

News Release

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VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP REPORTS STRONG FOURTH QUARTER NET INCOME DRIVEN BY A 21 PERCENT INCREASE IN NET INTEREST INCOME

New York, NY – January 28, 2021 – Valley National Bancorp (NASDAQ:VLY), the holding company for Valley National Bank, today reported net income for the fourth quarter 2020 of \$105.4 million, or \$0.25 per diluted common share, as compared to the fourth quarter 2019 earnings of \$38.1 million, or \$0.10 per diluted common share, and net income of \$102.4 million, or \$0.25 per diluted common share, for the third quarter 2020. Excluding all non-core charges, our adjusted net income (a non-GAAP measure) was \$113.4 million, or \$0.27 per diluted common share, for the fourth quarter 2020, \$90.7 million, or \$0.24 per diluted common share, for the fourth quarter 2019, and \$104.2 million, or \$0.25 per diluted common share, for the third quarter 2020. See further details below, including a reconciliation of our adjusted net income in the "Consolidated Financial Highlights" tables.

Key financial highlights for the fourth quarter:

- Net Interest Income and Margin: Net interest income on a tax equivalent basis of \$288.8 million for the fourth quarter 2020 increased \$4.7 million and \$49.2 million as compared to the third quarter 2020 and fourth quarter 2019, respectively. Our net interest margin on a tax equivalent basis increased 5 basis points to 3.06 percent in the fourth quarter 2020 as compared to 3.01 percent for the third quarter 2020. The increases were partially due to a 11 basis point decline in our costs of average interest bearing liabilities caused by the continued downward repricing of our interest bearing deposits, repayment of higher cost borrowings and growth in our non-interest bearing deposits. See the "Net Interest Income and Margin" section below for more details.
- Loan Portfolio: At December 31, 2020, loans totaled \$32.2 billion, an increase of 8.5 percent as compared to one year ago. Total loans decreased \$198.5 million as compared to September 30, 2020 largely due to a decrease in the residential mortgage loan portfolio driven by refinance and secondary loan sale activity, as well as tempered demand and our selective underwriting within the commercial loan portfolios during the fourth quarter 2020. Fourth quarter new and refinanced loan originations included approximately \$382 million of residential mortgage loans originated for sale rather than investment. Net gains on sales of residential loans were \$16.0 million and \$13.4 million in the fourth quarter 2020 and third quarter 2020, respectively. See "Loans, Deposits and Other Borrowings" section below for additional information.
- Allowance and Provision for Credit Losses for Loans: The allowance for credit losses for loans totaled \$351.4 million and \$335.3 million at December 31, 2020 and September 30, 2020, respectively. During the fourth quarter 2020, the provision for credit losses for loans was \$19.0 million as compared to \$31.0 million and \$5.4 million for the third quarter 2020 and

fourth quarter 2019, respectively. The reserve build in the fourth quarter 2020 reflects, among other factors, the impact of the internal risk rating downgrades of certain commercial loans largely related to borrowers negatively impacted by the pandemic, lower valuations of collateral securing our non-performing taxi medallion loan portfolio, and, to a lesser extent, changes in the economic forecast component of our reserves at December 31, 2020.

- Credit Quality: Net loan charge-offs totaled \$3.0 million for the fourth quarter 2020, as compared to \$15.4 million for the third quarter 2020 and \$5.6 million for the fourth quarter 2019. Non-accrual loans represented 0.58 percent and 0.59 percent of total loans at December 31, 2020 and September 30, 2020, respectively. See the "Credit Quality" Section below for more details.
- **Non-Interest Income:** Non-interest income decreased \$1.7 million to \$47.5 million for the fourth quarter 2020 from \$49.3 million for the third quarter 2020 largely due to a \$8.4 million decrease in swap fee income related to new commercial loan transactions. The fourth quarter decrease in swaps fees was partially offset by increases of \$3.7 million and \$2.6 million in BOLI income and net gains on sales of residential mortgage loans, respectively, as compared to the third quarter 2020.
- Loss on Extinguishment of Debt: In mid-December 2020, Valley prepaid \$534 million of FHLB borrowings scheduled to mature in 2021 and 2022 with a weighted average effective interest rate of 2.48 percent. The debt prepayment was funded by excess cash liquidity. The transaction was accounted for as an early debt extinguishment resulting in a loss of \$9.7 million reported within non-interest expense for the fourth quarter 2020.
- **Non-Interest Expense:** Non-interest expense increased \$13.0 million to \$173.1 million for the fourth quarter 2020 as compared to the third quarter 2020 mainly due to a \$7.3 million increase in the loss on extinguishment of debt and additional severance expense of \$2.1 million. Telecommunication expense and amortization of tax credit investments also increased \$1.4 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, during the fourth quarter 2020 as compared to the third quarter 2020.
- Efficiency Ratio: Our efficiency ratio was 51.61 percent for the fourth quarter 2020 as compared to 48.20 percent and 70.90 percent for the third quarter 2020 and fourth quarter 2019, respectively. Our adjusted efficiency ratio was 46.99 percent for the fourth quarter 2020 as compared to 46.62 percent and 52.43 percent for the third quarter 2020 and fourth quarter 2019, respectively. See the "Consolidated Financial Highlights" tables below for additional information regarding our non-GAAP measure.
- **Performance Ratios:** Annualized return on average assets (ROA), shareholders' equity (ROE) and tangible ROE were 1.02 percent, 9.20 percent, and 13.45 percent for the fourth quarter 2020, respectively. Annualized ROA, ROE and tangible ROE, adjusted for non-core charges, were 1.10 percent, 9.90 percent, and 14.48 percent for the fourth quarter 2020, respectively. See the "Consolidated Financial Highlights" tables below for additional information regarding our non-GAAP measures.

Ira Robbins, CEO and President commented, "Valley reported strong fourth quarter 2020 results, finishing up a chaotic year where we demonstrated the significant earnings power and strength of our franchise and dedicated employees. For the year, we generated approximately \$391 million in net income despite our provision for credit losses of \$126 million driven by the pandemic and the impact of CECL. Our ability to manage our funding costs, generate loan related gains and fee income and remain laser-focused on our operating expenses, resulted in an adjusted efficiency ratio of approximately 47 percent for both the fourth quarter and the full year of 2020." Robbins continued, "Reflecting on 2020, I am very proud of how our customer facing and back office teams worked together and quickly mobilized to support our customers and communities during the pandemic, and our continued ability to innovate new products, services and technology which we believe will firmly position Valley for the future. We have made significant progress as a firm, and I'm excited to build on Valley's strong foundation and realize its boundless potential for all its stakeholders."

