent 100% or more of the bank's total regulatory capital (or in the case of a bank that has elected to follow the Community Bank Leverage Ratio ("CBLR") framework, Tier 1 capital plus the entire allowance for loan and lease losses ("CBLR Capital")); or
- Total commercial real estate loans (as defined in the guidance) represent 300% or more of the bank's total regulatory capital or CBLR Capital, as appropriate, and the outstanding balance of the bank's commercial real estate loan portfolio has increased 50% or more during the prior 36 months.

The guidance provides that the strength of an institution's lending and risk management practices with respect to such concentrations will be taken into account in supervisory guidance on evaluation of capital adequacy. At December 31, 2022, Sound Community Bank's aggregate recorded loan balances for construction, land development and land loans were 101.5% of CBLR capital. In addition, at December 31, 2022, Sound Community Bank's loans on all commercial real estate, including construction, owner and non-owner occupied commercial real estate, and multi-family lending, as defined by the FDIC, were 364.2% of CBLR capital.

Transactions with Related Parties. Sound Community Bancorp and Sound Community Bank are separate and distinct legal entities. Sound Community Bank is an affiliate of Sound Community Bancorp and any non-bank subsidiary of Sound Community Bancorp. Federal laws strictly limit the ability of banks to engage in certain transactions with their affiliates. Transactions deemed to be a "covered transaction" under Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act between a bank and an affiliate are limited to 10% of the bank's capital and surplus and, with respect to all affiliates, to an aggregate of 20% of the bank's capital and surplus. Further, covered transactions that are loans and extensions of credit generally are required to be secured by eligible collateral in specified amounts. Federal law also requires that covered transactions and certain other transactions listed in Section 23B of the Federal Reserve Act between a bank and its affiliates be on terms as favorable to the bank as transactions with non-affiliates.

Capital Rules. Sound Community Bank and Sound Financial Bancorp are required to maintain specified levels of regulatory capital under regulations of the FDIC and FRB, respectively. In September 2019, the regulatory agencies, including the FDIC and FRB adopted a final rule, effective January 1, 2020, creating a community bank leverage ratio ("CBLR") for institutions with total consolidated assets of less than \$10 billion, and that meet other qualifying criteria related to off-balance sheet exposures and trading assets and liabilities. The CBLR provides for a simple measure of capital adequacy for qualifying institutions. Management has elected to use the CBLR framework for the Bank and Company.

The CBLR is calculated as Tier 1 Capital to average consolidated assets as reported on an institution's regulatory reports. Tier 1 Capital, for the Company and the Bank, generally consists of common stock plus related surplus and retained earnings, adjusted for goodwill and other intangible assets and accumulated other comprehensive amounts ("AOCI"). Qualifying institutions that elect to use the CBLR framework and that maintain a leverage ratio of greater than 9% will be considered to have satisfied the generally applicable risk-based and leverage capital requirements in the regulatory agencies' capital rules, and to have met the "well-capitalized" ratio requirements. A qualifying institution utilizing the CBLR framework whose leverage ratio does not fall more than one percent below the required percentage is allowed a two-quarter grace period in which to increase its leverage ratio back above the required percentage. During the grace period, a qualifying institution will still be considered well capitalized so long as its leverage ratio does not fall more than one percent below the required percentage. If an institution either fails to meet all the qualifying criteria within the grace period or has a leverage ratio that falls more than one percent below the required percentage, it becomes ineligible to use the CBLR framework and must instead comply with generally applicable capital rules, sometimes referred to as Basel III rules.

At December 31, 2022, the Bank's CBLR was 10.83%. Management monitors the Bank's capital levels to provide for current and future business opportunities and to maintain Sound Community Bank's "well-capitalized" status. At December 31, 2022, Sound Community Bank was considered "well-capitalized" under applicable banking regulations.

See "Note 16—Capital" in Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in "Part II. Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" and "Part II. Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources" for additional regulatory capital information.

The FASB has adopted a new accounting standard for accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. ("U.S. GAAP") that became effective for the Company and Bank on January 1, 2023. This standard, referred to as Current Expected Credit Loss or

CECL, requires FDIC-insured institutions and their holding companies (banking organizations) to recognize credit losses expected over the life of certain financial assets. CECL covers a broader range of assets than the current method of recognizing credit losses and generally results in earlier recognition of credit losses. Upon adoption of CECL, a banking organization must record a one-time adjustment to its credit loss allowances as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption equal to the difference, if any, between the amount of credit loss allowances under the current methodology and the amount required under CECL. For a banking organization, implementation of CECL is generally likely to reduce retained earnings, and to affect other items, in a manner that reduces its regulatory capital.

The federal banking regulators (the Federal Reserve, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the FDIC) have adopted a rule that gives a banking organization the option to phase in over a three-year period the day-one adverse effects of CECL on its regulatory capital.

Community Reinvestment and Consumer Protection Laws. In connection with its lending and other activities, Sound Community Bank is subject to a number of federal and state laws designed to protect clients and promote lending to various sectors of the economy and population. These include, among others, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Truth-in-Lending Act, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, and the Community Reinvestment Act (“CRA”). Among other things, these laws:

- require lenders to disclose credit terms in meaningful and consistent ways;
- prohibit discrimination against an applicant in a credit transaction;
- prohibit discrimination in housing-related lending activities;
- require certain lenders to collect and report applicant and borrower data regarding home loans;
- require lenders to provide borrowers with information regarding the nature and cost of real estate settlements;
- prohibit certain lending practices and limit escrow account amounts with respect to real estate loan transactions;
- require financial institutions to implement identity theft prevention programs and measures to protect the confidentiality of consumer financial information; and
- prescribe possible penalties for violations of the requirements of consumer protection statutes and regulations.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (“CFPB”), an independent agency within the Federal Reserve, has the authority to amend existing federal consumer protection regulations and implement new regulations, and is charged with examining the compliance of financial institutions with assets in excess of \$10 billion with these rules. Sound Community Bank’s compliance with consumer protection rules is examined by the WDFI and the FDIC.

In addition, federal and state regulations limit the ability of banks and other financial institutions to disclose nonpublic consumer information to non-affiliated third parties. The regulations require disclosure of privacy policies and allow consumers to prevent certain personal information from being shared with non-affiliated parties.

The CRA requires the appropriate federal banking agency to assess the bank’s record in meeting the credit needs of the communities served by the bank, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The FDIC examines Sound Community Bank for compliance with its CRA obligations. Under the CRA, institutions are assigned a rating of “outstanding,” “satisfactory,” “needs to improve,” or “substantial non-compliance” and the appropriate federal banking agency is to take this rating into account in the evaluation of certain applications of the institution, such as an application relating to a merger or the establishment of a branch. An unsatisfactory rating may be the basis for the denial of such an application. The CRA also requires that all institutions make public disclosures of their CRA ratings. Sound Community Bank received a “satisfactory” rating in its most recent CRA evaluation. Under the law of the state of Washington, Sound Community Bank has a similar obligation to meet the credit needs of the communities it serves, and is subject to examination by the WDFI for this purpose, including assignment of a rating. An unsatisfactory rating may be the basis for denial of certain applications by the WDFI. Sound Community Bank received a “satisfactory” rating from the WDFI in its most recent WDFI CRA evaluation.

Privacy Standards and Cybersecurity. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999 modernized the financial services industry by establishing a comprehensive framework to permit affiliations among commercial banks, insurance companies, securities firms and other financial service providers. Federal banking agencies, including the FDIC, have adopted guidelines for establishing information security standards and cybersecurity programs for implementing safeguards under the supervision of the board of directors. These guidelines, along with related regulatory materials, increasingly focus on risk management and processes related to information technology and the use of third parties in the provision of financial services. These regulations require Sound Community Bank to disclose its privacy policy, including informing consumers of its information sharing practices and informing consumers of their rights to opt out of certain practices. In addition, Washington and other federal and state cybersecurity and data privacy laws and regulations may expose Sound Community Bank to risk and result in certain risk management costs. In addition, on November 18, 2021, the federal banking

agencies announced the adoption of a final rule providing for new notification requirements for banking organizations and their service providers for significant cybersecurity incidents. Specifically, the new rule requires a banking organization to notify its primary federal regulator as soon as possible, and no later than 36 hours after, the banking organization determines that a “computer-security incident” rising to the level of a “notification incident” has occurred. Notification is required for incidents that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the viability of a banking organization’s operations, its ability to deliver banking products and services, or the stability of the financial sector. Service providers are required under the rule to notify affected banking organization customers as soon as possible when the provider determines that it has experienced a computer-security incident that has materially affected or is reasonably likely to materially affect the banking organization’s customers for four or more hours. Compliance with the new rule was required by May 1, 2022. Non-compliance with federal or similar state privacy and cybersecurity laws and regulations could lead to substantial regulatory imposed fines and penalties, damages from private causes of action and/or reputational harm.

Anti-Money Laundering and Customer Identification. The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA Patriot Act) was signed into law on October 26, 2001. The USA PATRIOT Act and the Bank Secrecy Act requires financial institutions to develop programs to prevent financial institutions from being used for money laundering and terrorist activities. If such activities are detected, financial institutions are obligated to file suspicious activity reports with the U.S. Treasury’s Office of Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. These rules require financial institutions to establish procedures for identifying and verifying the identity of customers seeking to open new financial accounts, and, effective in 2018, the beneficial owners of accounts. Bank regulators are directed to consider a holding company’s effectiveness in combating money laundering when ruling on Bank Holding Company Act and Bank Merger Act applications.

Standards for Safety and Soundness. Each federal banking agency, including the FDIC, has adopted guidelines establishing general standards relating to internal controls, information and internal audit systems; loan documentation; credit underwriting; interest rate risk exposure; asset growth; asset quality; earnings; and compensation, fees and benefits. In general, the guidelines require, among other things, appropriate systems and practices to identify and manage the risks and exposures specified in the guidelines. The guidelines prohibit excessive compensation as an unsafe and unsound practice and describe compensation as excessive when the amounts paid are unreasonable or disproportionate to the services performed by an executive officer, employee, director, or principal shareholder. If the FDIC determines that an institution fails to meet any of these guidelines, it may require an institution to submit to the FDIC an acceptable plan to achieve compliance.

Federal Reserve System. The FRB requires all depository institutions to maintain reserves at specified levels against their transaction accounts, primarily checking accounts. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FRB reduced reserve requirement ratios to zero percent effective on March 26, 2020, to support lending to households and businesses. At December 31, 2022, Sound Community Bank was in compliance with the reserve requirements.

The Bank is authorized to borrow from the Federal Reserve Bank "discount window." An eligible institution need not exhaust other sources of funds before going to the discount window, nor are there restrictions on the purposes for which the institution can use primary credit. At December 31, 2022, the Bank had no outstanding borrowings from the discount window.

Federal Home Loan Bank System. Sound Community Bank is a member of one of the 11 regional FHLBs, each of which serves as a reserve, or central bank, for its members within its assigned region and is funded primarily from proceeds derived from the sale of consolidated obligations of the Federal Home Loan Bank System. The FHLBs make loans to members in accordance with policies and procedures, established by the Boards of Directors of the FHLBs, which are subject to the oversight of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. All borrowings from the FHLBs are required to be fully secured by sufficient collateral as determined by the FHLBs. In addition, all long-term borrowings are required to provide funds for residential home financing. Sound Community Bank had \$43.0 million of outstanding borrowings with the FHLB of Des Moines and an available line of credit of \$199.0 million at December 31, 2022. We plan to rely in part on FHLB advances to fund asset and loan growth. We also use short-term funding available on our line of credit with the FHLB of Des Moines.

As a member, the Bank is required to purchase and maintain stock in the FHLB of Des Moines based on the Bank's asset size and level of borrowings from the FHLB of Des Moines. At December 31, 2022, the Bank owned \$2.8 million in FHLB of Des Moines stock, which was in compliance with this requirement. The FHLB of Des Moines pays dividends quarterly, and the Bank received \$64 thousand in dividends from the FHLB of Des Moines during the year ended December 31, 2022.

The FHLBs continue to contribute to low- and moderately-priced housing programs through direct loans or interest subsidies on borrowings targeted for community investment and low- and moderate-income housing projects. These contributions have adversely affected the level of dividends paid by the FHLB of Des Moines and could continue to do so in the future. These contributions could also have an adverse effect on the value of FHLB stock in the future. A reduction in value of the Bank’s FHLB of Des Moines stock may result in a decrease in net income and possibly capital.

Regulation of Sound Financial Bancorp

General. Sound Financial Bancorp, as the sole stockholder of Sound Community Bank, is a bank holding company registered with the Federal Reserve. Bank holding companies are subject to comprehensive regulation by the Federal Reserve under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder. This regulation and oversight is generally intended to ensure that Sound Financial Bancorp limits its activities to those allowed by law and that it operates in a safe and sound manner without endangering the financial health of Sound Community Bank. A bank holding company must serve as a source of financial and managerial strength to its subsidiary banks, with the ability to provide financial assistance to a subsidiary bank in financial distress.

As a bank holding company, Sound Financial Bancorp is required to file quarterly and annual reports with the Federal Reserve and any additional information required by the Federal Reserve and is subject to regular examinations by the Federal Reserve and to examination by the WDFI.

A merger or acquisition of Sound Financial Bancorp, or an acquisition of control of Sound Financial Bancorp, is generally subject to approval by the Federal Reserve and WDFI. In general, control for this purpose means 25% of voting stock, but such approval can be required in other circumstances, including but not limited to an acquisition of as low as 5% of voting stock.

Permissible Activities. Under the Bank Holding Company Act, the Federal Reserve may approve the ownership of shares by a bank holding company in any company the activities of which the Federal Reserve has determined to be so closely related to the business of banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. The Bank Holding Company Act prohibits a bank holding company, with certain exceptions, from acquiring ownership or control of more than 5% of the voting shares of any company that is not a bank or bank holding company and from engaging in activities other than those of banking, managing or controlling banks, or providing services for its subsidiaries. A bank holding company that meets certain supervisory and financial standards and elects to be designated as a financial holding company may also engage in certain securities, insurance and merchant banking activities and other activities determined to be financial in nature or incidental to financial activities. Sound Community Bank has not elected to be designated as a financial holding company.

The Federal Reserve must approve an application of a bank holding company to acquire control of, or acquire all or substantially all of the assets of, a bank, and may approve an acquisition located in a state other than the holding company's home state, without regard to whether the transaction is prohibited by the laws of any state, but may not approve the acquisition of a bank that has not been in existence for the minimum time period, not exceeding five years, specified by the law of the host state, or an application where the applicant controls or would control more than 10% of the insured deposits in the U.S. or 30% or more of the deposits in the target bank's home state or in any state in which the target bank maintains a branch. Federal law does not affect the authority of states to limit the percentage of total insured deposits in the state that may be held or controlled by a bank holding company to the extent such limitation does not discriminate against out-of-state banks or bank holding companies. Individual states may also waive the 30% state-wide concentration limit contained in the federal law. The Federal Reserve also takes into consideration the CRA performance of a bank when evaluating acquisition proposals involving the bank's holding company.

Capital. Consolidated regulatory capital requirements identical to those applicable to subsidiary banks generally apply to bank holding companies. However, the Federal Reserve Board has provided a "Small Bank Holding Company" exception to its consolidated capital requirements, and bank holding companies with less than \$3.0 billion of consolidated assets are not subject to the consolidated holding company capital requirements unless otherwise directed by the Federal Reserve.

Federal Securities Law. The common stock of Sound Financial Bancorp is registered with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Sound Financial Bancorp is subject to the information, proxy solicitation, insider trading restrictions and other requirements of the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act").

Limitations on Dividends and Stock Repurchases

Sound Financial Bancorp. Sound Financial Bancorp's ability to declare and pay dividends is subject to the Federal Reserve's limits and Maryland law, and may depend on its ability to receive dividends from Sound Community Bank.

A policy of the Federal Reserve limits the payment of a cash dividend by a bank holding company if the holding company's net income for the past year is not sufficient to cover both the cash dividend and a rate of earnings retention that is consistent with capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. A bank holding company that does not meet any applicable capital standard would not be able to pay any cash dividends under this policy. A bank holding company subject to the Small Bank Holding Company Policy Statement, such as Sound Financial Bancorp, is expected not to pay dividends unless its debt-to-equity ratio is less than 1:1 and it meets certain additional criteria. The Federal Reserve also has indicated that it is inappropriate for a company experiencing serious financial problems to borrow funds to pay dividends.

Except for a company that meets the well-capitalized standard for bank holding companies, is well managed, and is not subject to any unresolved supervisory issues, a bank holding company is required to give the Federal Reserve prior written notice of any purchase or redemption of its outstanding equity securities if the gross consideration for the purchase or redemption, when combined with the net consideration paid for all such purchases or redemptions during the preceding 12 months, is equal to 10% or more of the company's consolidated net worth. The Federal Reserve may disapprove such a purchase or redemption if it determines that the proposal would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice or would violate any law, regulation or regulatory order, condition, or written agreement with the Federal Reserve. Regardless of its asset size, a bank holding company is considered well-capitalized if on a consolidated basis it has a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 10.0% and a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 6.0% or more, and is not subject to an agreement, order, or directive to maintain a specific level for any capital measure.

Under Maryland corporate law, Sound Financial Bancorp generally may not pay dividends if after that payment it would not be able to pay its liabilities as they become due in the usual course of business, or its total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities.

Sound Community Bank. The amount of dividends payable by Sound Community Bank to Sound Financial Bancorp depends upon Sound Community Bank's earnings and capital position, and is limited by federal and state laws, regulations and policies. Sound Community Bank may not declare or pay a cash dividend on its capital stock if the payment would cause its net worth to be reduced below the amount required for its liquidation account. Dividends on Sound Community Bank's capital stock may not be paid in an aggregate amount greater than the aggregate retained earnings of Sound Community Bank without the approval of the WDFI.

The amount of dividends actually paid during any one period will be significantly affected by Sound Community Bank's policy of maintaining a strong capital position. Federal law further provides that without prior approval, no insured depository institution may pay a cash dividend if it would cause the institution to be less than adequately capitalized as defined in the prompt corrective action regulations. Moreover, the FDIC has the general authority to limit the dividends paid by insured banks if such payments are deemed to constitute an unsafe and unsound practice. In addition, dividends may not be declared or paid if Sound Community Bank is in default in payment of any assessment due the FDIC.

Federal Taxation

General. We are subject to federal income taxation in the same general manner as other corporations, with some exceptions discussed below. The following discussion of federal taxation is intended only to summarize certain pertinent federal income tax matters and is not a comprehensive description of the tax rules applicable to Sound Financial Bancorp or Sound Community Bank. Our federal income tax returns have never been audited by the Internal Revenue Service.

Method of Accounting. For federal income tax purposes, we currently report our income and expenses on the accrual method of accounting and use a fiscal year ending on December 31 for filing our federal income tax return.

Intercompany Dividends-Received Deduction. Sound Financial Bancorp has elected to file a consolidated return with Sound Community Bank. Therefore, any dividends Sound Financial Bancorp receives from Sound Community Bank will not be included as income to Sound Financial Bancorp.

State Taxation

We are subject to a business and occupation tax imposed under Washington state law at the rate of 1.5% of gross receipts, as well as personal property and sales tax. Interest received and servicing income both on loans secured by mortgages or deeds of trust on residential properties and certain investment securities are exempt from business and occupation tax.

Employees and Human Capital

At December 31, 2022, we had a total of 130 full-time employees and 10 part-time employees. Our employees are not represented by any collective bargaining group. Management considers its employee relations to be good.

To facilitate talent attraction and retention, we strive to make Sound Community Bank an inclusive, safe and healthy workplace, with opportunities for our employees to grow and develop in their careers, supported by market-based compensation, benefits, health and welfare programs. At December 31, 2022, approximately 61% of our workforce was female and 39% male, and women held 64% of the Bank's management roles. The average tenure of employees was 4.26 years.

As part of our compensation philosophy, we offer and maintain market competitive total rewards programs for our employees in order to attract and retain superior talent. In addition to strong base wages, additional programs include quarterly or annual bonus opportunities, a Company-augmented Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP"), a Company-matched 401(k) Plan, healthcare and insurance benefits, health savings and flexible spending accounts, paid time off, family leave, family care

resources, flexible work schedules, and employee assistance programs including help with student loans and educational opportunities.

The success of our business is fundamentally connected to the well-being of our people. Accordingly, we are committed to the health, safety, and wellness of our employees. In support of our commitment, we expanded our gym reimbursement to include all physical and mental wellness activities. We provide our employees and their families with access to a variety of flexible and convenient health and welfare programs, including benefits that support their physical and mental health by providing tools and resources to help them improve or maintain their health status; and that offer choice where possible so they can customize their benefits to meet their needs and the needs of their families. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we implemented significant operating environment changes that we determined were in the best interest of our employees, as well as the communities in which we operate, and which comply with government regulations. This includes having the vast majority of our back-office employees work from home, while implementing additional safety measures for employees continuing critical on-site work.

A core value of our talent management approach is to both develop talent from within and supplement with external hires. This approach has yielded loyalty and commitment in our employee base which in turn grows our business, our products, and our customers, while adding new employees and external ideas supports a continuous improvement mindset. We believe that our average tenure of nearly five years reflects the engagement of our employees in this talent management philosophy.

Executive Officers of Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank

Officers are elected annually to serve for a one year term. There are no arrangements or understandings between the officers and any other person pursuant to which he or she was or is to be selected as an officer.

Laura Lee Stewart. Ms. Stewart, age 73, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sound Community Bank and Sound Financial Bancorp. Prior to joining Sound Community Bank as its President in 1989, when it was a credit union, Ms. Stewart was Senior Vice President/Retail Banking at Great Western Bank. Ms. Stewart was selected as an inaugural member of the FDIC Community Bank Advisory Board and completed her term in 2011. In 2011, Ms. Stewart was appointed to the inaugural Consumer Financial Protection Bureau board and completed her term in 2013. She also served as Chair of the American Bankers Association's ("ABA") Government Relations Council and is the past Chair of the Washington Bankers Association. The American Banker magazine honored her as one of the top 25 Women to Watch in banking in 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, and as one of the most powerful women in Banking in 2019 and 2020. In 2016, Ms. Stewart was recognized as a Women of Influence by the Puget Sound Business Journal. In 2018, she was named Community Banker of the year by American Banker. Ms. Stewart also served as Chair of the National Arthritis Foundation's board of directors as well as serving as the Past Chair of the board of directors of Woodland Park Zoo. Ms. Stewart is serving her second term as a Director of the Seattle Board of the Federal Reserve. She is also the only non-native Board member of the Jamestown Sklallan Community Development Financial Institution. In October 2019, Ms. Stewart was elected Chair of the ABA. In 2021, she was named as one of The Power 100 by the Puget Sound Business Journal and one of the Most Powerful Women in Banking by the American Bankers Association. In 2022, she was named one of the Most Powerful Women to Watch in Banking by the American Bankers Association. Her many years of service in all areas of the financial institution operations and duties as President and Chief Executive Officer of Sound Financial Bancorp and Sound Community Bank bring a special knowledge of the financial, economic and regulatory challenges we face, and she is well suited to educating the Board on these matters.

Heidi Sexton. Ms. Sexton, age 47, was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Sound Community Bank during 2018 and corporate secretary of Sound Financial Bancorp. Ms. Sexton is responsible for identification and mitigation of risk through oversight of the Enterprise Risk management and Compliance Management functions. In addition, Ms. Sexton is responsible for Information Technology, Systems Support and Operations, Project Management and Policies and Procedures. Ms. Sexton joined Sound Community Bank in 2007 and previously served as the Vice President of Operations managing deposit, electronic, and lending operations. Ms. Sexton received a Bachelor's of Arts in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. She currently holds a number of professional certifications including Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager and is a graduate of the Washington Bankers Association's Executive Development Program and the Pacific Coast Banking School. Ms. Sexton is also a member of the CFPB Community Bank Advisory Council and ABA Compliance Administrative Committee. She serves on the Board of Financial Beginnings, a non-profit that provides youth to adult financial education programs at no cost.

Wesley Ochs. Mr. Ochs, age 44, currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy/Financial Officer at Sound Community Bank and Sound Financial Bancorp. Mr. Ochs is responsible for developing, communicating, executing, and sustaining corporate strategic initiatives, and in November 2020, became responsible for the Bank's economic forecasting, strategic planning and asset liability management functions. Mr. Ochs began his career at Sound Community Bank in April 2009 as a Commercial Loan Officer, was promoted to Senior Vice President Credit Administration Manager in 2015, and to Chief Strategy Officer in January 2020. In August 2021, Mr. Ochs was promoted to Chief Financial Officer, in addition to his current title of Chief Strategy Officer. Mr. Ochs received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, Finance and Education from Eastern Washington University, his Master of Business Administration degree in Accounting from the University of Phoenix and is a graduate of the Washington Bankers Association's Executive Development Program and the Pacific Coast Banking School.

Website

We maintain a website; www.soundcb.com. The information contained on our website is not included as a part of, or incorporated by reference into, this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Other than an investor's own internet access charges, we make available free of charge through its website the Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to these reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after we have electronically filed such material with, or furnished such material to, the SEC. Information pertaining to us, including SEC filings, can be found by clicking the link on our site called "Investor Relations." For more information regarding access to these filings on our website, please contact our Corporate Secretary, Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc., 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington, 98121 or by calling (206) 448-0884.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

We assume and manage a certain degree of risk in order to conduct our business strategy. In addition to the risk factors described below, other risks and uncertainties not specifically mentioned, or that are currently known to, or deemed to be immaterial by management, also may materially and adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the risks described below together with all of the other information included in this Form 10-K and our other filings with the SEC. If any of the circumstances described in the following risk factors actually occur to a significant degree, the value of our common stock could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment. This report is qualified in its entirety by these risk factors.

Risks Related to Macroeconomic Conditions

A worsening of economic conditions in our market area could reduce demand for our products and services and result in increases in our level of nonperforming loans, which could adversely affect our operations, financial condition and earnings.

Substantially all our loans are to businesses and individuals in the state of Washington. Accordingly, local economic conditions have a significant impact on the ability of our borrowers to repay loans and the value of the collateral securing loans. Further, as a result of a high concentration of our customer base in the Puget Sound area and eastern Washington state regions, the deterioration of businesses in these areas, or one or more businesses with a large employee base in these areas, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations and prospects. A return of recessionary conditions or adverse economic conditions in our market areas may reduce our rate of growth, affect our customers' ability to repay loans and adversely impact our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Weakness in the global economy and global supply chain issues have adversely affected many businesses operating in our markets that are dependent upon international trade, and it is not known how changes in tariffs being imposed on international trade may also affect these businesses. Changes in agreements or relationships between the United States and other countries may also affect these businesses.

A deterioration in economic conditions in the markets we serve, in particular the Puget Sound area of Washington State, could result in the following consequences, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations:

- demand for our products and services may decline;
- loan delinquencies, problem assets and foreclosures may increase;
- we may increase our allowance for loan losses;
- collateral for loans, especially real estate, may decline in value, thereby reducing customers' future borrowing power, and reducing the value of assets and collateral associated with existing loans;
- the net worth and liquidity of loan guarantors may decline, impairing their ability to honor commitments to us; and
- the amount of our low-cost or noninterest-bearing deposits may decrease.

Moreover, a significant decline in local, regional or national economic conditions caused by inflation, recession, severe weather, natural disasters, widespread disease or pandemics, acts of terrorism, an outbreak of hostilities or other international or domestic calamities, unemployment or other factors beyond our control could negatively affect the financial results of our banking operations. Such events could affect the stability of our deposit base, impair the ability of borrowers to repay outstanding loans and leases, impair the value of collateral securing loans, cause significant property damage, result in loss of revenue or cause us to incur additional expenses.

Inflationary pressures and rising prices may affect our results of operations and financial condition.

Inflation has risen sharply since the end of 2021 to levels not seen in more than 40 years. Small to medium-sized businesses may be impacted more during periods of high inflation, as they are not able to leverage economics of scale to mitigate cost pressures compared to larger businesses. Consequently, the ability of our business customers to repay their loans may deteriorate, and in some cases this deterioration may occur quickly, which would adversely impact our results of operations and financial condition. Furthermore, a prolonged period of inflation could cause wages and other costs to the Company to increase, which could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic could continue to affect our financial condition and results of operations.

The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely impacted the global and national economy and certain industries and geographies in which our clients operate. Given its ongoing and dynamic nature, it is difficult to predict the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Company and its clients, employees and third-party service providers. The extent of this impact will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain. Additionally, the responses of various governmental and nongovernmental

authorities and consumers to the pandemic may have material long-term effects on the Company and its clients which are difficult to quantify in the near-term or long-term.

