

March 29, 2023

The Honorable Sandra Thompson
Federal Housing Finance Committee
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20019

RE: FHLB System at 100 – Request for Comments

Dear Director Thompson:

I am writing on behalf of SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union (SchoolsFirst FCU), which serves the educational community in California. We have nearly 1,300,000 members and over \$28 billion in assets. SchoolsFirst FCU appreciates the opportunity to share the importance of its relationship with the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (FHLB).

SchoolsFirst FCU is a proud member of the FHLB and considers the FHLB a critical partner in the fulfillment of our mission to serve the educational community and their families with world-class personal service and financial security. As we continue to realize steady growth in our membership base, our partnership with the FHLB allows us to support the dream of buying a home for members of the educational community throughout the state of California.

The FHLB is instrumental in our ability to offer mortgage products to the communities we serve. The services offered by the FHLB allow us to make homeownership accessible and affordable to low- and moderate-income earners. These services include the offering of fixed term advances of varying lengths that are unavailable elsewhere. Term advances provide SchoolsFirst FCU with the necessary funding which directly result in opportunities and cost-savings for our communities.

Should the FHFA take the regrettable step of restricting our access to the FHLB for any reason, our ability to continue offering the affordable mortgage products to low- and moderate-income members of the educational community would be significantly impacted, including being put in the difficult position of having to deny a mortgage to a qualified borrower.

We are fortunate to have a partnership with the FHLB. As the events of the past few weeks have shown, maintaining a healthy balance sheet of liquidity to support the financial well-being of our membership means a safe, and most importantly, stable financial services marketplace. We and the educational community of the state of California look forward to many more years of working together.

If you have any questions or if I can provide further assistance, please reach out to me at 714.466.8148 or mfaulwell@schoolsfirstfcu.org.

Respectfully,



Michael Faulwell
Chief Financial Officer