Net Interest Income and Margin

Net interest income on a tax equivalent basis totaling \$288.8 million for the fourth quarter 2020 increased \$4.7 million and \$49.2 million as compared to the third quarter 2020 and fourth quarter 2019, respectively. The increase compared to the third quarter 2020 was mainly due to lower rates on our deposit products combined with a shift in customer preference towards deposits without stated maturities, as well as a reduction in average short-term and long-term borrowings funded by excess liquidity. Interest expense of \$46.1 million for the three months ended December 31, 2020 decreased \$8.1 million as compared to the third quarter 2020. Overall, average interest-bearing liabilities decreased \$354.6 million and average non-interest bearing deposits increased \$323.1 million in the fourth quarter 2020 as compared to the third quarter 2020. Interest income on a tax equivalent basis decreased \$3.4 million to \$335.0 million for the fourth quarter 2020 as compared to the third quarter 2020 mainly due to a 3 basis point decrease in the yield on average loans, as well as a moderate decline in interest and dividends from investment securities. The decrease was mostly attributable to principal repayments on securities, and a decline in our reinvestment activity within the available for sale investment securities portfolio largely due to the low interest rate environment.

The net interest margin on a tax equivalent basis of 3.06 percent for the fourth quarter 2020 increased 5 basis points as compared to 3.01 percent for the third quarter 2020, and increased 10 basis points from 2.96 percent for the fourth quarter 2019. The yield on average interest earning assets decreased by 4 basis points on a linked quarter basis mostly due to the impact of the lower interest rate environment. The yield on average loans decreased to 3.86 percent for the fourth quarter 2020 from 3.89 percent for the third quarter 2020 largely due to the continued repayment of higher yielding loans, partially offset by a \$2.2 million increase in interest and fees from SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans. The increase in interest and fees on SBA PPP loans was mostly caused by a moderate level of loan forgiveness activity and acceleration of net unamortized deferred loan fees during the fourth quarter 2020. The overall cost of average interest-bearing liabilities decreased by 11 basis points to 0.69 percent for the fourth quarter 2020 as compared to the linked third quarter 2020 due to the lower rates offered on deposit products and the shift to lower cost deposits as well as lower average short- and long-term borrowing balances with repayments funded by excess liquidity. This includes our prepayment of \$534 million in higher cost long-term borrowings during December 2020 that is expected to positively impact our average cost of funds for the full first quarter 2021. Our cost of total

average deposits was 0.33 percent for the fourth quarter 2020 as compared to 0.41 percent for the three months ended September 30, 2020.

Loans, Deposits and Other Borrowings

Loans. Loans decreased \$198.5 million to approximately \$32.2 billion at December 31, 2020 from September 30, 2020 largely due to a \$100.9 million decrease in the residential mortgage loan portfolio and principal repayments, including SBA PPP loan forgiveness, outpacing new loan originations in the commercial loan categories. SBA PPP loans reported within commercial and industrial loans decreased \$125.3 million to approximately \$2.2 billion at December 31, 2020 from September 30, 2020. Auto and other consumer loans increased 4.3 percent and 9.3 percent, respectively, on an annualized basis during the fourth quarter 2020. The decline in residential mortgage loans during the fourth quarter 2020 was mainly due to significant refinance activity and approximately \$382 million of new and refinanced loans originated for sale rather than investment during the fourth quarter 2020. Loans held for sale totaled \$301.4 million and \$209.3 million at December 31, 2020 and September 30, 2020.

Deposits. Total deposits increased \$747.6 million, or 2.4 percent, to approximately \$31.9 billion at December 31, 2020 from September 30, 2020 driven by increases of \$448.3 million and \$1.1 billion in the non-interest bearing, and the saving, NOW, money market deposit categories, respectively, which were partially offset by a decrease of \$822.9 million in time deposits. The increase in deposits without stated maturities was mainly attributable to higher retail and government deposit balances within our branch network, as well as continued migration of maturing high cost retail CDs to more liquid deposit product categories during the fourth quarter 2020. Total brokered deposits (consisting of both time and money market deposit accounts) were \$3.1 billion at December 31, 2020 as compared to \$3.3 billion at September 30, 2020. Non-interest bearing deposits; savings, NOW, money market deposits; and time deposits represented approximately 29 percent, 50 percent and 21 percent of total deposits as of December 31, 2020, respectively.

Other Borrowings. Short-term borrowings and long term borrowings decreased \$282.8 million and \$556.9 million to approximately \$1.1 billion and \$2.3 billion, respectively, at December 31, 2020 as compared to September 30, 2020, as we redeployed excess liquidity from deposit growth to the repayment of borrowings during the fourth quarter 2020. The reduction in long-term borrowings included the December prepayment of \$534.0 million of FHLB borrowings with a weighted average interest rate of 2.48 percent. The prepayment resulted in a \$9.7 million prepayment penalty charge recognized in non-interest expense during the fourth quarter 2020.

Credit Quality

Non-Performing Assets (NPAs). Total NPAs, consisting of non-accrual loans, other real estate owned (OREO), other repossessed assets and non-accrual debt securities decreased \$9.1 million to \$194.6 million at December 31, 2020 compared to \$203.6 million at September 30, 2020. The decrease in NPAs was largely due to a \$9.0 million decline in non-accrual commercial and industrial loans, which was mainly caused by loan repayments during the fourth quarter 2020. Non-accrual loans represented 0.58 percent of total loans at December 31, 2020 as compared to 0.59 percent of total loans at September 30, 2020.

Non-performing Taxi Medallion Loan Portfolio. We continue to closely monitor our non-performing New York City and Chicago taxi medallion loans totaling \$90.6 million and \$6.9 million, respectively, within the commercial and industrial loan portfolio at December 31, 2020. At December 31, 2020, non-accrual taxi medallion loans totaling \$97.5 million had related reserves of \$66.4 million, or 68.1 percent of such loans, within the allowance for loan losses.

Accruing Past Due Loans. Total accruing past due loans (i.e., loans past due 30 days or more and still accruing interest) increased \$15.1 million to \$99.0 million, or 0.31 percent of total loans, at December 31, 2020 as compared to \$83.9 million, or 0.26 percent of total loans, at September 30, 2020. The higher level of accruing past due loans at December 31, 2020 was partially caused by a \$12.3 million matured commercial real estate loan (in the process of restructuring its terms) reported within the 30 to 59 day category, as well as an increase in later stage residential mortgage loan delinquencies. Residential mortgage loans 60 to 89 days past due and 90 or more days past due increased \$6.6 million and \$2.3 million, respectively, at December 31, 2020 mostly due to a few larger borrowers, including the migration of certain loans reported within the 30 to 59 day category at September 30, 2020.

Forbearance. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impact to certain customers, Valley implemented short-term loan modifications such as payment deferrals, fee waivers, extensions of repayment terms, or delays in payment that are insignificant, when requested by customers. Generally, the modification terms allow for a deferral of payments for up to 90 days, which Valley may extend for an additional 90 days. Any extensions beyond this period were done in accordance with applicable regulatory guidance. As of December 31, 2020, Valley had approximately \$361 million of outstanding loans remaining in their payment deferral period under short-term modifications.

