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Open Letter to Members of LPFCU

Credit Union Merger Endorsement: By Ed and Kathy Hess

Dear fellow Members of LPFCU:

Kathy and I have been involved in the management of our credit Union since 1983. Kathy had been our manger from 1983 to 2012 when she retired. I had been the Treasurer from 1986 to 2022 when I retired and the board turned the Treasurer function over to Ken, our current manager. I am still an active member of our Board of Directors.

I have also performed the Independent Supervisory Committee audits of Ontario Shores Federal Credit Union for 15 years during my carrier as an Auditor. As such, I am very familiar with their operations.

In our opinion, it is time for this merger. Ken is retiring on July 1 of this year. Neither of our other employees has expressed a desire for the job of Manager. I along with our President Janet Cirillo have met with the CEO of Ontario Shores and Ken has followed up with other meetings between their CEO and our staff. Ontario Shores has pledged to retain our office on the Lewiston Porter Campus and retain both of our office employees. Ontario Shores is a, Teacher based Credit Union with two current branches and a new branch opening in the spring of this year. They have over \$ 150,000,000 in member assets and will provide our members with the long term stability that we have been looking for. If for some reason it is decided to leave the Lew Port Campus they have promised to try to have an office in the Lewiston Village area.

Both Kathy and I urge each of our members to vote in favor of this merger. You will be giving up nothing in the process and yet you will become part of a larger Credit Union family

Ed & Kathy Hess