We could be subject to a number of risks as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations, ability to execute our growth strategy, and ability to pay dividends. These risks include, but are not limited to, changes in demand for our products and services; increased loan losses or other impairments in our loan portfolios and increases in our allowance for loan losses; a decline in collateral for our loans, especially real estate; unanticipated unavailability of employees; increased cyber security risks as employees work remotely; a prolonged weakness in economic conditions resulting in a reduction of future projected earnings that could necessitate a valuation allowance against our current outstanding deferred tax assets; a triggering event leading to impairment testing on our intangible assets, which could result in an impairment charge; and increased costs as we and our regulators, customers and vendors adapt to evolving pandemic conditions.

Risks Related to Our Lending

Our loan portfolio includes loans with a higher risk of loss.

Our origination of commercial and multifamily real estate, construction and land, consumer and commercial business loans, typically present different risks to us than our one-to-four family residential loans for a number of reasons, including as follows:

- **Construction and Land Loans.** This type of lending is subject to the inherent difficulties in estimating both a property's value at completion of a project and the estimated cost (including interest) of the project. The uncertainties inherent in estimating construction costs, as well as the market value of a completed project and the effects of governmental regulation on real property, make it difficult to evaluate accurately the total funds required to complete a project and the completed project's loan-to-value ratio. We may be required to advance funds beyond the amount originally committed to ensure completion of the project if our estimate of the value of construction cost proves to be inaccurate. We may have inadequate security for the repayment of the loan upon completion of construction of the project and may incur a loss if our appraisal of the value of a completed project proves to be overstated. Disagreements between borrowers and builders and the failure of builders to pay subcontractors may also jeopardize projects. This type of lending also typically involves higher loan principal amounts and may be concentrated with a small number of builders. A downturn in housing or the real estate market could increase delinquencies, defaults and foreclosures, and significantly impair the value of our collateral and our ability to sell the collateral upon foreclosure. Some of the builders we deal with have more than one loan outstanding with us. Consequently, an adverse development with respect to one loan or one credit relationship can expose us to a significantly greater risk of loss. In addition, during the term of some of our construction loans, no payment from the borrower is required since the accumulated interest is added to the principal of the loan through an interest reserve. Increases in market rates of interest may have a more pronounced effect on construction loans by rapidly increasing the end-purchaser's borrowing costs, thereby possibly reducing the homeowner's ability to finance the home upon completion or the overall demand for the project. Properties under construction are often difficult to sell and typically must be completed in order to be successfully sold which also complicates the process of managing our problem construction loans. This may require us to advance additional funds and/or contract with another builder to complete construction and assume the market risk of selling the project at a future market price, which may or may not enable us to fully recover unpaid loan funds and associated construction and liquidation costs. Loans on land under development or held for future construction also pose additional risk because of the lack of income being produced by the property and the potential illiquid nature of the collateral. These risks can be significantly impacted by supply and demand. As a result, this type of lending often involves the disbursement of substantial funds with repayment dependent on the success of the ultimate project and the ability of the borrower to sell or lease the property or obtain permanent take-out financing, rather than the ability of the borrower or guarantor to independently repay principal and interest.

Construction loans made by us include those with a sales contract or permanent loan in place for the finished homes and those for which purchasers for the finished homes may not be identified either during or following the construction period, known as speculative construction loans. Speculative construction loans to a builder pose a greater potential risk to us than construction loans to individuals on their personal residences. We attempt to mitigate this risk by actively monitoring the number of unsold homes in our construction loan portfolio and local housing markets to attempt to maintain an appropriate balance between home sales and new loan originations. In addition, the maximum number of speculative construction loans (loans that are not pre-sold) approved for each builder is based on a combination of factors, including the financial capacity of the builder, the market demand for the finished product and the ratio of sold to unsold inventory the builder maintains. We have also attempted to diversify the risk associated with speculative construction lending by doing business with a large number of small and mid-sized builders spread over a relatively large geographic region representing numerous sub-markets within our service area.

- **Commercial and Multifamily Real Estate Loans.** These loans typically involve higher principal amounts than other types of loans and some of our commercial borrowers have more than one loan outstanding with us. Consequently, an adverse development with respect to one loan or one credit relationship can expose us to a significantly greater risk of loss compared to an adverse development with respect to a one-to-four family residential mortgage loan. Repayment of these loans is dependent upon income being generated from the property securing the loan in amounts sufficient to cover operating expenses and debt service, which may be adversely affected by changes in the economy or local market conditions. In addition, many of our commercial and multifamily real estate loans are not fully amortizing and contain large balloon payments upon maturity. Such balloon payments may require the borrower to either sell or refinance the underlying property in order to make the payment, which may increase the risk of default or non-payment. If we foreclose on a commercial or multifamily real estate loan, our holding period for the collateral typically is longer than for one-to-four family residential loans because there are fewer potential purchasers of the collateral.

In recent years, commercial real estate markets have been experiencing substantial growth, and increased competitive pressures have contributed significantly to historically low capitalization rates and rising property values. Furthermore, commercial real estate markets have been particularly impacted by the economic disruption resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has also been a catalyst for the evolution of various remote work options which could impact the long-term performance of some types of properties within our commercial real estate portfolio. Accordingly, the federal banking regulatory agencies have expressed concerns about weaknesses in the current commercial real estate market. Failures in our risk management policies, procedures and controls could adversely affect our ability to manage this portfolio and could result in an increased rate of delinquencies in, and increased losses from, this portfolio, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

- **Commercial Business Loans.** Our commercial business loans are primarily made based on the cash flow of the borrower and secondarily on the underlying collateral provided by the borrower. A borrower's cash flow may prove to be unpredictable, and collateral securing these loans may fluctuate in value. Most often, this collateral includes accounts receivable, inventory, equipment or real estate. In the case of loans secured by accounts receivable, the availability of funds for the repayment of these loans may be substantially dependent on the ability of the borrower to collect amounts due from its customers. Other collateral securing loans may depreciate over time, may be difficult to appraise, may be illiquid and may fluctuate in value based on the success of the business.
- **Consumer Loans.** Generally, we consider these loans to involve a different degree of risk compared to first mortgage loans on one-to-four family residential properties. As a result of our large portfolio of these loans, it may become necessary to increase the level of our provision for loan losses, which could decrease our profits. Consumer loans generally entail greater risk than do one-to-four family residential mortgage loans, particularly in the case of loans that are secured by rapidly depreciable assets, such as manufactured homes, automobiles and recreational vehicles. In these cases, any repossessed collateral for a defaulted loan may not provide an adequate source of repayment of the outstanding loan balance. Manufactured homes are a riskier form of collateral, though this risk is reduced if the owner also owns the land on which the home is located, because they are costly and difficult to relocate when repossessed, and difficult to sell due to the diminishing number of manufactured home parks in the Puget Sound area. Additionally, a good portion of our manufactured home loan borrowers are first-time home buyers, who tend to be a higher credit risk than first-time home buyers of single-family residences, due to more limited financial resources. As a result, these loans tend to have a higher probability of default, higher delinquency rates and greater servicing costs than other types of consumer loans. Our floating home, houseboat and house barge loans are typically located on cooperative or condominium moorages. The primary risk in floating home loans is the unique nature of the collateral and the challenges of relocating such collateral to a location other than where such housing is permitted. The process for securing the deed and/or the condominium or cooperative dock is also unique compared to other types of lending we participate in. As a result, these loans may have higher collateral recovery costs than for one-to-four family mortgage loans and other types of consumer loans.

Our business may be adversely affected by credit risk associated with residential property and declining property values.

Our first-lien one-to-four family real estate loans are primarily made based on the repayment ability of the borrower and the collateral securing these loans. Home equity lines of credit generally entail greater risk than do one-to-four family residential mortgage loans where we are in the first-lien position. For those home equity lines secured by a second mortgage, it is less likely that we will be successful in recovering all of our loan proceeds in the event of default. Our foreclosure on these loans requires that the value of the property be sufficient to cover the repayment of the first mortgage loan, as well as the costs associated with foreclosure.

This type of lending is generally sensitive to regional and local economic conditions that significantly impact the ability of borrowers to meet their loan payment obligations, making loss levels difficult to predict. A downturn in the economy or the housing market in our market areas or a rapid increase in interest rates may reduce the value of the real estate collateral securing these types of loans and increase the risk that we would incur losses if borrowers default on their loans. Residential loans with high combined loan-to-value ratios generally will be more sensitive to declining property values than those with lower combined loan-to-value ratios and therefore may experience a higher incidence of default and severity of losses. In addition, if the borrowers sell their homes, the borrowers may be unable to repay their loans in full from the sale proceeds. As a result, these loans may experience higher rates of delinquencies, defaults and losses, which will in turn adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. A majority of our residential loans are “non-conforming” because they are adjustable-rate mortgages which contain interest rate floors or do not satisfy credit or other requirements due to personal and financial reasons (i.e., divorce, bankruptcy, length of time employed, etc.), conforming loan limits (i.e., jumbo mortgages), and other requirements imposed by secondary market purchasers. Some of these borrowers have higher debt-to-income ratios, or the loans are secured by unique properties in rural markets for which there are no sales of comparable properties to support the value according to secondary market requirements. We may require additional collateral or lower loan-to-value ratios to reduce the risk of these loans. We believe that these loans satisfy a need in our local market areas. As a result, subject to market conditions, we intend to continue to originate these types of loans.

Our allowance for loan losses may prove inadequate or we may be negatively affected by credit risk exposures. Future additions to our allowance for loan losses, as well as charge-offs in excess of reserves, will reduce our earnings.

Our business depends on the creditworthiness of our customers. As with most financial institutions, we maintain an allowance for loan losses to reflect potential defaults and nonperformance, which represents management's best estimate of probable incurred losses inherent in the loan portfolio. Management's estimate is based on our continuing evaluation of specific credit risks and loan loss experience, current loan portfolio quality, present economic, political and regulatory conditions, industry concentrations and other factors that may indicate future loan losses. The determination of the appropriate level of the allowance for loan losses inherently involves a high degree of subjectivity and judgment and requires us to make estimates of current credit risks and future trends, all of which may undergo material changes. There is no certainty that the allowance for loan losses will be adequate over time to cover credit losses in the loan portfolio because of unanticipated adverse changes in the economy, market conditions or events adversely affecting specific customers, industries or markets. If the credit quality of our loan portfolio materially decreases, if the risk profile of a market, industry or group of customers changes materially, or if the allowance for loan losses is not adequate, our business, financial condition, liquidity, capital, and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Risks Related to Market and Interest Rate Changes

Fluctuating interest rates can adversely affect our profitability.

Net income is the amount by which net interest income and noninterest income exceed noninterest expense, the provision for loan losses and taxes. Net interest income makes up a majority of our net income and is based on the difference between the interest income we earn on interest-earning assets, such as loans and securities, and the interest expense we pay on interest-bearing liabilities, such as deposits and borrowings.

The yields we earn on our assets and the rates we pay on our liabilities are generally fixed for a contractual period of time. Like many financial institutions, our liabilities generally have shorter contractual maturities than our assets. This imbalance can create significant earnings volatility because market interest rates change over time. In addition, changes in interest rates can affect the average life of loans and mortgage-backed and related securities. In a period of rising interest rates, the interest income we earn on our assets may not increase as rapidly as the interest we pay on our liabilities. A decline in interest rates results in increased prepayments of loans and mortgage-backed and related securities as borrowers refinance their debt to reduce their borrowing costs. This creates reinvestment risk, which is the risk that we may not be able to reinvest prepayments at rates that are comparable to the rates we earned on the prepaid loans or securities. Furthermore, an inverted interest rate yield curve, where short-term interest rates (which are usually the rates at which financial institutions borrow funds) are higher than long-term interest rates (which are usually the rates at which financial institutions lend funds for fixed-rate loans) can reduce a financial institution's net interest margin and create financial risk for financial institutions that originate longer-term, fixed-rate mortgage loans. At December 31, 2022, 50.7% of our loan portfolio consisted of fixed-rate loans.

In addition, at December 31, 2022, 49.3% of our loans had floating or variable interest rates. As a result, these loans may experience a higher rate of default in a rising interest rate environment. Further, approximately \$294.1 million or 68.7% of these floating or variable interest rate loans have interest rate floors below which the loan's contractual interest rate may not adjust, of which \$145.6 million were at their floors at December 31, 2022.

The inability of our loans to adjust downward can contribute to increased income in periods of declining interest rates, although this is subject to the risk that borrowers may refinance these loans during periods of declining interest rates. Also, when loans

are at their floors, there is a further risk that our interest income may not increase as rapidly as our cost of funds during periods of increasing interest rates, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Any substantial prolonged change in market interest rates could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, liquidity and results of operations.

Since March 2022, in response to inflationary pressures, the Federal Open Market Committee (“FOMC”) of the Federal Reserve has increased the target range for the federal funds rate by 425 basis points, including 125 basis points during the fourth calendar quarter of 2022, to a range of 4.25% to 4.50% as of December 31, 2022. As it seeks to control inflation without creating a recession, the FOMC increased the target range another 25 basis points, to a range of 4.50% to 4.75%, in February 2023 and has indicated further increases are expected during 2023. If the FOMC further increases the targeted federal funds rate, overall interest rates will likely continue to rise, which should positively impact our net interest income but may negatively impact both the housing market, by reducing refinancing activity and new home purchases, and the U.S. economy more broadly.

Changes in the valuation of our securities portfolio could hurt our profits and reduce our capital levels.

Our securities portfolio may be impacted by fluctuations in market value, potentially reducing accumulated other comprehensive income and/or earnings. Fluctuations in market value may be caused by changes in market interest rates, lower market prices for securities and limited investor demand. Management evaluates securities for OTTI on a quarterly basis, with more frequent evaluation for selected issues. In analyzing a debt issuer’s financial condition, management considers whether the securities are issued by the federal government or its agencies, whether downgrades by bond rating agencies have occurred and industry analysts’ reports. Changes in interest rates can also have an adverse effect on our financial condition, as our available-for-sale securities are reported at their estimated fair value, and therefore are impacted by fluctuations in interest rates. We increase or decrease our stockholders’ equity by the amount of change in the estimated fair value of the available-for-sale securities, net of taxes. Declines in market value could result in OTTI losses on these assets, which would lead to accounting charges that could have a material adverse effect on our net income and capital levels. At December 31, 2022, we had no securities that were deemed impaired.

An increase in interest rates, change in the programs offered by Fannie Mae or our ability to qualify for its programs may reduce our mortgage revenues, which would negatively impact our noninterest income.

The sale of residential mortgage loans to Fannie Mae provides a significant portion of our non-interest income. Any future changes in its program, our eligibility to participate in such program, the criteria for loans to be accepted or laws that significantly affect the activity of Fannie Mae could, in turn, materially adversely affect our results of operations if we could not find other purchasers. Mortgage banking is generally considered a volatile source of income because it depends largely on the level of loan volume which, in turn, depends largely on prevailing market interest rates. In a rising or higher interest-rate environment, the demand for mortgage loans, particularly refinancing of existing mortgage loans, tends to fall and our originations of mortgage loans may decrease, resulting in fewer loans that are available to be sold. This would result in a decrease in mortgage revenues and a corresponding decrease in noninterest income. In addition, our results of operations are affected by the amount of noninterest expense associated with our loan sale activities, such as salaries and employee benefits, occupancy, equipment and data processing expense and other operating costs. During periods of reduced loan demand, our results of operations may be adversely affected to the extent that we are unable to reduce expenses commensurate with the decline in loan originations. In addition, although we sell loans to Fannie Mae or into the secondary market without recourse, we are required to give customary representations and warranties about the loans we sell. If we breach those representations and warranties, we may be required to repurchase the loans and we may incur a loss on the repurchase.

We may incur losses in the fair value of our mortgage servicing rights due to changes in prepayment rates.

Our mortgage servicing rights carry interest-rate risk because the total amount of servicing fees earned, as well as changes in fair market value, fluctuate based on expected loan prepayments (affecting the expected average life of a portfolio of residential mortgage servicing rights). The rate of prepayment of residential mortgage loans may be influenced by changing national and regional economic trends, such as recessions or stagnating real estate markets, as well as the difference between interest rates on existing residential mortgage loans relative to prevailing residential mortgage rates. During periods of declining interest rates, many residential borrowers refinance their mortgage loans. Changes in prepayment rates are therefore difficult for us to predict. The loan administration fee income (related to the residential mortgage loan servicing rights corresponding to a mortgage loan) decreases as mortgage loans are prepaid. Consequently, if prepayment rates increase, we would expect the fair value of portfolios of residential mortgage loan servicing rights to decrease along with the amount of loan administration income received.

Risks Related to Cybersecurity, Data and Fraud

A failure in or breach of our security systems or infrastructure, including breaches resulting from cyber-attacks, could disrupt our business, result in the disclosure or misuse of confidential or proprietary information, damage our reputation, increase our costs and cause losses.

Information security risks for financial institutions have increased in recent years in part because of the proliferation of new technologies, the use of the Internet and telecommunications technologies to conduct financial transactions, and the increased sophistication and activities of organized crime, hackers, terrorists, activists, and other external parties. Those parties also may attempt to fraudulently induce employees, customers, or other users of our systems to disclose confidential information in order to gain access to our data or that of our customers. Our operations rely on the secure processing, transmission and storage of confidential information in our computer systems and networks, either managed directly by us or through our data processing vendors. In addition, to access our products and services, our customers may use personal computers, smartphones, tablet PCs, and other mobile devices that are beyond our control systems. Although we believe we have robust information security procedures and controls, we rely heavily on our third party vendors, technologies, systems, networks and our customers' devices all of which may become the target of cyber-attacks, computer viruses, malicious code, unauthorized access, hackers or information security breaches that could result in the unauthorized release, gathering, monitoring, misuse, loss, theft or destruction of our confidential, proprietary and other information or that of our customers, or disrupt our operations or those of our customers or third parties.

To date, we have not incurred any material losses relating to cyber-attacks or other information security breaches, but there can be no assurance that we will not suffer such attacks, breaches and losses in the future. Our risk and exposure to these matters remains heightened because of, among other things, the evolving nature of these threats and our plans to continue to evolve our internet banking and mobile banking channel. As a result, the continued development and enhancement of our information security controls, processes and practices designed to protect customer information, our systems, computers, software, data and networks from attack, damage or unauthorized access remain a priority for our management. As cyber threats continue to evolve, we may be required to expend significant additional resources to insure, modify or enhance our protective measures or to investigate and remediate important information security vulnerabilities or exposures; however, our measures may be insufficient to prevent all physical and electronic break-ins, denial of service and other cyber-attacks or security breaches.

Disruptions or failures in the physical infrastructure or operating systems that support our business and customers, or cyber-attacks or security breaches of the networks, systems or devices that our customers use to access our products and services could result in customer attrition, uninsured financial losses, the inability of our customers to transact business with us, employee productivity losses, technology replacement costs, incident response costs, violations of applicable privacy and other laws, regulatory fines, penalties or intervention, additional regulatory scrutiny, reputational damage, litigation, reimbursement or other compensation costs, and/or additional compliance costs, any of which could materially and adversely affect our results of operations or financial condition.

The failure to protect our customers' confidential information and privacy could adversely affect our business.

We are subject to federal and state privacy regulations and confidentiality obligations that, among other things restrict the use and dissemination of, and access to, certain information that we produce, store or maintain in the course of our business. We also have contractual obligations to protect certain confidential information we obtain from our existing vendors and customers.

These obligations generally include protecting such confidential information in the same manner and to the same extent as we protect our own confidential information, and in some instances may impose indemnity obligations on us relating to unlawful or unauthorized disclosure of any such information.

If we do not comply with privacy regulations and contractual obligations that require us to protect confidential information, or if we experience a security breach or network compromise, we could experience adverse consequences, including regulatory sanctions, penalties or fines, increased compliance costs, remedial costs such as providing credit monitoring or other services to affected customers, litigation and damage to our reputation, which in turn could result in decreased revenues and loss of customers, all of which would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our operations rely on certain external vendors.

We rely on certain external vendors to provide products and services necessary to maintain our day-to-day operations. These third-party vendors are sources of operational and informational security risks to us, including risks associated with operational errors, information system failures, interruptions or breaches and unauthorized disclosures of sensitive or confidential client or customer information. If these vendors encounter any of these issues, or if we have difficulty communicating with them, we could be exposed to disruption of operations, loss of service or connectivity to customers, reputational damage, and litigation risk that could have a material adverse effect on our business and, in turn, our financial condition and results of operations.

We continually encounter technological change, and we may have fewer resources than many of our competitors to invest in technological improvements.

The financial services industry is undergoing rapid technological changes with frequent introductions of new technology-driven products and services. The effective use of technology increases efficiency and enables financial institutions to better serve customers and to reduce costs. Our future success will depend, in part, upon our ability to address the needs of our clients by using technology to provide products and services that will satisfy client demands for convenience, as well as to create additional efficiencies in our operations. Many national vendors provide turn-key services to community banks, such as internet banking and remote deposit capture that allow smaller banks to compete with institutions that have substantially greater resources to invest in technological improvements. We may not be able, however, to effectively implement new technology-driven products and services or be successful in marketing these products and services to our customers.

Our business may be adversely affected by an increasing prevalence of fraud and other financial crimes.

As a bank, we are susceptible to fraudulent activity that may be committed against us or our customers, which may result in financial losses or increased costs to us or our customers, disclosure or misuse of our information or our customer's information, misappropriation of assets, privacy breaches against our customers, litigation or damage to our reputation. Such fraudulent activity may take many forms, including check fraud, electronic fraud, wire fraud, phishing, social engineering and other dishonest acts. Nationally, reported incidents of fraud and other financial crimes have increased. We have also experienced losses due to apparent fraud and other financial crimes. While we have policies and procedures designed to prevent such losses, there can be no assurance that such losses will not occur.

Regulatory and Accounting-Related Risks

We operate in a highly regulated environment and may be adversely affected by changes in federal and state laws and regulations that could increase our costs of operations.

The banking industry is extensively regulated. Federal banking regulations are designed primarily to protect the deposit insurance funds and customers, not to benefit a company's shareholders. These regulations may sometimes impose significant limitations on our operations. These regulations, along with the currently existing tax, accounting, securities, insurance, and monetary laws, regulations, rules, standards, policies and interpretations control the methods by which financial institutions conduct business, implement strategic initiatives and tax compliance, and govern financial reporting and disclosures. These laws, regulations, rules, standards, policies, and interpretations are constantly evolving and may change significantly over time. Any new regulations or legislation, change in existing regulation or oversight, whether a change in regulatory policy or a change in a regulator's interpretation of a law or regulation, could have a material impact on our operations, increase our costs of regulatory compliance and of doing business and adversely affect our profitability. In this regard, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), published guidelines in 2014 for financial institutions servicing cannabis businesses that are legal under state law. These guidelines generally allow us to work with cannabis-related businesses that are operating in accordance with state laws and regulations, so long as we comply with required regulatory oversight of their accounts with us. Legislation has previously been introduced in Congress that would allow banks and financial institutions to serve cannabis businesses in states where it is legal without any risk of federal prosecution but has yet to be enacted. At December 31, 2022, approximately 2.3% of our total deposits and a portion of our service charges from deposits are from legal cannabis-related businesses.

An accounting change requiring that we calculate the allowance for loan and lease losses on the basis of the current expected credit losses over the lifetime of our loans, referred to as the CECL model, became applicable to us, as a smaller reporting company, on January 1, 2023. CECL adoption will have broad impact on our financial statements, which will affect key profitability and solvency measures, including, but not limited to higher loan loss reserve levels and related deferred tax assets. Increased reserve levels also may lead to a reduction in capital levels. Any such changes could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Any adverse change in the FinCEN guidance noted above, any new regulations or legislation, any change in existing regulations or oversight, whether a change in regulatory policy or a change in a regulator's interpretation of a law or regulation, could have a negative impact on our non-interest income, as well as the cost of our operations, increasing our cost of regulatory compliance and of doing business and/or otherwise affect us, which may materially affect our profitability. Our failure to comply with laws, regulations or policies could result in civil or criminal sanctions and money penalties by state and federal agencies, and/or reputational damage, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. See "Part I, Item 1. Business - How We Are Regulated" in this Form 10-K for more information about the regulations to which we are subject.

The level of our commercial real estate loan portfolio may subject us to additional regulatory scrutiny.

The FDIC, the Federal Reserve and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency have promulgated joint guidance on sound risk management practices for financial institutions with concentrations in commercial real estate lending. Under this guidance, a financial institution that, like us, is actively involved in commercial real estate lending, should perform a risk assessment to identify concentrations. A financial institution may have a concentration in commercial real estate lending if, among other factors (i) total reported loans for construction, land development and other land represent 100% or more of the bank's total regulatory capital (or in the case of a bank, such as the Bank, that has elected to follow the CBLR framework, CBLR Capital (Tier 1 capital plus the entire allowance for loan and lease losses), or (ii) total commercial real estate loans (as defined in the guidance) represent 300% or more of the bank's total regulatory capital or CBLR Capital, as appropriate, and the outstanding balance of the bank's commercial real estate loan portfolio has increased 50% or more during the prior 36 months. The particular focus of the guidance is on exposure to commercial real estate loans that are dependent on the cash flow from the real estate held as collateral and that are likely to be at greater risk to conditions in the commercial real estate market (as opposed to real estate collateral held as a secondary source of repayment or as an abundance of caution). The purpose of the guidance is to guide banks in developing risk management practices and capital levels commensurate with the level and nature of real estate concentrations. The guidance states that management should employ heightened risk management practices including board and management oversight and strategic planning, development of underwriting standards, risk assessment and monitoring through market analysis and stress testing. At December 31, 2022, Sound Community Bank's aggregate recorded loan balances for construction, land development and land loans were 101.5% of CBLR Capital. In addition, at December 31, 2022, Sound Community Bank's loans on all commercial real estate, including construction, owner and non-owner occupied commercial real estate, and multi-family lending, as defined by the FDIC, were 364.2% of CBLR Capital. While we believe we have implemented policies and procedures with respect to our commercial real estate loan portfolio consistent with this guidance, bank regulators could require us to implement additional policies and procedures consistent with their interpretation of the guidance that may result in additional costs to us.

Our accounting policies and methods are fundamental to how we report our financial condition and results of operations, and we use estimates in determining the fair value of certain of our assets, which estimates may prove to be imprecise and result in significant changes in valuation.

A portion of our assets are carried on the balance sheet at fair value, including investment securities available for sale, mortgage servicing rights related to single-family loans, and single-family loans held for sale. Generally, for assets that are reported at fair value, we use quoted market prices or valuation models that use observable market data inputs to estimate their fair value. In certain cases, observable market prices and data may not be readily available, or their availability may be diminished due to market conditions. We use financial models to value certain of these assets. These models are complex and use asset-specific collateral data and market inputs for interest rates. Although we have processes and procedures in place governing valuation models and their review, such assumptions are complex, as we must make judgments about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. Different assumptions could result in significant changes in valuation, which in turn could affect earnings or result in significant changes in the dollar amount of assets reported on the balance sheet.

Risks Related to our Business and Industry Generally

We will be required to transition from the use of the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") in the future.

We have certain FHLB advances, brokered deposits, loans and investment securities indexed to LIBOR to calculate the loan interest rate. ICE Benchmark Administration, the authorized and regulated administrator of LIBOR, ended publication of the one-week and two-month USD LIBOR tenors on December 31, 2021, and the remaining USD LIBOR tenors will end publication in June 2023. Financial services regulators and industry groups have collaborated to develop alternate reference rate indices or reference rates. The transition to a new reference rate requires changes to contracts, risk and pricing models, valuation tools, systems, product design and hedging strategies. At this time, no consensus exists as to what rate or rates may become acceptable alternatives to LIBOR (with the exception of overnight repurchase agreements, which are expected to be based on the Secured Overnight Financing Rate, or SOFR). The language in our LIBOR-based contracts and financial instruments has developed over time and may have various events that trigger when a successor rate to the designated rate would be selected. If a trigger is satisfied, contracts and financial instruments may give the calculation agent discretion over the substitute index or indices for the calculation of interest rates to be selected. The implementation of a substitute index or indices for the calculation of interest rates under our loan agreements with our borrowers may result in our incurring significant expenses in effecting the transition, may result in reduced loan balances if borrowers do not accept the substitute index or indices, and may result in disputes or litigation with customers over the appropriateness or comparability to LIBOR of the substitute index or indices, which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations. At December 31, 2022, we had variable rate loans indexed to LIBOR totaling \$53.9 million. We did not have any investments, brokered deposits or borrowings indexed to LIBOR as of December 31, 2022.

Ineffective liquidity management could adversely affect our financial results and condition.

