

NBT BANCORP INC  
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May 20, 2015

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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NBT Bancorp Inc.

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52 South Broad Street  
Norwich, New York 13815

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT  
PLEASE VOTE YOUR PROXY TODAY

May 20, 2015

Dear Shareholder:

According to our latest records, we have not received your voting instructions for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of NBT Bancorp Inc. which was held on May 5, 2015 and adjourned with respect to Proposal 2 until June 2, 2015. Your response will help avoid further potential delays and save us additional solicitation expenses. Your vote is extremely important, no matter how many shares you hold.

To date, holders of approximately 73% of the outstanding shares entitled to vote have voted "FOR" Proposal 2 and 99% of the votes cast have been in favor of Proposal 2.

Despite the overwhelming support of Proposal 2 from those shareholders who have voted, the required approval of holders of 80% of the outstanding shares of NBT common stock has not yet been obtained.

Proposal 2 amends NBT's charter and bylaws to declassify its board of directors. The Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" Proposal 2 for the reasons set forth in the proxy statement, dated March 27, 2015.

Two of the nation's leading independent proxy advisory firms have also advised that NBT shareholders vote "FOR" Proposal 2.

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). Please understand that it is critical that we receive your vote so that we may complete the business of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders without additional delay.

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

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1. **Internet:** Have the control number listed on the enclosed voting instruction form ready and follow the online instructions at [www.proxyvote.com](http://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

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