



## **Provident New York Bancorp Stockholders' Meeting**

### **A “Sterling” Combination**

**September 26, 2013**

# Forward Looking Statements

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*The information presented herein contains forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 regarding Provident New York Bancorp's and Sterling Bancorp's expectations or predictions of future financial or business performance or conditions. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "target," "estimate," "continue," "positions," "prospects" or "potential," by future conditional verbs such as "will," "would," "should," "could" or "may", or by variations of such words or by similar expressions. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements about the benefits of the business combination transaction involving Provident and Sterling, including future financial and operating results, the combined company's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements that are not historical facts. These forward-looking statements are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties which change over time. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and we assume no duty to update forward-looking statements.*

*In addition to factors previously disclosed in Provident's and Sterling's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from forward-looking statements: ability to obtain regulatory approvals and meet other closing conditions to the merger, including approval by Provident and Sterling shareholders, on the expected terms and schedule; delay in closing the merger; difficulties and delays in integrating the Provident and Sterling businesses or fully realizing cost savings and other benefits; business disruption following the proposed transaction; changes in asset quality and credit risk; the inability to sustain revenue and earnings growth; changes in interest rates and capital markets; inflation; customer borrowing, repayment, investment and deposit practices; customer disintermediation; the introduction, withdrawal, success and timing of business initiatives; competitive conditions; the inability to realize cost savings or revenues or to implement integration plans and other consequences associated with mergers, acquisitions and divestitures; economic conditions; changes in Provident's stock price before closing, including as a result of the financial performance of Sterling prior to closing; the reaction to the transaction of the companies' customers, employees and counterparties; and the impact, extent and timing of technological changes, capital management activities, and other actions of the Federal Reserve Board and legislative and regulatory actions and reforms.*

*Annualized, pro forma, projected and estimated numbers are used for illustrative purpose only, are not forecasts and may not reflect actual results.*

# Overview of the Merger

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| <b>Consideration</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Fixed exchange ratio of 1.2625 Provident shares for each Sterling share</li><li>▪ 100% stock</li></ul>                                     |
| <b>Pro Forma Ownership</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Approximately 53% Provident / 47% Sterling</li></ul>   |
| <b>Accounting Acquirer</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Provident New York Bancorp</li></ul>   |
| <b>Bank Merger</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Sterling National Bank to merge into Provident Bank</li><li>▪ Provident Bank to convert to a national bank charter</li></ul>               |
| <b>Name and Executive Offices</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Holding company and bank to reflect Sterling brand</li><li>▪ Executive offices in New York City and Rockland County</li></ul>              |
| <b>Management Composition</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Provident CEO Jack Kopnisky to be CEO and President; other positions combined from senior management of both organizations</li></ul>       |
| <b>Board Composition</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Sterling Chairman &amp; CEO Louis J. Cappelli to be Chairman of the Board</li><li>▪ 7 Provident Directors / 6 Sterling Directors</li></ul> |
| <b>Cost Savings</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Approximately \$34 million (pre-tax)</li><li>▪ Represents 18% of combined operating expenses</li></ul>                                     |
| <b>Phase-in Period</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 75% 2014E</li><li>▪ 100% 2015E</li></ul>   |
| <b>Merger Related Expenses</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Approximately \$33 million (pre-tax)</li></ul>   |
| <b>Anticipated Dividend</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Anticipated quarterly dividend per share of \$0.07, subject to Board approval</li></ul>  |
| <b>Required Approvals</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Approval of Provident and Sterling shareholders and customary regulatory approvals</li></ul>   |
| <b>Targeted Closing</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ In-line with initial announcement; expected closing date in Q4 2013 (calendar)</li></ul>   |

# Strategic Benefits of the Merger

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- Creates a premier banking franchise in the greater New York metropolitan area serving small-to-middle market businesses and consumers
- Top 10 market position among in-market regional banks
- Expands opportunities for profitable growth due to increased size, asset base, branch network and regional footprint
- Compatible culture – strategic focus, target markets and client service
- Diversifies loan portfolio and enhances loan origination capabilities
- Leverages commercial product expertise and relationship-based team distribution strategy
- Potential revenue synergies in multiple, non-overlapping lines of business
- Increases and diversifies fee-based revenue
- Significant cross-sell opportunities
- Superior deposit mix and funding cost
- Strong liquidity profile and capital levels
- Significant potential increase in profitability and value creation opportunity for stockholders
- Strong, capable management teams with successful merger integration track records