Effective liquidity management is essential to our business. We require sufficient liquidity to meet customer loan requests, customer deposit maturities and withdrawals, payments on our debt obligations as they come due and other cash commitments under both normal operating conditions and other unpredictable circumstances, including events causing industry or general financial market stress. An inability to raise funds through deposits, borrowings, the sale of loans or investment securities and other sources could have a substantial negative effect on our liquidity. We rely on customer deposits and at times, borrowings from the FHLB of Des Moines and the Federal Reserve and certain other wholesale funding sources to fund our operations. Deposit flows and the prepayment of loans and mortgage-related securities are strongly influenced by such external factors as the direction of interest rates, whether actual or perceived, and the competition for deposits and loans in the markets we serve. Further, changes to the FHLB of Des Moines's underwriting guidelines for wholesale borrowings or lending policies may limit or restrict our ability to borrow and could therefore have a significant adverse impact on our liquidity. Although we have historically been able to replace maturing deposits and borrowings if desired, we may not be able to replace such funds in the future if, among other things, our financial condition, the financial condition of the FHLB of Des Moines, or market conditions change. Our access to funding sources in amounts adequate to finance our activities or on terms which are acceptable could be impaired by factors that affect us specifically or the financial services industry or economy in general, such as a disruption in the financial markets or negative views and expectations about the prospects for the financial services industry or deterioration in credit markets. Additional factors that could detrimentally impact our access to liquidity sources include a decrease in the level of our business activity as a result of a downturn in the markets in which our deposits and loans are concentrated, negative operating results, or adverse regulatory action against us. Any decline in available funding in amounts adequate to finance our activities or on terms which are acceptable could adversely impact our ability to originate loans, invest in securities, meet our expenses, or fulfill obligations such as repaying our borrowings or meeting deposit withdrawal demands, any of which could, in turn, have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Climate change and related legislative and regulatory initiatives may materially affect the Company's business and results of operations.

The effects of climate change continue to create an alarming level of concern for the state of the global environment. As a result, the global business community has increased its political and social awareness surrounding the issue, and the United States has entered into international agreements in an attempt to reduce global temperatures, such as reentering the Paris Agreement. Further, the U.S. Congress, state legislatures and federal and state regulatory agencies continue to propose numerous initiatives to supplement the global effort to combat climate change. Similar and even more expansive initiatives are expected under the current administration, including potentially increasing supervisory expectations with respect to banks' risk management practices, accounting for the effects of climate change in stress testing scenarios and systemic risk assessments, revising expectations for credit portfolio concentrations based on climate-related factors and encouraging investment by banks in climate-related initiatives and lending to communities disproportionately impacted by the effects of climate change. The lack of empirical data surrounding the credit and other financial risks posed by climate change render it difficult, or even impossible, to predict how climate change may impact our financial condition and results of operations; however, the physical effects of climate change may also directly impact us. Specifically, unpredictable and more frequent weather disasters may adversely impact the real property, and/or the value of the real property, securing the loans in our portfolios. Additionally, if insurance obtained by our borrowers is insufficient to cover any losses sustained to the collateral, or if insurance coverage is otherwise unavailable to our borrowers, the collateral securing our loans may be negatively impacted by climate change, natural disasters and related events, which could impact our financial condition and results of operations. Further, the effects of climate change may negatively impact regional and local economic activity, which could adversely affect our customers and the communities in which we operate. Overall, climate change, its effects and the resulting, unknown impact could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

If our enterprise risk management framework is not effective at mitigating risk and loss to us, we could suffer unexpected losses and our results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

We maintain an enterprise risk management program that is designed to identify, quantify, monitor, report, and control the risks that we face. These risks include interest-rate, credit, liquidity, operations, reputation, compliance and litigation. We also maintain a compliance program to identify, measure, assess, and report on our adherence to applicable laws, policies and procedures. While we assess and improve these programs on an ongoing basis, there can be no assurance that our risk management or compliance programs, along with other related controls, will effectively mitigate all risk and limit losses in our business. As with any risk management framework, there are inherent limitations to our risk management strategies as there may exist, or develop in the future, risks that we have not appropriately anticipated or identified. If our risk management framework proves ineffective, we could suffer unexpected losses and our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

We are subject to certain risks in connection with our data management or aggregation.

We are reliant on our ability to manage data and our ability to aggregate data in an accurate and timely manner to ensure effective risk reporting and management. Our ability to manage and aggregate data may be limited by the effectiveness of our policies, programs, processes and practices that govern how data is acquired, validated, stored, protected and processed. While we continuously update our policies, programs, processes and practices, many of our data management and aggregation processes are manual and subject to human error or system failure. Failure to manage data effectively and to aggregate data in an accurate and timely manner may limit our ability to manage current and emerging risks, as well as to manage changing business needs.

Our growth or future losses may require us to raise additional capital in the future, but that capital may not be available when it is needed, or the cost of that capital may be very high.

We are required by federal regulatory authorities to maintain adequate levels of capital to support our operations. At some point, we may need to raise additional capital to support our growth or replenish future losses. Our ability to raise additional capital, if needed, will depend on conditions in the capital markets at that time, which are outside our control, and on our financial condition and performance. Accordingly, we cannot make assurances that we will be able to raise additional capital if needed on terms that are acceptable to us, or at all. If we cannot raise additional capital when needed, our ability to further expand our operations could be materially impaired and our financial condition and liquidity could be materially and adversely affected. In addition, any additional capital we obtain may result in the dilution of the interests of existing holders of our common stock. Further, if we are unable to raise additional capital when required by our bank regulators, we may be subject to adverse regulatory action.

As a community bank, maintaining our reputation in our market area is critical to the success of our business, and the failure to do so may materially adversely affect our performance.

We are a community bank and our reputation is one of the most valuable components of our business. A key aspect of our business strategy is to rely on our reputation for customer service and knowledge of local markets to expand our presence by capturing new business opportunities from existing and prospective customers in our current market and contiguous areas. As such, we strive to conduct our business in a manner that enhances our reputation. This is done, in part, by recruiting, hiring and retaining employees who share our core values of being an integral part of the communities we serve, delivering superior service to our customers and caring about our customers and associates. We provide many different financial products and rely on the ability of our employees and systems to process a significant number of transactions. If our reputation is negatively affected by the actions of our employees, by our inability to conduct our operations in a manner that is appealing to current or prospective customers, or otherwise, our business and, therefore, our operating results may be materially adversely affected.

The Company may not attract and retain skilled employees.

The Company's success depends, in large part, on its ability to attract and retain key people. Competition for the best people can be intense, and the Company spends considerable time and resources attracting and hiring qualified people for its operations. The unexpected loss of the services of one or more of the Company's key personnel could have a material adverse impact on the Company's business because of their skills, knowledge of the Company's market, and years of industry experience, as well as the difficulty of promptly finding qualified replacement personnel.

The Company's ability to pay dividends and make subordinated debt payments is subject to the ability of the Bank to make capital distributions to the Company.

The Company is a separate legal entity from its subsidiary and does not have significant operations of its own. The long-term ability of the Company to pay dividends to its stockholders and debt payments is based primarily upon the ability of the Bank to make capital distributions to the Company, and also on the availability of cash at the holding company level. The availability of dividends from the Bank is limited by the Bank's earnings and capital, as well as various statutes and regulations. Under certain circumstances, capital distributions from the Bank to the Company may be subject to regulatory approvals. If the Bank is unable to pay dividends to the Company, the Company may not be able to pay dividends on its common stock or make payments on its outstanding debt. Consequently, the inability to receive dividends from the Bank could adversely affect the Company's financial condition, results of operations, and future prospects and the value of the Company's common stock. At December 31, 2022, Sound Financial Bancorp had \$2.2 million in unrestricted cash to support dividend and debt payments. See "Part I. Item 1. Business—How We Are Regulated—Regulation of Sound Community Bank—Capital Rules" and "—Regulation of Sound Financial Bancorp—Limitations on Dividends and Stock Repurchases" for additional information.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable.

Item 2. Properties

Six of our nine offices are leased. The operating leases contain renewal options and require us to pay property taxes and operating expenses for the properties. Our total rental expense for both of the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 was \$1.1 million. The aggregate net book value of our land, buildings, leasehold improvements, furniture and equipment was \$5.5 million at December 31, 2022. See also "Note 7—Premises and Equipment" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in "Part II. Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this report on Form 10-K. In the opinion of management, the facilities are adequate and suitable for our current needs. We may open additional banking offices to better serve current clients and to attract new clients in subsequent years.

We maintain depositor and borrower client data on in-house servers, in the cloud and within a service bureau environment, utilizing a telecommunications network, portions of which are leased. Management has a disaster recovery plan in place with respect to the data processing system, as well as our operations as a whole.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

We are involved as plaintiff or defendant, from time to time, in various legal actions arising in the normal course of business. We do not anticipate incurring any material legal fees or other material liability as a result of any currently pending litigation.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The common stock of Sound Financial Bancorp is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "SFBC." There were approximately 262 stockholders of record of our common stock at March 10, 2023.

Sound Financial Bancorp has historically paid cash dividends to its common stockholders. During 2022, the Company paid a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.17 per share and one special dividend of \$0.10 per share. Our cash dividend payout policy is reviewed regularly by management and the Board of Directors. Any dividends declared and paid in the future would depend upon a number of factors, including capital requirements, our financial condition and results of operations, tax considerations, statutory and regulatory limitations, and general economic conditions. We currently expect our regular quarterly cash dividends will continue for the foreseeable future. No assurances, however, can be given that any dividends will be paid or that, if paid, will not be reduced or eliminated in future periods. Our future payment of dividends may depend, in part, upon receipt of dividends from Sound Community Bank, which are restricted by federal regulations.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The equity compensation plan information presented in "Part III. Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters" of this Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

On April 25, 2022, the Company announced that its Board of Directors approved an extension of a previously announced stock repurchase program, which was set to expire on April 29, 2022, until October 29, 2022. Under this program the Company was authorized to repurchase up to \$2.0 million of its outstanding shares of common stock during the period ending October 29, 2022, from time to time in the open market, based on prevailing market prices, or in privately negotiated transactions. On July 26, 2022, the Company announced that its Board of Directors amended the existing stock repurchase program to increase the authorized repurchase amount to \$4.0 million and to extend the program maturity to January 31, 2023. Subsequent to December

31, 2022, the Company announced that its Board of Directors further extended the existing stock repurchase program, scheduled to expire on January 31, 2023, to July 31, 2023.

The actual timing, number and value of shares repurchased under the stock repurchase program will depend on a number of factors, including constraints specified pursuant to any trading plan that may be adopted in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the SEC, price, general business and market conditions, and alternative investment opportunities.

The following table sets forth information with respect to our repurchases of our outstanding common shares during the three months ended December 31, 2022:

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
October 1, 2022 - October 31, 2022	—	\$ —	—	\$ 2,140,223
November 1, 2022 - November 30, 2022	—	—	—	2,140,223
December 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022	—	—	—	2,140,223
Total	—	\$ —	—	\$ 2,140,223

Item 6. [Reserved]

Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This discussion and analysis reviews our consolidated financial statements and other relevant statistical data and is intended to enhance your understanding of our financial condition and results of operations. The information in this section has been derived from the Consolidated Financial Statements and footnotes thereto that appear in "Part II. Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Form 10-K. The information contained in this section should be read in conjunction with these Consolidated Financial Statements and footnotes and the business and financial information provided in this Form 10-K.

Overview

Our principal business consists of attracting retail and commercial deposits from the general public and investing those funds, along with borrowed funds, in loans secured by first and second mortgages on one-to-four family residences (including home equity loans and lines of credit), commercial and multifamily real estate, construction and land, and consumer and commercial business loans. Our commercial business loans include unsecured lines of credit and secured term loans and lines of credit secured by inventory, equipment and accounts receivable. We also offer a variety of secured and unsecured consumer loan products, including manufactured home loans, floating home loans, automobile loans, boat loans and recreational vehicle loans. As part of our business, we focus on residential mortgage loan originations, a portion of which we sell to Fannie Mae and other investors and the remainder of which we retain for our loan portfolio consistent with our asset/liability objectives. We sell loans which conform to the underwriting standards of Fannie Mae ("conforming") in which we retain the servicing of the loan in order to maintain the direct customer relationship and to generate noninterest income. Residential loans which do not conform to the underwriting standards of Fannie Mae ("non-conforming"), are either held in our loan portfolio or sold with servicing released. We originate and retain a significant amount of commercial real estate loans, including those secured by owner-occupied and nonowner-occupied commercial real estate, multifamily properties and mobile home parks, and construction and land development loans.

We originated \$125.6 million and \$243.9 million of one-to-four family residential mortgage loans during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. We had no purchases of one-to-four family residential mortgage loans during the year ended December 31, 2022 and \$24.1 million of purchases during the year ended December 31, 2021. During those two years, we sold \$20.3 million and \$147.4 million, respectively, of one-to-four family residential mortgage loans.

Our strategic plan targets consumers, small- and medium-size businesses, and professionals in our market area for loans and deposits. In managing the size of, and concentrations within, our loan portfolio we typically focus on including a significant amount of commercial business and commercial and multifamily real estate loans. A significant portion of our commercial business and commercial and multifamily real estate loans have adjustable rates, higher yields and shorter terms, and higher credit risk than traditional residential fixed-rate mortgage loans. During 2022, however, due to a generally illiquid jumbo loan market, we retained a higher proportion of jumbo loans than we have historically, resulting in commercial business and commercial and multifamily real estate loans making up a lower percentage of our overall portfolio. Our commercial loan portfolio (commercial and multifamily real estate and commercial business loans) increased to \$337.2 million at December 31, 2022 from \$306.2 million at December 31, 2021, but decreased as a percentage of our total loan portfolio to 38.9% from 44.5% at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Our consumer loan portfolio, which includes manufactured and floating homes and other consumer loans, increased to \$119.3 million or 13.8% of our loan portfolio at December 31, 2022, from \$97.7 million or 14.2% of our loan portfolio at December 31, 2021.

Our operating revenues are derived principally from earnings on interest-earning assets, service charges and fees, and gains on the sale of loans. The increasing interest rate environment is expected to continue to put downward pressure on our net gain on sale of loans, as well as increase borrowing costs which may adversely affect our net interest income and net interest margin in 2023. Our primary sources of funds are deposits (both retail and brokered), FHLB advances, borrowings through the Federal Reserve, and payments received on loans and securities. We offer a variety of deposit accounts that provide a wide range of interest rates and terms, including savings, money market, NOW, interest-bearing and noninterest-bearing demand accounts, and certificates of deposit.

An offset to net interest income is the provision for loan losses, or the recapture of the provision for loan losses, that is required to establish the allowance for loan losses at a level that adequately provides for probable incurred losses in our loan portfolio. As our loan portfolio increases, or due to an increase for probable incurred losses in our loan portfolio, our provision for loan losses may increase, resulting in a decrease to net income. Improvements in loan risk ratings, increases in property values, or receipt of recoveries of amounts previously charged off may partially or fully offset any required increase to allowance for loan losses due to loan growth or an increase in probable incurred losses on loans. Our provision for loan losses was \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to \$425 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2021, primarily due to loan growth.

Effective January 1, 2023, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2016-13, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, also known as CECL. CECL replaces the existing incurred loss impairment methodology that recognizes credit losses when a probable loss has been incurred with new methodology where loss estimates are based upon lifetime expected credit losses. Adoption of this guidance is expected to result in an increase to our allowance for credit losses and reserve for unfunded commitments totaling between \$1.0 million to \$2.0 million in the aggregate. This estimate may change as the Company continues to improve and refine its processes and methodology. See “Note 2—Accounting Pronouncements Recently Issued or Adopted” in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in “Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of this report on Form 10-K.

Our noninterest expenses consist primarily of salaries, employee benefits, incentive pay, expenses for occupancy, online and mobile services, marketing, professional fees, data processing, charitable contributions, FDIC deposit insurance premiums and regulatory expenses. Salaries and benefits consist primarily of the salaries paid to our employees, payroll taxes, directors' fees, retirement expenses, share-based compensation and other employee benefits. Occupancy expenses, which are the fixed and variable costs of buildings and equipment, consist primarily of lease payments, property taxes, depreciation charges, maintenance and the cost of utilities.

Recent Accounting Standards

For a discussion of recent accounting standards, see "Note 2—Accounting Pronouncements Recently Issued or Adopted" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in "Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this report on Form 10-K.

Critical Accounting Estimates

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP. In doing so, we have to make estimates and assumptions. Our critical accounting estimates are those estimates that involve a significant level of uncertainty at the time the estimate was made, and changes in the estimate that are reasonably likely to occur from period to period, or use of different estimates that we reasonably could have used in the current period, would have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations. Accordingly, actual results could differ materially from our estimates. We base our estimates on past experience and other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, and we evaluate these estimates on an ongoing basis. Facts and circumstances that could affect these judgments include, but are not limited to, changes in interest rates, changes in the performance of the economy and changes in the financial condition of borrowers. We have reviewed our critical accounting estimates with the audit committee of our Board of Directors.

See "Note 1—Organization and Significant Accounting Policies" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in "Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this report on Form 10-K for a summary of significant accounting policies.

Allowance for Loan Loss. The allowance for loan losses is the amount estimated by management as necessary to cover losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date. The allowance is established through the provision for loan losses, which is charged to income. Determining the amount of the allowance for loan losses necessarily involves a high degree of subjectivity and requires us to make various assumptions and judgments about the collectability of our loan portfolio, including the creditworthiness of our borrowers and the value of the real estate and other assets serving as collateral for the repayment of many of our loans.

The allowance consists of specific, general and unallocated components. The general component of the allowance for loan losses covers non-impaired loans and is determined using a formula-based approach. The formula first incorporates either the historical loss rates of the Company or the historical loss rates of their peer group if minimal loss history exists. This historical loss rate factor is then adjusted for qualitative factors. Qualitative factors are used to estimate losses related to factors that are not captured in the historical loss rates and are based on management’s evaluation of available internal and external data and involve significant management judgement. Qualitative factors include changes in lending standards, changes in economic conditions, changes in the nature and volume of loans, changes in lending management, changes in delinquencies, changes in the loan review system, changes in the value of collateral, the existence of concentrations, and the impact of other external factors. Finally, the general component of the allowance for loan losses is adjusted for changes in the assigned grades of loans, which include the following: pass, watch, special mention, substandard, doubtful, and loss. As loans are downgraded from watch to the lower categories, they are assigned an additional factor to account for the increased credit risk. Loan grades involve significant management judgment. For such loans that are also classified as impaired, a specific component within the allowance is established when the discounted cash flows (or collateral value or observable market price) of the impaired loan are lower than the carrying value of that loan. An unallocated component is maintained to cover uncertainties that could affect

management's estimate of probable losses. The unallocated component of the allowance reflects the margin of imprecision inherent in the underlying assumptions used in the methodologies for estimating specific and general losses in the portfolio.

Management reviews the level of the allowance at least quarterly and performs a sensitivity analysis on the significant assumptions utilized in estimating the allowance for loan losses for collectively evaluated loans. Utilizing a range of potential positive and negative changes to qualitative loss factors ranging from 5 to 20 basis points, the Bank's allowance for loan losses would change by a range of approximately \$433 thousand to \$1.7 million, respectively. This sensitivity analysis and related range of impact on the Bank's allowance for loan losses is a hypothetical analysis and is not intended to represent management's judgments or assumptions of qualitative loss factors that were utilized at December 31, 2022.

To strengthen our loan review and classification process, we engage an independent consultant to review our classified loans and a significant sample of recently originated non-classified loans annually. We also enhanced our credit administration policies and procedures to improve our maintenance of updated financial data on commercial borrowers. While we believe the estimates and assumptions used in our determination of the adequacy of the allowance are reasonable, there can be no assurance that such estimates and assumptions will not be proven incorrect in the future, or that the future provisions will not exceed past provisions or that any increased provisions that may be required will not adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, the determination of the amount of our allowance for loan losses is subject to review by bank regulators as part of the routine examination process, which may result in the adjustment of reserves based upon their judgment of information available to them at the time of their examination.

Other-Than-Temporary Impairment of Securities. Management reviews investment securities on an ongoing basis for the presence of OTTI, taking into consideration current market conditions; fair value in relationship to cost; extent and nature of the change in fair value; issuer rating changes and trends; whether management intends to sell a security or if it is likely that we will be required to sell the security before recovery of the amortized cost basis of the investment, which may be upon maturity; and other factors. For debt securities, if management intends to sell the security or it is likely that we will be required to sell the security before recovering our cost basis, the entire impairment loss would be recognized in earnings as an OTTI loss. If management does not intend to sell the security and it is not more likely than not that we will be required to sell the security, but management does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security, only the portion of the impairment loss representing credit losses would be recognized in earnings. The credit loss on a security is measured as the difference between the amortized cost basis and the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected. Projected cash flows are discounted by the original or current effective interest rate depending on the nature of the security being measured for potential OTTI. The remaining impairment related to all other factors, i.e., the difference between the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected and fair value, is recognized as a charge to other comprehensive income (loss). Impairment losses related to all other factors are presented as separate components within accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

Mortgage Servicing Rights. We record MSR on loans sold to Fannie Mae with servicing retained as well as for acquired servicing rights. We stratify our capitalized MSRs based on the type, term and interest rates of the underlying loans. MSRs are carried at fair value. The value is determined through a discounted cash flow analysis, which uses interest rates, prepayment speeds and delinquency rate assumptions as inputs. All of these assumptions require a significant degree of management judgment. If our assumptions prove to be incorrect, the value of our MSRs could be negatively impacted. We use a third party to assist us in the preparation of the analysis of the market value each quarter.

Other Real Estate Owned. OREO represents real estate that we have taken control of in partial or full satisfaction of significantly delinquent loans. At the time of foreclosure, OREO is recorded at the fair value less costs to sell, which becomes the property's new basis. Any write-downs based on the asset's fair value at the date of acquisition are charged to the allowance for loan losses. After foreclosure, management periodically performs valuations such that the real estate is carried at the lower of its new cost basis or fair value, net of estimated costs to sell. Subsequent valuation adjustments are recognized within net (loss) gain on OREO. Revenue and expenses from operations and subsequent adjustments to the carrying amount of the property are included in other noninterest expense in the consolidated statements of income. In some instances, we may make loans to facilitate the sales of OREO. Management reviews all sales for which it is the lending institution for compliance with sales treatment under provisions established by ASC Topic 360, "*Accounting for Sales of Real Estate*". Any gains related to sales of OREO are deferred until the buyer has a sufficient initial and continuing investment in the property.

Income Taxes. Income taxes are reflected in our financial statements to show the tax effects of the operations and transactions reported in the financial statements and consist of taxes currently payable plus deferred taxes. ASC Topic 740, "*Accounting for Income Taxes*," requires the asset and liability approach for financial accounting and reporting for deferred income taxes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities result from differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax bases of assets and liabilities. They are reflected at currently enacted income tax rates applicable to the period in which the deferred tax assets or liabilities are expected to be realized or settled and are determined using the assets and liability method of accounting. The deferred income provision represents the difference between net deferred tax asset/liability at the beginning

and end of the reported period. In formulating our deferred tax asset, we are required to estimate our income and taxes in the jurisdiction in which we operate. This process involves estimating our actual current tax exposure for the reported period together with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items, such as depreciation and the provision for loan losses, for tax and financial reporting purposes. Valuation allowances are established to reduce the net carrying amount of deferred tax assets if it is determined to be more likely than not all or some portion of the potential deferred tax asset will not be realized.

Business and Operating Strategies and Goals

Our goal is to deliver returns to stockholders by increasing higher-yielding assets (including consumer, commercial and multifamily real estate and commercial business loans), increasing lower-cost core deposit balances, managing expenses, managing problem assets and exploring expansion opportunities. We seek to achieve these results by focusing on the following objectives:

Focusing on Asset Quality. We believe that strong asset quality is a key to our long-term financial success. We are focused on monitoring existing performing loans, resolving nonperforming assets and selling foreclosed assets. Nonperforming assets were \$3.6 million, or 0.37% of total assets, at December 31, 2022 compared to \$6.2 million or 0.68% of total assets, at December 31, 2021. We continually seek to reduce the level of nonperforming assets through collections, modifications and sales of OREO. We also take proactive steps to resolve our non-performing loans, including negotiating payment plans, forbearances, loan modifications and loan extensions on delinquent loans when such actions have been deemed appropriate. Our goal is to maintain or improve upon our level of nonperforming assets by managing all segments of our loan portfolio in order to proactively identify and mitigate risk.

Improving Earnings by Expanding Product Offerings. We intend to prudently maintain the percentage of our assets consisting of higher-yielding commercial and multifamily real estate and commercial business loans, which offer higher risk-adjusted returns, shorter maturities and more sensitivity to interest-rate fluctuations than one-to-four family mortgage loans, while maintaining our focus on residential lending. In addition, we continue to focus on consumer products, such as floating and manufactured home loans. With our long experience and expertise in residential lending we believe we can be effective in capturing mortgage banking opportunities and grow consumer deposits. We continue to develop correspondent relationships to sell nonconforming mortgage loans servicing released. We also intend to selectively add products to further diversify revenue sources and to capture more of each client's banking relationship by offering additional services. We continue to refine our products and services for additional business and automate services, such as automating consumer loan originations this past year, in an effort to improve customer service. We intend to further build relationships with medium and small businesses through new and improving existing service offerings, including remote deposit.

Emphasizing Lower Cost Core Deposits to Manage the Funding Costs of Our Loan Growth. Our strategic focus is to emphasize total relationship banking with our clients to internally fund our loan growth. We also emphasize reducing wholesale funding sources, including FHLB advances, through the continued growth of core deposits. We believe that a continued focus on client relationships will help increase the level of core deposits and retail certificates of deposit from consumers and businesses in our market area. We intend to increase demand deposits by growing retail and business banking relationships. New technology and services are generally reviewed for business development and cost saving opportunities. We continue to experience growth in client use of our online and mobile banking services, which allow clients to conduct a full range of services on a real-time basis, including balance inquiries, transfers and electronic bill paying, while providing our clients greater flexibility and convenience in conducting their banking. In addition to our retail branches, we maintain state of the art technology-based products, such as business cash management, business remote deposit products, business and consumer mobile banking applications and consumer remote deposit products. Total deposits increased to \$808.8 million at December 31, 2022, from \$798.3 million at December 31, 2021. At December 31, 2022, core deposits, which we define as our non-time deposit accounts and time deposit accounts of less than \$250 thousand, decreased \$9.5 million to \$745.7 million from \$755.2 million at December 31, 2021. As a result of the decreased liquidity from core deposits, we increased our rates paid on certificates of deposit and borrowed against our FHLB lines of credit.

Maintaining Our Client Service Focus. Exceptional service, local involvement (including volunteering and contributing to the communities where we do business) and timely decision-making are integral parts of our business strategy. Our employees understand the importance of delivering exemplary customer service and seeking opportunities to build relationships with our clients to enhance our market position and add profitable growth opportunities. We compete with other financial service providers by relying on the strength of our customer service and relationship banking approach. We believe that one of our strengths is that our employees are also significant stockholders through our ESOP and 401(k) plans. We also offer incentives that are designed to reward employees for achieving high-quality client relationship growth.

Expanding Our Presence, Including Through Digital Channels and Streamlining Operations, Within Our Existing and Contiguous Market Areas and by Capturing Business Opportunities Resulting from Changes in the Competitive Environment. We believe that opportunities currently exist within our market area to grow our franchise. We anticipate continued organic growth as the local economy and loan demand remains strong, through our marketing efforts and as a result of the opportunities created from the consolidation of financial institutions occurring in our market area. In addition, by delivering high-quality, client-focused products and services, we expect to attract additional borrowers and depositors and thus increase our market share and revenue generation. We continue to be disciplined as it pertains to future expansion, acquisitions and de novo branching focusing on the markets in Western Washington, which we know and understand.

Comparison of Financial Condition at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

	As of December 31,	
	2022	2021
Selected Financial Condition Data:		
Total assets	\$ 976,351	\$ 919,691
Cash and cash equivalents	57,836	183,590
Total loans held for portfolio, net	858,382	680,092
Loans held-for-sale	—	3,094
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value	10,207	8,419
Held-to-maturity securities, at amortized cost	2,199	—
Bank-owned life insurance ("BOLI"), net	21,314	21,095
OREO and repossessed assets, net	659	659
FHLB stock, at cost	2,832	1,046
Total deposits	808,763	798,320
Borrowings	43,000	—
Subordinated notes, net	11,676	11,634
Stockholders' equity	97,705	93,358

General. Total assets increased by \$56.7 million, or 6.2%, to \$976.4 million at December 31, 2022, from \$919.7 million at December 31, 2021. The increase was primarily a result of an increase in loans held-for-portfolio and investment securities, partially offset by lower balances in cash and cash equivalents and decreases in loans held-for-sale.

Cash and Securities. Cash, cash equivalents, available-for-sale securities and held-to-maturity securities decreased by \$121.8 million, or 63.4%, to \$70.2 million at December 31, 2022 compared to the prior year. Cash and cash equivalents decreased \$125.8 million, or 68.5%, to \$57.8 million due to deploying cash earning a nominal yield into higher earning loans and investments. Available-for-sale securities, which consist of agency mortgage-backed securities and municipal bonds, increased \$1.8 million, or 21.2%, to \$10.2 million at December 31, 2022, primarily due to purchases of securities during the year outpacing calls of securities and regularly scheduled payments and maturities. Held-to-maturity securities totaled \$2.2 million at December 31, 2022, compared to none at December 31, 2021, due to the purchase of \$2.2 million in municipal bonds and agency mortgage-backed securities.

