

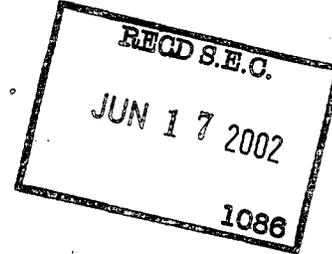
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Washington, DC 20549

Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Provident Financial Group, Inc., 8.375% Senior Notes due 2032 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on July 17, 2002. Tentative listing date – Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

Paras Mehta

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