# Anticipated Positive Financial Impact of the Merger

| (\$ in millions)   | Provident | Sterling | Provident/Sterling<br>Pro forma |
|--|-----------|----------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Significant increase in scale:</b>                                  |           |          |                                 |
| Total Assets   | \$3,824   | \$2,732  | \$6,556                         |
| Total Loans (including LHFS)   | 2,338     | 1,791    | 4,129                           |
| Total Deposits   | 2,739     | 2,241    | 4,980                           |
| <b>Diversification of earnings streams and improved profitability:</b> |           |          |                                 |
| Total Revenue <sup>(1)</sup>   | \$130.8   | \$136.7  | \$267.5                         |
| Non-interest Income as a % of Total Revenue                            | 16.4%     | 28.9%    | 22.8%                           |
| Net Income <sup>(2)</sup>  | \$22.2    | \$20.3   | \$42.5                          |
| <b>Opportunity to create a high performing regional bank:</b>          |           |          | <b><u>Target Ratio</u></b>      |
| ROAA   | 0.68%     | 0.67%    | >1.00% <sup>(3)</sup>           |
| ROATCE   | 7.88%     | 8.7%     | >12.0% <sup>(3)</sup>           |
| Efficiency Ratio <sup>(4)</sup>  | 59.1%     | 71.7%    | ~55.0% <sup>(3)</sup>           |

Source: Company filings. Data as of and for the quarter ended 6/30/2013.

(1) Calculated as net interest income plus non-interest income adjusted to exclude securities gains and OTTI. Data for the twelve months ended 6/30/2013.

(2) Data for the twelve months ended 6/30/2013. Provident/Sterling pro forma data excludes impact of potential cost savings and revenue enhancements.

(3) ROAA, ROATCE and Efficiency Ratio data represents long-term targets for the combined company.

(4) Efficiency ratio calculation excludes merger-related expenses incurred by Provident and Sterling.

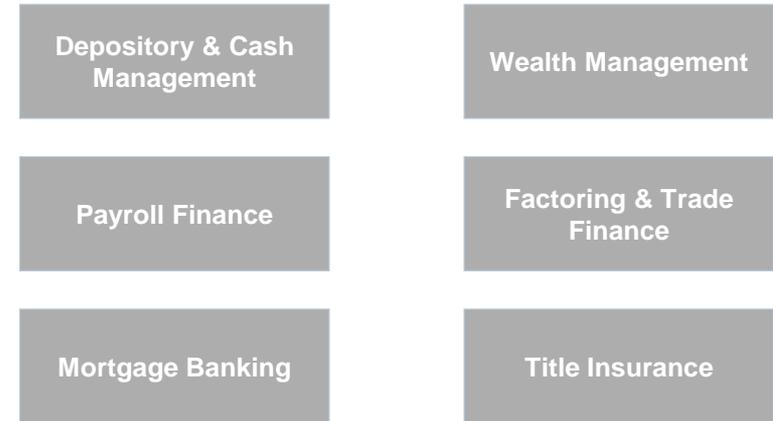
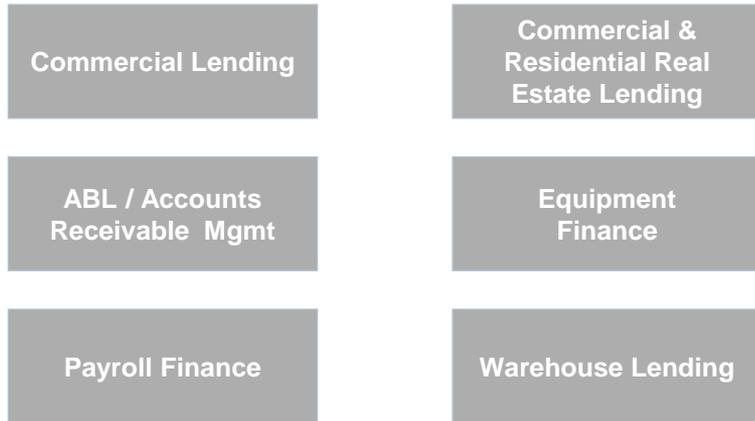