Allowance for Credit Losses for Loans and Unfunded Commitments. The following table summarizes the allocation of the allowance for credit losses to specific loan categories and the allocation as a percentage of each loan category (including PCD loans) at December 31, 2020, September 30, 2020, and December 31, 2019:

	December	r 31, 2020	Septembe	r 30, 2020	December	r 31, 2019
		Allocation as a % of		Allocation as a % of		Allocation as a % of
	Allowance	Loan	Allowance	Loan	Allowance	Loan
	Allocation*	Category	Allocation*	Category	Allocation*	Category
			(\$ in the	ousands)		
Loan Category:						
Commercial and industrial loans	\$ 131,070	1.91 %	\$ 130,409	1.89 %	\$ 104,059	2.22 %
Commercial real estate loans:						
Commercial real estate	146,009	0.87 %	128,699	0.77 %	20,019	0.13 %
Construction	18,104	1.04 %	15,951	0.93 %	25,654	1.56 %
Total commercial real estate loans	164,113	0.89 %	144,650	0.78 %	45,673	0.26 %
Residential mortgage loans	28,873	0.69 %	28,614	0.67 %	5,060	0.12 %
Consumer loans:						
Home equity	4,675	1.08 %	5,972	1.31 %	459	0.09 %
Auto and other consumer	11,512	0.51 %	15,387	0.69 %	6,508	0.28 %
Total consumer loans	16,187	0.60 %	21,359	0.79 %	6,967	0.24 %
Allowance for loan losses	340,243	1.06 %	325,032	1.00 %	161,759	0.55 %
Allowance for unfunded credit commitments	11,111		10,296		2,845	
Total allowance for credit losses for loans	\$ 351,354		\$ 335,328		\$ 164,604	
Allowance for credit losses as a %						
of loans		1.09 %		1.03%		0.55%

^{*} CECL was adopted January 1, 2020. Prior periods reflect the allowance for credit losses for loans under the incurred loss model.

Our loan portfolio, totaling \$32.2 billion at December 31, 2020, had net loan charge-offs of \$3.0 million for the fourth quarter 2020 as compared to \$15.4 million and \$5.6 million for the third quarter 2020 and the fourth quarter 2019, respectively. Net charge-offs were elevated in the linked third quarter partially due to the full charge-off of a \$6.0 million non-performing commercial and industrial loan relationship. Additionally, partial charge-offs of taxi medallions declined to \$2.3 million during the fourth quarter 2020 as compared to \$6.1 million and \$2.9 million for the third quarter 2020 and fourth quarter 2019, respectively.

The allowance for credit losses, comprised of our allowance for loan losses and reserve for unfunded letters of credit, as a percentage of total loans was 1.09 percent, 1.03 percent and 0.55 percent at December 31, 2020, September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively. During the fourth quarter 2020, we recorded a provision for credit losses totaling \$19.0 million as compared to \$31.0 million for the third quarter 2020 and \$5.4 million for the fourth quarter 2019. The reserve build in the fourth quarter 2020 reflects several factors, including the impact of the internal risk rating downgrades of certain commercial loans largely related to borrowers negatively impacted by the pandemic, lower

valuations of collateral securing our non-performing taxi medallion loan portfolio, and, to a lesser extent, changes in the economic forecast component of our reserves at December 31, 2020.

Capital Adequacy

Valley's regulatory capital ratios continue to reflect its well capitalized position. Valley's total risk-based capital, Tier 1 capital, common equity Tier 1 capital and Tier 1 leverage capital ratios were 12.64 percent, 10.66 percent, 9.94 percent and 8.06 percent, respectively, at December 31, 2020.

For regulatory capital purposes, in connection with the Federal Reserve Board's final interim rule as of April 3, 2020, 100 percent of the CECL Day 1 impact to shareholders' equity equaling \$28.2 million after-tax will be deferred for a two-year period ending January 1, 2022, at which time it will be phased in on a pro-rata basis over a three-year period ending January 1, 2025. Additionally, 25 percent of the reserve build (i.e., provision for credit losses less net charge-offs) for the year ended December 31, 2020 will be phased in over the same time frame.

Investor Conference Call

Valley will host a conference call with investors and the financial community at 11:00 AM Eastern Standard Time, today to discuss the fourth quarter 2020 earnings. Those wishing to participate in the call may dial toll-free (866) 354-0432 (Conference ID: 3626439). The teleconference will also be webcast live: https://edge.media-server.com/mmc/p/n3ghj44s and archived on Valley's website through Monday, March 1, 2021. Investor presentation materials will be made available prior to the conference call at www.valley.com.

About Valley

As the principal subsidiary of Valley National Bancorp, Valley National Bank is a regional bank with approximately \$41 billion in assets. Valley is committed to giving people and businesses the power to succeed. Valley operates many convenient branch locations across New Jersey, New York, Florida and Alabama, and is committed to providing the most convenient service, the latest innovations and an experienced and knowledgeable team dedicated to meeting customer needs. Helping communities grow and prosper is the heart of Valley's corporate citizenship philosophy. To learn more about Valley, go to www.valley.com or call our Customer Care Center at 800-522-4100.

