MEMORANDUM

DATE:

September 11, 2019

TO:

The Board of Directors

FROM:

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CONCUR:

Arleas Upton Kea, Deputy to the Chairman and Chief Operating Officer

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SUBJECT:

Proposed Rescission of Certain Statements of Policy

RECOMMENDATION AND SUMMARY:

Staff recommends that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Board of Directors (the Board) authorize publication of the attached Notice of Proposed Rescission (Notice) in the *Federal Register*. The Notice identifies four FDIC-only Statements of Policy that staff believes should be rescinded because they are outdated and no longer relevant.

The four FDIC-only Statements of Policy were identified through a process initiated as part of a comprehensive effort to review FDIC's regulations and guidance to identify regulations and guidance that may be outdated, duplicative, or inconsistent. As part of this process, the following four Statements of Policy were identified because they are outdated and no longer necessary, given legislative and other changes since their publication in the *Federal Register*:

- Applicability of the Glass-Steagall Act to the Securities Activities of Subsidiaries of Insured Nonmember Banks (1982)
- Treatment of Collateralized Letters of Credit After Appointment of the FDIC as Conservator or Receiver (1991)
- Treatment of Collateralized Put Obligations After Appointment of the FDIC As Conservator or Receiver (1997)
- Contracting with Firms that have Unresolved Audit Issues with the FDIC.¹

¹ The Statement of Policy on Contracting with Firms that have Unresolved Audit Issues with the FDIC was not adopted by the Board but is included in the Notice for completeness and on an elective basis.

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