Loans. Loans held-for-portfolio, net, increased \$178.3 million, or 26.2%, to \$858.4 million at December 31, 2022 from \$680.1 million at December 31, 2021. Loans held-for-sale decreased to \$0 at December 31, 2022 from \$3.1 million at December 31, 2021 primarily due to a decline in mortgage originations, reflecting reduced refinance activity and the timing of originations.

The following table reflects the changes in the loan mix, excluding premiums and deferred fees, of our portfolio at December 31, 2022, as compared to December 31, 2021 (dollars in thousands):

	<u>December 31,</u>		<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>		
One-to-four family	\$ 274,638	\$ 207,660	\$ 66,978	32.3 %
Home equity	19,548	13,250	6,298	47.5
Commercial and multifamily	313,358	278,175	35,183	12.6
Construction and land	116,878	63,105	53,773	85.2
Manufactured homes	26,953	21,636	5,317	24.6
Floating homes	74,443	59,268	15,175	25.6
Other consumer	17,923	16,748	1,175	7.0
Commercial business	23,815	28,026	(4,211)	(15.0)
Total loans	<u>\$ 867,556</u>	<u>\$ 687,868</u>	<u>\$ 179,688</u>	26.1

The largest dollar increases in the loan portfolio were in one-to-four family loans, which increased \$67.0 million, or 32.3%, to \$274.6 million, driven equally by jumbo and conforming residential mortgages, construction and land loans, which increased \$53.8 million, or 85.2%, to \$116.9 million, and commercial and multifamily real estate loans, which increased \$35.2 million or 12.6%, to \$313.4 million. We also saw increases in our floating homes and manufactured housing loan portfolios. The increase in loans held-for-portfolio primarily resulted from focused marketing campaigns, increased utilization of digital marketing tools and the addition of experienced lending staff. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in commercial business loans, which decreased \$4.2 million or 15.0% to \$23.8 million, primarily from the SBA loan forgiveness on PPP loans of \$5.2 million. We had 2 PPP loans outstanding totaling \$17 thousand as of December 31, 2022.

The loan portfolio remains well-diversified with commercial and multifamily real estate loans accounting for 36.1% of the portfolio, one-to-four family real estate loans, including home equity loans, accounting for approximately 33.9% of the portfolio and consumer loans, consisting of manufactured homes, floating homes, and other consumer loans, accounting for 13.8% of the total loan portfolio at December 31, 2022. Construction and land loans accounted for 13.5% of the portfolio and commercial business loans accounted for the remaining 2.7% of the portfolio at December 31, 2022.

Nonperforming Assets. At December 31, 2022, our nonperforming assets totaled \$3.6 million, or 0.37% of total assets, compared to \$6.2 million, or 0.68% of total assets, at December 31, 2021.

The table below sets forth the amounts and categories of nonperforming assets in our loan portfolio at the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

	<u>December 31,</u>		<u>Amount Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>		
Nonaccrual loans	\$ 2,855	\$ 5,130	\$ (2,275)	(44.3)%
Nonperforming TDRs	103	422	(319)	(75.5)
Total nonperforming loans	2,959	5,552	(2,593)	(46.7)
OREO and repossessed assets	659	659	—	—
Total nonperforming assets	<u>\$ 3,618</u>	<u>\$ 6,211</u>	<u>\$ (2,593)</u>	(41.8)%

Nonperforming loans decreased \$2.6 million or 46.7%, to \$3.0 million at December 31, 2022, compared to the prior year-end primarily due to the payoff of a \$2.3 million commercial and multifamily loan. One-to-four family loans (consisting of nine loans) made up the largest portion of our nonperforming loan portfolio at December 31, 2022, accounting for \$2.1 million or 72.2% of total nonperforming loans. Subsequent to December 31, 2022, \$1.5 million of the \$2.1 million one-to-four family nonperforming loans were paid off in full. Nonperforming loans were 0.34% of total loans at December 31, 2022, compared to 0.81% of total loans at December 31, 2021. We had no loans greater than 90 days delinquent and still accruing at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Allowance for Loan Losses. The allowance for loan losses is maintained to cover losses that are probable and can be estimated on the date of evaluation in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. It is our best estimate of probable incurred credit losses in our loan portfolio.

The following table reflects the adjustments in our allowance during 2022 and 2021 (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 6,306	\$ 6,000
Charge-offs	(124)	(136)
Recoveries	192	17
Net (charge-offs) recoveries	68	(119)
Provision charged to operations	1,225	425
Balance at end of period	<u>\$ 7,599</u>	<u>\$ 6,306</u>
Ratio of net recoveries (charge-offs) during the period to average loans outstanding during the period	0.01 %	(0.02)%
Allowance as a percentage of nonperforming loans	256.81 %	113.58 %
Allowance as a percentage of total loans (end of period)	0.88 %	0.92 %

Our allowance for loan losses increased \$1.3 million, or 20.5%, to \$7.6 million at December 31, 2022, from \$6.3 million at December 31, 2021.

Specific loan loss reserves decreased to \$184 thousand at December 31, 2022, compared to \$293 thousand at December 31, 2021, while general loan loss reserves increased to \$6.9 million at December 31, 2022, compared to \$5.6 million at December 31, 2021 and the unallocated reserve increased to \$488 thousand at December 31, 2022, compared to \$395 thousand at December 31, 2021. The increase in the unallocated reserve was primarily a result of the increase in the loan portfolio at December 31, 2022, partially offset by a negative adjustment in the qualitative factors applied to construction loans and manufactured homes loans as a result of the rising interest rate environment.

Deposits. Total deposits increased \$10.4 million, or 1.3%, to \$808.8 million at December 31, 2022 from \$798.3 million at December 31, 2021. The increase was primarily due to an increase in certificate accounts, which was primarily used to fund organic loan growth in 2022. While we continue our efforts to grow noninterest-bearing deposits, the increasing interest rate environment has increased competition for lower interest-bearing deposits and clients have transitioned funds back into higher yielding accounts. As a result, our noninterest-bearing demand balances (including escrow accounts) decreased \$17.3 million, or 9.1%, to \$173.2 million at December 31, 2022, compared to \$190.5 million at December 31, 2021. Noninterest-bearing (including escrow accounts) deposits represented 21.4% of total deposits at December 31, 2022, compared to 23.9% at December 31, 2021.

A summary of deposit accounts with the corresponding weighted-average cost at December 31, 2022 and 2021 is presented below (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2022		December 31, 2021	
	Amount	Wtd. Avg. Rate	Amount	Wtd. Avg. Rate
Noninterest-bearing demand	\$ 170,549	— %	\$ 187,684	— %
Interest-bearing demand	254,982	0.21	307,061	0.19
Savings	95,641	0.05	103,401	0.08
Money market	74,639	0.28	91,670	0.21
Certificates of deposit	210,305	0.97	105,722	1.57
Escrow ⁽¹⁾	2,647	—	2,782	—
Total	<u>\$ 808,763</u>	0.37 %	<u>\$ 798,320</u>	0.41 %

(1) Escrow balances shown in noninterest-bearing deposits on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Borrowings. FHLB advances increased to \$43.0 million at December 31, 2022, reaching as high as \$114 million during 2022, as we utilized our FHLB line of credit to offset the decrease in deposits for funding needs. There were no FHLB advances at December 31, 2021. We rely on FHLB advances to fund interest-earning assets when deposits alone cannot fully fund interest-earning asset growth. Subordinated notes, net totaled \$11.7 million and \$11.6 million at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. For additional information regarding our borrowings, see "Note 10—Borrowings, FHLB Stock and Subordinated Notes" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in "Part II. Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this report on Form 10-K.

Stockholders' Equity. Total stockholders' equity increased \$4.3 million, or 4.7%, to \$97.7 million at December 31, 2022, from \$93.4 million at December 31, 2021. This increase primarily reflects \$8.8 million in net income for the year ended December 31, 2022, partially offset by the payment of cash dividends of \$2.0 million to common stockholders, the repurchase of \$1.7 million of common stock and unrealized losses on our securities portfolio resulting in an other comprehensive loss, net of tax benefit, of \$1.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2022.

Average Balances, Net Interest Income, Yields Earned and Rates Paid

The following table presents, for the periods indicated, the total dollar amount of interest income from average interest-earning assets and the resultant yields, as well as the interest expense on average interest-bearing liabilities, expressed both in dollars and rates. Income and yields on tax-exempt obligations have not been computed on a tax equivalent basis. All average balances are daily average balances. Nonaccrual loans have been included in the table as loans carrying a zero yield for the period they have been on nonaccrual (dollars in thousands).

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2022			2021		
	Average Outstanding Balance	Interest Earned/Paid	Yield/Rate Annualized	Average Outstanding Balance	Interest Earned/Paid	Yield/Rate Annualized
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans receivable	\$ 783,372	\$ 38,177	4.87 %	\$ 650,045	\$ 33,389	5.14 %
Investments, cash and cash equivalents	124,331	1,618	1.30	221,577	485	0.22
Total interest-earning assets ⁽¹⁾	<u>907,703</u>	<u>39,795</u>	4.38 %	<u>871,622</u>	<u>33,874</u>	3.89
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Savings and money market accounts	188,478	211	0.11	171,406	180	0.11
Demand and NOW accounts	295,919	690	0.23	289,096	611	0.21
Certificate accounts	129,011	2,049	1.59	158,649	2,491	1.57
Subordinated notes	11,653	672	5.77	11,611	672	5.79
Borrowings	27,273	878	3.22	1	—	—
Total interest-bearing liabilities	<u>652,334</u>	<u>4,500</u>	0.69 %	<u>630,763</u>	<u>3,954</u>	0.63 %
Net interest income		<u>\$ 35,295</u>			<u>\$ 29,920</u>	
Net interest rate spread			<u>3.69 %</u>			<u>3.26 %</u>
Net earning assets	<u>\$ 255,369</u>			<u>\$ 240,859</u>		
Net interest margin			<u>3.89 %</u>			<u>3.43 %</u>
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities		139.15 %			138.19 %	
Total deposits	803,521	2,950	0.37 %	797,686	3,282	0.41 %
Total funding ⁽²⁾	842,447	4,500	0.53 %	809,298	3,954	0.49 %

⁽¹⁾ Calculated net of deferred loan fees, loan discounts and loans in process.

⁽²⁾ Total funding is the sum of average interest-bearing liabilities and average noninterest-bearing deposits. The cost of total funding is calculated as annualized total interest expense divided by average total funding.

Rate/Volume Analysis

The following schedule presents the dollar amount of changes in interest income and interest expense for major components of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. It distinguishes between changes related to outstanding balances and changes due to interest rates. For each category of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, information is provided on changes attributable to (i) changes in volume (i.e., changes in volume multiplied by old rate) and (ii) changes in rate (i.e., changes in rate multiplied by old volume). For purposes of this table, changes attributable to both rate and volume, which cannot be segregated, have been allocated proportionately to the change due to volume and the change due to rate (dollars in thousands).

	Year Ended December 31, 2022 vs. 2021		
	Increase (Decrease) due to		Total
	Volume	Rate	Increase (Decrease)
Interest-earning assets:			
Loans	\$ 6,498	\$ (1,710)	\$ 4,788
Investments and interest-bearing accounts	(1,266)	2,399	1,133
Total interest-earning assets	<u>5,232</u>	<u>689</u>	<u>5,921</u>
Interest-bearing liabilities:			
Savings and Money Market accounts	19	12	\$ 31
Demand and NOW accounts	16	63	79
Certificate accounts	(471)	29	(442)
Subordinated notes	2	(2)	—
Borrowings	878	—	878
Total interest-bearing liabilities	<u>\$ 444</u>	<u>\$ 102</u>	<u>\$ 546</u>
Change in net interest income			<u><u>\$ 5,375</u></u>

Comparison of Results of Operation for the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Selected Operations Data:		
Total interest income	\$ 39,795	\$ 33,874
Total interest expense	4,500	3,954
Net interest income	35,295	29,920
Provision for loan losses	1,225	425
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	34,070	29,495
Service charges and fee income	2,368	2,247
Earnings on cash surrender value of BOLI	219	416
Mortgage servicing income	1,242	1,284
Fair value adjustment on mortgage servicing rights ("MSRs")	207	(808)
Net gain on sale of loans	546	4,190
Total noninterest income	4,582	7,329
Salaries and benefits	16,415	14,257
Operations expense	5,812	5,765
Occupancy expense	1,737	1,748
Net losses and expenses on OREO and repossessed assets	—	(16)
Other noninterest expense	3,812	3,642
Total noninterest expense	27,776	25,396
Income before provision for income taxes	10,876	11,428
Provision for income taxes	2,072	2,272
Net income	\$ 8,804	\$ 9,156

General. Net income decreased \$352 thousand, or 3.8%, to \$8.8 million, or \$3.35 per diluted common share, for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to \$9.2 million, or \$3.46 per diluted common share, for the year ended December 31, 2021. The decrease was primarily a result of \$2.7 million decrease in noninterest income, a \$2.4 million increase in noninterest expense, a \$546 thousand increase in interest expense and a \$800 thousand increase in the provision for loan losses for the year ended December 31, 2022, partially offset by a \$5.9 million increase in interest income.

Interest Income. Interest income increased \$5.9 million, or 17.5%, to \$39.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, from \$33.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. The increase was primarily due to a \$133.3 million increase in the average balance of outstanding loans, and, to a lesser extent, a 108 basis point increase in the average yield on investments and interest-bearing cash and cash equivalents. Interest income on loans increased \$4.8 million, or 14.3%, to \$38.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to \$33.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, driven by the increase in the average balance of total loans outstanding. This increase was partially offset a 27 basis points decline in the average yield on loans due to the decline in the percentage of higher yielding commercial and multifamily real estate and commercial business loans as a percentage of the total loan portfolio, as previously discussed, and the effects of the SBA's loan forgiveness on PPP loans. The average balance of total loans was \$783.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to \$650.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. The average yield on total loans was 4.87% for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to 5.14% for the year ended December 31, 2021. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the average balance of PPP loans was \$1.1 million and the average yield on PPP loans was 13.41%, including the recognition of the net deferred fees, with a positive impact on average loan yield of one basis point. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the average balance of PPP loans was \$35.3 million and the average yield on PPP loans was 8.55%, including the recognition of deferred fees, with a positive impact on average loan yield of 20 basis points. Interest income included \$148 thousand in fees earned related to PPP loans in the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to \$3.0 million in the prior year.

Interest income on the investment portfolio and cash and cash equivalents increased \$1.1 million, or 233.6%, to \$1.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to \$485 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2021. The increase was due to higher average yields, partially offset by lower average balances. The average yield on investments and cash and cash equivalents was 1.30% for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to 0.22% for the year ended December 31, 2021,

primarily due to the deployment of a portion of cash and cash equivalents earning a nominal yield into higher yielding investment securities and the impact of rising rates.

Interest Expense. Interest expense increased \$546 thousand, or 13.8%, to \$4.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, from \$4.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, primarily as a result of an increase in the average balance of borrowings, partially offset by a decrease in the average balance of certificate accounts and, to a lesser extent, lower total deposit costs.

Interest expense on deposits decreased \$332 thousand, or 10.1%, to \$3.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to \$3.3 million for the same period a year ago. The decrease was primarily the result of a decline in the average cost of deposits reflecting reduced market rates paid on deposits through the middle of 2022, partially offset by the change in the mix of deposits in the latter half of 2022 reflecting the impact of the rising interest rate environment. The average cost of total deposits decreased four basis points to 0.37% for the year ended December 31, 2022, from 0.41% for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Interest expense on borrowings and subordinated notes increased \$878 thousand, or 130.7%, to \$1.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, which was comprised of interest expense on subordinated notes and FHLB advances, compared to \$672 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2021, which was comprised solely of interest expense on our subordinated notes. Average borrowings and subordinated notes increased \$27.3 million, to \$38.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, which consisted of both FHLB advances and subordinated notes, from \$11.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, which consisted solely of subordinated notes. The average cost of the subordinated notes and FHLB advances was 3.98% for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to 5.79% for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income increased \$5.4 million, or 18.0%, to \$35.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, from \$29.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. Our net interest margin was 3.89% and 3.43% for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The increase in net interest income primarily resulted from the increase in the average loan balance and an increase in the average rate paid on investments and interest-bearing cash, partially offset by an increase in the average balance of and rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities and declines in the average rate paid on loans and the average balance of investments and interest-bearing cash. The increase in net interest margin was primarily due to an increase in yields earned on interest-earning assets exceeding the increase in rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the average yield earned on PPP loans, including the recognition of the net deferred fees for PPP loans repaid and forgiven by the SBA, resulted in a positive impact to the net interest margin of one basis point, compared to a positive impact of 22 basis points from our origination of PPP loans in 2021.

Provision for Loan Losses. We establish provisions for loan losses, which are charged to earnings, based on our review of the level of the allowance for loan losses required to reflect management's best estimate of the probable incurred credit losses in the loan portfolio. In evaluating the level of the allowance for loan losses, management considers historical loss experience, the types of loans and the amount of loans in the loan portfolio, adverse situations that may affect borrowers' ability to repay, estimated value of any underlying collateral, peer group data, prevailing economic conditions, and current factors. Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans, such as one- to four- family, small commercial and multifamily, home equity and consumer loans, are evaluated in the aggregate using historical loss factors adjusted for current economic conditions and other relevant data. Loans for which management has concerns about the borrowers' ability to repay, are evaluated individually and specific loss allocations are provided for these loans when necessary.

A provision for loan losses of \$1.2 million was recorded for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to \$425 thousand provision for loan losses for the year ended December 31, 2021. The \$800 thousand increase in the provision for loan losses during the year was primarily due to an increase in the average balance of loans held-for-portfolio between the periods, a negative adjustment to the qualitative factors applied to construction and manufactured homes loans as a result of inflation and the impact of the rising interest rate environment, partially offset by a \$2.6 million decrease in non-performing loans from December 31, 2021. Our allowance for loan losses as of December 31, 2022, reflects probable and inherent credit losses based upon the economic conditions that existed as of December 31, 2022. Net recoveries for the year ended December 31, 2022 totaled \$68 thousand, compared to net charge-offs of \$119 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2021.

While we believe the estimates and assumptions used in our determination of the adequacy of the allowance are reasonable, there can be no assurance that such estimates and assumptions will not be proven incorrect in the future, that future provisions will not exceed past provisions, or that any increased provisions which may be required in the future will not materially impact our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, the determination of the amount of our allowance for loan losses is subject to review by bank regulators as part of the routine examination process, which may result in the adjustment of reserves based upon their judgment of information available to them at the time of their examination.

Noninterest Income. Noninterest income decreased \$2.7 million, or 37.5%, to \$4.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, as compared to \$7.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, as reflected below (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		Amount Change	Percent Change
	2022	2021		
Service charges and fee income	\$ 2,368	\$ 2,247	\$ 121	5.4 %
Earnings on cash surrender value of BOLI	219	416	(197)	(47.4)
Mortgage servicing income	1,242	1,284	(42)	(3.3)
Fair value adjustment on mortgage servicing rights	207	(808)	1,015	(125.6)
Net gain on sale of loans	546	4,190	(3,644)	(87.0)
Total noninterest income	<u>\$ 4,582</u>	<u>\$ 7,329</u>	<u>\$ (2,747)</u>	(37.5)%

The decrease in noninterest income during the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to the same period in 2021 primarily was due to the decrease in net gain on sale of loans, and decreases in mortgage servicing income and earnings on cash surrender value of BOLI, partially offset by improvement in the fair value adjustment on mortgage servicing rights, and increases in service charges and fees. Net gain on sale of loans decreased due to the decrease in sales volume, primarily due to lower originations due to reduced refinance activity and the rising interest rate environment, in addition to lower gross margins on sale. Loans sold during the year ended December 31, 2022, totaled \$20.9 million, compared to \$149.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2021. Earnings on cash surrender value of BOLI decreased as a result of declining market values. Mortgage servicing income was lower as a result of our mortgage servicing portfolio decreasing to \$472.5 million at December 31, 2022 compared to \$508.1 million at December 31, 2021. The increase in the fair value adjustment on mortgage servicing rights was primarily due to the decreased prepayment speeds as a result of the rising interest rate environment. Service charges and fee income increased primarily from higher ATM and consumer deposit activity fees.

Noninterest Expense. Noninterest expense increased \$2.4 million, or 9.4%, to \$27.8 million during the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to \$25.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, as reflected below (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		Amount Change	Percent Change
	2022	2021		
Salaries and benefits	\$ 16,415	\$ 14,257	\$ 2,158	15.1 %
Operations	5,812	5,765	47	0.8
Regulatory assessments	452	379	73	19.3
Occupancy	1,737	1,748	(11)	(0.6)
Data processing	3,360	3,263	97	3.0
Net gain on OREO and repossessed assets	—	(16)	16	(100.0)
Total noninterest expense	<u>\$ 27,776</u>	<u>\$ 25,396</u>	<u>\$ 2,380</u>	9.4 %

Salaries and benefits, the largest driver of noninterest expense, increased primarily due to higher wages, lower deferred compensation and higher medical expenses, partially offset by a decrease in incentive compensation as a result of a lower percentage earned on loans originated, changes to incentive compensation programs, such as the addition of non-production performance requirements, and lower commission expense related to a decline in mortgage originations. Data processing expense increased due to technology investments and contract rate increases. Regulatory assessments increased due to higher FDIC assessments in 2022 as a result of the increase in our asset size.

The efficiency ratio for the year ended December 31, 2022 was 69.65%, compared to 68.18% for the year ended December 31, 2021. The weakening in the efficiency ratio for the year ended December 31, 2022 was primarily due to higher noninterest expense.

Income Tax Expense. The provision for income taxes decreased \$200 thousand, or 8.8% to \$2.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to \$2.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, due to a lower effective tax rate and a decrease in taxable net income. The effective tax rates for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 were 19.1% and 19.9%, respectively.

Capital and Liquidity

Capital. Shareholders' equity totaled \$97.7 million at December 31, 2022 and \$93.4 million at December 31, 2021. In addition to net income of \$8.8 million, other sources of capital during 2022 included \$223 thousand in proceeds from stock option exercises and \$475 thousand related to stock-based compensation. Uses of capital during 2022 included \$2.0 million of dividends paid on common stock, other comprehensive loss, net of tax, of \$1.3 million and \$1.7 million of stock repurchases.

We paid regular quarterly dividends of \$0.17 per common share and a special dividend of \$0.10 per common share during both 2022 and 2021. This equates to a dividend payout ratio of 23.1% in 2022 and 22.3% in 2021. The Company currently expects to continue the current practice of paying quarterly cash dividends on common stock subject to the Board of Directors' discretion to modify or terminate this practice at any time and for any reason without prior notice. Assuming continued payment during 2023 at this rate of \$0.17 per share, our average total dividend paid each quarter would be approximately \$442 thousand based on the number of our outstanding shares at December 31, 2022.

The dividends, if any, we may pay may be limited as more fully discussed under "Business—How We Are Regulated—Limitations on Dividends and Stock Repurchases" contained in Item 1, Part I of this Form 10-K.

Stock Repurchase Plans. From time to time, our board of directors has authorized stock repurchase plans. In general, stock repurchase plans allow us to proactively manage our capital position and return excess capital to shareholders. Shares purchased under such plans may also provide us with shares of common stock necessary to satisfy obligations related to stock compensation awards. The Company's current stock repurchase program authorizes us to repurchase up to \$4.0 million of Company common stock, of which approximately \$2.1 million remained available for future repurchases as of December 31, 2022. The current stock repurchase program is set to expire on July 31, 2023. The actual timing, number and value of shares repurchased under the stock repurchase program will depend on a number of factors, including constraints specified pursuant to any trading plan that may be adopted in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the SEC, price, general business and market conditions, and alternative investment opportunities. See "Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities" contained in Item 5, Part II of this Form 10-K for additional information relating to stock repurchases.

Liquidity. Liquidity measures the ability to meet current and future cash flow needs as they become due. The liquidity of a financial institution reflects its ability to meet loan requests, to accommodate possible outflows in deposits and to take advantage of interest rate market opportunities. The ability of a financial institution to meet its current financial obligations is a function of its balance sheet structure, its ability to liquidate assets and its access to alternative sources of funds. The objective of our liquidity management is to manage cash flow and liquidity reserves so that they are adequate to fund our operations and to meet obligations and other commitments on a timely basis and at a reasonable cost. We seek to achieve this objective and ensure that funding needs are met by maintaining an appropriate level of liquid funds through asset/liability management, which includes managing the mix and time to maturity of financial assets and financial liabilities on our balance sheet. Our liquidity position is enhanced by our ability to raise additional funds as needed in the wholesale markets.

Asset liquidity is provided by liquid assets which are readily marketable or pledgeable or which will mature in the near future. Liquid assets generally include cash, interest-bearing deposits in banks, securities available for sale, maturities and cash flow from securities, sales of fixed rate residential mortgage loans in the secondary market and federal funds sold. Liability liquidity generally is provided by access to funding sources which include core deposits and advances from the FHLB and other borrowing relationships with third party financial institutions.

Our liquidity position is continuously monitored and adjustments are made to the balance between sources and uses of funds as deemed appropriate. Liquidity risk management is an important element in our asset/liability management process. We regularly model liquidity stress scenarios to assess potential liquidity outflows or funding problems resulting from economic disruptions, volatility in the financial markets, unexpected credit events or other significant occurrences deemed problematic by management. These scenarios are incorporated into our contingency funding plan, which provides the basis for the identification of our liquidity needs.

As of December 31, 2022, we had \$68.0 million in cash and available-for-sale investment securities and no loans held-for-sale. At December 31, 2022, we had the ability to borrow an additional \$199.0 million in FHLB advances and access to additional borrowings of \$20.8 million through the Federal Reserve's discount window, in each case subject to certain collateral requirements. We had \$43.0 million in outstanding advances with the FHLB at December 31, 2022 and no outstanding borrowings with the Federal Reserve at December 31, 2022. In addition, we also had available \$20.0 million of credit facilities with other financial institutions, with no balance outstanding at December 31, 2022. Subject to market conditions, we expect to utilize these borrowing facilities from time to time in the future to fund loan originations and deposit withdrawals, to satisfy other financial commitments, repay maturing debt and to take advantage of investment opportunities to the extent feasible. As of December 31, 2022, management is not aware of any events that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our liquidity, capital resources or operations. In addition, management is not aware of any regulatory recommendations regarding liquidity that would have a material adverse effect on us. For additional details, see "Note 10—Borrowings, FHLB Stock and Subordinated Notes" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Form 10-K.

In the ordinary course of business, we have entered into contractual obligations and have made other commitments to make future payments. Refer to the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements elsewhere in this report for the expected timing of such payments as of December 31, 2022. These include payments related to (i) short and long-term borrowings (Note 10—Borrowings, FHLB Stock and Subordinated Notes), (ii) time deposits with stated maturity dates (Note 9—Deposits) (iii) operating leases (Note 12—Leases) and (iv) commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit (Note 18—Commitments and Contingencies).

In addition, we incur capital expenditures on an ongoing basis to expand and improve our product offerings, enhance and modernize our technology infrastructure, and to introduce new technology-based products to compete effectively in our markets. We evaluate capital expenditure projects based on a variety of factors, including expected strategic impacts (such as forecasted impact on revenue growth, productivity, expenses, service levels and customer retention) and our expected return on investment. The amount of capital investment is influenced by, among other things, current and projected demand for our services and products, cash flow generated by operating activities, cash required for other purposes and regulatory considerations. Based on current capital allocation objectives, there are no projects scheduled for capital investments in premises and equipment during the year ending December 31, 2023 that would materially impact liquidity.

Sound Financial Bancorp is a separate legal entity from Sound Community Bank and must provide for its own liquidity. In addition to its own operating expenses (many of which are paid to Sound Community Bank), Sound Financial Bancorp is responsible for paying for any stock repurchases, dividends declared to its stockholders, interest and principal on outstanding debt, and other general corporate expenses.

Sound Financial Bancorp is a holding company and does not conduct operations; its sources of liquidity are generally dividends up-streamed from Sound Community Bank, interest on investment securities, if any, and borrowings from outside sources. Banking regulations may limit the dividends that may be paid to us by Sound Community Bank. See, "Business — How We Are Regulated — Limitations on Dividends and Stock Repurchases" contained in Item 1, Part I of this Form 10-K. During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company completed a private placement of \$12.0 million in aggregate principal of subordinated notes resulting in net proceeds, after placement fees and offering expenses, of approximately \$11.6 million. The Company contributed \$5.5 million of the net proceeds from the sale of the subordinated notes to the Bank and retained the remaining net proceeds to be used for general corporate purposes. At December 31, 2022 Sound Financial Bancorp, on an unconsolidated basis, had \$2.2 million in cash, noninterest-bearing deposits and liquid investments generally available for its cash needs.

See also the "Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows" included in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Form 10-K, for further information.