# Broad Array of Client Solutions

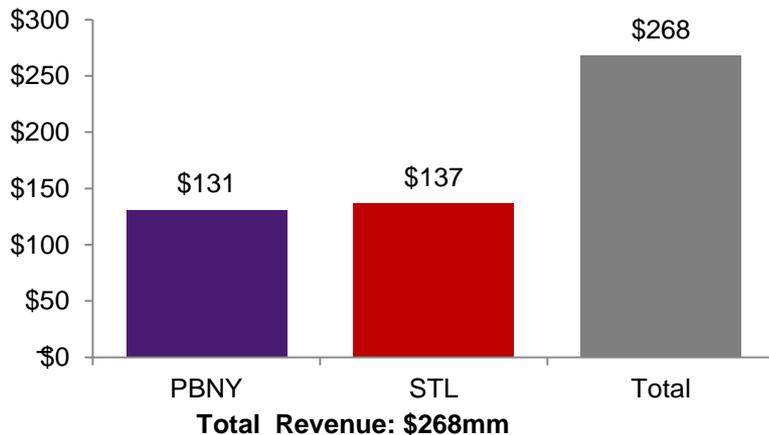
## Complementary Lines of Business

### Lending

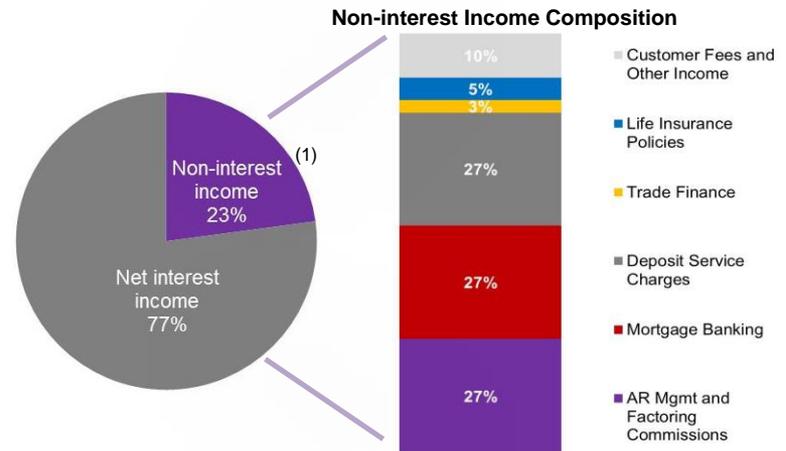
### Fee-Based



### Total Revenue (\$ in millions)



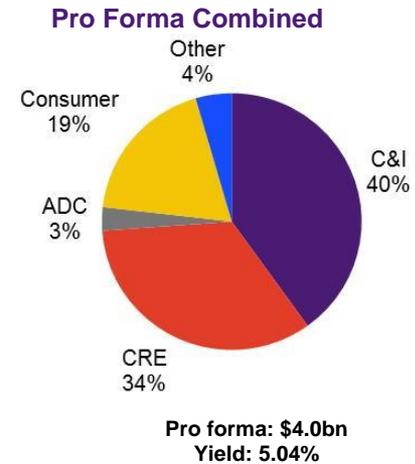
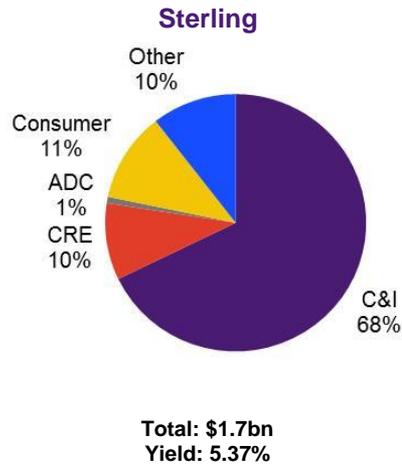
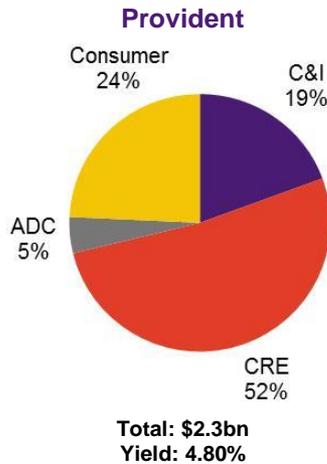
### Diversified Revenue Streams



