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## Annual Meeting

Self-Help Federal Credit Union, operating in California through its two divisions – Community Trust and Micro Branch -- has grown to include almost 50,000 members primarily through a series of seven mergers, mostly in 2010 and 2011. With our energy focused this year on the critical and challenging job of integrating many separate operations to better serve our members, and with only two nominees for two open board positions, the board of Self-Help Federal felt it best to hold this year's Annual Meeting along with those of its North Carolina affiliates.

Accordingly, the Annual Meetings of the Self-Help Federal Credit Union, and its affiliated Center for Community Self-Help, will be held November 2, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at 302 W. Main Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701.

**Local Meetings:** Recognizing that it is not practical for California members to attend an Annual Meeting in North Carolina, the board and management are planning several informational member meetings – one each in the San Francisco Bay Area, the northern Central Valley, and the southern Central Valley. These meetings will provide an opportunity for members to gather with some board members and management for an informational update, to provide feedback, and strengthen our credit union community. Times and specific locations for these meetings – most likely to be held during November or early December - will be posted in all branches as soon as they are finalized.

**Looking Forward:** Reflecting the evolving composition of our membership, the board of directors has created a committee to recommend to the full board changes for the 2012 board election and Annual Meeting processes. Some of the changes currently planned include:

- Earlier publicity about the board nomination process;
- Holding the Annual Meeting in California; and
- Creating a mail-in, on-line or other convenient voting option so all members can vote without travelling to the Annual Meeting.

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For the current 2011 elections, the nominating committee of the board of directors of Self-Help Federal Credit Union received two nominations for two open positions on the board and has, therefore, proposed the following candidates for election:

**Salvador Menjivar** is the Executive Director of One PacificCoast Foundation, a nonprofit bank-holding corporation affiliated with One PacificCoast Bank. Salvador has been in positions of leadership in the private and nonprofit sectors for over fifteen years. Most recently he served as Executive Director of Hamilton Family Center in San Francisco. He has served on governmental commissions in the Cities of San Francisco and Berkeley. Salvador has volunteered his time on many Boards of Directors in the Bay Area, including the Mission Area Federal Credit Union (the former name for Mission SF FCU, now part of Self-Help Federal) and Holy Family Day Home. He holds a degree in Economics from the New York-based New School University and an M.B.A from the University of San Francisco. Salvador currently serves on the board of Self-Help Federal Credit Union.

**Tanya Branch** is the Chief Financial Officer for the North Carolina Institute for Minority Economic Development, a position she has held since 2009. Tanya is responsible for the fiscal operations of the organization, working closely with the President and its board of directors. She monitors all program reporting and provides fiscal oversight for both federal and state programs. Tanya is also the owner of Tanya S. Branch, CPA, PA, bringing almost 20 years of experience in accounting and audits of non-profit organizations and credit unions. Early in her career, Tanya gained experience as an audit supervisor for Cherry, Bekaert and Holland, CPA where she specialized in audits of non-profits and governmental entities. After leaving public accounting, Tanya became Vice President/CFO of the NC Minority Support Center where she worked closely with community development credit unions across the state providing technical assistance in accounting and program services. Tanya is a graduate of North Carolina Central University where she received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, and in 1996 became a Certified Public Accountant. Tanya is currently the Board Chair of Self-Help Federal, and was one of its founding directors when it was chartered in 2008.

Nominations will not be taken from the floor. If you have any questions, please contact Jeannine Esposito at (510)379-5519 or [Jeannine.Esposito@self-help.org](mailto:Jeannine.Esposito@self-help.org)