Regulatory Capital. Sound Community Bank is subject to minimum capital requirements imposed by regulations of the FDIC. Capital adequacy requirements are quantitative measures established by regulation that require Sound Community Bank to maintain minimum amounts and ratios of capital. Based on its capital levels at December 31, 2022, Sound Community Bank exceeded these requirements at that date. Consistent with our goals to operate a sound and profitable organization, our policy is for Sound Community Bank to maintain a "well-capitalized" status under the regulatory capital categories of the FDIC.

Beginning January 2020, the Bank elected to use the CBLR framework. A bank that elects to use the CBLR framework as provided for in the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act will generally be considered "well-capitalized" and to have met the risk-based and leverage capital requirements of the capital regulations if it has a leverage ratio greater than 9.0%. At December 31, 2022, the Bank's CBLR was 10.83%, which exceeded the minimum requirements. For additional details, see "Note 16—Capital" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in "Item 8. Financial

Statements and Supplementary Data" and "Item 1. Business—How We Are Regulated—Regulation of Sound Community Bank—Capital Rules" of this Form 10-K.

For a bank holding company with less than \$3.0 billion in assets, the capital guidelines apply on a bank-only basis and the Federal Reserve expects the holding company's subsidiary banks to be "well-capitalized" under the prompt corrective action regulations. If Sound Financial Bancorp was subject to regulatory guidelines for bank holding companies with \$3.0 billion or more in assets, at December 31, 2022, Sound Financial Bancorp would have exceeded all regulatory capital requirements. The estimated CBLR calculated for Sound Financial Bancorp at December 31, 2022 was 9.86%.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Asset/Liability Management

Our Risk When Interest Rates Change. The rates of interest we earn on assets and pay on liabilities generally are established contractually for a period of time. Market rates change over time. Like other financial institutions, our results of operations are impacted by changes in interest rates and the interest-rate sensitivity of our assets and liabilities. The risk associated with changes in interest rates and our ability to adapt to these changes is known as interest-rate risk and is our most significant market risk.

How We Measure Our Risk of Interest Rate Changes. As part of efforts to manage our exposure to changes in interest rates and comply with applicable regulations, we monitor our interest-rate risk. In doing so, we analyze and manage assets and liabilities based on their interest rates and payment streams, timing of maturities, re-pricing opportunities, and sensitivity to actual or potential changes in market interest rates.

We are subject to interest-rate risk to the extent that our interest-bearing liabilities, primarily deposits and FHLB advances, re-price more rapidly or at different rates than our interest-earning assets. In order to minimize the potential for adverse effects of material prolonged increases or decreases in interest rates on our results of operations, we have adopted an asset and liability management policy. Our Board of Directors approves the asset and liability policy, which is implemented by the asset/liability committee.

The purpose of the asset/liability committee is to communicate, coordinate, and control asset/liability management consistent with our business plan and board-approved policies. The committee establishes and monitors the volume and mix of assets and funding sources, taking into account relative costs and spreads, interest-rate sensitivity and liquidity needs. The objectives are to manage assets and funding sources to produce results that are consistent with liquidity, capital adequacy, growth, risk and profitability goals.

The committee generally meets monthly to, among other things, protect capital through earnings stability over the interest-rate cycle; maintain our well-capitalized status; and provide a reasonable return on investment. The committee recommends appropriate strategy changes based on this review. The committee is responsible for reviewing and reporting the effects of the policy implementations and strategies to the board of directors at least quarterly. Senior managers oversee the process on a daily basis.

A key element of our asset/liability management plan is to protect net earnings by managing the maturity or re-pricing mismatch between our interest-earning assets and our rate-sensitive liabilities. We seek to reduce exposure to earnings by extending funding maturities through the use of FHLB advances, through the use of adjustable-rate loans and through the sale of certain fixed-rate loans in the secondary market.

As part of our efforts to monitor and manage interest-rate risk, we maintain an interest-rate risk model and utilize software and resources provided by a third party. The model contains several assumptions that are based upon a combination of proprietary and market data that reflect historical results and current market conditions. These assumptions relate to interest rates, prepayments, deposit decay rates and the market value of certain assets under the various interest-rate scenarios. The model's capital at risk measure, also known as the Economic Value of Equity ("EVE"), evaluates the change in the projected EVE over a two-year period given an immediate increase or decrease in interest rates. The EVE presents a hypothetical valuation of equity and is defined as the present value of projected asset cash flows less the present value of projected liability cash flows. EVE values only the current position of the balance sheet at December 31, 2022, and therefore does not incorporate any new business assumptions that might be inherent in a simulation of net interest income. Our projections generally assume instantaneous parallel shifts upward and downward of the yield curve of 100, 200, 300 and 400 basis points (assuming the downward shift does not result in negative interest rates) occurring immediately. Management and the Board of Directors review these measurements on a quarterly basis to determine whether our interest-rate exposure is within the limits established by the Board of Directors.

Our asset/liability management strategy dictates acceptable limits on the amounts of change in given changes in interest rates. For interest rate increases and decreases of 100, 200, 300 and 400 basis points, our internal policy states that our EVE percentage change should not decrease greater than 10%, 20%, 25% and 30%, respectively and that our EVE ratio should not fall below 9%, 8%, 5% and 5%, respectively. .

As indicated in the following table (dollars in thousands), our EVE shows a liability sensitive position at December 31, 2022. Since EVE measures the discounted present value of cash flows over the estimated lives of instruments, the change in EVE does not directly correlate to the degree that earnings would be impacted over a shorter time horizon.

December 31, 2022				
Change in Interest Rates in Basis Points (bps)	Economic Value of Equity			EVE Ratio %
	\$ Amount	\$ Change	% Change	
+400	\$ 128,377	\$ (47,361)	(26.95)%	16.2 %
+300	141,031	(34,707)	(19.75)	17.2
+200	152,368	(23,370)	(13.30)	18.1
+100	165,633	(10,105)	(5.75)	19.0
0	175,738	—	—	19.5
-100	181,422	5,684	3.23	19.5
-200	180,306	4,568	2.60	18.8
-300	173,108	(2,630)	(1.50)	17.5
-400	\$ 162,556	(13,182)	(7.50)	16.0 %

In addition to monitoring selected measures of EVE, management also monitors effects on net interest income resulting from increases or decrease in rates. This process is used in conjunction with EVE measures to identify excessive interest rate risk. In managing our assets/liability mix, depending on the relationship between long- and short-term interest rates, market conditions and consumer preference, we may place somewhat greater emphasis on maximizing our net interest margin than on strictly matching the interest-rate sensitivity of assets and liabilities. Management also believes that the increased net income which may result from an acceptable mismatch in the actual maturity or re-pricing of our asset and liability portfolios can, during periods of declining or stable interest rates, provide sufficient returns to justify the increased exposure to sudden and unexpected increases in interest rates which may result from such a mismatch. Management believes that our level of interest-rate risk is acceptable under this approach.

In evaluating our exposure to interest-rate movements, certain shortcomings inherent in the method of analysis presented in the foregoing table must be considered. For example, although certain assets and liabilities may have similar maturities or re-pricing periods, they may react in different degrees to changes in market interest rates. Also, the interest rates on certain types of assets and liabilities may fluctuate in advance of changes in market interest rates, while interest rates on other types may lag behind changes in interest rates. Additionally, certain assets, such as adjustable-rate mortgages, have features which restrict changes in interest rates on a short-term basis and over the life of the asset. Further, in the event of a significant change in interest rates, prepayment and early withdrawal levels would likely deviate significantly from those assumed above. Finally, the ability of many borrowers to service their debt may decrease in the event of an interest rate increase. We consider all of these factors in monitoring our exposure to interest rate risk.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of
Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiary (the "Company") as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures to respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical Audit Matters

The critical audit matters communicated below are matters arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that were communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that (1) relate to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matters below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matters or on the accounts or disclosures to which they relate.

Allowance for Loan Losses

As described in Notes 1 and 5 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company's allowance for loan losses balance was \$7.6 million at December 31, 2022. The allowance for loan losses is maintained to provide for probable incurred losses in the loan portfolio based upon evaluating known and inherent risks in the loan portfolio. The Company incorporates historical loss rate factors, and then the historical loss rate factors are adjusted for qualitative factors. Qualitative factors are used to estimate losses related to factors that are not captured in the historical loss rates and are based on management's evaluation of available internal and external data and involve significant management judgement. Qualitative factors include changes in lending standards, changes in economic conditions, changes in the nature and volume of loans, changes in lending management, changes in delinquencies, changes in the loan review system, changes in the value of collateral, the existence of concentrations, and the impact of other

external factors. Finally, the Company uses internally assigned loan grades to differentiate inherent loss rates and applies additional qualitative factors based on the loan grades to account for loans that represent elevated credit risk.

We identified management's internally assigned grades of loans and the estimation of qualitative factors, both of which are used in the allowance for loan losses calculation, as critical audit matters. Determination of the assigned loan grades involves significant management judgement. The qualitative factors are used to estimate losses related to factors that are not captured in the historical loss rates and are based on management's evaluation of available internal and external data and involves significant management judgement. Auditing management's judgments relating to the determination of internally assigned grades and qualitative factors involved significant audit effort as well as especially challenging and subjective auditor judgment when performing audit procedures and evaluating the results of those procedures.

The primary procedures we performed to address the critical audit matters included:

- Testing design, implementation, and operating effectiveness of internal controls over the accuracy of assigned loan grades.
- Testing a risk-based, targeted selection of loans to evaluate the Company's loan grading in accordance with its policies, and that the assigned loan grades are reasonable based on current facts and circumstances.
- Obtaining management's analysis and supporting documentation related to the qualitative factors and testing whether the qualitative factors used in the calculation of the allowance for loan losses are supported by the analysis provided by management.
- Testing the appropriateness of the methodology and assumptions used in the calculation of the allowance for loan losses, including completeness and accuracy of the data used in the calculation, application of the assigned loan grades, and application of the qualitative factors as determined by management and used in the calculation and recalculation of the allowance for loan losses balance.

/s/ Moss Adams LLP

Everett, Washington
March 14, 2023

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2002.

SOUND FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 57,836	\$ 183,590
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value	10,207	8,419
Held-to-maturity securities, at amortized cost (fair value of \$1,810 at December 31, 2022)	2,199	—
Loans held-for-sale	—	3,094
Loans held-for-portfolio	865,981	686,398
Allowance for loan losses	(7,599)	(6,306)
Total loans held-for-portfolio, net	858,382	680,092
Accrued interest receivable	3,083	2,217
Bank-owned life insurance ("BOLI"), net	21,314	21,095
Other real estate owned ("OREO") and repossessed assets, net	659	659
Mortgage servicing rights ("MSR"), at fair value	4,687	4,273
Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") stock, at cost	2,832	1,046
Premises and equipment, net	5,513	5,819
Operating lease right of use assets, net	5,102	5,811
Other assets	4,537	3,576
Total assets	\$ 976,351	\$ 919,691
LIABILITIES		
Deposits		
Interest-bearing	\$ 635,567	\$ 607,854
Noninterest-bearing demand	173,196	190,466
Total deposits	808,763	798,320
Borrowings	43,000	—
Accrued interest payable	395	200
Operating lease liabilities	5,448	6,242
Other liabilities	8,318	8,571
Advance payments from borrowers for taxes and insurance	1,046	1,366
Subordinated notes, net	11,676	11,634
Total liabilities	878,646	826,333
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Notes 12 and 18)		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized, none issued or outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 40,000,000 shares authorized, 2,583,619 and 2,613,768 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively	26	26
Additional paid-in capital	28,004	27,956
Retained earnings	70,792	65,237
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(1,117)	139
Total stockholders' equity	97,705	93,358
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 976,351	\$ 919,691

See notes to consolidated financial statements

SOUND FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY
Consolidated Statements of Income
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
INTEREST INCOME		
Loans, including fees	\$ 38,177	\$ 33,389
Interest and dividends on investments, cash and cash equivalents	1,618	485
Total interest income	39,795	33,874
INTEREST EXPENSE		
Deposits	2,950	3,282
Borrowings	878	—
Subordinated notes	672	672
Total interest expense	4,500	3,954
Net interest income	35,295	29,920
PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	1,225	425
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	34,070	29,495
NONINTEREST INCOME		
Service charges and fee income	2,368	2,247
Earnings on cash surrender value of BOLI	219	416
Mortgage servicing income	1,242	1,284
Fair value adjustment on MSRs	207	(808)
Net gain on sale of loans	546	4,190
Total noninterest income	4,582	7,329
NONINTEREST EXPENSE		
Salaries and benefits	16,415	14,257
Operations	5,812	5,765
Regulatory assessments	452	379
Occupancy	1,737	1,748
Data processing	3,360	3,263
Net (gain)/loss and expenses on OREO and repossessed assets	—	(16)
Total noninterest expense	27,776	25,396
Income before provision for income taxes	10,876	11,428
Provision for income taxes	2,072	2,272
Net income	\$ 8,804	\$ 9,156
Earnings per common share:		
Basic	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.52
Diluted	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.46
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:		
Basic	2,578,496	2,582,775
Diluted	2,613,414	2,626,516

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SOUND FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(In thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Net income	\$ 8,804	\$ 9,156
Available for sale securities:		
Unrealized losses arising during the year	(1,590)	(128)
Income tax benefit related to unrealized losses	334	27
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	<u>(1,256)</u>	<u>(101)</u>
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 7,548</u>	<u>\$ 9,055</u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements

SOUND FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY
Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Shares	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Unearned ESOP Shares	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance at December 31, 2021	2,613,768	\$ 26	\$ 27,956	\$ —	\$ 65,237	\$ 139	\$ 93,358
Net income					8,804		8,804
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax benefit						(1,256)	(1,256)
Share-based compensation			475				475
Restricted stock awards issued	9,700						
Cash dividends on common stock (\$0.78 per share)					(2,031)		(2,031)
Common stock repurchased	(46,799)		(516)		(1,218)		(1,734)
Common stock surrendered	(3,541)		(134)				(134)
Restricted shares forfeited	(930)						
Common stock options exercised	11,421		223				223
Balance at December 31, 2022	2,583,619	\$ 26	\$ 28,004	\$ —	\$ 70,792	\$ (1,117)	\$ 97,705

	Shares	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Unearned ESOP Shares	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income, net of tax	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance at December 31, 2020	2,592,587	\$ 25	\$ 27,106	\$ (113)	\$ 58,226	\$ 240	\$ 85,484
Net income					9,156		9,156
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax						(101)	(101)
Share-based compensation			360				360
Restricted stock awards issued	10,168						
Cash dividends on common stock (\$0.78 per share)					(2,039)		(2,039)
Common stock surrendered	(4,091)						
Common stock repurchased	(3,657)		(46)		(106)		(152)
Restricted shares forfeited	(1,890)						
Common stock options exercised	20,651		181				182
Allocation of ESOP shares			355	113			468
Balance at December 31, 2021	2,613,768	\$ 26	\$ 27,956	\$ —	\$ 65,237	\$ 139	\$ 93,358

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SOUND FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(In thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 8,804	\$ 9,156
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		
Amortization of net discounts on investments	73	134
Provision for loan losses	1,225	425
Depreciation and amortization	704	676
Compensation expense related to stock options and restricted stock	475	360
Fair value adjustment on mortgage servicing rights	(207)	808
Right of use assets amortization	895	911
Increase in cash surrender value of BOLI	(219)	(416)
Deferred income tax	(149)	(43)
Net gain on sale of loans	(546)	(4,190)
Proceeds from sale of loans held-for-sale	21,251	150,325
Originations of loans held-for-sale	(19,550)	(138,926)
Net gain on OREO and repossessed assets	—	(16)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accrued interest receivable	(866)	37
Other assets	(478)	(202)
Lease liabilities	(980)	(892)
Advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance	(320)	198
Accrued interest payable	195	(169)
Other liabilities	(253)	897
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>10,054</u>	<u>19,073</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of available-for-sale securities	(4,380)	(1,950)
Proceeds from principal payments, maturities and sales of available-for-sale securities	972	3,529
Purchase of HTM investments	(2,226)	—
Proceeds from principal payments, maturities and sales of HTM securities	27	—
FHLB stock purchased	(1,786)	(169)
Net increase in loans	(177,784)	(73,238)
Purchase of BOLI	—	(6,091)
Purchases of premises and equipment, net	(398)	(225)
Proceeds from sale of OREO and other repossessed assets	—	35
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(185,575)</u>	<u>(78,109)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Net increase in deposits	10,443	50,339
Proceeds from borrowings	43,000	—
Common stock repurchases	(1,734)	(152)
Allocation of ESOP shares	—	468
Dividends paid on common stock	(2,031)	(2,039)
Purchase of stock surrendered to pay tax liability	(134)	—
Proceeds from common stock option exercises	223	182
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>49,767</u>	<u>48,798</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(125,754)	(10,238)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	183,590	193,828
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 57,836</u>	<u>\$ 183,590</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 2,010	\$ 2,895
Interest paid on deposits, borrowings and subordinated debt	4,305	4,123
Loans transferred from loans held-for-portfolio to OREO and repossessed assets	—	84
ROU assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease liabilities	186	—

See notes to consolidated financial statements

SOUND FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1—Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

Sound Financial Bancorp, a Maryland corporation (“Sound Financial Bancorp”), is the parent holding company for its wholly owned subsidiary, Sound Community Bank (the “Bank”) and the Bank's wholly-owned subsidiary, Sound Community Insurance Agency, Inc. Substantially all of Sound Financial Bancorp's business is conducted through Sound Community Bank, a Washington state-chartered commercial bank. As a Washington commercial bank that is not a member of the Federal Reserve System, the Bank's regulators are the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions (“WDFI”) and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”). As a bank holding company, Sound Financial Bancorp is regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (“Federal Reserve”). Sound Financial Bancorp’s business activities generally are limited to passive investment activities and oversight of its investment in the Bank. Accordingly, the information set forth in this report relates primarily to the Bank. References to the “Company,” “we,” “us,” and “our” mean Sound Financial Bancorp and the Bank unless the context otherwise requires.

Subsequent events – The Company has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and disclosure. See “Note 21—Subsequent Events” for further information.

Basis of Presentation and Use of Estimates – The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term relate to the determination of the allowance for loan losses, the fair value of MSRs, valuations of impaired loans and OREO, and the realization of deferred taxes.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Sound Financial Bancorp and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Sound Community Bank and Sound Community Insurance Agency, Inc. All significant intercompany balances and transactions between Sound Financial Bancorp and its subsidiaries have been eliminated in consolidation.

Cash and cash equivalents – For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and in banks and interest-bearing deposits. All have original maturities of three months or less and may exceed federally insured limits.

Investment securities – Investment securities are classified as either held-to-maturity (“HTM”) or available-for-sale (“AFS”). Securities classified as HTM are those that the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold until maturity. These securities are carried at amortized cost, adjusted for the amortization or accretion of premiums or discounts. Securities not classified as HTM or trading are considered AFS securities. AFS securities may be sold to implement the Company's asset/liability management strategies and/or in response to changes in interest rates and similar factors. AFS securities are reported at fair value. Dividend and interest income on investment securities are recognized when earned.

Unrealized gains and losses, net of the related deferred tax effect, are reported as a net amount in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) on AFS securities in the consolidated balance sheets. Realized gains and losses on AFS securities, determined using the specific identification method, are included in earnings. Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts are recognized as adjustments to interest income using the interest method over the period to the earlier of call date or maturity.

The Company reviews investment securities on an ongoing basis for the presence of other-than-temporary impairment (“OTTI”) or permanent impairment, taking into consideration current market conditions, fair value in relation to cost, extent and nature of the change in fair value, issuer rating changes and trends, whether the Company intends to sell a security or if it is likely that the Company will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis of the investment, which may be maturity, and other factors. For debt securities, if the Company intends to sell the security or it is likely that it will be required to sell the security before recovering its cost basis, the entire impairment loss would be recognized in earnings as an OTTI. If the Company does not intend to sell the security and it is not likely that we will be required to sell the security but we do not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security, only the portion of the impairment loss representing credit losses would be recognized in earnings. The credit loss on a security is measured as the difference between the amortized cost basis and the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected. Projected cash flows are discounted by the original or current effective interest rate depending on the nature of the security being measured for potential OTTI.

The remaining impairment related to all other factors, the difference between the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected and the fair value, is recognized as a charge to other comprehensive income. The Company does not intend to sell these securities and it is more likely than not that it will not be required to sell the securities before anticipated recovery of the remaining amortized cost basis. The Company closely monitors its investment securities for changes in credit risk.

Loans held-for-sale – To mitigate interest-rate sensitivity, from time to time, certain fixed-rate mortgage loans are identified as held-for-sale in the secondary market. Accordingly, such loans are classified as held-for-sale in the consolidated balance sheets and are carried at the lower of cost or estimated fair market value in the aggregate. Net unrealized losses, if any, are recognized through a valuation allowance by charges to income. Mortgage loans held-for-sale are generally sold with the mortgage servicing rights retained by the Company. Gains or losses on sales of loans are recognized based on the difference between the selling price and the carrying value of the related loans sold based on the specific identification method.

Loans held-for-portfolio – The Company originates mortgage, commercial, and consumer loans to clients. A substantial portion of the loan portfolio is represented by loans secured by real estate located throughout the Puget Sound region, especially King, Snohomish and Pierce Counties, and in Clallam and Jefferson Counties of Washington State. The ability of the Company's debtors to honor their contracts is dependent upon employment, real estate and general economic conditions in these areas.

Loans that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or pay-off generally are reported at their outstanding unpaid principal balance adjusted for any charge-offs, allowance for loan losses, and any deferred fees or costs on origination of loans. Interest income is accrued on the unpaid principal balance. Loan origination fees, net of certain direct origination costs, are deferred and recognized as an adjustment of the related loan yield using the interest method over the contractual life of the loan for term loans or the straight-line method for open-ended loans.

The accrual of interest is discontinued at the time the loan is 90 days past due or if, in management's opinion, the borrower may be unable to meet payment of obligations as they become due, as well as when required by regulatory provisions. Loans are typically charged off no later than 120 days past due, unless secured by collateral. Past due status is based on contractual terms of the loan. In all cases, loans are placed on nonaccrual or charged off at an earlier date if collection of principal or interest is considered doubtful.

All interest accrued but not collected for loans that are placed on nonaccrual or charged-off is reversed against interest income. The interest on these loans is accounted for on the cash-basis or cost-recovery method, until qualifying for return to accrual. Loans are returned to accrual status when all of the principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current, future payments are reasonably assured and payments have been received for six consecutive months.

A loan is considered impaired when it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts (principal and interest) due according to the contractual terms of the original loan agreement. When a loan has been identified as being impaired, the amount of the impairment is measured by using discounted cash flows, except when, as a practical expedient, the current fair value of the collateral, reduced by costs to sell, is used. When the measurement of the impaired loan is less than the recorded investment in the loan (including accrued interest), impairment is recognized by charging off the impaired portion or creating or adjusting a specific allocation of the allowance for loan losses. The Company recognizes interest income on impaired loans, including cash receipts, based on its existing methods of recognizing interest income on nonaccrual loans.

A loan is classified as a troubled debt restructuring ("TDR") when certain concessions have been made to the contractual terms, such as reductions of interest rates or deferrals of interest or principal payments due to the borrower's deteriorated financial condition. All TDRs are reported and accounted for as impaired loans.

Allowance for loan losses – The allowance for loan losses is a reserve established through a provision for loan losses charged to expense and represents management's best estimate of probable incurred losses within the existing loan portfolio as of the balance sheet date. The level of the allowance reflects management's view of trends in loan loss activity, current loan portfolio quality and present economic, political and regulatory conditions. Portions of the allowance may be allocated for specific loans; however, the allowance is available for any loan that is charged off. The allowance is increased by provisions charged to earnings and by recoveries of amounts previously charged off, and is reduced by charge-offs on loans (or portions thereof) deemed to be uncollectible. Loan charge-offs are recognized when management believes the collectability of the principal balance outstanding is unlikely. Full or partial charge-offs on collateral dependent impaired loans are generally recognized when the collateral is deemed to be insufficient to support the carrying value of the loan.

The allowance for loan losses is maintained at a level sufficient to provide for probable credit losses based upon evaluating known and inherent risks in the loan portfolio. The allowance is provided based upon management's continuing analysis of the pertinent factors underlying the quality of the loan portfolio. These factors include changes in the size and composition of the loan portfolio, delinquency levels, actual loan loss experience, current economic conditions, and detailed analysis of individual loans for which full collectability may not be assured. The detailed analysis includes techniques to estimate the fair value of

loan collateral and the existence of potential alternative sources of repayment. The allowance consists of specific, general and unallocated components.

The general component of the allowance for loan losses covers non-impaired loans and is determined using a formula-based approach. The formula first incorporates either the historical loss rates of the Company or the historical loss rates of its peer group if minimal loss history exists. This historical loss rate factor is then adjusted for qualitative factors. Qualitative factors are used to estimate losses related to factors that are not captured in the historical loss rates and are based on management's evaluation of available internal and external data and involve significant management judgement. Qualitative factors include changes in lending standards, changes in economic conditions, changes in the nature and volume of loans, changes in lending management, changes in delinquencies, changes in the loan review system, changes in the value of collateral, the existence of concentrations, and the impact of other external factors. Finally, the general component of the allowance for loan losses is adjusted for changes in the assigned grades of loans, which include the following: pass, watch, special mention, substandard, doubtful, and loss. As loans are downgraded from watch to the lower categories, they are assigned an additional factor to account for the increased credit risk. Loan grades involve significant management judgment.

For such loans that are also classified as impaired, a specific component within the allowance is established when the discounted cash flows (or collateral value or observable market price) of the impaired loan are lower than the carrying value of that loan.

An unallocated component is maintained to cover uncertainties that could affect management's estimate of probable losses. The unallocated component of the allowance reflects the margin of imprecision inherent in the underlying assumptions used in the methodologies for estimating specific and general losses in the portfolio.

The Company considers installment loans to be pools of smaller balance, homogenous loans that are collectively evaluated for impairment, unless such loans are subject to a TDR agreement.

The appropriateness of the allowance for loan losses is estimated based upon those factors and trends identified by management at the time consolidated financial statements are prepared. When available information confirms that specific loans or portions thereof are uncollectible, identified amounts are charged against the allowance for loan losses.

The existence of some or all of the following criteria will generally confirm that a loss has been incurred: the loan is significantly delinquent and the borrower has not demonstrated the ability or intent to bring the loan current; the Company has no recourse to the borrower, or if it does, the borrower has insufficient assets to pay the debt; the estimated fair value of the loan collateral is significantly below the current loan balance, and there is little or no near-term prospect for improvement.

The ultimate recovery of all loans is susceptible to future market factors beyond the Company's control. These factors may result in losses or recoveries differing significantly from those provided in the consolidated financial statements.

Transfers of financial assets – Transfers of an entire financial asset, or a participating interest in an entire financial asset, are accounted for as sales when control over the assets has been surrendered. Control over transferred assets is deemed to be surrendered when: (1) a group of financial assets or a participating interest in an entire financial asset has been isolated from the Company, (2) the transferee obtains the right (free of conditions that constrain it from taking advantage of that right) to pledge or exchange the transferred assets, and (3) the Company does not maintain effective control over the transferred assets through an agreement to repurchase them before their maturity.

Mortgage servicing rights – MSR's represent the value associated with servicing residential mortgage loans, when the mortgage loans have been sold into the secondary market and the related servicing has been retained by the Company. The Company may also purchase MSR's. The value is determined through a discounted cash flow analysis, which uses interest rates, prepayment speeds and delinquency rate assumptions as inputs. All of these assumptions require a significant degree of management judgment. The Company measures its mortgage servicing assets at fair value and reports changes in fair value through earnings under the caption fair value adjustment on MSR's in other income in the period in which the change occurs. The fair values of servicing rights are subject to significant fluctuations as a result of changes in estimates and actual prepayment speeds and default rates and losses. Currently, we do not hedge the effects of changes in fair value of our servicing assets.

Premises and equipment – Premises, leasehold improvements and furniture and equipment are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Furniture and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 1 to 10 years. The cost of leasehold improvements is amortized using the straight-line method over the terms of the related leases. The cost of premises is amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the building, up to 39 years. Management reviews premises, leasehold improvements and furniture and equipment for impairment when factors exist indicating potential impairment.

Bank-owned life insurance, net – The carrying amount of BOLI approximates its fair value, and is estimated using the cash surrender value, net of any surrender charges.

Federal Home Loan Bank stock – The Company is a member of the FHLB of Des Moines. FHLB stock represents the Company's investment in the FHLB and is carried at par value, which reasonably approximates its fair value. As a member of the FHLB, the Company is required to maintain a minimum level of investment in FHLB stock based on specific percentages of its outstanding mortgages, total assets, or FHLB advances. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company's minimum required investment in FHLB stock was \$2.8 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. Typically, the Company may request redemption at par value of any stock in excess of the minimum required investment. Stock redemptions are at the discretion of the FHLB.

