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Division of Risk Management Supervision

October 14, 2014

**BY CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Board of Directors  
Melrose Cooperative Bank  
638 Main Street  
Melrose, Massachusetts 02176

**Re: Letter of Non-objection**

Dear Members of the Board:

The notice of intent to convert from mutual-to-stock form filed on behalf of Melrose Cooperative Bank ("Bank"), Melrose, Massachusetts, has been reviewed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") pursuant to the FDIC's regulations at 12 C.F.R. §§ 303.160-163, and 333.4. Based on the information provided and representations made, the FDIC poses no objection to the proposed conversion transaction.

In rendering this non-objection, the FDIC has relied significantly on the business plan underlying the subject application, including the accompanying projections, and the Bank's commitments to meet certain requirements applicable to the Bank, Melrose Bancorp, Inc., and Melrose Bank Charitable Foundation. It is imperative that anticipated deviations from the business plan be approved by the FDIC prior to implementation. Material changes in the business plan include, but are not limited to, any new or significantly altered products or services, or significant deviations from the financial projections submitted in connection with the application.

As part of the notice, the Bank requested, in accordance with 12 C.F.R. § 303.162(a)(2), a waiver of certain provisions of the FDIC's regulations pertaining to mutual-to-stock conversions, specifically, the depositor vote requirement of 12 C.F.R. § 333.4(c)(2). We have reviewed the Bank's request and have found that the Bank made good faith efforts to secure participation of its depositors in the conversion vote. In addition, those depositors that participated in the vote, by a significant majority, supported the conversion. Therefore, the Bank's request for a waiver is granted.

Please notify the FDIC's New York Regional Director in writing when the proposed transaction has been consummated.

Sincerely,

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