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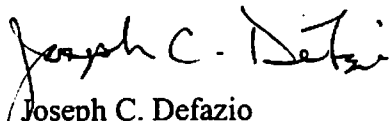
Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary
Attention: Comments
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
550 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20429

Parkvale Bank has not been part of the economic mess the nation is facing. We continue to remain stable, actively lending, and open for business. As billions have been thrown at the mega-banks, AIG, and Wall Street institutions we have watched silently, but no more.

As a Community Banker, I understand the importance of a solvent Deposit Insurance Fund. The method being proposed to replenish the fund however, defies common sense. Removing capital from an already crippled banking system is an irresponsible and short-sighted means to replenish the DIF, and runs contrary to the objectives of Congress and The Treasury of injecting capital into the banking system through the TARP Plan.

Parkvale has always been a good corporate and community citizen. We did not participate in the high risk practices that led to the current economic crisis, yet we are being penalized severely for the mistakes of a few greedy and irresponsible actors. The timing could not be worse for this assessment, and a blanket assessment with no regard for risk profile should not even be considered. The FDIC has the authority to ask the Treasury for assistance and should exercise this authority to demonstrate that the full faith and credit of the United States backs insured deposits.

Sincerely,


Joseph C. Defazio
Vice President

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