Forward Looking Statements

The foregoing contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are not historical facts and include expressions about management's confidence and strategies and management's expectations about our business, new and existing programs and products, acquisitions, relationships, opportunities, taxation, technology, market conditions and economic expectations. These statements may be identified by such forward-looking terminology as "should," "expect," "believe," "view," "opportunity," "allow," "continues," "reflects," "typically," "usually," "anticipate," or similar statements or variations of such terms. Such forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from such forward-looking statements. Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- the impact of COVID-19 on the U.S. and global economies, including business disruptions, reductions in employment and an increase in business failures, specifically among our clients;
- the impact of COVID-19 on our employees and our ability to provide services to our customers and respond to their needs as more cases of COVID-19 may arise in our primary markets;
- potential judgments, claims, damages, penalties, fines and reputational damage resulting from
 pending or future litigation and regulatory and government actions, including as a result of our
 participation in and execution of government programs related to the COVID-19 pandemic or as
 a result of our actions in response to, or failure to implement or effectively implement, federal,
 state and local laws, rules or executive orders requiring that we grant forbearances or not act to
 collect our loans;
- the impact of forbearances or deferrals we are required or agree to as a result of customer requests and/or government actions, including, but not limited to our potential inability to recover fully deferred payments from the borrower or the collateral;
- damage verdicts or settlements or restrictions related to existing or potential class action litigation or individual litigation arising from claims of violations of laws or regulations, contractual claims, breach of fiduciary responsibility, negligence, fraud, environmental laws, patent or trademark infringement, employment related claims, and other matters;
- a prolonged downturn in the economy, mainly in New Jersey, New York, Florida and Alabama, as well as an unexpected decline in commercial real estate values within our market areas;
- higher or lower than expected income tax expense or tax rates, including increases or decreases resulting from changes in uncertain tax position liabilities, tax laws, regulations and case law;
- the inability to grow customer deposits to keep pace with loan growth;
- a material change in our allowance for credit losses under CECL due to forecasted economic conditions and/or unexpected credit deterioration in our loan and investment portfolios;
- the need to supplement debt or equity capital to maintain or exceed internal capital thresholds;
- greater than expected technology related costs due to, among other factors, prolonged or failed implementations, additional project staffing and obsolescence caused by continuous and rapid market innovations;
- the loss of or decrease in lower-cost funding sources within our deposit base, including our inability to achieve deposit retention targets under Valley's branch transformation strategy;
- cyber-attacks, computer viruses or other malware that may breach the security of our websites or
 other systems to obtain unauthorized access to confidential information, destroy data, disable or
 degrade service, or sabotage our systems;
- results of examinations by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), the Federal Reserve Bank (FRB), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and other regulatory authorities, including the possibility that any such regulatory authority may, among other things, require us to increase our allowance for credit losses, write-down assets, reimburse customers, change the way we do business, or limit or eliminate certain other banking activities;
- our inability or determination not to pay dividends at current levels, or at all, because of inadequate earnings, regulatory restrictions or limitations, changes in our capital requirements or a decision to increase capital by retaining more earnings;
- unanticipated loan delinquencies, loss of collateral, decreased service revenues, and other
 potential negative effects on our business caused by severe weather, the COVID-19 pandemic or
 other external events;

- unexpected significant declines in the loan portfolio due to the lack of economic expansion, increased competition, large prepayments, changes in regulatory lending guidance or other factors; and
- the failure of other financial institutions with whom we have trading, clearing, counterparty and other financial relationships.

A detailed discussion of factors that could affect our results is included in our SEC filings, including the "Risk Factors" section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 and in Item 1A of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2020.

We undertake no duty to update any forward-looking statement to conform the statement to actual results or changes in our expectations. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements.

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SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

		T	Three Months Ended					Years Ended				
	De	cember 31,	Sej	ptember 30,	De	cember 31,		Decem	ber :	31,		
(\$ in thousands, except for share data)		2020		2020		2019		2020		2019		
FINANCIAL DATA:												
Net interest income - FTE (1)	\$	288,833	\$	284,119	\$	239,615	\$	1,122,875	\$	902,679		
Net interest income		287,920		283,086		238,541		1,118,904		898,048		
Non-interest income		47,533		49,272		38,094		183,032		214,520		
Total revenue		335,453		332,358		276,635		1,301,936		1,112,568		
Non-interest expense		173,141		160,185		196,146		646,148		631,555		
Pre-provision net revenue		162,312		172,173		80,489		655,788		481,013		
Provision for credit losses		18,975		30,908		5,418		125,722		24,218		
Income tax expense		37,974		38,891		36,967		139,460		147,002		
Net income		105,363		102,374		38,104		390,606		309,793		
Dividends on preferred stock		3,172		3,172		3,172		12,688		12,688		
Net income available to common stockholders	\$	102,191	\$	99,202	\$	34,932	\$	377,918	\$	297,105		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:												
Basic	40	3,872,459	40	3,833,469	35	5,821,005	4	03,754,356	33	37,792,270		
Diluted	40	5,799,507	40	4,788,526	35	8,864,876	4	05,046,207	34	40,117,808		
Per common share data:												
Basic earnings	\$	0.25	\$	0.25	\$	0.10	\$	0.94	\$	0.88		
Diluted earnings		0.25		0.25		0.10		0.93		0.87		
Cash dividends declared		0.11		0.11		0.11		0.44		0.44		
Closing stock price - high		10.09		8.33		12.07		11.46		12.07		
Closing stock price - low		6.90		6.60		10.60		6.29		9.00		
CORE ADJUSTED FINANCIAL DATA: (2)												
Net income available to common shareholders, as adjusted	\$	110,266	\$	101,002	\$	87,478	\$	389,050	\$	314,170		
Basic earnings per share, as adjusted		0.27		0.25		0.25		0.96		0.93		
Diluted earnings per share, as adjusted		0.27		0.25		0.24		0.96		0.92		
FINANCIAL RATIOS:												
Net interest margin		3.05 %		3.00 %		2.95 %		3.02 %		2.94 9		
Net interest margin - FTE (1)		3.06		3.01		2.96		3.03		2.95		
Annualized return on average assets		1.02		0.99		0.43		0.96		0.93		
Annualized return on avg. shareholders' equity		9.20		9.04		4.01		8.68		8.71		
Annualized return on avg. tangible shareholders' equity $^{\left(2\right) }$		13.45		13.30		5.98		12.82		13.05		
Efficiency ratio (3)		51.61		48.20		70.90		49.63		56.77		
CORE ADJUSTED FINANCIAL RATIOS: (2))											
Annualized return on average assets, as adjusted		1.10 %		1.01 %		1.03 %		0.99 %		0.98		
Annualized return on average shareholders' equity, as adjusted		9.90		9.20		9.53		8.93		9.19		
Annualized return on average tangible shareholders' equity, as adjusted		14.48		13.53		14.23		13.19		13.77		
Efficiency ratio, as adjusted		46.99		46.62		52.43		47.39		53.78		

	T	hree Months End	Years Ended				
	December 31,	September 30,	December 31,	Decer	nber 31,		
(\$ in thousands, except for share data)	2020	2020	2019	2020	2019		
AVERAGE BALANCE SHEET ITEMS:							
Assets	\$ 41,308,943	\$ 41,356,737	\$ 35,315,682	\$ 40,557,326	\$ 33,442,738		
Interest earning assets	37,806,500	37,767,710	32,337,660	37,010,933	30,575,530		
Loans	32,570,902	32,515,264	27,968,383	31,785,859	26,235,253		
Interest bearing liabilities	26,708,223	27,062,790	24,244,902	26,877,800	22,948,872		
Deposits	31,755,838	31,390,693	26,833,714	30,690,382	25,292,397		
Shareholders' equity	4,582,329	4,530,671	3,804,902	4,500,067	3,555,483		

