



**HOME LOAN FINANCIAL CORPORATION**  
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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

The 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Home Loan Financial Corporation (the "Company") will be held at the offices of the Company at 413 Main Street, Coshocton, Ohio 43812, on October 11, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., local time (the "Annual Meeting"), for the following purposes:

1. To elect four directors of the Company for terms expiring in 2018;
2. To ratify the selection of Crowe Horwath LLP as auditor for the current fiscal year; and
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Only shareholders of the Company of record at the close of business on August 19, 2016, will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and at any adjournments thereof. Whether or not you expect to attend the Annual Meeting, we urge you to consider the accompanying Proxy Statement carefully and to SIGN, DATE AND PROMPTLY RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY OR SUBMIT YOUR PROXY BY TELEPHONE SO THAT YOUR SHARES MAY BE VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR WISHES AND THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM MAY BE ASSURED. Giving a proxy does not affect your right to vote in person in the event you attend the Annual Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert C. Hamilton".

Robert C. Hamilton  
Chairman

Coshocton, Ohio  
September 2, 2016

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**PROXY STATEMENT**

**PROXIES**

The Board of Directors of Home Loan Financial Corporation (the "Company") is soliciting proxies in the form accompanying this Proxy Statement for use at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company to be held at the offices of the Company at 413 Main Street, Coshocton, Ohio 43812 on October 11, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., local time, and at any adjournments thereof (the "Annual Meeting"). Only shareholders of record as of the close of business on August 19, 2016 (the "Voting Record Date"), are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Each such shareholder will be entitled to cast one vote for each share owned. As of the Voting Record Date, there were 1,403,668 votes entitled to be cast at the Annual Meeting.

Without affecting any vote previously taken, a proxy may be revoked by executing a later dated proxy which is received by the Company before the proxy is exercised or by giving notice of revocation to the Company in writing or in open meeting before the proxy is exercised. Attendance at the Annual Meeting will not, by itself, revoke a proxy.

Each properly executed Proxy that is received prior to the Annual Meeting and is not revoked will be voted as specified or, in the absence of specific instructions to the contrary, will be voted:

FOR the reelection of Richard R. Berg, Robert C. Hamilton, Douglas L. Randles, and Thomas R. Conidi as directors of the Company for terms expiring in 2018; and

FOR the ratification of Crowe Horwath LLP ("Crowe") as the auditor for the current fiscal year.

Proxies may be solicited by the directors, officers and other employees of the Company or The Home Loan Savings Bank (the "Bank"), in person or by telephone, telegraph or mail only for use at the Annual Meeting. The Proxy will not be used for any other meeting. The cost of soliciting Proxies will be borne by the Company.

This Proxy Statement and form of proxy are first being mailed to shareholders of the Company on or about September 9, 2016.

## REQUIRED VOTE

Each shareholder is entitled to cast one vote for each share owned on the Voting Record Date. The following proposals must receive the corresponding vote to be adopted:

|    | <u>Proposal</u>   | <u>Required vote</u>   |
|----|---|--|
| 1) | Election of directors   | The four nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected to the Board of Directors.  |
| 2) | Ratification of the selection of Crowe as auditor for the current fiscal year | The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares represented in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting is necessary to ratify the selection of Crowe as the Company's auditor. |

If you hold shares in "street name," you should review the information provided to you by your nominee (such as your broker or bank). This information will describe the procedures you must follow to instruct the nominee how to vote the street name shares and how to revoke previously given instructions.

If you hold shares in street name and you do not return a proxy card, your broker may have the authority, under applicable rules of the self-regulatory organizations of which they are members, to vote your shares. Consequently, if you do not provide a proxy to vote your shares, your broker may elect to vote or not vote your shares for you. Proxies signed and submitted by brokers which have not been voted are referred to as "broker non-votes." Broker non-votes and proxies as to which the authority to vote is withheld are counted toward the establishment of a quorum, but are not counted toward the election of directors or the ratification of the selection of auditors.

If you sign and date a proxy but do not specify how you wish for it to be voted, it will be voted FOR the election of the four nominees for director and FOR the ratification of the selection of Crowe as the Company's auditor for the current fiscal year.

## ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors proposes the reelection at the Annual Meeting of the following persons for terms that will expire in 2018:

| <u>Name</u>        | <u>Age</u> | <u>Company<br/>Position(s) held</u>      | <u>Director of<br/>the Company<br/>since</u> | <u>Director of<br/>the Bank<br/>since</u> |
|--------------------|------------|--|--|---|
| Richard R. Berg    | 68         | Director                                 | 2007   | 2007                                      |
| Robert C. Hamilton | 73         | Director, CEO<br>and Chairman            | 1997   | 1982                                      |
| Douglas L. Randles | 71         | Director                                 | 1997   | 1992                                      |
| Thomas R. Conidi   | 54         | Director,<br>Executive Vice<br>President | 2016   | 2016                                      |

*Richard R. Berg.* Mr. Berg is currently retired after serving as sales consultant for Landstar Transportation, located in Coshocton, Ohio. Previously, he was the Vice President of Manufacturing at Pretty Products, Inc. located in Coshocton, Ohio.

