

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

April 6, 2022

Richard J. O'Neil, Jr. Chief Executive Officer ECB Bancorp, Inc. 419 Broadway Everett, MA 02149

Re: ECB Bancorp, Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-1
Filed March 10, 2022
File No. 333-263449

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

We have reviewed your registration statement and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

### Registration Statement on Form S-1

## General

- 1. Please provide us with supplemental copies of all written communications, as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act, that you, or anyone authorized to do so on your behalf, have presented or expect to present to potential investors in reliance on Section 5(d) of the Securities Act, whether or not you retained, or intend to retain, copies of those communications. Please contact Tonya K. Aldave at (202) 551-3601 to discuss how to submit the materials, if any, to us for our review.
- 2. We note that your forum selection provision identifies a state or federal court located within the State of Maryland as the exclusive forum for certain litigation, including any "derivative action." Please also describe this provision in the registration statement under "Description of Capital Stock," at page 154 and disclose whether it applies to actions

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arising under the Securities Act or Exchange Act.

## Summary, page 1

- 3. Refer to page 122. We note your disclosure that all depositors have voting rights in Everett Co-operative Bank as to all matters requiring depositor approval and that upon completion of the conversion depositors will cease to have any voting rights. Please disclose this in the summary section or include a cross-reference to this section.
- 4. Please include a graphical depiction of the organizational structures, both before and after the conversion.

## Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources, page 66

5. Please revise to include a detailed discussion of your cash flows from operations, investing, and financing in regards to your liquidity discussion. Also discuss any known trends, known demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that will or are likely to impact your liquidity in a material way.

## Properties, page 91

6. Please disclose the general description and approximate square footage of the properties you own and lease. Refer to Item 102 of Regulation S-K.

## Management of ECB Bancorp

## Directors of ECB Bancorp and Everett Co-operative Bank, page 105

7. We note your disclosure on page 148 that your board of directors will be divided into three classes. Please revise this section to reflect this information. In addition, disclose what directors will serve in each class and the period of time for each class to serve on the board, or advise.

#### **Exhibits**

8. We note that you plan for certain exhibits listed in the exhibit index "to be filed supplementally." Please confirm you will file these prior to effectiveness or tell us why you are not required to file Exhibits 1.2, 10.3, 10.10 and 99.5 with subsequent preeffective amendments. Please also explain to us what Exhibit 99.4 Marketing Materials is referring to.

We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. Please allow adequate time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration

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statement.

You may contact Michel Henderson at (202) 551-3364 or Hugh West at (202) 551-3872 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Tonya K. Aldave at (202) 551-3601 or Susan Block at (202) 551-3210 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Finance

cc: Steven Lanter, Esq.