Other real estate owned and repossessed assets – OREO and repossessed assets represent real estate and other assets which the Company has taken control of in partial or full satisfaction of loans. At the time of foreclosure, OREO and repossessed assets are recorded at fair value less estimated costs to sell, which becomes the new basis. Any write-downs based on the asset's fair value at the date of acquisition are charged to the allowance for loan and lease losses. After foreclosure, management periodically performs valuations such that the property is carried at the lower of its new cost basis or fair value, net of estimated costs to sell. Revenue and expenses from operations and subsequent adjustments to the carrying amount of the property are included in other noninterest expense in the consolidated statements of income.

In some instances, the Company may make loans to facilitate the sales of OREO. Management reviews all sales for which it is the lending institution. Any gains related to sales of other real estate owned may be deferred until the buyer has a sufficient investment in the property.

Leases – We determine if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Operating leases are included in operating lease right-of-use assets and operating lease liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets. Right-of-use assets represent our right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent our obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating lease right-of-use assets and liabilities are recognized at commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. As most of our leases do not provide an implicit rate, we generally use our incremental borrowing rate based on the estimated rate of interest for collateralized borrowing over a similar term of the lease payments at commencement date. The operating lease right-of-use asset also includes any lease payments made and excludes lease incentives. Our lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that we will exercise that option. Lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Additionally, for equipment leases, we apply a portfolio approach to effectively account for the operating lease right-of-use assets and liabilities. The Company has not entered into leases that meet the definition of a financing lease.

Income Taxes – Income taxes are accounted for using the asset and liability method. Under this method a deferred tax asset or liability is determined based on the enacted tax rates which will be in effect when the differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and tax basis of existing assets and liabilities are expected to be reported in the Company's income tax returns. The effect on deferred taxes of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. Valuation allowances are established to reduce the net carrying amount of deferred tax assets if it is determined to be more likely than not, that all or some portion of the potential deferred tax asset will not be realized.

Segment reporting – The Company operates in one segment and makes management decisions based on consolidated results. The Company's operations are solely in the financial services industry and include providing to its clients traditional banking and other financial services.

Off-balance-sheet credit-related financial instruments – In the normal course of operations, the Company engages in a variety of financial transactions that are not recorded in our financial statements. These transactions involve varying degrees of off-balance sheet credit, interest rate and liquidity risks. These transactions are used primarily to manage customers' requests for funding and take the form of loan commitments, letters of credit and lines of credit. Such financial instruments are recorded when they are funded. The Company also maintains a separate allowance for off-balance sheet credit commitments. Management estimates anticipated losses using historical data and utilization assumptions. The allowance for off-balance sheet credit commitments totaled \$336 thousand and \$405 thousand at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, and is included in other liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets.

Advertising costs – The Company expenses advertising costs as they are incurred. Advertising costs, including other marketing expenses were \$390 thousand and \$415 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Comprehensive income – Accounting principles generally require that recognized revenue, expenses, gains, and losses be included in net income. Certain changes in assets and liabilities, such as unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale investments, are reported as a separate component of the equity section of the consolidated balance sheets, net of tax. Such items, along with net income, are components of comprehensive income.

Intangible assets – At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company had \$67 thousand and \$97 thousand, respectively, of identifiable intangible assets included in other assets as a result of the acquisition of deposits from other institutions. These assets are amortized using the straight-line method over a period of eight to ten years and have a remaining weighted average life of 2.3 years. Management reviews intangible assets for impairment on an annual basis, or whenever events occur or circumstances change indicating the carrying amount of the intangible asset may not be recoverable. No impairment losses have been recognized in the periods presented.

Employee stock ownership plan – The Company sponsors an internally-leveraged ESOP. As shares are committed to be released, compensation expense is recorded equal to the market price of the shares, and the shares become outstanding for purposes of earnings per share calculations. Cash dividends on allocated shares (those credited to ESOP participants' accounts) are recorded as a reduction of stockholders' equity and distributed directly to participants' accounts. Cash dividends on unallocated shares (those held by the ESOP not yet credited to participants' accounts) are used to pay administrative expenses and debt service requirements of the ESOP. See "Note 14—Employee Benefits" for further information.

Unearned ESOP shares are shown as a reduction of stockholders' equity. When the shares are released, unearned common shares held by the ESOP are reduced by the cost of the ESOP shares released and the differential between the fair value and the cost is charged to additional paid in capital. The loan receivable from the ESOP to the Company is not reported as an asset nor is the debt of the ESOP reported as a liability on the Company's consolidated statements of condition.

Earnings Per Common Share – Earnings per share is computed using the two-class method. Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period, excluding any participating securities. Participating securities include unvested restricted shares. Unvested restricted shares are considered participating securities because holders of these securities receive non-forfeitable dividends at the same rate as the holders of the Company's common stock. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders adjusted for reallocation of undistributed earnings of unvested restricted shares by the weighted average number of common shares determined for the basic earnings per share plus the dilutive effect of common stock equivalents using the treasury stock method based on the average market price for the period. Some stock options are anti-dilutive and therefore are not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share.

Fair value – Fair value is the price that would be received when an asset is sold or a liability is transferred in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Fair values of the Company's financial instruments are based on the fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs, typically market data obtained from third parties, and minimize the use of unobservable inputs, which reflects its estimates for market assumptions, when measuring fair value.

Three levels of valuation inputs are ranked in accordance with the prescribed fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2: Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active.

Level 3: Assets or liabilities whose significant value drivers are unobservable.

In determining the appropriate levels, the Company performs a detailed analysis of the assets and liabilities that are subject to fair value measurements. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value of an asset or liability may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. The level within which the fair value measurement is categorized is based on the lowest level unobservable input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. Therefore, an item may be classified in Level 3 even though there may be some significant inputs that are readily observable.

Share-Based Compensation – The Company measures the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant date fair value of the award. These costs are recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period during which an employee is required to provide services in exchange for the award, also known as the requisite service period. The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to estimate the fair value of stock options granted. When determining the estimated fair value of stock options granted, the Company utilizes various assumptions regarding the expected volatility of the stock price, the risk-free interest rate for periods within the contractual life of the stock option, and the expected dividend yield that the Company expects over the expected life of the options granted. Reductions in compensation expense associated with forfeited options are expensed based on actual forfeiture experience. The Company measures the fair value of the restricted stock using the closing market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The Company expenses the grant date fair value of the Company's stock options and restricted stock with a corresponding increase in equity. When shares are required to be issued under share-based awards, it is typically the Company's policy to issue new shares of stock.

Reclassifications – Certain amounts reported in prior years consolidated financial statements may be reclassified to conform to the current presentation. The results of the reclassifications are typically not considered material and have no effect on previously reported net income, earnings per share or stockholders' equity. There were no reclassifications to prior year amounts in the current year.

Note 2—Accounting Pronouncements Recently Issued or Adopted

On March 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2020-04, “*Reference Rate Reform*” (“Topic 848”). This ASU provides optional guidance for a limited period of time to ease the potential burden in accounting for (or recognizing the effects of) reference rate reform on financial reporting. The amendments in this update apply to modifications to eligible contracts (e.g., loans, debt securities, derivatives, borrowings) that replace a reference rate affected by reference rate reform (including rates referenced in fallback provisions) and contemporaneous modifications of other contract terms related to the replacement of the reference rate (including contract modifications to add or change fallback provisions). The following optional expedients for applying the requirements of certain Topics or Industry Subtopics in the Codification are permitted for contracts that are modified because of reference rate reform and that meet certain scope guidance: 1) Modifications of contracts within the scope of Topics 310, Receivables, and 470, Debt, should be accounted for by prospectively adjusting the effective interest rate; 2) Modifications of contracts within the scope of Topics 840, Leases, and 842, Leases, should be accounted for as a continuation of the existing contracts with no reassessments of the lease classification and the discount rate (for example, the incremental borrowing rate) or remeasurements of lease payments that otherwise would be required under those Topics for modifications not accounted for as separate contracts; and 3) Modifications of contracts do not require an entity to reassess its original conclusion about whether that contract contains an embedded derivative that is clearly and closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract under Subtopic 815-15, Derivatives and Hedging— Embedded Derivatives. In January 2021, ASU 2021-01 updated amendments in the new ASU to clarify that certain optional expedients and exceptions in Topic 848 for contract modifications and hedge accounting apply to derivatives that are affected by the discounting transition. The ASU also amends the expedients and exceptions in Topic 848 to capture the incremental consequences of the scope clarification. The amendments in this ASU have differing effective dates, beginning with interim period including and subsequent to March 12, 2020 through December 31, 2022. The Company does not expect the adoption of ASU 2020-04 to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-13, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments* and subsequent amendments to the initial guidance in November 2018, ASU No. 2018-19, April 2019, ASU 2019-04, May 2019, ASU 2019-05, November 2019, ASU 2019-11, February 2020, ASU 2020-02, and March 2020, ASU 2020-03, all of which clarifies codification and corrects unintended application of the guidance. This ASU replaces the existing incurred loss impairment methodology that recognizes credit losses when a probable loss has been incurred with new methodology where loss estimates are based upon lifetime expected credit losses. The amendments in this ASU require a financial asset that is measured at amortized cost to be presented at the net amount expected to be collected. The income statement would then reflect the measurement of credit losses for newly recognized financial assets as well as changes to the expected credit losses that have taken place during the reporting period. Financial assets that this guidance will apply to include loans receivable, held-to-maturity debt securities, unfunded loan commitments, and certain other financial assets measured at amortized cost. Under this ASU, available-for-sale debt securities are evaluated for impairment if fair value is less than amortized cost, with any estimated credit losses recorded through a credit loss expense and an allowance, rather than a write-down of the investment. Changes in fair value that are not credit-related will continue to be recorded in other comprehensive income. The change in allowance recognized as a result of adoption will occur using a modified retrospective approach through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the first reporting period in which the ASU is adopted. The FASB issued ASU No. 2019-10, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326)*, delaying implementation of ASU No. 2016-13 for SEC smaller reporting company filers until fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. The Company meets the requirements of a smaller reporting company and delayed implementation of ASU No. 2016-13. This guidance became effective on January 1, 2023. The Company currently intends to phase the impact of *Topic 326* into regulatory capital over three years in accordance with a final ruling effective April 2019 adopted by the Federal Reserve and other U.S. banking agencies.

In March 2022, the FASB issued ASU 2022-02, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Troubled Debt Restructurings and Vintage Disclosures*. The ASU eliminates the accounting guidance for troubled debt restructured loans (“TDRs”) by creditors while enhancing disclosure requirements for certain loan refinancings and restructurings by creditors when a borrower is experiencing financial difficulty. Additionally, the ASU requires public business entities to disclose current-period gross write-offs by year of origination for financing receivables and net investments in leases. This ASU will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, including interim periods within those fiscal years, upon the Company’s adoption of the amendments in ASU 2016-13, which is commonly referred to as the current expected credit loss methodology. The Company adopted this standard on January 1, 2023.

Note 3—Restricted Cash

Federal Reserve System ("Federal Reserve") regulations previously required that the Company maintain certain minimum reserve balances either as cash on hand or on deposit with the Federal Reserve Bank, based on a percentage of deposits. In March 2020, the Federal Reserve announced that it would be reducing the reserve requirement for all depository institutions to zero percent effective March 26, 2020; therefore, there was no reserve requirement at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Note 4—Investments

The amortized cost and fair value of available-for-sale securities and the corresponding amounts of gross unrealized gains and losses at December 31, 2022 and 2021 were as follows (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
December 31, 2022				
Treasury bills	\$ 1,596	\$ —	\$ (2)	\$ 1,594
Municipal bonds	6,434	16	(1,029)	5,421
Agency mortgage-backed securities	3,591	1	(400)	3,192
Total available-for-sale securities	<u>\$ 11,621</u>	<u>\$ 17</u>	<u>\$ (1,431)</u>	<u>\$ 10,207</u>
December 31, 2021				
Municipal bonds	\$ 5,931	\$ 148	\$ (13)	\$ 6,066
Agency mortgage-backed securities	2,312	53	(12)	2,353
Total available-for-sale securities	<u>\$ 8,243</u>	<u>\$ 201</u>	<u>\$ (25)</u>	<u>\$ 8,419</u>

The amortized cost and fair value of our HTM securities and the corresponding amounts of gross unrealized gains and losses at December 31, 2022 are shown in the table below (in thousands). There were no HTM securities at December 31, 2021.

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
December 31, 2022				
Municipal bonds	\$ 705	\$ —	\$ (169)	\$ 536
Agency mortgage-backed securities	1,494	—	(219)	1,274
Total	<u>\$ 2,199</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (388)</u>	<u>\$ 1,810</u>

The amortized cost and fair value of AFS and HTM securities at December 31, 2022, by contractual maturity, are shown below (in thousands). Expected maturities of AFS securities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the

right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Investments not due at a single maturity date, primarily mortgage-backed investments, are shown separately.

	December 31, 2022					
	Available-for-sale			Held-to-maturity		
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Weighted- Average Yield	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Weighted- Average Yield
Due within one year	\$ 1,596	\$ 1,594	2.86 %	\$ —	\$ —	— %
Due in one to five years	151	151	3.57	—	—	—
Due after five to ten years	1,226	1,235	5.26	—	—	—
Due after ten years	5,057	4,035	2.73	705	536	3.04
Mortgage-backed securities	3,591	3,192	3.07	1,494	1,274	2.51
Total	<u>\$ 11,621</u>	<u>\$ 10,207</u>	3.14 %	<u>\$ 2,199</u>	<u>\$ 1,810</u>	2.68 %

There were no pledged securities at December 31, 2022 and 2021. There were no sales of AFS securities during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. There were no sales of HTM securities during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

The following tables summarize the aggregate fair value and gross unrealized loss by length of time of those investments that have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands).

	December 31, 2022					
	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or Longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
Available-for-sale securities						
Treasury bills	\$ 1,594	\$ (2)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,594	\$ (2)
Municipal bonds	2,506	(641)	1,246	(388)	3,752	(1,029)
Agency mortgage-backed securities	2,666	(314)	292	(86)	2,958	(400)
Total available-for-sale securities	<u>\$ 6,766</u>	<u>\$ (957)</u>	<u>\$ 1,538</u>	<u>\$ (474)</u>	<u>\$ 8,304</u>	<u>\$ (1,431)</u>
Held-to-maturity securities						
Municipal bonds	\$ 536	\$ (169)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 536	\$ (169)
Agency mortgage-backed securities	1,274	(219)	—	—	1,274	(219)
Total held-to-maturity securities	<u>\$ 1,810</u>	<u>\$ (388)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,810</u>	<u>\$ (388)</u>

	December 31, 2021					
	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or Longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
Municipal bonds	\$ 1,632	\$ (13)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,632	\$ (13)
Agency mortgage-backed securities	—	—	402	(12)	402	(12)
Total	<u>\$ 1,632</u>	<u>\$ (13)</u>	<u>\$ 402</u>	<u>\$ (12)</u>	<u>\$ 2,034</u>	<u>\$ (25)</u>

There were no credit losses recognized in earnings during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 relating to the Company's securities.

At December 31, 2022, the total securities portfolio consisted of one treasury bill security, 11 municipal bonds and 12 agency mortgage-backed securities with a total portfolio fair value of \$12.0 million. At December 31, 2021, the securities portfolio consisted of 10 agency mortgage-backed securities and 10 municipal bonds with a fair value of \$8.4 million. At December 31, 2022, there were 16 securities in an unrealized loss position for less than 12 months, and three securities in an unrealized loss position for more than 12 months. At December 31, 2021, there were two securities in an unrealized loss position for less than 12 months, and one security in an unrealized loss position for more than 12 months. For both the 2022 and 2021 periods, the

unrealized losses were caused by changes in market interest rates or the widening of market spreads subsequent to the initial purchase of these securities, and not related to the underlying credit of the issuers or the underlying collateral. It is expected that these securities will not be settled at a price less than the amortized cost of each investment. The unrealized losses on these investments are not considered OTTI losses during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, because the decline in fair value is not attributable to credit quality and because we do not intend, and it is not likely that we will be required, to sell these securities before recovery of their amortized cost basis.

Note 5—Loans

The composition of the loan portfolio, excluding loans held-for-sale, at December 31, 2022 and 2021 is as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Real estate loans:		
One-to-four family	\$ 274,638	\$ 207,660
Home equity	19,548	13,250
Commercial and multifamily	313,358	278,175
Construction and land	116,878	63,105
Total real estate loans	<u>724,422</u>	<u>562,190</u>
Consumer loans:		
Manufactured homes	26,953	21,636
Floating homes	74,443	59,268
Other consumer	17,923	16,748
Total consumer loans	<u>119,319</u>	<u>97,652</u>
Commercial business loans	<u>23,815</u>	<u>28,026</u>
Total loans	867,556	687,868
Premiums for purchased loans ⁽¹⁾	973	897
Deferred fees	(2,548)	(2,367)
Total loans, gross	<u>865,981</u>	<u>686,398</u>
Allowance for loan losses	(7,599)	(6,306)
Total loans, net	<u>\$ 858,382</u>	<u>\$ 680,092</u>

(1) Includes premiums resulting from purchased loans of \$507 thousand related to one-to-four family loans, \$320 thousand related to commercial and multifamily loans, and \$146 thousand related to commercial business loans as of December 31, 2022. Includes premiums resulting from purchased loans of \$556 thousand related to one-to-four family loans, \$181 thousand related to commercial and multifamily loans, and \$160 thousand related to commercial business loans as of December 31, 2021.

The Company was automatically authorized to participate in the U.S. Small Business Administration (“SBA”) Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”), as a qualified lender since the inception of the program. As of December 31, 2022, the Bank had funded PPP loans totaling \$119.2 million, \$17 thousand of which remained outstanding at December 31, 2022 compared to \$4.2 million outstanding at December 31, 2021. PPP loans are included in commercial business loans above. PPP loans are 100% guaranteed by the SBA. The PPP ended May 31, 2021.

The Company purchased \$2.6 million of commercial business loan participations with United States Department of Agriculture guarantees during the year ended December 31, 2022. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company purchased \$24.1 million of one-to-four family real estate loans and \$4.3 million of commercial business loan participations with United States Department of Agriculture guarantees.

The following table presents the balance in the allowance for loan losses and the unpaid principal balance in loans, net of partial charge-offs by portfolio segment and based on impairment method at December 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

December 31, 2022						
	Allowance: Individually Evaluated for Impairment	Allowance: Collectively Evaluated for Impairment	Ending Balance	Loans Held for Investment: Individually Evaluated for Impairment	Loans Held for Investment: Collectively Evaluated for Impairment	Ending Balance
One-to-four family	\$ 102	\$ 1,669	\$ 1,771	\$ 3,746	\$ 270,892	\$ 274,638
Home equity	5	127	132	210	19,338	19,548
Commercial and multifamily	—	2,501	2,501	—	313,358	313,358
Construction and land	3	1,206	1,209	358	116,520	116,878
Manufactured homes	52	410	462	187	26,766	26,953
Floating homes	—	456	456	—	74,443	74,443
Other consumer	22	302	324	343	17,580	17,923
Commercial business	—	256	256	—	23,815	23,815
Unallocated	—	488	488	—	—	—
Total	\$ 184	\$ 7,415	\$ 7,599	\$ 4,844	\$ 862,712	\$ 867,556

December 31, 2021						
	Allowance: Individually Evaluated for Impairment	Allowance: Collectively Evaluated for Impairment	Ending Balance	Loans Held for Investment: Individually Evaluated for Impairment	Loans Held for Investment: Collectively Evaluated for Impairment	Ending Balance
One-to-four family	\$ 112	\$ 1,290	\$ 1,402	\$ 4,066	\$ 203,594	\$ 207,660
Home equity	7	86	93	215	13,035	13,250
Commercial and multifamily	—	2,340	2,340	2,380	275,795	278,175
Construction and land	4	646	650	68	63,037	63,105
Manufactured homes	144	331	475	221	21,415	21,636
Floating homes	—	372	372	493	58,775	59,268
Other consumer	26	284	310	106	16,642	16,748
Commercial business	—	269	269	176	27,850	28,026
Unallocated	—	395	395	—	—	—
Total	\$ 293	\$ 6,013	\$ 6,306	\$ 7,725	\$ 680,143	\$ 687,868

The following tables summarize the activity in the allowance for loan losses for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

	Year ended December 31, 2022				
	Beginning Allowance	Charge-offs	Recoveries	Provision/ (Recapture)	Ending Allowance
One-to-four family	\$ 1,402	\$ —	\$ 99	\$ 270	\$ 1,771
Home equity	93	—	58	(19)	132
Commercial and multifamily	2,340	—	—	161	2,501
Construction and land	650	—	—	559	1,209
Manufactured homes	475	—	12	(25)	462
Floating homes	372	—	—	84	456
Other consumer	310	(118)	17	115	324
Commercial business	269	(6)	6	(13)	256
Unallocated	395	—	—	93	488
	<u>\$ 6,306</u>	<u>\$ (124)</u>	<u>\$ 192</u>	<u>\$ 1,225</u>	<u>\$ 7,599</u>

	Year ended December 31, 2021				
	Beginning Allowance	Charge-offs	Recoveries	Provision/ (Recapture)	Ending Allowance
One-to-four family	\$ 1,063	\$ (76)	\$ —	\$ 415	\$ 1,402
Home equity	147	(8)	6	(52)	93
Commercial and multifamily	2,370	—	—	(30)	2,340
Construction and land	578	—	—	72	650
Manufactured homes	529	(2)	3	(55)	475
Floating homes	328	—	—	44	372
Other consumer	288	(50)	6	66	310
Commercial business	291	—	2	(24)	269
Unallocated	406	—	—	(11)	395
	<u>\$ 6,000</u>	<u>\$ (136)</u>	<u>\$ 17</u>	<u>\$ 425</u>	<u>\$ 6,306</u>

Credit Quality Indicators. Federal regulations provide for the classification of lower quality loans and other assets (such as OREO and repossessed assets), debt and equity securities considered as "substandard," "doubtful" or "loss." An asset is considered "substandard" if it is inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. "Substandard" assets include those characterized by the "distinct possibility" that the insured institution will sustain "some loss" if the deficiencies are not corrected. Assets classified as "doubtful" have all of the weaknesses in those classified "substandard," with the added characteristic that the weaknesses present make "collection or liquidation in full," on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions and values, "highly questionable and improbable." Assets classified as "loss" are those considered "uncollectible" and of such little value that their continuance as assets without the establishment of a specific loss reserve is not warranted.

When the Company classifies problem loans as either substandard or doubtful, it may establish a specific allowance in an amount we deem prudent to address the risk specifically (if the loan is impaired) or it may allow the loss to be addressed in the general allowance (if the loan is not impaired). General allowances represent loss reserves which have been established to recognize the inherent risk associated with lending activities, but which, unlike specific allowances, have not been specifically allocated to particular problem assets. When the Company classifies problem loans as a loss, it charges-off such loans in the period in which they are deemed uncollectible. Assets that do not currently expose the Company to sufficient risk to warrant classification as substandard or doubtful, but possess identified weaknesses are classified as either watch or special mention loans. Determination as to the classification of our assets and the amount of our valuation allowances is subject to review by the FDIC, the Bank's federal regulator, and the WDFI, the Bank's state banking regulator, both of whom can order the establishment of additional loss allowances. Pass rated loans are loans that are not otherwise classified or criticized.

The following tables represent the internally assigned grades at December 31, 2022 and 2021, by type of loan (in thousands):

December 31, 2022

	One-to-four Family	Home Equity	Commercial and Multifamily	Construction and Land	Manufactured Homes	Floating Homes	Other Consumer	Commercial Business	Total
Grade:									
Pass	\$ 271,295	\$ 19,230	\$ 291,677	\$ 109,484	\$ 26,583	\$ 74,443	\$ 17,661	\$ 22,853	\$ 833,226
Watch	279	2	7,538	4,037	134	—	—	161	12,151
Special Mention	—	—	4,096	—	—	—	—	—	4,096
Substandard	3,064	316	10,047	3,357	236	—	262	801	18,083
Total	<u>\$ 274,638</u>	<u>\$ 19,548</u>	<u>\$ 313,358</u>	<u>\$ 116,878</u>	<u>\$ 26,953</u>	<u>\$ 74,443</u>	<u>\$ 17,923</u>	<u>\$ 23,815</u>	<u>\$ 867,556</u>

December 31, 2021

	One-to-four Family	Home Equity	Commercial and Multifamily	Construction and Land	Manufactured Homes	Floating Homes	Other Consumer	Commercial Business	Total
Grade:									
Pass	\$ 203,883	\$ 12,904	\$ 233,300	\$ 56,310	\$ 21,137	\$ 58,171	\$ 16,728	\$ 23,713	\$ 626,146
Watch	363	23	32,770	4,347	305	—	—	3,561	41,369
Special Mention	—	—	4,553	830	—	604	—	211	6,198
Substandard	3,414	323	7,552	1,618	194	493	20	541	14,155
Total	<u>\$ 207,660</u>	<u>\$ 13,250</u>	<u>\$ 278,175</u>	<u>\$ 63,105</u>	<u>\$ 21,636</u>	<u>\$ 59,268</u>	<u>\$ 16,748</u>	<u>\$ 28,026</u>	<u>\$ 687,868</u>

Nonaccrual and Past Due Loans. Loans are considered past due if the required principal and interest payments have not been received as of the date such payments were due. Loans are placed on nonaccrual once the loan is 90 days past due or sooner if, in management's opinion, the borrower may be unable to meet payment of obligations as they become due, as well as when required by regulatory provisions.

The following table presents the recorded investment in nonaccrual loans at December 31, 2022 and 2021, by type of loan (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
One-to-four family	\$ 2,135	\$ 2,207
Home equity	142	140
Commercial and multifamily	—	2,380
Construction and land	324	33
Manufactured homes	96	122
Floating homes	—	493
Other consumer	262	—
Commercial business	—	176
Total	<u>\$ 2,959</u>	<u>\$ 5,552</u>

The following table represents the aging of the recorded investment in past due loans at December 31, 2022, by type of loan (in thousands):

	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	Greater than 90 Days Past Due	Recorded Investment > 90 Days and Accruing	Total Past Due	Current	Total Loans
One-to-four family	\$ 393	\$ 289	\$ 1,934	\$ —	\$ 2,616	\$ 272,022	\$ 274,638
Home equity	115	—	116	—	231	19,317	19,548
Commercial and multifamily	7,198	—	—	—	7,198	306,160	313,358
Construction and land	1,210	—	296	—	1,506	115,372	116,878
Manufactured homes	261	155	52	—	468	26,485	26,953
Floating homes	—	—	—	—	—	74,443	74,443
Other consumer	360	5	—	—	365	17,558	17,923
Commercial business	4	—	—	—	4	23,811	23,815
Total	<u>\$ 9,542</u>	<u>\$ 449</u>	<u>\$ 2,398</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 12,389</u>	<u>\$ 855,167</u>	<u>\$ 867,556</u>

The following table represents the aging of the recorded investment in past due loans at December 31, 2021, by type of loan (in thousands):

	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	Greater Than 90 Days Past Due	Recorded Investment > 90 Days and Accruing	Total Past Due	Current	Total Loans
One-to-four family	\$ 1,805	\$ 58	\$ 87	\$ —	\$ 1,950	\$ 205,710	\$ 207,660
Home equity	—	—	140	—	140	13,110	13,250
Commercial and multifamily	—	—	—	—	—	278,175	278,175
Construction and land	837	—	—	—	837	62,268	63,105
Manufactured homes	123	—	59	—	182	21,454	21,636
Floating homes	—	—	244	—	244	59,024	59,268
Other consumer	2	76	—	—	78	16,670	16,748
Commercial business	6	—	176	—	182	27,844	28,026
Total	<u>\$ 2,773</u>	<u>\$ 134</u>	<u>\$ 706</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 3,613</u>	<u>\$ 684,255</u>	<u>\$ 687,868</u>

Nonperforming Loans. Loans are considered nonperforming when they are placed on nonaccrual, or are greater than 90 days past due and still accruing.