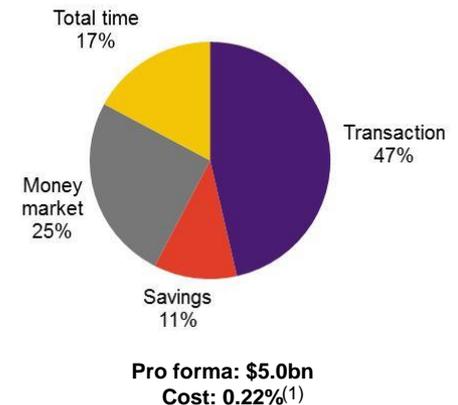
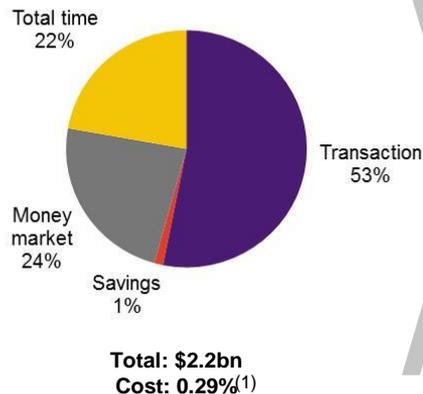
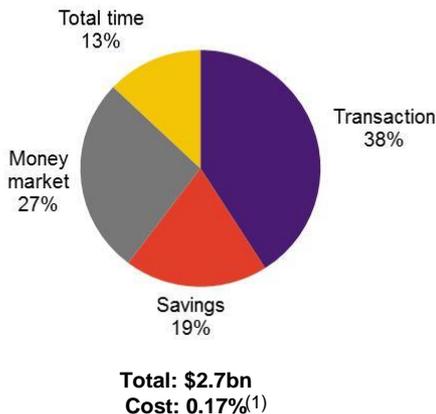
Note: Financial data for the twelve months ended 6/30/2013.  
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# Pro Forma Deposit and Loan Composition

## Diversified Loan Portfolio Positioned for Growth



## Strong Core Deposit Funding



Source: Company filings and SNL Financial.

Note: Financial data as of 6/30/2013. Yield and cost data shown for the three months ended 6/30/2013. Pro forma yield and cost data calculated as a weighted average.

(1) Balances are quarterly averages. Cost of deposits is calculated as interest expense on deposits divided by total deposits.



# Summary Highlights

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- Merger process and timeline remain on track
  - Anticipated closing date in Q4 2013 (calendar)
- Both companies have strong positive momentum
  - Continued growth in loans and deposits
  - Improving profitability, asset quality and operating metrics
- Cost savings and integration planning are in-line with previously announced targets
  - \$34mm in cost savings to be phased-in over two-year period post close
  - Senior management team identified
- Potential revenue enhancement opportunities are exceeding initial expectations
  - Several opportunities identified across commercial and consumer business lines
- **Execution is the key**

# Additional Information for Stockholders

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In connection with the proposed merger, Provident has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that includes a joint preliminary proxy statement of Provident and Sterling and a preliminary prospectus of Provident, as well as other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction. Provident and Sterling will mail the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus to their stockholders. **STOCKHOLDERS OF PROVIDENT AND STERLING ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED MERGER AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other filings containing information about Provident and Sterling at the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The joint proxy statement/prospectus and the other filings may also be obtained free of charge at Provident’s website at [www.providentbanking.com](http://www.providentbanking.com) under the tab “Investor Relations,” and then under the heading “SEC Filings” or at Sterling’s website at [www.snb.com](http://www.snb.com) under the tab “Investor Relations,” and then under the heading “SEC Filings.”

Provident, Sterling and certain of their respective directors and executive officers, under the SEC’s rules, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies of Provident’s and Sterling’s stockholders in connection with the proposed merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Provident and their ownership of Provident common stock is set forth in the proxy statement for Provident’s 2013 annual meeting of stockholders, as filed with the SEC on Schedule 14A on January 10, 2013. Information about the directors and executive officers of Sterling and their ownership of Sterling common stock is set forth in the proxy statement for Sterling’s 2012 annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on a Schedule 14A on April 3, 2012. Additional information regarding the interests of those participants and other persons who may be deemed participants in the transaction may be obtained by reading the joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed merger. Free copies of this document may be obtained as described in the preceding paragraph.