			As of		
BALANCE SHEET ITEMS:	December 31,	September 30,	June 30,	March 31,	December 31,
(In thousands)	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019
Assets	\$ 40,686,076	\$ 40,747,492	\$ 41,626,497	\$ 39,089,443	\$ 37,436,020
Total loans	32,217,112	32,415,586	32,314,611	30,428,067	29,699,208
Deposits	31,935,602	31,187,982	31,337,237	28,985,802	29,185,837
Shareholders' equity	4,592,120	4,533,763	4,474,488	4,420,998	4,384,188
LOANS:					
(In thousands)					
Commercial and industrial	\$ 6,861,708	\$ 6,903,345	\$ 6,884,689	\$ 4,998,731	\$ 4,825,997
Commercial real estate:					
Commercial real estate	16,724,998	16,815,587	16,571,877	16,390,236	15,996,741
Construction	1,745,825	1,720,775	1,721,352	1,727,046	1,647,018
Total commercial real estate	18,470,823	18,536,362	18,293,229	18,117,282	17,643,759
Residential mortgage	4,183,743	4,284,595	4,405,147	4,478,982	4,377,111
Consumer:					
Home equity	431,553	457,083	471,115	481,751	487,272
Automobile	1,355,955	1,341,659	1,369,489	1,436,734	1,451,623
Other consumer	913,330	892,542	890,942	914,587	913,446
Total consumer loans	2,700,838	2,691,284	2,731,546	2,833,072	2,852,341
Total loans	\$ 32,217,112	\$ 32,415,586	\$ 32,314,611	\$ 30,428,067	\$ 29,699,208
CAPITAL RATIOS:					
Book value per common share	\$ 10.85	\$ 10.71	\$ 10.56	\$ 10.43	\$ 10.35
Tangible book value per common share (2)	7.25	7.12	6.96	6.82	6.73
Tangible common equity to tangible assets (2)	7.47 %	7.32 %	7.00 %	7.32 %	7.54 %
Tier 1 leverage capital	8.06	7.89	7.70	8.24	8.76
Common equity tier 1 capital	9.94	9.71	9.51	9.24	9.42
Tier 1 risk-based capital	10.66	10.42	10.23	9.95	10.15
Total risk-based capital	12.64	12.37	12.19	11.53	11.72

		T	hree	Years Ended						
ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES:	D	ecember 31,	Se	ptember 30,	December 31,		Decem	ber	· 31,	
(\$ in thousands)	2020		2020			2019	2020		2019	
Beginning balance - Allowance for credit losses	\$	335,328	\$	319,723	\$	164,770	\$ 164,604	\$	156,295	
Impact of the adoption of ASU 2016-13 (4)		_		_		_	37,989		_	
Allowance for purchased credit deteriorated (PCD) loans		_		_		_	61,643		_	
Beginning balance, adjusted		335,328		319,723		164,770	264,236		156,295	
Loans charged-off (5):										
Commercial and industrial		(3,281)		(13,965)		(5,378)	(34,630)		(13,260)	
Commercial real estate		(1)		(695)		_	(767)		(158)	
Residential mortgage		(250)		(7)		_	(598)		(126)	
Total Consumer		(1,670)		(2,458)		(2,700)	(9,294)		(8,671)	
Total loans charged-off		(5,202)		(17,125)		(8,078)	(45,289)		(22,215)	
Charged-off loans recovered (5):										
Commercial and industrial		160		428		389	1,956		2,397	
Commercial real estate		890		60		1,166	1,054		1,237	
Construction		372		40		_	452		_	
Residential mortgage		44		31		53	670		66	
Total Consumer		734		1,151		886	3,188		2,606	
Total loans recovered		2,200		1,710		2,494	7,320		6,306	
Net charge-offs		(3,002)		(15,415)		(5,584)	(37,969)		(15,909)	
Provision for credit losses for loans		19,028		31,020		5,418	125,087		24,218	
Ending balance - Allowance for credit losses	\$	351,354	\$	335,328	\$	164,604	\$ 351,354	\$	164,604	
Components of allowance for credit losses for loans:										
Allowance for loan losses	\$	340,243	\$	325,032	\$	161,759	\$ 340,243	\$	161,759	
Allowance for unfunded credit commitments (6)		11,111		10,296		2,845	11,111		2,845	
Allowance for credit losses for loans	\$	351,354	\$	335,328	\$	164,604	\$ 351,354	\$	164,604	
Components of provision for credit losses for loans:										
Provision for credit losses for loans	\$	18,213	\$	30,833	\$	5,490	\$ 123,922	\$	25,809	
Provision for unfunded credit commitments (6)		815		187		(72)	1,165		(1,591)	
Total provision for credit losses for loans	\$	19,028	\$	31,020	\$	5,418	\$ 125,087	\$	24,218	
Annualized ratio of total net charge-offs to average loans		0.04 %		0.19 %		0.08 %	0.12 %		0.06 %	
Allowance for credit losses as a % of total loans		1.09 %		1.03 %		0.55 %	1.09 %		0.55 %	

	As of													
ASSET QUALITY: (7)	De	ecember 31,	September 30,			June 30,		March 31,	December 31,					
(\$ in thousands)		2020		2020		2020	2020			2019				
Accruing past due loans:														
30 to 59 days past due:														
Commercial and industrial	\$	6,393	\$	6,587	\$	6,206	\$	9,780	\$	11,700				
Commercial real estate		35,030		26,038		13,912		41,664		2,560				
Construction		315		142		_		7,119		1,486				
Residential mortgage		17,717		22,528		35,263		38,965		17,143				
Total Consumer		10,257		8,979		12,962		19,508		13,704				
Total 30 to 59 days past due		69,712		64,274		68,343		117,036		46,593				
60 to 89 days past due:														
Commercial and industrial		2,252		3,954		4,178		7,624		2,227				
Commercial real estate		1,326		610		1,543		15,963		4,026				
Construction		_		_		_		49		1,343				
Residential mortgage		10,351		3,760		4,169		9,307		4,192				
Total Consumer		1,823		1,352		3,786		2,309		2,527				
Total 60 to 89 days past due		15,752		9,676		13,676		35,252		14,315				
90 or more days past due:														
Commercial and industrial		9,107		6,759		5,220		4,049		3,986				
Commercial real estate		993		1,538		_		161		579				
Residential mortgage		3,170		891		3,812		1,798		2,042				
Total Consumer		271		753		2,082		1,092		711				
Total 90 or more days past due		13,541		9,941		11,114		7,100		7,318				
Total accruing past due loans	\$	99,005	\$	83,891	\$	93,133	\$	159,388	\$	68,226				
Non-accrual loans:														
Commercial and industrial	\$	106,693	\$	115,667	\$	130,876	\$	132,622	\$	68,636				
Commercial real estate		46,879		41,627		43,678		41,616		9,004				
Construction		84		2,497		3,308		2,972		356				
Residential mortgage		25,817		23,877		25,776		24,625		12,858				
Total Consumer		5,809		7,441		6,947		4,095		2,204				
Total non-accrual loans		185,282		191,109		210,585		205,930		93,058				
Other real estate owned (OREO)		5,118		7,746		8,283		10,198		9,414				
Other repossessed assets		3,342		3,988		3,920		3,842		1,276				
Non-accrual debt securities (5)		815		783		1,365		531		680				
Total non-performing assets	\$	194,557	\$	203,626	\$	224,153	\$	220,501	\$	104,428				
Performing troubled debt restructured loans	\$	57,367	\$	58,090	\$	53,936	\$	48,024	\$	73,012				
Total non-accrual loans as a % of loans		0.58 %		0.59 %		0.65 %		0.68 %		0.31 %				
Total accruing past due and non-accrual loans as a % of loans		0.88 %		0.85 %		0.94 %		1.20 %		0.54 %				
Allowance for loan losses as a % of non-accrual loans		183.64 %		170.08 %		147.03 %		137.59 %		173.83 %				

