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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held at 10:00 a.m. local time on May 3, 2012

Dear Shareholder:

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Horizon Bancorp will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2012, 10:00 a.m. local time; (registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.) at the Clarion Inn, 5820 South Franklin Street, Michigan City, Indiana. If you need directions call 219-874-9272.

The Annual Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

1. Election of Directors: To elect four directors to serve three-year terms expiring in 2015.
2. Advisory Vote to Approve Executive Compensation: To vote on a non-binding, advisory proposal to approve the compensation of Horizon's executive officers described in this Proxy Statement.
3. Frequency of Advisory Vote to Approve Executive Compensation. To hold an advisory vote on the frequency of the advisory vote to approve Horizon's executive compensation.
4. Ratification of Auditors: To ratify the appointment of BKD, LLP, as independent auditors for 2012.
5. Other Business: To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment of the meeting.

The Board of Directors of Horizon Bancorp recommends voting "FOR" proposals 1, 2 and 4 above and "1 Yr" on proposal 3.

You can vote at the meeting or any adjournment of the meeting if you were a shareholder of record at the close of business on March 9, 2012. The proxy statement and annual report are available at:

<http://www.cfpproxy.com/5257>

This is not a proxy card or ballot. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

You may vote on-line at <http://www.rtcoproxy.com/hbnc>, by phone 1-866-273-7544, by mail or in person. If you wish to vote on-line or by phone, you will need your Shareholder Control Number, which can be found on the bottom right hand corner of this notice. If you wish to vote by mail or in person at the Annual Meeting simply request a paper copy of the proxy materials per the instructions below. No other personal information will be required in order to vote in this manner. We ask that you cast your vote promptly. Your vote is important.

If you want to receive a paper copy of the proxy materials you must request one. There is no charge to you. Please make your request as instructed below by April 20, 2012, to ensure delivery before the shareholder meeting. You will need your Shareholder Control Number, found in the lower right hand corner of this letter. Then, choose one of the following methods to make your request:

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Visit our website at <http://www.cfpproxy.com/5257>; or  
Send us an email at [fulfillment@rtco.com](mailto:fulfillment@rtco.com)

and enter the Shareholder Control Number when prompted or, if you send us an email, enter it in the subject line. You will have the opportunity to request paper or email copies for future meetings.

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