

NOTICE OF MERGER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors and depositors of **QUEEN CITY DEVELOPMENT BANK**, **INC.** ("Queenbank") and **QUEEN CITY RURAL BANK**, **INC.** ("QCRB" and, together with Queenbank, the "Constituent Banks") that the proposed merger between the Constituent Banks, with Queenbank as the surviving bank (the "Merger"), and the terms and conditions set forth in the Articles of Merger and Plan of Merger, have been approved by the following: (1) the board and stockholders of Queenbank on October 27, 2023 and November 3, 2023, respectively; and (2) the board and stockholders of QCRB on October 26, 2023 and November 3, 2023, respectively.

The Constituent Banks secured from the Philippine Competition Commission a confirmation of non-coverage from compulsory notification through its letter dated January 3, 2024, and the approval of the Monetary Board in its Resolution dated June 20, 2024 as reflected in the letter of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas ("BSP") dated June 26, 2024.

Pursuant to PDIC Bulletin No. 2022-14, the consent of the PDIC to mergers, consolidations, and acquisitions of banks is no longer required.

The effectivity of the Merger is subject to the approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Except for the transfer of deposits of the depositors from QCRB to Queenbank upon the effectivity of the Merger, which will result in QCRB deposits being assumed by Queenbank as its own deposit liabilities, subject to applicable terms and conditions for the same type of Queenbank deposits in accordance with pertinent BSP rules and regulations, there shall be no change in the rights of depositors of the Constituent Banks in view of the Merger.

This announcement serves as notice to all creditors and depositors of the Merger of the Constituent Banks.