



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

September 17, 2013

Steven E. Trager
President and Chief Executive Officer
Republic Bancorp, Inc.
601 West Market Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

**Re: Republic Bancorp, Inc.
Form 10-K
Filed March 14, 2013
File No. 000-24649**

Dear Trager:

We have reviewed your filing 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 within ten business days by amending your filing, by providing the requested information, or by advising us when you will provide the requested response. 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 filing and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

Item 13: Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

1. In future filings, revise the disclosure to state, if true, that all loans were made in the ordinary course of business and on substantially the same terms, including interest rate and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable loans with persons not related to the lender. For the updated disclosure requirements, refer to Instruction 4(c) to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.
2. Advise us whether you could have made the Item 404(a) disclosure cited above in your 2012 10-K filing. If not, amend.

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We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable Exchange Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In responding to our comments, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

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

Please contact Jessica Livingston at 202-551-3448 or me at 202-551-3464 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kathryn McHale

Kathryn McHale
Senior Staff Attorney