NOTES TO SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

- (1) Net interest income and net interest margin are presented on a tax equivalent basis using a 21 percent federal tax rate. Valley believes that this presentation provides comparability of net interest income and net interest margin arising from both taxable and tax-exempt sources and is consistent with industry practice and SEC rules.
- (2) This press release contains certain supplemental financial information, described in the Notes below, which has been determined by methods other than U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") that management uses in its analysis of Valley's performance. Management believes these non-GAAP financial measures provide information useful to investors in understanding Valley's financial results. Specifically, Valley provides measures based on what it believes are its operating earnings on a consistent basis and excludes material non-core operating items which affect the GAAP reporting of results of operations. Management utilizes these measures for internal planning and forecasting purposes. Management believes that Valley's presentation and discussion, together with the accompanying reconciliations, provides a complete understanding of factors and trends affecting Valley's business and allows investors to view performance in a manner similar to management. These non-GAAP measures should not be considered a substitute for GAAP basis measures and results and Valley strongly encourages investors to review its consolidated financial statements in their entirety and not to rely on any single financial measure. Because non-GAAP financial measures are not standardized, it may not be possible to compare these financial measures with other companies' non-GAAP financial measures having the same or similar names.

		T	hree	Months End	ed		Years Ended			
	De	cember 31,	Se	ptember 30,	De	cember 31,	Decem	ber .	31,	
(\$ in thousands, except for share data)		2020		2020		2019	 2020		2019	
Adjusted net income available to common shareholders:										
Net income, as reported	\$	105,363	\$	102,374	\$	38,104	\$ 390,606	\$	309,793	
Less: Gain on sale leaseback transactions (net of tax) ^(a)		_		_		_	_		(56,414)	
Add: Losses on extinguishment of debt (net of tax)		6,958		1,691		22,992	8,649		22,992	
Add: Net impairment losses on securities (net of tax)		_		_		_	_		2,104	
Add: (Gains) losses on securities transactions (net of tax)		(468)		33		26	(377)		108	
Add: Severance expense (net of tax) ^(b)		1,489		_		_	1,489		3,477	
Add: Tax credit investment impairment (net of tax)(c)		_		_		_	_		1,746	
Add: Merger related expenses (net of tax) ^(d)		96		76		10,861	1,371		11,929	
Add: Income tax expense (benefit)(e)						18,667	 		31,123	
Net income, as adjusted	\$	113,438	\$	104,174	\$	90,650	\$ 401,738	\$	326,858	
Dividends on preferred stock		3,172		3,172		3,172	 12,688		12,688	
Net income available to common shareholders, as adjusted	\$	110,266	\$	101,002	\$	87,478	\$ 389,050	\$	314,170	

- (a) The gain on sale leaseback transactions is included in gains on the sales of assets within other non-interest income.
- (b) Severance expenses are included in salary and employee benefits expense.
- (c) Impairment is included in the amortization of tax credit investments.
- (d) Merger related expenses are primarily within salary and employee benefits expense, professional and legal fees, and other expense.
- (e) Income tax expense related to reserves for uncertain tax positions.

Adjusted per common share data:					
Net income available to common shareholders, as adjusted	\$ 110,266	\$ 101,002	\$ 87,478	\$ 389,050	\$ 314,170
Average number of shares outstanding	403,872,459	403,833,469	355,821,005	403,754,356	337,792,270
Basic earnings, as adjusted	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.93
Average number of diluted shares outstanding	405,799,507	404,788,526	358,864,876	405,046,207	340,117,808
Diluted earnings, as adjusted	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.92

	_	T	hre	e Months End	Years Ended					
	D	December 31,	S	eptember 30,	Ι	December 31,	December 31,			31,
(\$ in thousands)		2020		2020		2019		2020		2019
Adjusted annualized return on average tangible shareholders' equity:										
Net income, as adjusted	\$	113,438	\$	104,174	\$	90,650	\$	401,738	\$	326,858
Average shareholders' equity		4,582,329		4,530,671		3,804,902		4,500,067		3,555,483
Less: Average goodwill and other intangible assets		1,447,838		1,451,889		1,256,137		1,454,349		1,182,140
Average tangible shareholders' equity	\$	3,134,491	\$	3,078,782	\$	2,548,765	\$	3,045,718	\$	2,373,343
Annualized return on average tangible shareholders' equity, as adjusted		14.48 %		13.53 %		14.23 %		13.19 %		13.77
Adjusted annualized return on average assets:										
Net income, as adjusted	\$	113,438	\$	104,174	\$	90,650	\$	401,738	\$	326,858
Average assets	\$	41,308,943	\$	41,356,737	\$	35,315,682	\$	40,557,326	\$	33,442,738
Annualized return on average assets, as adjusted		1.10 %		1.01 %		1.03 %		0.99 %		0.98
Adjusted annualized return on average shareholders' equity:										
Net income, as adjusted	\$	113,438	\$	104,174	\$	90,650	\$	401,738	\$	326,858
Average shareholders' equity	\$	4,582,329	\$	4,530,671	\$	3,804,902	\$	4,500,067	\$	3,555,483
Annualized return on average shareholders' equity, as adjusted		9.90 %		9.20 %		9.53 %		8.93 %		9.19
Annualized return on average tangible shareholders' equity	<u>:</u>									
Net income, as reported	\$	105,363	\$	102,374	\$	38,104	\$	390,606	\$	309,793
Average shareholders' equity		4,582,329		4,530,671		3,804,902		4,500,067		3,555,483
Less: Average goodwill and other intangible assets		1,447,838		1,451,889		1,256,137		1,454,349		1,182,140
Average tangible shareholders' equity	\$	3,134,491	\$	3,078,782	\$	2,548,765	\$	3,045,718	\$	2,373,343
Annualized return on average tangible shareholders' equity		13.45 %		13.30 %		5.98 %		12.82 %		13.05
Adjusted efficiency ratio:										
Non-interest expense	\$	173,141	\$	160,185	\$	196,146	\$	646,148	\$	631,555
Less: Loss on extinguishment of debt (pre-tax)		9,683		2,353		31,995		12,036		31,995
Less: Severance expense (pre-tax)		2,072		_		_		2,072		4,838
Less: Merger-related expenses (pre-tax)		133		106		15,110		1,907		16,579
Less: Amortization of tax credit investments (pre-tax)		3,932		2,759		3,971		13,335		20,392
Non-interest expense, as adjusted		157,321		154,967		145,070		616,798		557,751
Net interest income		287,920		283,086		238,541		1,118,904		898,048
Non-interest income, as reported		47,533		49,272		38,094		183,032		214,520
Add: Net impairment losses on securities (pre-tax)		_		_		_		_		2,928
Add: (Gains) losses on securities transactions, net (pre-tax)		(651)		46		36		(524)		150
Less: Gain on sale leaseback transaction (pre-tax)										78,505
Non-interest income, as adjusted	\$	46,882	\$	49,318	\$	38,130	\$	182,508	\$	139,093
Gross operating income, as adjusted	\$	334,802	\$	332,404	\$	276,671	\$	1,301,412	\$	1,037,141
Efficiency ratio, as adjusted		46.99 %		46.62 %		52.43 %		47.39 %		53.78

