#### **AGENCY SECURED<sup>2</sup>** AUTO Fixed Rates

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% Financed				Туре	Rate
80%	36 mo.	2.99%	3.24%	-9 00	(APR <sup>1</sup> as low as)
	40	3.24%	3.49%	Fixed	5.74%
	48 mo.			Variable	5.24%
	60 mo.	3.49%	3.74%		
100%	36 mo.	3.49%	3.74%	AGENCY SECURED LINE OF CREDIT <sup>3</sup>	
	48 mo.	3.74%	3.99%	Туре	Rate (APR¹ as low as)
	60 mo.	3.99%	4.24%	Variable	4.74%4

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- <sup>1</sup>APR = Annual Percentage Rate. Rates listed are current as of 9/15/10 and are subject to change without notice. Rates listed are FIGFCU's preferred rates based on
- applicant's creditworthiness.

  <sup>2</sup>Borrow up to 60% of Contract Value if you are a DM or your average monthly sales count is 150+. Otherwise, borrow up to 50%.
- <sup>3</sup>Borrow up to 35% of Contract Value, up to \$50,000. <sup>4</sup>Rate listed includes Folio Direct Deposit discount of 0.25%

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## President's View



It is important to maintain a balanced perspective, especially during these troubling, challenging economic times. I think you would agree that the media seems to have a natural bend towards focusing on the negative, often at the expense of the positive. Reporters and editors simply do not find the positive things people do daily as "newsworthy"; I would even agree that hearing about the millions of us that drove safely to work today is not as exciting as finding out about those that didn't. The media sells more advertising if they publish what is viewed or listened to, so ultimately, it may be the consumer who is at fault for gravitating to the negative.

In the banking industry, it is much easier to read about the bank, credit union or Wall Street brokerage that failed, instead of all the great things one has been doing to bounce back or successfully cope with what has seemed to many, a "perfect storm" of adverse economic factors. Moreover, as to keeping that equitable balance when looking at the bad and the good, can it pay to be optimistic as opposed to pessimistic? I'd argue that it can, and that is one of the reasons that credit unions continue to perform well today.

So, how is the credit union industry overall handling the challenges of this economy? First, let's look at loan delinquency, the leading indicator (and the one that causes the most angst) of future loan losses, as loan losses are far and away the biggest cause for those banks and credit unions that have failed. Credit unions' loan delinquencies industry wide, stood at 1.73% on

June 30, less than one-third the 5.3% reported by commercial banks. Furthermore, the credit union industry's annualized loan losses at the half-year point were 1.2% of loans outstanding – well under half the reported 2.9% loss ratio sustained by banks.

Lastly, the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF) – the equivalent of banks' FDIC – is indeed solvent at about 1.2% of insured members' shares in all federally insured credit unions. The lesson here is that the credit unions' federal insurance fund, which has never cost the US taxpayer a direct cent, is in far better condition than the FDIC, which continues to cost US taxpayers money. This is probably the most important example of why having your money with a credit union continues to be a wise moneymanagement decision.

Possibly more important to us at FIGFCU, your Credit Union, is that our net worth to total assets ratio is over 10% – a level that our federal regulator, the National Credit Union Administration, declares as very well capitalized. Our gross capital ratio is right at 13%, which includes our allowance for loan loss account balance. All of our members, including those who have more than \$250,000.00 on deposit with us, can sleep soundly every night, knowing that your Credit Union has weathered the Great Recession, continues to cope with it, and is again on the path of building our reserves as we have been doing for 24 of the last 25 years. Thank you for your business and for being an active member-owner of YOUR Credit Union.

Mark Kerter
President/CEO

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