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NBT Bancorp Inc.

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YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT PLEASE VOTE YOUR PROXY TODAY

April 17, 2015

Dear Shareholder:

Recently, you should have received proxy materials in connection with the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of NBT Bancorp Inc. to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. Your vote is extremely important, no matter how many shares you hold.

For the reasons set forth in the proxy statement, dated March 27, 2015, the Board of Directors recommends that you vote **"FOR"** Proposal 1, 2, and 3. Please vote via the internet or telephone as soon as possible or alternatively, please sign, date, and return the enclosed proxy card (see the instructions below).

If you need assistance voting your shares, please call D.F. King toll free at (800) 434-3719 or collect at (212) 269-5550. On behalf of your Board of Directors, thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daryl R. Forsythe

Daryl R. Forsythe *Chairman of the Board*

You may use one of the following simple methods to promptly provide your voting instructions:

1. Internet: Have the control number listed on the enclosed voting instruction form ready and follow the online instructions at www.proxyvote.com.

2. Telephone: Have the control number listed on the enclosed voting instruction form ready and call (800) 690-6903.

3. Mail: Sign, date, mark and return the enclosed voting instruction form in the postage-paid return envelope provided.