The following table represents the credit risk profile based on payment activity as of the dates indicated, by type of loan (in thousands):

December 31, 2022									
	One-to-four Family	Home Equity	Commercial and Multifamily	Construction and Land	Manufactured Homes	Floating Homes	Other Consumer	Commercial Business	Total
Performing	\$ 272,503	\$ 19,406	\$ 313,358	\$ 116,554	\$ 26,857	\$ 74,443	\$ 17,661	\$ 23,815	\$ 864,597
Nonperforming	2,135	142	—	324	96	—	262	—	2,959
Total	<u>\$ 274,638</u>	<u>\$ 19,548</u>	<u>\$ 313,358</u>	<u>\$ 116,878</u>	<u>\$ 26,953</u>	<u>\$ 74,443</u>	<u>\$ 17,923</u>	<u>\$ 23,815</u>	<u>\$ 867,556</u>

December 31, 2021									
	One-to-four Family	Home Equity	Commercial and Multifamily	Construction and Land	Manufactured Homes	Floating Homes	Other Consumer	Commercial Business	Total
Performing	\$ 205,453	\$ 13,110	\$ 275,795	\$ 63,072	\$ 21,514	\$ 58,775	\$ 16,748	\$ 27,850	\$ 682,316
Nonperforming	2,207	140	2,380	33	122	493	—	176	5,552
Total	<u>\$ 207,660</u>	<u>\$ 13,250</u>	<u>\$ 278,175</u>	<u>\$ 63,105</u>	<u>\$ 21,636</u>	<u>\$ 59,268</u>	<u>\$ 16,748</u>	<u>\$ 28,026</u>	<u>\$ 687,868</u>

Impaired Loans. A loan is considered impaired when it is determined that the Company may not be able to collect payments of principal or interest when due under the terms of the loan. In the process of identifying loans as impaired, the Company takes into consideration factors which include payment history and status, collateral value, financial condition of the borrower, and the probability of collecting scheduled payments in the future. Minor payment delays and insignificant payment shortfalls typically do not result in a loan being classified as impaired. The significance of payment delays and shortfalls is considered on a case-by-case basis, after taking into consideration the totality of circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including payment history. Impairment is measured on a loan-by-loan basis for all loans in the portfolio. All TDRs are also classified as impaired loans and are included in the loans individually evaluated for impairment in the calculation of the allowance for loan losses.

Impaired loans at December 31, 2022 and 2021, by type of loan were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2022				
	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment		Total Recorded Investment	Related Allowance
Without Allowance		With Allowance			
One-to-four family	\$ 3,758	\$ 3,038	\$ 708	\$ 3,746	\$ 102
Home equity	210	142	68	210	5
Construction and land	358	324	34	358	3
Manufactured homes	187	93	94	187	52
Other consumer	343	261	82	343	22
Total	<u>\$ 4,856</u>	<u>\$ 3,858</u>	<u>\$ 986</u>	<u>\$ 4,844</u>	<u>\$ 184</u>

	December 31, 2021				
	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment			Related Allowance
		Without Allowance	With Allowance	Total Recorded Investment	
One-to-four family	\$ 4,177	\$ 3,109	\$ 957	\$ 4,066	\$ 112
Home equity	215	140	75	215	7
Commercial and multifamily	2,380	2,380	—	2,380	—
Construction and land	68	33	35	68	4
Manufactured homes	221	44	177	221	144
Floating homes	493	493	—	493	—
Other consumer	106	—	106	106	26
Commercial business	176	176	—	176	—
Total	<u>\$ 7,836</u>	<u>\$ 6,375</u>	<u>\$ 1,350</u>	<u>\$ 7,725</u>	<u>\$ 293</u>

The following table provides the average recorded investment and interest income on impaired loans for the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, by type of loan (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31, 2022		Year Ended December 31, 2021	
	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized
	One-to-four family	\$ 3,628	\$ 106	\$ 3,471
Home equity	216	16	287	16
Commercial and multifamily	1,405	—	617	138
Construction and land	124	20	111	4
Manufactured homes	202	15	239	17
Floating homes	98	—	508	18
Other consumer	299	17	110	5
Commercial business	69	—	318	2
Total	<u>\$ 6,041</u>	<u>\$ 174</u>	<u>\$ 5,661</u>	<u>\$ 398</u>

Forgone interest on nonaccrual loans was \$174 thousand and \$138 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Troubled debt restructurings. TDRs, accounted for under ASC 310-40, are loans which have renegotiated loan terms to assist borrowers who are unable to meet the original terms of their loans. Such modifications to loan terms may include a lower interest rate, a reduction in principal, or a longer term to maturity. Once a TDR has performed according to its modified terms for six months and the collection of principal and interest under the revised terms is deemed probable, we remove the TDR from nonperforming status. Loans classified as TDRs totaled \$2.0 million and \$2.6 million at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, and are included in impaired loans. The Company has granted, in its TDRs, a variety of concessions to borrowers in the form of loan modifications. The modifications granted can generally be described in the following categories:

Rate Modification: A modification in which the interest rate is changed.

Term Modification: A modification in which the maturity date, timing of payments or frequency of payments is changed.

Payment Modifications: A modification in which the dollar amount of the payment is changed. Interest only modifications in which a loan is converted to interest only payments for a period of time are included in this category.

Combination Modification: Any other type of modification, including the use of multiple categories above.

There were two loans totaling \$155 thousand that were modified as a TDR during the year ended December 31, 2022. The following TDR loans were paid off during the year ended December 31, 2022: two one-to-four family loans totaling \$597

thousand, one commercial loan totaling \$176 thousand, one consumer loan totaling \$17 thousand, and one manufactured home loan totaling \$15 thousand.

There were no TDRs for which there was a payment default within the first 12 months of modification during the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

There were no TDRs that were charged off during the year ended December 31, 2022 and one commercial business TDR loan totaling \$45 thousand that was charged off during the year ended December 31, 2021.

The Company had no commitments to extend additional credit to borrowers owing receivables whose terms have been modified into TDRs.

Related Parties and Regulatory Matters. In the ordinary course of business, the Company makes loans to its employees, officers and directors. Certain loans to employees, officers and directors are offered at discounted rates as compared to other clients as permitted by federal regulations. Employees, officers, and directors are eligible for mortgage loans with an adjustable rate that resets annually to 1.0% - 1.5% over the Bank's rolling cost of funds. Employees, officers and directors are also eligible for consumer loans that are 1.00% below the market loan rate at the time of origination. Director and officer loans are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 4,365	\$ 3,995
Advances	100	—
New / (reclassified) loans, net	(822)	551
Repayments	(315)	(181)
Balance, end of period	<u>\$ 3,328</u>	<u>\$ 4,365</u>

At December 31, 2022 and 2021, loans totaling \$16.4 million and \$7.3 million, respectively, represented real estate secured loans that had current loan-to-value ratios above supervisory guidelines.

Note 6—Mortgage Servicing Rights

The unpaid principal balances underlying the Company's MSR portfolio totaled \$472.5 million at December 31, 2022, compared to \$508.1 million at December 31, 2021. Of this total balance, the unpaid principal balance of loans serviced for Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") at December 31, 2022 and 2021 was \$470.3 million and \$504.1 million, respectively. The unpaid principal balances of loans serviced for other financial institutions at December 31, 2022 and 2021, totaled \$2.2 million and \$4.0 million, respectively. Loans serviced for Fannie Mae and others are not included in the Company's financial statements as they are not assets of the Company.

A summary of the change in the balance of mortgage servicing assets at December 31, 2022 and 2021 were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Beginning balance, at fair value	\$ 4,273	\$ 3,780
Servicing rights that result from transfers and sale of financial assets	207	1,301
Changes in fair value:		
Due to changes in model inputs or assumptions ⁽¹⁾	207	(808)
Ending balance, at fair value	<u>\$ 4,687</u>	<u>\$ 4,273</u>

(1) Includes changes due to collection/realization of expected cash flows and curtailments.

The key economic assumptions used in determining the fair value of MSR's at December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Prepayment speed (Public Securities Association "PSA" model)	132 %	205 %
Weighted-average life	7.5 years	5.8 years
Yield to maturity discount rate	12.5 %	12.5 %

The amount of contractually specified servicing, late and ancillary fees earned on the MSR's are included in "Mortgage servicing income" on the Consolidated Statements of Income and totaled \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

See "Note 1—Organization and Significant Accounting Policies" and "Note 11—Fair Measurements" for additional information on MSR's.

Note 7—Premises and Equipment

Premises and equipment at December 31, 2022 and 2021 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Land	\$ 920	\$ 920
Buildings and improvements	7,168	7,059
Furniture and equipment	6,092	5,804
	<u>14,180</u>	<u>13,783</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(8,667)	(7,964)
Premises and equipment, net	<u>\$ 5,513</u>	<u>\$ 5,819</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$704 thousand and \$676 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

The Company leases office space in several buildings as well as certain equipment. See "Note 12—Leases" for additional information on our leased facilities and equipment.

Note 8—Other Real Estate Owned and Repossessed Assets

The following table presents activity related to OREO and other repossessed assets for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands).

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Beginning balance, January 1	\$ 659	\$ 594
Additions to OREO and repossessed assets	—	84
Sales	—	(19)
Ending balance, December 31	<u>\$ 659</u>	<u>\$ 659</u>

As of December 31, 2022, there were four one-to-four family loans totaling \$1.6 million that were in process of foreclosure.

Note 9—Deposits

A summary of deposit accounts with the corresponding weighted-average cost of funds at December 31, 2022 and 2021, are presented below (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2022		December 31, 2021	
	Deposit Balance	Wtd. Avg Rate	Deposit Balance	Wtd. Avg Rate
Noninterest-bearing demand	\$ 170,549	— %	\$ 187,684	— %
Interest-bearing demand	254,982	0.21	307,061	0.19
Savings	95,641	0.05	103,401	0.08
Money market	74,639	0.28	91,670	0.21
Certificates	210,305	0.97	105,722	1.57
Escrow ⁽¹⁾	2,647	—	2,782	—
Total	<u>\$ 808,763</u>	0.37 %	<u>\$ 798,320</u>	0.41 %

(1) Escrow balances shown in “Noninterest-bearing deposits” on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Scheduled maturities of time deposits at December 31, 2022, are as follows (in thousands):

Year Ending December 31,	Amount
2023	\$ 169,273
2024	33,138
2025	5,042
2026	2,049
2027	791
Thereafter	12
	<u>\$ 210,305</u>

Savings, demand, and money market accounts have no contractual maturity. Certificates of deposit have maturities of six years or less.

The aggregate amount of time deposits in denominations of more than \$250 thousand at December 31, 2022 and 2021, totaled \$56.1 million and \$19.1 million, respectively. Deposits in excess of \$250 thousand are not federally insured. There were no brokered deposits outstanding at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Deposits from related parties held by the Company were \$8.1 million and \$4.9 million at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Note 10—Borrowings, FHLB Stock and Subordinated Notes

The Company utilizes a loan agreement with the FHLB of Des Moines, the terms of which call for a blanket pledge of a portion of the Company's mortgage and commercial and multifamily portfolios based on the outstanding balance. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the maximum amount available to borrow under this credit facility was \$442.1 million and \$417.7 million, respectively, subject to eligible pledged collateral. At December 31, 2022, the credit facility was collateralized as follows: one-to-four family mortgage loans with an advance equivalent of \$204.1 million, commercial and multifamily mortgage loans with an advance equivalent of \$45.4 million and home equity loans with an advance equivalent of \$505 thousand. At December 31, 2021, the credit facility was collateralized as follows: one-to-four family mortgage loans with an advance equivalent of \$59.7 million, commercial and multifamily mortgage loans with an advance equivalent of \$52.9 million and home equity loans with an advance equivalent of \$482 thousand. The Company had \$43.0 million of outstanding overnight borrowings under this arrangement at December 31, 2022 and none at December 31, 2021. The weighted-average interest rate of the Company's borrowings under this arrangement was 2.14% and 0.00% for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The maximum amount outstanding from FHLB advances during 2022 was \$114.0 million and during 2021 was zero. The average balance outstanding was \$27.3 million during 2022 and zero during 2021.

The Company had outstanding letters of credit from the FHLB of Des Moines with a notional amount of \$8.0 million and \$11.5 million at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, to secure public deposits. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the remaining amount available to borrow from the FHLB of Des Moines was \$199.0 million and \$101.5 million, respectively.

As a member of the FHLB system, the Bank is required to maintain a minimum level of investment in the FHLB of Des Moines stock based on specific percentages of its outstanding FHLB advances. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company had an investment of \$2.8 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, in FHLB of Des Moines stock.

The Company participates in the Federal Reserve Bank Borrower-in-Custody program, which gives the Company access to the discount window. The terms of the program call for a pledge of specific assets. The Company pledges commercial and consumer loans as collateral for this borrower-in-custody line of credit. The Company had unused borrowing capacity of \$20.8 million and \$22.4 million under the borrower-in-custody program at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The Company had no outstanding borrowings under the program at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

The Company has access to an unsecured Fed Funds line of credit from the Pacific Coast Banker's Bank. The line has a one-year term maturing on June 30, 2023 and is renewable annually. At December 31, 2022, the amount available under this line of credit was \$20.0 million. There was no balance on this line of credit at December 31, 2022 or 2021.

Sound Financial Bancorp completed a private placement of \$12.0 million in aggregate principal of 5.25% Fixed-to-Floating Rate Subordinated Notes (the "subordinated notes") due 2030 resulting in net proceeds, after placement fees and offering expenses, of approximately \$11.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2020. The subordinated notes have a stated maturity of October 1, 2030 and bear interest at a fixed rate of 5.25% per year until October 1, 2025. From October 1, 2025 to the maturity date or early redemption date, the interest rate will reset quarterly at a variable rate equal to the then current three-month term secured overnight financing rate ("SOFR"), plus 513 basis points. As provided in the subordinated notes, the interest rate on the subordinated notes during the applicable floating rate period may be determined based on a rate other than three-month term SOFR. Prior to October 1, 2025, Sound Financial Bancorp may redeem the subordinated notes, in whole but not in part, only under certain limited circumstances set forth in the subordinated notes. On or after October 1, 2025, Sound Financial Bancorp may redeem the subordinated notes, in whole or in part, at its option, on any interest payment date. Any redemption by Sound Financial Bancorp would be at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the subordinated notes being redeemed, together with any accrued and unpaid interest on the subordinated notes being redeemed to but excluding the date of redemption. The subordinated notes are unsecured obligations and are subordinated in right of payment to all existing and future indebtedness, deposits and other liabilities of Sound Financial Bancorp 's current and future subsidiaries, including the Bank's deposits as well as Sound Financial Bancorp 's subsidiaries' liabilities to general creditors and liabilities arising during the ordinary course of business. The subordinated notes may be included in Tier 2 capital for Sound Financial Bancorp under current regulatory guidelines and interpretations. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, subordinated notes included \$324 thousand and \$366 thousand of unamortized debt issuance costs.

Note 11—Fair Value Measurements

The Company determines the fair values of its financial instruments based on the requirements established in ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements*, which provides a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with U.S. GAAP and requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. ASC 820 defines fair values for financial instruments as the exit price, the price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability, in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date under current market conditions. The Company's fair values for financial instruments at December 31, 2022 and 2021 were determined based on these requirements.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of other financial instruments:

Cash and cash equivalents - The estimated fair value is equal to the carrying amount.

Available-for-sale securities – AFS securities are recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices, if available. If quoted market prices are not available, management utilizes third-party pricing services or broker quotations from dealers in the specific instruments. Level 2 securities include those traded on an active exchange, as well as U.S. government securities.

Held-to-maturity securities – The fair value is based on quoted market prices, if available. If quoted market prices are not available, management utilizes third-party pricing services or broker quotations from dealers in the specific instruments. Level 2 securities include those traded on an active exchange, as well as U.S. government securities.

Loans held-for-sale - The fair value of fixed-rate one-to-four family loans is based on whole loan forward prices obtained from government sponsored enterprises. At December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, loans held-for-sale were carried at cost, as no impairment was required.

Loans held-for-portfolio - The estimated fair value of loans-held-for portfolio consists of a credit adjustment to reflect the estimated adjustment to the carrying value of the loans due to credit-related factors and a yield adjustment, to reflect the estimated adjustment to the carrying value of the loans due to a differential in yield between the portfolio loan yields and estimated current market rate yields on loans with similar characteristics. The estimated fair values of loans held-for-portfolio reflect exit price assumptions. The liquidity premium/discounts are part of the valuation for exit pricing.

Mortgage servicing rights –The fair value of MSRs is determined through a discounted cash flow analysis, which uses interest rates, prepayment speeds, discount rates, and delinquency rate assumptions as inputs.

FHLB stock - The estimated fair value is equal to the par value of the stock.

Non-maturity deposits - The estimated fair value is equal to the carrying amount.

Time deposits - The estimated fair value of time deposits is based on the difference between interest costs paid on the Company's time deposits and current market rates for time deposits with comparable characteristics.

Borrowings - The fair value of borrowings are estimated using the contractual cash flows of each debt instrument discounted using the Company's current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

Subordinated notes - The fair value of subordinated notes is estimated using discounted cash flows based on current lending rates for similar long-term debt instruments with similar terms and remaining time to maturity.

A description of the valuation methodologies used for impaired loans and OREO is as follows:

Impaired loans - The fair value of collateral dependent loans is based on the current appraised value of the collateral less estimated costs to sell, or internally developed models utilizing a calculation of expected discounted cash flows which contain management's assumptions.

OREO and repossessed assets – The fair value of OREO and repossessed assets is based on the current appraised value of the collateral less estimated costs to sell.

Off-balance sheet financial instruments - The fair value for the Company's off-balance sheet loan commitments is estimated based on fees charged to others to enter into similar agreements taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and credit standing of the Company's clients. The estimated fair value of these commitments is not significant.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the hierarchy. In such cases, the lowest level of inputs that is significant to the measurement is used to determine the hierarchy for the entire asset or liability. Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are recognized on the actual date of the event or circumstances that caused the transfer, which generally coincides with the Company's quarterly valuation process. There were no transfers between levels during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

The following tables present information about the level in the fair value hierarchy for the Company's financial assets and liabilities, whether or not recognized or recorded at fair value, as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

	December 31, 2022		Fair Value Measurements Using:		
	Carrying Value	Estimated Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
FINANCIAL ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 57,836	\$ 57,836	\$ 57,836	\$ —	\$ —
Available for sale securities	10,207	10,207	—	10,207	—
Held-to-maturity securities	2,199	1,810	—	1,810	—
Loans held-for-portfolio, net	858,382	801,153	—	—	801,153
Mortgage servicing rights	4,687	4,687	—	—	4,687
FHLB Stock	2,832	2,832	—	2,832	—
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES:					
Non-maturity deposits	598,458	598,458	—	598,458	—
Time deposits	210,305	209,965	—	209,965	—
Borrowings	43,000	43,000	—	43,000	—
Subordinated notes	11,676	10,420	—	10,420	—

	December 31, 2021		Fair Value Measurements Using:		
	Carrying Value	Estimated Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
FINANCIAL ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 183,590	\$ 183,590	\$ 183,590	\$ —	\$ —
Available for sale securities	8,419	8,419	—	8,419	—
Loans held-for-sale	3,094	3,094	—	3,094	—
Loans held-for-portfolio, net	680,092	675,154	—	—	675,154
Mortgage servicing rights	4,273	4,273	—	—	4,273
FHLB Stock	1,046	1,046	—	1,046	—
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES:					
Non-maturity deposits	692,598	692,598	—	692,598	—
Time deposits	105,722	106,834	—	106,834	—
Subordinated notes	11,634	11,634	—	11,634	—

The following tables present the balance of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

Description	Fair Value at December 31, 2022			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Treasury bills	\$ 1,594	\$ —	\$ 1,594	\$ —
Municipal bonds	5,421	—	5,421	—
Agency mortgage-backed securities	3,192	—	3,192	—
MSRs	4,687	—	—	4,687

Description	Fair Value at December 31, 2021			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Municipal bonds	\$ 6,066	\$ —	\$ 6,066	\$ —
Agency mortgage-backed securities	2,353	—	2,353	—
MSRs	4,273	—	—	4,273

The following table provides a description of the valuation technique, unobservable input, and qualitative information about the unobservable inputs for the Company's assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 and measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2022:

Financial Instrument	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input(s)	Range (Weighted Average)
MSRs	Discounted cash flow	Prepayment speed assumption	119%-461% (132%)
		Discount rate	10.5%-14.5% (12.5%)

The following table provides a description of the valuation technique, unobservable input, and qualitative information about the unobservable inputs for the Company's assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 and measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2021:

Financial Instrument	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input(s)	Range (Weighted Average)
MSRs	Discounted cash flow	Prepayment speed assumption	204%-344% (205%)
		Discount rate	10.5%-14.5% (12.5%)

Generally, any significant increases in the constant prepayment rate and discount rate utilized in the fair value measurement of the MSRs will result in a negative fair value adjustment (and decrease in the fair value measurement). Conversely, a decrease in the constant prepayment rate and discount rate will result in a positive fair value adjustment (and increase in the fair value measurement). An increase in the weighted average life assumptions will result in a decrease in the constant prepayment rate and conversely, a decrease in the weighted average life will result in an increase of the constant prepayment rate. As a result of the difficulty in observing certain significant valuation inputs affecting our "Level 3" fair value assets, we are required to make judgments regarding these items' fair values. Different persons in possession of the same facts may reasonably arrive at different conclusions as to the inputs to be applied in valuing these assets and their fair values. Such differences may result in significantly different fair value measurements.

There were no assets or liabilities (excluding MSRs) measured at fair value using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) on a recurring basis during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

MSRs are measured at fair value using significant unobservable input (Level 3) on a recurring basis and a reconciliation of this asset can be found in "Note 6—Mortgage Servicing Rights."

The following table presents the balance of assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis (in thousands):

Description	Fair Value at December 31, 2022			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
OREO and repossessed assets	\$ 659	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 659
Impaired loans	4,844	—	—	4,844

Description	Fair Value at December 31, 2021			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
OREO and repossessed assets	\$ 659	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 659
Impaired loans	7,725	—	—	7,725

There were no liabilities carried at fair value, measured on a recurring or nonrecurring basis, at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

The following table provides a description of the valuation technique, observable input, and qualitative information about the unobservable inputs for the Company's assets classified as Level 3 and measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at December 31, 2022:

December 31, 2022			
Financial Instrument	Valuation Technique(s)	Unobservable Input(s)	Range (Weighted Average)
OREO	Third Party Appraisals	No discounts	N/A
Impaired loans ⁽¹⁾	Discounted Cash Flow	Discount Rate	0-12.75% (5%)
Impaired loans ⁽²⁾	Third Party Appraisals	No discounts	N/A

⁽¹⁾ Represents TDRs included within impaired loans.

⁽²⁾ Excludes TDRs.

December 31, 2021			
Financial Instrument	Valuation Technique(s)	Unobservable Input(s)	Range (Weighted Average)
OREO	Third Party Appraisals	No discounts	N/A
Impaired loans ⁽¹⁾	Discounted Cash Flow	Discount Rate	0-10% (4%)
Impaired loans ⁽²⁾	Third Party Appraisals	No discounts	N/A

⁽¹⁾ Represents TDRs included within impaired loans.

⁽²⁾ Excludes TDRs.

Note 12—Leases

We have operating leases for branch locations, loan production offices, and our corporate office. The lease term for our leases begins on the date we become legally obligated for the rent payments or we take possession of the building, whichever is earlier. Generally, our real estate leases have initial terms of three to 10 years and typically include one renewal option. Our leases have remaining terms of five months to 6.5 years. The operating leases require us to pay property taxes and operating expenses for the properties.

The following table represents the Consolidated Balance Sheet classification of the Company's lease right of use assets and lease liabilities at December 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Operating lease right of use assets	\$ 5,102	\$ 5,811
Operating lease liabilities	5,448	6,242

The following table represents the components of lease expense for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Operating lease expense:		
Office leases	\$ 1,119	\$ 1,134
Sublease income	(11)	(11)
Net lease expense	<u>\$ 1,108</u>	<u>\$ 1,123</u>

The following table represents the maturity of lease liabilities at December 31, 2022 (in thousands):

	December 31, 2022
	Office Leases
Operating Lease Commitments	
2022	\$ 1,051
2023	1,031
2024	884
2025	864
2026	881
Thereafter	1,196
Total lease payments	5,907
Less: Present value discount	459
Present value of lease liabilities	<u>\$ 5,448</u>

Lease term and discount rate by lease type at December 31, 2022 and 2021 consist of the following:

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Weighted-average remaining lease term:		
Office leases	6.1 years	7.0 years
Weighted-average discount rate (annualized):		
Office leases	2.63 %	2.67 %

Supplemental cash flow information related to leases for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 was as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities for operating leases:		
Operating cash flows		
Office leases	\$ 1,067	\$ 1,042

Note 13—Earnings Per Share

Earnings per share are summarized for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Net income	\$ 8,804	\$ 9,156
LESS: Participating dividends - Unvested RSAs	(14)	(14)
LESS: Income allocated to participating securities - Unvested RSAs	(47)	(49)
Net income available to common stockholders - basic	8,743	9,093
ADD BACK: Income allocated to participating securities - Unvested RSAs	47	49
LESS: Income reallocated to participating securities - Unvested RSAs	(47)	(48)
Net income available to common stockholders - diluted	<u>\$ 8,743</u>	<u>\$ 9,094</u>
Weighted average number of shares outstanding, basic	2,578,496	2,582,775
Effect of potentially dilutive common shares	34,918	43,741
Weighted average number of shares outstanding, diluted	<u>2,613,414</u>	<u>2,626,516</u>
Earnings per share, basic	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.52
Earnings per share, diluted	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.46

There were 2,612 anti-dilutive securities for the year ended December 31, 2022. There were no anti-dilutive securities for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Note 14—Employee Benefits

The Company has a 401(k) retirement plan that allows employees to defer a portion of their salary into the 401(k) plan. The Company matches a portion of employees' salary deferrals. 401(k) plan costs are accrued and funded on a current basis. The Company contributed \$259 thousand and \$230 thousand to the plan for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

The Bank maintains a deferred compensation account for the benefit of Ms. Stewart, established in 1994 in connection with an incentive plan which is no longer active. Ms. Stewart was fully vested in her benefits under this plan as of January 2005. Pursuant to the terms of the plan, payments in an amount equal to the fair market value of the assets in the deferred compensation account shall be made to Ms. Stewart (or to her designated beneficiary in the event of her death) in 120 equal monthly installments commencing on the last day of the month following the month in which her employment with the Bank is terminated. In the event of the death of Ms. Stewart and her designated beneficiary prior to the account being fully paid, the remaining value of the account shall be paid in a lump sum to the beneficiary's estate. The assets in the deferred compensation account consist of cash, which is held in a certificate of deposit at the Bank and earns interest at market rates. At both December 31, 2022 and 2021, the amount held in the certificates of deposit at the Bank was \$111 thousand.

The Bank maintains a nonqualified deferred compensation plan (the "NQDC Plan"), which became effective on January 1, 2017. The purpose of the NQDC Plan is to provide a select group of management or highly-compensated employees of the Bank with an opportunity to defer the receipt of up to eighty percent (80%) of their annual base salary, bonus, performance-based compensation and any commission income and to assist the Company in attracting, retaining and motivating employees of high caliber and experience. In addition to elective deferrals, the Bank may make discretionary and other contributions to be credited to the account of any or all participants, subject to the vesting requirements set forth in the NQDC Plan. Discretionary contributions by the Bank become 100% vested upon the completion of three years of service from a participant's effective date of participation in the NQDC Plan (with accelerated vesting upon death, disability or a change in control), while other Bank contributions (including matching contributions) vest at the rate of 20% per year, beginning with the participant's two-year anniversary of his or her date of hire. During the years ended December 31, 2022, and 2021, the Bank made discretionary contributions to the NQDC Plan of \$205 thousand and \$93 thousand, respectively.

Each participant's deferred compensation account is credited with an investment return determined as if the account was invested in one or more investment funds. Each participant elects the investment funds in which his or her account shall be

deemed to be invested. Distributions of vested account balances are made upon death, disability, separation from service, or a specified in-service date unforeseeable emergency. Distributions shall be made in a single cash payment or, at the election of the participant, in annual installments for a period of up to ten (10) years in the case of a separation from service and in annual installments for a period of up to five (5) years in the case of an in-service distribution.

The obligations of the Bank under the NQDC Plan are general unsecured obligations of the Bank to pay deferred compensation in the future to eligible participants in accordance with the terms of the NQDC Plan from the general assets of the Bank, although the Bank may establish a trust to hold amounts which the Bank may use to satisfy NQDC Plan distributions from time to time. Distributions from the NQDC Plan are governed by the Internal Revenue Code and the NQDC Plan. The Company may, at any time, in its sole discretion, terminate the NQDC Plan or amend or modify the NQDC Plan, in whole or in part, except that no such termination, amendment or modification shall have any retroactive effect to reduce any amounts deemed to be accrued and vested prior to such amendment.

Supplemental Executive Retirement Plans.

The Company maintains two supplemental executive retirement plans for the benefit of Ms. Stewart, which are intended to be unfunded, non-contributory defined benefit plans maintained primarily to provide her with supplemental retirement income. The first supplemental executive retirement plan ("SERP 1") was effective as of August 14, 2007. The second supplemental executive retirement plan ("SERP 2") was effective as of December 30, 2011, at which time the benefits under SERP 1 were frozen.

Under the terms of SERP 1, as amended, Ms. Stewart is entitled to receive \$53,320 per year for life commencing on the first day of the month following her separation from service (as defined in SERP 1) for any reason from Sound Community Bank, subject to a six-month delay if required by Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. No payments will be made under SERP 1 in the event of Ms. Stewart's death and any payments that have commenced will cease upon death. In the event Ms. Stewart is involuntarily terminated in connection with a change in control (as defined in SERP 1), she will be entitled to receive the annual benefit described in the first sentence of this paragraph commencing upon such termination, subject to a six-month delay if required by Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code.