			As Of		
	December 31,	September 30,	June 30,	March 31,	December 31,
(\$ in thousands, except for share data)	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019
Tangible book value per common share:					
Common shares outstanding	403,858,998	403,878,744	403,795,699	403,744,148	403,278,390
Shareholders' equity	\$ 4,592,120	\$ 4,533,763	\$ 4,474,488	\$ 4,420,998	\$ 4,384,188
Less: Preferred Stock	209,691	209,691	209,691	209,691	209,691
Less: Goodwill and other intangible assets	1,452,891	1,449,282	1,453,330	1,458,095	1,460,397
Tangible common shareholders' equity	\$ 2,929,538	\$ 2,874,790	\$ 2,811,467	\$ 2,753,212	\$ 2,714,100
Tangible book value per common share	\$ 7.25	\$ 7.12	\$ 6.96	\$ 6.82	\$ 6.73
Tangible common equity to tangible assets:					
Tangible common shareholders' equity	\$ 2,929,538	\$ 2,874,790	\$ 2,811,467	\$ 2,753,212	\$ 2,714,100
Total assets	\$ 40,686,076	\$ 40,747,492	\$ 41,626,497	\$ 39,089,443	\$ 37,436,020
Less: Goodwill and other intangible assets	1,452,891	1,449,282	1,453,330	1,458,095	1,460,397
Tangible assets	\$ 39,233,185	\$ 39,298,210	\$ 40,173,167	\$ 37,631,348	\$ 35,975,623
Tangible common equity to tangible assets	7.47 %	7.32 %	7.00 %	7.32 %	7.54 %

- (3) The efficiency ratio measures Valley's total non-interest expense as a percentage of net interest income plus total non-interest income.
- (4) The adjustment represents an increase in the allowance for credit losses for loans as a result of the adoption of ASU 2016-13 effective January 1, 2020.
- (5) Charge-offs and recoveries presented for periods prior to March 31, 2020 exclude loans formerly known as Purchased Credit-Impaired (PCI) loans.
- (6) Periods prior to March 31, 2020 represent allowance and provision for letters of credit only.
- (7) Past due loans and non-accrual loans presented in periods prior to March 31, 2020 exclude PCI loans. PCI loans were accounted for on a pool basis and are were not subject to delinquency classification.

SHAREHOLDERS RELATIONS

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		Decem	ber 3	31,
		2020		2019
	(Unaudited)		
Assets				
Cash and due from banks	\$	257,845	\$	256,264
Interest bearing deposits with banks		1,071,360		178,423
Investment securities:				
Equity securities		29,378		41,410
Available for sale debt securities		1,339,473		1,566,801
Held to maturity debt securities (net of allowance for credit losses of \$1,428 at December 31, 2020)		2,171,583		2,336,095
Total investment securities		3,540,434		3,944,306
Loans held for sale, at fair value		301,427		76,113
Loans		32,217,112		29,699,208
Less: Allowance for loan losses		(340,243)		(161,759
Net loans		31,876,869		29,537,449
Premises and equipment, net		319,797		334,533
Lease right of use assets		252,053		285,129
Bank owned life insurance		535,209		540,169
Accrued interest receivable		106,230		105,637
Goodwill		1,382,442		1,373,625
Other intangible assets, net		70,449		86,772
Other assets		971,961		717,600
Total Assets	\$	40,686,076	\$	37,436,020
Liabilities		10,000,00	Ť	
Deposits:				
Non-interest bearing	\$	9,205,266	\$	6,710,408
Interest bearing:	Ψ	J,203,200	Ψ	0,710,100
Savings, NOW and money market		16,015,658		12,757,484
Time		6,714,678		9,717,945
Total deposits		-	_	
Short-term borrowings		31,935,602		29,185,837
Long-term borrowings		1,147,958		1,093,280
		2,295,665		2,122,426
Junior subordinated debentures issued to capital trusts		56,065		55,718
Lease liabilities		276,675		309,849
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		381,991		284,722
Total Liabilities		36,093,956		33,051,832
Shareholders' Equity				
Preferred stock, no par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized:				
Series A (4,600,000 shares issued at December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019)		111,590		111,590
Series B (4,000,000 shares issued at December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019)		98,101		98,101
Common stock (no par value, authorized 650,000,000 shares; issued 403,881,488 shares a December 31, 2020 and 403,322,773 shares at December 31, 2019)	at	141,746		141,423
Surplus		3,637,468		3,622,208
Retained earnings		611,158		443,559
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(7,718)		(32,214
Treasury stock, at cost (22,490 common shares at December 31, 2020 and 44,383 common shares at December 31, 2019)		(225)		(479
Total Shareholders' Equity		4,592,120		4,384,188