*Robert C. Hamilton.* Mr. Robert Hamilton was employed by the Bank in 1981 as the Secretary, Treasurer and managing officer and served as the President of the Bank from 1983 until October 2005. Mr. Robert Hamilton is presently the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Bank. Mr. Robert Hamilton has worked in banking for over 50 years. Mr. Robert Hamilton is the father of Kyle R. Hamilton.

*Douglas L. Randles.* Mr. Randles is currently retired after serving as the President of L.W. Randles Cheese, Inc., located in Warsaw, Ohio. Mr. Randles was employed by L.W. Randles Cheese since 1969.

*Thomas R. Conidi.* Mr. Conidi has been employed by the Bank since 2004. Currently he is the Executive Vice President and a director of the Company. Mr. Conidi has served as Executive Vice President of the Bank since October 2005 and a director of the Bank since March 2016. Mr. Conidi has worked in banking for over 30 years.

The four nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected as directors. Each shareholder will be entitled to cast one vote for each share owned. Shares held by a nominee for a beneficial owner that are represented in person or by proxy but not voted and shares as to which the authority to vote is withheld are not counted toward the election of directors or toward the election of the individual nominees specified on the proxy. If the proxy is signed and dated by the shareholder but no vote is specified, however, the shares held by such shareholder will be voted FOR the reelection of the nominees specified on the proxy.

If any of the nominees is unable to stand for election, any Proxies granting authority to vote for such nominee will be voted for a substitute that the Board of Directors recommends.

Nominees for election as directors may be proposed only by the directors or by a shareholder who is entitled to vote for directors. A shareholder nomination must be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company: (1) for an annual meeting of shareholders, not later than the sixtieth day before the first anniversary of the most recent annual meeting and (2) for a special meeting of shareholders, not later than the close of business on the seventh day following the day on which notice of the special meeting was mailed to shareholders. Each written nomination must state the name, age, business or residence address of the nominee, the principal occupation or employment of the nominee, the number of common shares of the Company owned either beneficially or of record by the nominee and the length of time the shares have been owned. No nominations were submitted by shareholders for this Annual Meeting.

### INCUMBENT DIRECTORS

The following directors will continue to serve through the Annual Meeting until the expiration of their terms in 2017:

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Age</u> | <u>Company<br/>Position(s) held</u> | <u>Director of<br/>the Company<br/>since</u> | <u>Director of<br/>the Bank<br/>since</u> |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Neal J. Caldwell  | 72         | Director                            | 1997   | 1989                                      |
| Kyle R. Hamilton  | 45         | Director and<br>President           | 2003   | 2002                                      |
| Matthew T. Miller | 41         | Director                            | 2013   | 2013                                      |
| William A. Unger  | 53         | Director                            | 2016   | 2016                                      |

*Neal J. Caldwell.* Mr. Caldwell has practiced veterinary medicine in Coshocton, Ohio, since 1972 and was an owner of Coshocton Veterinary Clinic until 2003. Currently, Mr. Caldwell owns a veterinary consulting practice.

*Kyle R. Hamilton.* Mr. Kyle Hamilton has been employed by the Bank since 1993. Currently, he is the President and a director of the Company. Mr. Kyle Hamilton has served as President of the Bank since October 2005 and a director of the Bank since October 2002. Mr. Kyle Hamilton also serves as the director of Home Loan Financial Services, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company that sells life insurance and other investment products. Previously, Mr. Kyle Hamilton served as Vice President and Director of Loan Administration of the Bank from October 1998 until October 2005. Mr. Kyle Hamilton is the son of Robert C. Hamilton.

*Matthew T. Miller.* Mr. Miller is the President of Miller Funeral Home, a position he has held since 2011. Prior to that time, he had served as Manager of another funeral home.

*William A. Unger.* Mr. Unger is the Owner of PSI Industrial Solutions, Inc. since 1989, Preferred Safety Products LLC since 1999, and Tri State Environmental Services, Inc. since 2000. PSI Industrial Solutions is an industrial cleaning contractor, Preferred Safety Products is a safety supply products stocking distributorship and Tri-State Environmental Services is a hazardous materials remediation and transportation company.

### **RATIFICATION OF AUDITORS**

The Company has selected Crowe as the auditor for the current fiscal year. Although the Company is not required by its governing documents or applicable law to seek shareholder ratification of its selection of auditor, management believes that it is in the Company's best interest to do so. If the selection of Crowe is not ratified, management will reconsider its selection. Management expects that a representative of Crowe will be present at the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if he or she so desires, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Management knows of no other business which may be brought before the Annual Meeting. It is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed Proxy to vote such Proxy in accordance with their best judgment on any other matters which may be brought before the Annual Meeting.

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. WHETHER OR NOT YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON, YOU ARE URGED TO FILL IN, SIGN AND RETURN THE PROXY IN THE ENCLOSED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE OR SUBMIT YOUR PROXY BY TELEPHONE.**

By Order of the Board of Directors



Robert C. Hamilton  
Chairman

Coshocton, Ohio  
September 2, 2016