Under the terms of SERP 2, as amended, upon Ms. Stewart's termination of employment with Sound Community Bank for any reason other than death, she will be entitled to receive additional retirement benefits each month for life commencing on the first day of the month following her separation from service (as defined in SERP 2) from Sound Community Bank, subject to a six-month delay if required by Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. The additional retirement benefits will equal the amount payable from the annuity underlying SERP 2, which benefits would equal \$99,450 per year as of December 31, 2022. In the event of Ms. Stewart's death prior to the commencement of the additional retirement benefits, her beneficiary will be entitled to a single lump sum payment within 90 days thereafter in an amount equal to the Bank's accrual for her retirement benefit under SERP 2 as of the date of death, or approximately \$1.1 million at December 31, 2022. If a change in control occurs (as defined in SERP 2), Ms. Stewart will receive her full retirement benefit under SERP 2 commencing upon the first day of the month following her separation from service from Sound Community Bank, subject to a six-month delay if required by Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code.

Stock Options and Restricted Stock

The Company currently has one active stockholder approved equity incentive plan, the Amended and Restated 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2013 Plan"). The 2013 Plan permits the grant of restricted stock, restricted stock units, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. The equity incentive plan approved by stockholders in 2008 (the "2008 Plan") expired in November 2018 and no further awards may be made under the 2008 Plan; provided, however, all awards outstanding under the 2008 Plan remain outstanding in accordance with their terms. Under the 2013 Plan, 181,750 shares of common stock were approved for awards for stock options and stock appreciation rights and 116,700 shares of common stock were approved for awards for restricted stock and restricted stock units.

At December 31, 2022, awards for stock options totaling 283,484 shares and awards for restricted stock totaling 150,971 shares of Company common stock have been granted in the aggregate, net of any forfeitures, under the 2008 Plan and 2013 Plan to participants. During the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, share-based compensation expense totaled \$475 thousand and \$360 thousand, respectively.

Stock Option Awards

All stock option awards granted under the 2008 Plan vest in 20 percent annual increments commencing one year from the grant date in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Plan. The stock option awards granted to date under the 2013 Plan provide for immediate vesting of a portion of the award with the balance of the award vesting on the anniversary date of each grant date

in equal annual installments over periods of one-to-four years subject to the continued service of the participant with the Company. All of the options granted under the 2008 Plan and the 2013 Plan are exercisable for a period of 10 years from the date of grant, subject to vesting.

The following is a summary of the Company's stock option plan award activity during the period ended December 31, 2022:

	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Weighted-Average Exercise Price</u>	<u>Weighted-Average Contractual Term In Years</u>	<u>Aggregate Intrinsic Value</u>
Outstanding at January 1, 2022	91,316	\$ 24.59	4.77	\$ 1,772,667
Granted	12,800	42.85		
Exercised	(11,421)	19.52		
Forfeited	(918)	34.92		
Expired	(252)	35.13		
Outstanding at December 31, 2022	<u>91,525</u>	27.64	4.65	1,109,392
Exercisable	<u>70,559</u>	24.57	3.59	1,046,742
Expected to vest, assuming a 0% forfeiture rate over the vesting term	<u>91,525</u>	\$ 27.64	4.65	\$ 1,109,392

At December 31, 2022, there was \$112 thousand of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options granted under the Plan. The cost is expected to be recognized over the remaining weighted-average vesting period of 2.5 years. The total intrinsic value of the shares exercised during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 was \$207 thousand and \$447 thousand, respectively.

The fair value of each option grant is estimated as of the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The fair value of options granted in 2022 and 2021 were determined using the following weighted-average assumptions as of the grant date.

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Annual dividend yield	1.59 %	1.60 %
Expected volatility	26.48 %	21.67 %
Risk-free interest rate	1.64 %	0.60 %
Expected term	6.00 years	6.50 years
Weighted-average grant date fair value per option granted	\$ 9.95	\$ 5.64

Restricted Stock Awards

The fair value of the restricted stock awards is equal to the fair value of the Company's common stock at the date of grant. Compensation expense is recognized over the vesting period that the awards are based. The restricted stock awards granted under the 2008 Plan vest in 20% annual increments commencing one year from the grant date. The restricted stock awards granted to date under the 2013 Plan provide for immediate vesting of a portion of the award with the balance of the award vesting on the anniversary date of each of the grant date in equal annual installments over periods of one to four years subject to the continued service of the participant with the Company.

The following is a summary of the Company's non-vested restricted stock awards for the year ended December 31, 2022:

Non-vested Shares	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value Per Share	Aggregate Intrinsic Value Per Share
Non-vested at January 1, 2022	17,586	\$ 34.02	
Granted	9,700	42.85	
Vested	(8,477)	36.34	
Forfeited	(930)	35.58	
Expired	—	—	
Non-vested at December 31, 2022	17,879	37.63	\$ 39.27
Expected to vest assuming a 0% forfeiture rate over the vesting term	17,879	\$ 37.63	\$ 39.27

At December 31, 2022, there was \$403 thousand of unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested restricted stock granted under the Plan. The cost is expected to be recognized over the weighted-average vesting period of 2.4 years. The total fair value of shares vested for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 was \$308 thousand and \$265 thousand, respectively.

Employee Stock Ownership Plan

In January 2008, the ESOP borrowed \$1.2 million from the Company to purchase common stock of the Company, which was paid in full in 2017. In August 2012, in conjunction with the Company's conversion to a full stock company from the mutual holding company structure, the ESOP borrowed an additional \$1.1 million from the Company to purchase common stock of the Company. The loan for \$1.1 million was being repaid principally by the Bank through contributions to the ESOP over a period of 10 years. The interest rate on the loan is fixed at 2.25%, per annum. At December 31, 2022, the remaining balance of the ESOP loan was zero.

Neither the loan balance nor the related interest expense is reflected on the consolidated financial statements.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the ESOP was committed to release 11,340 shares of the Company's common stock to participants. There were no unallocated ESOP shares remaining to be released subsequent to December 31, 2021. The funds to purchase shares in the ESOP come from contributions the Bank makes up to twice a year to the Plan. For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the ESOP trustee purchased 19,438 shares and 7,343 shares of the Company's common stock for inclusion in the Plan. The number of allocated shares was 155,135 and 131,805 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The fair value of the 155,135 restricted shares held by the ESOP trust was \$6.4 million at December 31, 2022. ESOP compensation expense included in salaries and benefits was \$820 thousand and \$781 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Note 15—Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes at December 31, 2022 and 2021 was as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Current	\$ 2,221	\$ 2,315
Deferred	(149)	(43)
Total tax expense	\$ 2,072	\$ 2,272

A reconciliation of the provision for income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, with amounts determined by applying the statutory U.S. federal income tax rate to income before income taxes, is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Provision at statutory rate	\$ 2,282	\$ 2,400
Tax-exempt income	(169)	(203)
Other	(41)	75
	<u>\$ 2,072</u>	<u>\$ 2,272</u>
Federal Tax Rate	21.0 %	21.0 %
Tax exempt rate	(1.6)	(1.8)
Other	(0.3)	0.7
Effective tax rate	<u>19.1 %</u>	<u>19.9 %</u>

The following table reflects the temporary differences that gave rise to the components of the Company's deferred tax assets at December 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Deferred tax assets		
Deferred compensation and supplemental retirement	\$ 401	\$ 381
Equity based compensation	159	120
Intangible assets	38	46
Lease liabilities	1,075	1,311
Unrealized loss on securities	297	—
Allowance for loan losses	1,596	1,324
Other, net	109	71
Total deferred tax assets	<u>3,675</u>	<u>3,253</u>
Deferred tax liabilities		
Prepaid expenses	(159)	(100)
FHLB stock dividends	(40)	(40)
Unrealized gain on securities	—	(37)
Depreciation	(108)	(165)
Mortgage servicing rights	(493)	(568)
Deferred loan costs	(952)	(739)
Right of use assets	(1,056)	(1,220)
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>(2,808)</u>	<u>(2,869)</u>
Net deferred tax asset	<u>\$ 867</u>	<u>\$ 384</u>

At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefits. The Company recognizes interest accrued and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in "Provision for income taxes" in the Consolidated Statements of Income. During the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company recognized no interest and penalties related to income taxes.

The Company or its subsidiary files an income tax return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2019.

Note 16—Capital

Sound Financial Bancorp is a bank holding company under the supervision of the Federal Reserve. Bank holding companies are subject to capital adequacy requirements of the Federal Reserve under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and the regulations of the Federal Reserve, except that, pursuant to the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer

Protection Act, effective August 30, 2018, a bank holding company with consolidated assets of less than \$3.0 billion is generally not subject to the Federal Reserve's capital regulations, which parallel the FDIC's capital regulations. The Bank is a state-chartered, federally insured institution and thereby is subject to the capital requirements established by the FDIC. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and, possibly, additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Bank must meet specific capital regulations that involve quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance-sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices.

The capital amounts and classifications are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors. Prompt corrective action provisions are not applicable to bank holding companies.

At December 31, 2022, according to the most recent notification from the FDIC, the Bank was categorized as "well capitalized" under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. There are no conditions or events since the notification that management believes have changed the Bank's category.

As of January 1, 2020, the Bank elected to use the Community Bank Leverage Ratio ("CBLR") framework as provided for in the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act. To be eligible to utilize the CBLR, the Bank must have total consolidated assets of less than \$10 billion, off-balance sheet exposures of 25% or less of its total consolidated assets, and trading assets and trading liabilities of 5.0% or less of its total consolidated assets, all as of the end of the most recent quarter. Under the CBLR framework, a bank will generally be considered well-capitalized and to have met the risk-based and leverage capital requirements of the capital regulations if it has a CBLR greater than 9.0%. A bank electing the framework that ceases to meet any qualifying criteria in a future period and that has a leverage ratio greater than 8% will be allowed a grace period of two reporting periods to satisfy the CBLR qualifying criteria or comply with the generally applicable capital requirements. A bank may opt out of the framework at any time, without restriction, by reverting to the generally applicable risk-based capital rule. At December 31, 2022, the Bank's CBLR was 10.83%.

For a bank holding company with less than \$3.0 billion in assets, the capital guidelines apply on a bank-only basis and the Federal Reserve expects the holding company's subsidiary banks to be well-capitalized under the prompt corrective action regulations. If Sound Financial Bancorp was subject to regulatory guidelines for bank holding companies with \$3.0 billion or more in assets, at December 31, 2022, Sound Financial Bancorp would have exceeded all regulatory capital requirements. The estimated CBLR calculated for Sound Financial Bancorp at December 31, 2022 was 9.86%.

During the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company repurchased a total of 46,799 and 3,657 shares of Company common stock at an average price of \$37.05 and \$41.68 per share pursuant to the Company's stock repurchase program, leaving \$2.1 million available for future repurchase under the existing program.

Note 17—Concentrations of Credit Risk

Most of the Company's business activity is with clients located in the state of Washington. A substantial portion of the loan portfolio is represented by real estate loans throughout western Washington. The ability of the Company's debtors to honor their contracts is dependent upon the real estate and general economic conditions in the area. Loans to one borrower are generally limited by federal banking regulations to 15% of the Company's unimpaired capital and surplus.

Note 18—Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is a party to financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its clients. These financial instruments generally represent a commitment to extend credit in the form of loans. The instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit- and interest-rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the consolidated balance sheets.

The Company's exposure to credit loss, in the event of nonperformance by the other party to the financial instrument for commitments to extend credit, is represented by the contractual notional amount of those instruments. The Company uses the same credit policies in making commitments as it does for on-balance-sheet instruments.

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a client as long as there is no violation of any condition established by the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Because many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. These commitments are not reflected in the consolidated financial statements.

The Company evaluates each client's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if it is deemed necessary by the Company, is based on management's credit evaluation of the client.

Financial instruments whose contract amount represents credit risk were as follow (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Residential mortgage commitments	\$ 3,184	\$ 6,663
Unfunded construction commitments	65,072	89,797
Unused lines of credit	32,793	35,036
Irrevocable letters of credit	275	151
Total loan commitments	<u>\$ 101,323</u>	<u>\$ 131,647</u>

At December 31, 2022, fixed-rate loan commitments totaled \$3.2 million and had a weighted-average interest rate of 7.60%. At December 31, 2021, fixed-rate loan commitments totaled \$6.7 million and had a weighted-average interest rate of 4.27%.

At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company had letters of credit issued by the FHLB with a notional amount of \$8.0 million and \$11.5 million, respectively, in order to secure Washington State Public Funds.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company sells loans without recourse that may have to be subsequently repurchased due to defects that occurred during the origination of the loan. The defects are categorized as documentation errors, underwriting errors, early payment defaults, and fraud. When a loan sold to an investor without recourse fails to perform, the investor will typically review the loan file to determine whether defects in the origination process occurred. If a defect is identified, the Company may be required to either repurchase the loan or indemnify the investor for losses sustained. If there are no defects, the Company has no commitment to repurchase the loan. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the maximum amount of these guarantees totaled \$472.5 million and \$508.1 million, respectively. These amounts represent the unpaid principal balances of the Company's loans serviced for others' portfolios. There were no loans repurchased during the year ended December 31, 2022 and \$284 thousand of loans repurchased during the year ended 2021.

The Company pays certain medical, dental, prescription, and vision claims for its employees, on a self-insured basis. The Company has purchased stop-loss insurance to cover claims that exceed stated limits and has recorded estimated reserves for the ultimate costs for both reported claims and claims incurred but not reported, which were not considered significant at December 31, 2022. At December 31, 2022, the Company recorded \$227 thousand of stop loss medical insurance claims exceeding stated coverage limits which offset our medical expense during the year ended December 31, 2022.

At various times, the Company may be the defendant in various legal proceedings arising in connection with its business. It is the opinion of management that the financial position and the results of operations of the Company will not be materially adversely affected by the outcome of any currently pending legal proceedings and that adequate provision has been made in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Note 19—Parent Company Financial Information

The Balance Sheets, Statements of Income, and Statements of Cash Flows for Sound Financial Bancorp (Parent Only) are presented below (dollars in thousands):

Balance sheets	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,152	\$ 4,215
Investment in Sound Community Bank	107,467	100,986
Other assets	85	58
Total assets	<u>\$ 109,704</u>	<u>\$ 105,259</u>
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Subordinated notes, net	\$ 11,676	\$ 11,634
Other liabilities	323	267
Total liabilities	<u>11,999</u>	<u>11,901</u>
Stockholders' equity	<u>97,705</u>	<u>93,358</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 109,704</u>	<u>\$ 105,259</u>
Statements of Income	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Dividend from subsidiary	\$ 2,623	\$ —
Interest expense on subordinated notes	(672)	(673)
Other expenses	(715)	(550)
Income (loss) before income tax benefit and equity in undistributed net income of subsidiary	1,236	(1,223)
Income tax benefit	306	257
Equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiary	7,232	9,690
Net income	<u>\$ 8,774</u>	<u>\$ 8,724</u>

Statements of Cash Flows	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 8,774	\$ 8,724
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Other, net	71	(78)
Expense allocation to holding company	(134)	—
Equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiary	(7,232)	(9,690)
Net cash used in operating activities	1,479	(1,044)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
ESOP shares released	—	431
Net cash provided by investing activities	—	431
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Dividends paid	(2,031)	(2,039)
Repurchase of stock	(1,734)	(152)
Stock options exercised	223	182
Net cash used in financing activities	(3,542)	(2,009)
Net decrease in cash	(2,063)	(2,622)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	4,215	6,837
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 2,152	\$ 4,215

Note 20—Revenue from Contracts with Customers

All of the Company's revenue from contracts with customers in the scope of ASC 606—*Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("ASC 606") is recognized in Noninterest Income with the exception of the net loss on OREO and repossessed assets, which is included in Noninterest Expense. The following table presents the Company's sources of Noninterest Income for the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands). Items outside of the scope of ASC 606 are noted as such.

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Noninterest income:		
Service charges and fee income		
Account maintenance fees	\$ 324	\$ 311
Transaction-based and overdraft service charges	446	356
Debit/ATM interchange fees	1,394	1,322
Credit card interchange fees	40	27
Loan fees (a)	119	178
Other fees (a)	45	53
Total service charges and fee income	2,368	2,247
Earnings on cash surrender value of bank-owned life insurance (a)	219	416
Mortgage servicing income (a)	1,242	1,284
Fair value adjustment on MSRMs (a)	207	(808)
Net gain on sale of loans (a)	546	4,190
Total noninterest income	\$ 4,582	\$ 7,329

(a) Not within scope of ASC 606

Account maintenance fees and transaction-based and overdraft service charges

The Company earns fees from its customers for account maintenance, transaction-based and overdraft services. Account maintenance fees consist primarily of account fees and analyzed account fees charged on deposit accounts on a monthly basis. The performance obligation is satisfied and fees are recognized on a monthly basis as the service period is completed. Transaction-based fees and overdraft service fees on deposit accounts are charged to deposit customers for specific services provided to the customer, such as non-sufficient funds, overdraft, and wire services. The performance obligation is completed as the transaction occurs and the fees are recognized at the time each specific service is provided to the customer.

Debit/ATM and credit card interchange income

Debit/ATM interchange income represent fees earned when a debit card issued by the Bank is used for a transaction. The Bank earns interchange fees from debit cardholder transactions through the MasterCard payment network. Interchange fees from cardholder transactions represent a percentage of the underlying transaction value and are recognized daily, concurrently with the transaction processing services provided to the cardholder. The performance obligation is satisfied and the fees are earned when the cost of the transaction is charged to the cardholders' account. Certain expenses directly associated with the debit card are recorded on a net basis with the interchange income.

The Company utilizes a third-party agency relationship to brand credit cards with fees for originating new accounts paid by the issuing bank. Credit card interchange income represents fees earned when a credit card is issued by the third-party agent. Similar to debit card interchange fees, the Bank earns an interchange fee for each transaction made with Sound Community Bank's branded credit cards. The performance obligation is satisfied and the fees are earned when the cost of the transaction is charged to the cardholders' credit card. Certain expenses and rebates directly related to the credit card interchange contract are recorded net of the interchange income.

Net loss on OREO and repossessed assets

We record a gain or loss from the sale of other real estate owned when control of the property transfers to the buyer, which generally occurs at the time of an executed deed of trust. When the Bank finances the sale of OREO to the buyer, the Company assesses whether the buyer is committed to perform their obligations under the contract and whether collectability of the transaction price is probable. Once these criteria are met, the OREO asset is derecognized and the gain or loss on sale is recorded upon the transfer of control of the property to the buyer. In determining the gain or loss on sale, we adjust the transaction price and related gain or loss on sale if a significant financing component is present. The Company generated income/incurred expenses, net of gain/losses on sale of OREO, on our OREO properties of \$0 and \$(16) thousand for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, included under noninterest expense on the Consolidated Statements of Income.

Note 21—Subsequent Events

On January 27, 2023, the Company declared on Company common stock a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.17 per common share, payable on February 23, 2023 to stockholders of record at the close of business February 9, 2023.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

An evaluation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, and several other members of the Company's senior management as of December 31, 2022. Based on this evaluation, the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2022 in ensuring that the information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Act is: (i) accumulated and communicated to the Company's management (including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer) in a timely manner, and (ii) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms.

We intend to continually review and evaluate the design and effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and to improve the Company's controls and procedures over time and to correct any deficiencies that we may discover in the future. The goal is to ensure that senior management has timely access to all material financial and non-financial information concerning the Company's business. While we believe the present design of the disclosure controls and procedures is effective to achieve this goal, future events affecting our business may cause the Company to modify its disclosure controls and procedures.

The Company does not expect that its disclosure controls and procedures will prevent all error and all fraud. A control procedure, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control procedure are met. Because of the inherent limitations in all control procedures, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple errors or mistakes. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the control. The design of any control procedure is also based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies and procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control procedure, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

(b) Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The management of Sound Financial Bancorp is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance to the Company's management and board of directors regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of human error and circumvention or overriding of controls. Accordingly, even an effective system of internal control over financial reporting can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation. Projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risks that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2022. In making this assessment, it used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control-Integrated Framework (2013). Based on this assessment, we concluded that, as of December 31, 2022, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective based on those criteria.

(c) Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

As required by Rule 13a-15(d), our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, also conducted an evaluation of our internal control over financial reporting to determine whether any changes occurred during quarter ended December 31, 2022 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control

over financial reporting. There were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2022, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information

None.

Item 9C. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections

Not applicable.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Directors

Information concerning the Company's directors is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in May 2023, a copy of which will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

Executive Officers

Information concerning the executive officers of the Company and the Bank is contained under the heading "Executive Officers" in "Part I. Item 1. Business" of this Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Code of Ethics

We have adopted a code of ethics that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, and person performing similar functions, and to all of our other employees and our directors. You may obtain a copy of the code of ethics free of charge by writing to the Corporate Secretary of Sound Financial Bancorp, 2400 3rd Avenue, Suite 150, Seattle, Washington, 98121 or by calling (206) 448-0884. In addition, the code of ethics is available on our website at www.soundcb.com under "Investor Relations – Governance."

Corporate Governance

Nominating Procedures. There have been no material changes to the procedures by which stockholders may recommend nominees to our Board of Directors since last disclosed to stockholders.

Audit Committee and Audit Committee Financial Expert. Sound Financial Bancorp has an Audit Committee that is appointed by the Board of Directors to provide assistance to the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibility relating to the integrity of our consolidated financial statements and the financial reporting processes, the systems of internal accounting and financial controls, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the annual independent audit of our consolidated financial statements, the independent auditors' qualifications and independence, the performance of our internal audit function and independent auditors and any other areas of potential financial risk to Sound Financial Bancorp specified by its Board of Directors. The Audit Committee also is responsible for the appointment, retention and oversight of our independent auditors, including pre-approval of all audit and non-audit services to be performed by the independent auditors. During 2022, the Audit Committee was comprised of Directors Jones (chair), Carney, Riojas and Haddad, each of whom is "independent" as that term is defined for audit committee members in the Nasdaq Rules. The Board of Directors has determined that Director Jones is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined in Item 407(e) of Regulation S-K of the Securities and Exchange Commission and that all of the Audit Committee members meet the financial literacy requirements under the NASDAQ listing standards. Additional information concerning the Audit Committee is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in May 2023, (except for information contained under the heading "Report of the Audit Committee"), a copy of which will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

Information concerning executive compensation is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in May 2023, a copy of which will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

Information concerning security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in May 2023, a copy of which will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

The Company is not aware of any arrangements, including any pledge by any person of securities of the Company, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of Sound Financial Bancorp.

Equity Compensation Plan Information. The following table sets forth information at December 31, 2022 with respect to the Company's equity compensation plans, all of which were approved by the Company's shareholders.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plan ⁽¹⁾
Equity Incentive Plan approved by security holders	91,525	\$ 27.64	34,369
Equity Incentive Plan not approved by security holders	—	—	—
Total	91,525	\$ 27.64	34,369

(1) Includes 16,143 shares available for issuance for stock awards, other than awards of stock options and stock appreciation rights.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

Information concerning certain relationships and related transactions, our independent directors and our audit and nominating committee charters is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in May 2023, a copy of which will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Information concerning principal accountant fees and services is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in May 2023, a copy of which will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a)(1) List of Financial Statements

The following are contained in Item 8:

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (Moss Adams LLP, Everett WA, PCAOB ID: 659)
Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2022 and 2021
Consolidated Statements of Income for the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the Years December 31, 2022 and 2021
Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity for the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(a)(2) List of Financial Statement Schedules:

All financial statement schedules have been omitted as the information is not required under the related instructions or is not applicable.

(a)(3) List of Exhibits:

(b) Exhibits:

EXHIBIT INDEX

- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC on March 27, 2012 (File No. 333-180385))
- 3.2 Bylaws of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 26, 2021 (File No. 001-35633))
- 4.1 Form of Common Stock Certificate of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC on March 27, 2012 (File No. 333-180385))
- 4.2 Description of capital stock (incorporated herein by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 (File No. 001-35633))
- 4.3 Form of 5.25% Fixed-to-Floating Rate Subordinated Note due October 1, 2030 (included as Exhibit A to the Subordinate Note Purchase Agreement included in Exhibit 10.16) (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 21, 2020 (File No. 001-35633)).
- 10.1 Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated January 25, 2019, by and between Sound Community Bank and Laura Lee Stewart (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 30, 2019 (File No. 001-35633))
- 10.2 Amended and Restated Supplemental Executive Retirement Agreement by and between Sound Community Bank and Laura Lee Stewart (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 14, 2022 (File No. 001-35633))
- 10.3 Amended and Restated Long Term Compensation Agreement by and between Sound Community Bank and Laura Lee Stewart (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 27, 2015 (File No. 001-35633))
- 10.4 Amended and Restated Confidentiality, Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement by and between Sound Community Bank and Laura Lee Stewart (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 16, 2019 (File No. 001-35633))
- 10.5 2008 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 31, 2009 (File No. 000-52889))
- 10.6 Forms of Incentive Stock Option Agreement, Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement and Restricted Stock Agreements under the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 29, 2009 (File No. 000-52889))

- 10.7 Summary of Annual Bonus Plan (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 3, 2020 (File No. 000-35633))
- 10.8 Amended and Restated 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (included as Annex A to the Company's proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 12, 2018 and incorporated herein by reference (File No. 001-35633))
- 10.9 Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement, Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement and Restricted Stock Agreement under the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (included as Exhibit 10.14 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference (File No. 001-35633))
- 10.10 Form of Adoption Agreement for the Sound Community Bank Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan (incorporated herein by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 30, 2021 (File No. (001-35633))
- 10.11 The Sound Community Bank Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 24, 2017 (File No. 001-35633))
- 10.12 Change of Control Agreement dated October 25, 2018, by and among Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc., Sound Community Bank and Heidi Sexton (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 26, 2018 (File No. (001-35633))
- 10.13 Credit Union of the Pacific Incentive Compensation Achievement Plan, dated January 1, 1994 (incorporated herein by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 14, 2019 (File No. (001-35633))
- 10.14 Form of Subordinated Note Purchase Agreement, dated September 18, 2020, by and among Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. and the Purchasers (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 21, 2020 (File No. 001-35633)).
- 10.15 Change of Control Agreement dated August 25, 2021, by and among Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc., Sound Community Bank and Wes Ochs (incorporated herein by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 31, 2021 (File No. (001-35633))
- 21 Subsidiaries of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. 1994 (incorporated herein by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 12, 2020 (File No. (001-35633))
- 23 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- 24 Power of Attorney (included on signature page)
- 31.1 Rule 13(a)-14(a) Certification (Chief Executive Officer)
- 31.2 Rule 13(a)-14(a) Certification (Chief Financial Officer)
- 32 Section 1350 Certification
- 101 The following financial statements from the Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, formatted in Extensive Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) consolidated balance sheets, (ii) consolidated statements of income, (iii) consolidated statements of comprehensive income, (iv) consolidated statements of equity (v) consolidated statements of cash flows and (vi) the notes to consolidated financial statements
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

(c) Financial Statements Schedules - None

Item 16. Form 10-K Summary - None

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.

Date: March 14, 2023

By: /s/ Laura Lee Stewart

Laura Lee Stewart, President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ Wes Ochs

Wes Ochs
Executive Vice President/Chief Strategy Officer and Chief Financial
Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ Jennifer L. Mallon

Jennifer L. Mallon
Senior Vice President/Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned officers and directors of Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc., hereby severally and individually constitute and appoint Laura Lee Stewart and Wes Ochs, and each of them, the true and lawful attorneys and agents of each of us to execute in the name, place and stead of each of us (individually and in any capacity stated below) any and all amendments to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and all instruments necessary or advisable in connection therewith and to file the same with the Securities and Exchange Commission, each of said attorneys and agents to have the power to act with or without the others and to have full power and authority to do and perform in the name and on behalf of each of the undersigned every act whatsoever necessary or advisable to be done in the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as any of the undersigned might or could do in person, and we hereby ratify and confirm our signatures as they may be signed by our said attorneys and agents or each of them to any and all such amendments and instruments.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ Laura Lee Stewart

Laura Lee Stewart, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: March 14, 2023

/s/ Wes Ochs

Wes Ochs, Executive Vice President/Chief Strategy Officer and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: March 14, 2023

/s/ Jennifer L. Mallon

Jennifer L. Mallon, Senior Vice President/Chief Accounting Officer

(Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: March 14, 2023

/s/ Tyler K. Myers

Tyler K. Myers, Chairman of the Board

Date: March 14, 2023

/s/ David S. Haddad, Jr.

David S. Haddad, Jr., Director

Date: March 14, 2023

/s/ Robert F. Carney

Robert F. Carney, Director

Date: March 14, 2023

/s/ Debra Jones

Debra Jones, Director

Date: March 14, 2023

/s/ Rogelio Riojas

Rogelio Riojas, Director

Date: March 14, 2023

/s/ James E. Sweeney

James E. Sweeney, Director

Date: March 14, 2023

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