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Exchange Act of 1934 Subject Company: TCF Financial Corporation SEC File No.: 001-10253 Filer's SEC File No.: 001-08185 Date: March 19, 2019 This message is for all TCF and Chemical Bank team members. Getting to Work to Create the Premier Midwest Bank Integration Steering Committee and Leadership Team Formed to Combine our Companies The process of combining Chemical Bank and TCF following the completion of our merger formally kicked off with the first meeting of our Integration Steering Committee and Integration Leadership Team. Since announcing the integration structure earlier this month, significant progress has been made toward aligning the teams and work streams that will be required to ensure we are ready to operate as one company the day we legally complete the merger. Throughout this process, we will regularly provide updates on the integration planning and important developments that will shape the new TCF. Two important milestones recently took place. First, the Integration Steering Committee (made up of members of the executive management team of both companies), led by Jim Costa from TCF and Brennan Ryan from Chemical Bank, met to agree on a set of guiding principles that will help us structure integration work. We have attached a copy of these principles with this communication. We encourage all team members of both organizations to review the principles and use them as the primary guide for all of our integration activities. Second, we kicked off phase 1 of our integration journey in Detroit, where we brought together more than 40 leaders from both companies to begin organizing the work ahead.

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Integration Phases There are two main phases to the integration: (1) preparing to operate as one company on “Day 1” after the merger is complete, and (2) the complete integration of systems, processes and people to manage the new TCF and achieve our vision of creating the premier Midwest bank focused on best-in-class products and services. The first phase is the near-term priority and will last between now and the day we legally complete the merger, which we expect to occur late in the third quarter or early fourth quarter of this year. The second phase will extend much further beyond Day 1 and will include thoughtful plans to combine customer facing systems, products, conversion of our brand and an end-state organizational structure. We expect the second phase to last into the middle of next year. **The Structure and Governance of the Integration Process** From a business perspective, the integration is centered around the three main ways we will go to market to serve our customers: Commercial Banking, Retail Banking and National Lending. We call these the “business verticals” and our priority is to make sure we complete the integration without disrupting our ability to serve our customers and clients. Supporting these three business verticals is a set of “shared services work streams,” which manage the systems, processes and teams necessary to enable the businesses to operate. Together, the business and shared services teams will identify and manage the many different decisions and requirements necessary to operate as one company on Day 1. Leaders from both companies were named to lead these various teams and will be accountable for ensuring we meet the deadlines and expectations of the integration process. The following chart summarizes how the integration will be structured:

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* Indicates primary workstream owner The Integration Management Office (IMO) will oversee the work of the business verticals and shared services team as well as serve as a central decision-making resource to resolve questions and issues related to how the company will be organized and managed following the close. The IMO will be led by James Cummans (TCF Director of BSA, Compliance & Fraud) in the role of Integration Management Officer. Vivek Sabharwal, (Chemical's Financial Planning & Analysis leader), will serve as Integration Budget Manager and report to James Cummans. Jennifer Hogan (Chemical's System Operations and Strategic Implementations Officer) will serve as Project Management Officer and lead the day-to-day administration of the IMO. Assisting the IMO with the integration is a team from Accenture, which was selected from a group of consulting firms with deep expertise in leading integrations in the banking industry. The Accenture team brings a process methodology, best practices and a dedicated team to track progress against established milestones.

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Integration is a Full Team Effort In the coming weeks, the leaders of various work streams will begin organizing teams to begin full integration planning. This includes finalizing a detailed charter that outlines the critical tasks necessary to be ready for Day 1. These work streams will involve many team members of both companies and you may be asked in the coming days to participate in a specific work stream. We ask for everyone's full participation and support to help us make the integration successful. Equally important, one of the principles of the integration is to provide frequent and transparent communication about our progress. You can expect to receive regular updates from the Integration team about important decisions that will help shape the new TCF. We will also be establishing an Intranet resource that will serve as the "go to" resource to get information about the integration and ask questions. We appreciate the support and enthusiasm our team members have shown toward the merger. Beginning the integration planning is another important milestone in our journey and we look forward to bringing together the best of both banks to create the premier Midwest bank. We invite you to submit questions regarding the integration to IntegrationQuestions@tcfbank.com. We will also post integration-related news on each company's Intranet resource sites dedicated to the merger. Jim Costa & Brennan Ryan Co-Chairs Integration Steering Committee _____

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We will create one organization focused on our customers and employees by: Limiting cumulative unfavorable impact; being customer and employee advocates; retaining team members, taking into account diverse perspectives; and executing a single branding strategy. We will align our actions throughout the merger to our unified Core Values and empower the teams to implement these values by 'operating a compliant organization,' 'doing the right thing' and 'working together'. We will have individual responsibility and collective accountability to execute against the plan. We will exceed publicly committed synergy targets of \$180 million annualized by the end of 2020. We will prioritize speed of conversion to target state platforms over new enhancements, while taking into account current-state platforms with due consideration given to current functionality. We will de-risk the critical path for key events like Legal Day 1 and systems conversion by accelerating independent integration activities. We will ask for and value multiple views, make decisions quickly, and support the decisions of the IMO and work stream leads, as guided by the Steering Committee. We will communicate timely, clearly and consistently to all stakeholders. We will create a top-down timeline and validate it with bottom up analysis to address outliers. These Guiding Principles are intended to align expectations, strategic intent and integration values for planning and execution.

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