		T	hree	Months Ende	ed			Years	End	ed
	Dec	cember 31,	Sep	otember 30,]	December 31,		Decem	ber 3	31,
		2020		2020	_	2019		2020		2019
Interest Income										
Interest and fees on loans	\$	313,968	\$	315,788	\$	315,313	\$	1,284,707	\$	1,198,908
Interest and dividends on investment securities:										
Taxable		14,024		14,845		19,760		70,249		86,926
Tax-exempt		3,339		3,606		4,041		14,563		17,420
Dividends		2,467		2,684		2,883		11,644		12,023
Interest on federal funds sold and other short-term investments		260		420		1,776		2,556		5,723
Total interest income		334,058		337,343	-	343,773	_	1,383,719	_	1,321,00
Interest Expense		33 1,030		337,313	_	313,773	_	1,505,717		1,521,00
Interest on deposits:										
Savings, NOW and money market		11,706		13,323		34,930		76,169		145,17
Time		14,368		19,028		45,343		106,067		166,69
Interest on short-term borrowings		2,097		2,588		7,500		11,372		47,862
Interest on long-term borrowings and junior		2,077		2,300		7,300		11,372		47,00.
subordinated debentures		17,967		19,318		17,459		71,207		63,220
Total interest expense		46,138		54,257		105,232		264,815		422,952
Net Interest Income		287,920		283,086		238,541		1,118,904		898,04
(Credit) provision for credit losses for held to maturity securities		(53)		(112)		_		635		_
Provision for credit losses for loans		19,028		31,020		5,418		125,087		24,21
Net Interest Income After Provision for Credit Losses		268,945		252,178		233,123		993,182		873,830
Non-Interest Income				,	_			,		,
Trust and investment services		3,108		3,068		3,350		12,415		12,640
Insurance commissions		1,972		1,816		2,487		7,398		10,40
Service charges on deposit accounts		5,068		3,952		6,002		18,257		23,63
Gains (losses) on securities transactions, net		651		(46)		(36)		524		(15
Net impairment losses on securities recognized in earnings		_		_		_		_		(2,92
Fees from loan servicing		2,826		2,551		2,534		10,352		9,79
Gains on sales of loans, net		15,998		13,366		5,214		42,251		18,91
(Losses) gains on sales of assets, net		(2,607)		894		1,336		(1,891)		78,33
Bank owned life insurance		2,422		(1,304)		1,453		10,083		8,23
Other		18,095		24,975		15,754		83,643		55,63
Total non-interest income		47,533		49,272		38,094		183,032		214,52
Non-Interest Expense										
Salary and employee benefits expense		85,335		83,626		90,872		333,221		327,43
Net occupancy and equipment expense		32,228		31,116		31,402		129,002		118,19
FDIC insurance assessment		4,091		4,847		5,560		18,949		21,71
Amortization of other intangible assets		6,117		6,377		4,905		24,645		18,08
Professional and legal fees		9,702		8,762		5,524		32,348		20,81
Loss on extinguishment of debt		9,683		2,353		31,995		12,036		31,99
Amortization of tax credit investments		3,932		2,759		3,971		13,335		20,39
Telecommunication expense		3,490		2,094		2,566		10,737		9,88
Other		18,563		18,251		19,351		71,875		63,063
Total non-interest expense		173,141		160,185		196,146		646,148		631,55
Income Before Income Taxes		143,337		141,265		75,071		530,066		456,79
Income tax expense		37,974		38,891		36,967		139,460		147,00
Net Income		105,363		102,374		38,104		390,606		309,793
Dividends on preferred stock		3,172		3,172		3,172		12,688		12,68
Net Income Available to Common Shareholders	\$	102,191	\$	99,202	\$		\$	377,918	\$	297,10

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited) (in thousands, except for share data)

		Three Months Ended						Years Ended			
	December 31,		September 30,		December 31,		December 31,				
	2	2020		2020		2019		2020		2019	
Earnings Per Common Share:											
Basic	\$	0.25	\$	0.25	\$	0.10	\$	0.94	\$	0.88	
Diluted		0.25		0.25		0.10		0.93		0.87	
Cash Dividends Declared per Common Share		0.11		0.11		0.11		0.44		0.44	
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding:											
Basic	40	3,872,459		403,833,469		355,821,005		403,754,356		337,792,270	
Diluted	40	5,799,507		404,788,526		358,864,876		405,046,207		340,117,808	

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Quarterly Analysis of Average Assets, Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity and Net Interest Income on a Tax Equivalent Basis

Three Months Ended

	December 31, 2020			Septer	mber 30, 2020)	December 31, 2019				
	Average		Avg.	Average		Avg.	Average		Avg.		
(\$ in thousands)	Balance	Interest	Rate	Balance	Interest	Rate	Balance	Interest	Rate		
Assets											
Interest earning assets:											
Loans (1)(2)	\$ 32,570,902	\$ 313,993	3.86 %	\$ 32,515,264	\$ 315,863	3.89 %	\$ 27,968,383	\$ 315,313	4.51 %		
Taxable investments (3)	3,204,974	16,491	2.06 %	3,354,373	17,529	2.09 %	3,322,536	22,643	2.73 %		
Tax-exempt investments (1)(3)	506,748	4,227	3.34 %	542,450	4,564	3.37 %	608,651	5,115	3.36 %		
Interest bearing deposits with banks	1,523,876	260	0.07 %	1,355,623	420	0.12 %	438,090	1,776	1.62 %		
Total interest earning assets	37,806,500	334,971	3.54 %	37,767,710	338,376	3.58 %	32,337,660	344,847	4.27 %		
Other assets	3,502,443			3,589,027			2,978,022				
Total assets	\$ 41,308,943			\$ 41,356,737			\$ 35,315,682				
Liabilities and shareholders' equity											
Interest bearing liabilities:											
Savings, NOW and money market deposits	\$ 15,606,081	\$ 11,706	0.30 %	\$ 14,542,470	\$ 13,323	0.37 %	\$ 11,813,261	\$ 34,930	1.18 %		
Time deposits	7,005,804	14,368	0.82 %	8,027,346	19,028	0.95 %	8,428,153	45,343	2.15 %		
Short-term borrowings	1,316,706	2,097	0.64 %	1,533,246	2,588	0.68 %	1,625,873	7,500	1.85 %		
Long-term borrowings (4)	2,779,632	17,967	2.59 %	2,959,728	19,318	2.61 %	2,377,615	17,459	2.94 %		
Total interest bearing liabilities	26,708,223	46,138	0.69 %	27,062,790	54,257	0.80 %	24,244,902	105,232	1.74 %		
Non-interest bearing deposits	9,143,953			8,820,877			6,592,300				
Other liabilities	874,438			942,399			673,578				
Shareholders' equity	4,582,329			4,530,671			3,804,902				
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 41,308,943			\$ 41,356,737			\$ 35,315,682				
Net interest income/interest rate spread $^{(5)}$		\$ 288,833	2.85 %		\$ 284,119	2.78 %		\$ 239,615	2.53 %		
Tax equivalent adjustment		(913)			(1,033)			(1,074)			
Net interest income, as reported		\$ 287,920			\$ 283,086			\$ 238,541			
Net interest margin (6)			3.05 %			3.00 %			2.95 %		
Tax equivalent effect			0.01 %			0.01 %			0.01 %		
Net interest margin on a fully tax equivalent basis ⁽⁶⁾			3.06 %			3.01 %			2.96 %		

⁽¹⁾ Interest income is presented on a tax equivalent basis using a 21 percent federal tax rate.

⁽²⁾ Loans are stated net of unearned income and include non-accrual loans.

⁽³⁾ The yield for securities that are classified as available for sale is based on the average historical amortized cost.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes junior subordinated debentures issued to capital trusts which are presented separately on the consolidated statements of condition.

⁽⁵⁾ Interest rate spread represents the difference between the average yield on interest earning assets and the average cost of interest bearing liabilities and is presented on a fully tax equivalent basis.

⁽⁶⁾ Net interest income as a percentage of total average interest earning assets.