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FORM 10-K

x **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005

or

.. **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File # 000-50245

NARA BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation or organization)

3701 Wilshire Boulevard

Suite 220

95-4849715
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

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Los Angeles, California 90010

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (213) 639-1700

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the Common Stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant based upon the closing sale price of the Common Stock as of the last business day of the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, June 30, 2005, as reported on the NASDAQ National Market, was approximately \$397,429,000.

Number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's Common Stock as of February 28, 2006: 25,457,292

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PART I

Forward-Looking Information

Certain matters discussed in this Annual Report on Form 10-K may constitute forward-looking statements under Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). These statements may involve risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, expectations of the business environment in which we operate, projections of future performance, perceived opportunities in the market and statements regarding our mission and vision. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements preceded by, followed by or that include the word will, believes, expects, anticipates, intends, plans, estimates or similar expressions. Our actual results, performance or achievements may differ significantly from the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. For a detailed discussion of the factors that might cause such a difference, see Item 1A, Risk Factors .

Factors that might affect forward-looking statements include, among other things:

the demand for our products;

actions taken by our competitors;

adverse actions taken by any one of our regulatory agencies, which would limit our activities, such as a Memorandum of Understanding or consent agreement;

changes in the FDIC insurance premium;

tax rate changes, new tax laws and revised tax law interpretations;

adverse changes occurring in the securities markets;

inflation and changes in prevailing interest rates that reduce our margins or the fair market value of the financial instruments that we hold;

economic or business conditions, either nationally or in our market areas, that is worse than we anticipated;

legislative or regulatory changes that adversely affect our business;

the timing, impact and other uncertainties of our asset sales or securitizations;

technology changes that is more difficult or expensive than we expect;

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increases in delinquencies and defaults by our borrowers and other loan delinquencies;

increases to our provision for losses on loans and leases due to loan quality/performance deterioration;

our inability to sustain or improve the performance of our subsidiaries;

our inability to achieve our financial goals and strategic plans, including any financial goals related both to contemplated and consummated assets sales or acquisitions;

potential litigation relating to our recent accounting restatement;

possible weaknesses in our system of internal and disclosure controls; and

credit and other risks of lending, leasing and investment activities.

As a result, we cannot assure you that our future results of operations or financial condition or any other matters will be consistent with those presented in any forward-looking statements. Accordingly, we caution you not to rely on these forward-looking statements. We do not undertake, and specifically disclaim any obligation, to update these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made except as may otherwise be required by law.

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Item 1. BUSINESS

General

Nara Bancorp, Inc. (Nara Bancorp, on a parent-only basis, and we or our on a consolidated basis with its subsidiaries) is a bank holding company headquartered in Los Angeles, California. We offer a full range of commercial banking and consumer financial services through our wholly owned subsidiary, Nara Bank, a California state-chartered bank (the Bank or Nara Bank). During the first quarter of 2001, Nara Bancorp became a bank holding company regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the FRB) as part of the reorganization of Nara Bank into a holding company structure. Nara Bancorp was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 2000. Nara Bank was organized in 1989 as a national bank and converted to a California state-chartered bank on January 3, 2005. Nara Bancorp s principal business is to serve as a holding company for Nara Bank and other bank-related subsidiaries, which Nara Bancorp may establish or acquire. Our headquarters are located at 3701 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 220, Los Angeles, California 90010, and our telephone number at that address is (213) 639-1700. Nara Bank s deposits are insured by the Bank Insurance Fund (BIF), as administered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), up to applicable limits. Nara Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System.

Nara Bank opened for business in June 1989 under the name United Citizens National Bank as a national banking association. The institution s name was changed to Nara Bank, National Association in January 1994, and in January 2005, became Nara Bank after converting to a California state-chartered bank. Nara Bank is headquartered at 3701 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 220, Los Angeles, California 90010. Nara Bank primarily focuses its business in Korean communities in California and in the greater New York City metropolitan area.

Nara Bank supplemented its growth over the past few years through strategic acquisitions in its primary market areas in California and New York. The following is a summary of our acquisitions since 1998:

On October 13, 1998, the Bank purchased the Flushing branch of Korea Exchange Bank in New York. The Bank acquired approximately \$10.0 million in net loans and assumed approximately \$21.0 million in deposits.

On February 28, 2000, the Bank acquired Korea First Bank of New York for approximately \$8.7 million. Korea First Bank of New York had three branches in New York area: one in Manhattan, one in Jackson Heights, and one in Flushing. The Bank acquired approximately \$30.5 million in net loans and assumed approximately \$67.8 million in deposits.

On November 29, 2002, the Bank purchased certain loans and deposits from the Industrial Bank of Korea New York. The Bank assumed approximately \$49.5 million in deposits and purchased approximately \$1.3 million in loans.

On August 25, 2003, the Bank purchased Asiana Bank for \$8.0 million in Nara Bancorp common stock. Nara Bancorp issued approximately 852,000 shares for this acquisition. Asiana Bank had two branches in Northern California: one in Silicon Valley and one in Oakland. Soon after the acquisition, both branches were closed and consolidated into the Bank s existing branches by closing the physical locations. The Bank acquired approximately \$22.4 million in net loans and assumed approximately \$29.3 million in deposits.

On October 30, 2003, the Bank purchased certain loans and deposits from Korea Exchange Bank s Broadway branch in New York. The Bank assumed approximately \$46.2 million in deposits and purchased approximately \$39.5 million in loans.

At December 31, 2005, the Bank had two wholly owned subsidiaries. The first subsidiary, Nara Loan Center, is a New Jersey corporation organized in 2000. Nara Loan Center is a loan production office, generating mostly SBA loans with total assets of \$786 thousand at December 31, 2005. The second subsidiary, Nara Real Estate Trust, a Maryland real estate investment trust, was formed in April of 2003. Nara Real Estate Trust holds only loans secured by real estate and as of December 31, 2005, had total assets of \$131 million.

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Nara Bancorp currently has five special-purpose subsidiaries that were formed for capital-raising transactions: Nara Capital Trust I, Nara Statutory Trust II, Nara Capital Trust III, Nara Statutory Trust IV, and Nara Statutory Trust V. In March 2001 and 2002, Nara Bancorp established Nara Capital Trust I (Trust I) and Nara Statutory Trust II (Trust II), respectively. The Trust I issued \$10.0 million in trust preferred securities bearing a fixed rate of 10.18%. The interest is payable semi-annually for a 30- year term. Trust II issued \$8.0 million in trust preferred securities. The interest rate is adjusted quarterly on March 26, June 26, September 26 and December 26 during its 30-year term based on the 3-month LIBOR plus 3.60 % and is paid quarterly. In June 2003, Nara Bancorp established Nara Capital Trust III (Trust III), and in December of 2003 Nara Bancorp established Nara Statutory Trust IV (Trust IV) and Nara Statutory Trust V (Trust V). In three separate private placement transactions, the Trusts III, IV, and V issued \$5.0 million, \$5.0 million and \$10.0 million with quarterly adjustable rates based on the 3-month LIBOR plus 3.15%, 2.85 %, and 2.95%, respectively, and interest is paid quarterly for a 30- year term. In all five issuances, we participated as part of a pooled offering with several other financial institutions. The statutory business trusts were established as part of our capital planning to complement and support future growth.

With the adoption of FIN 46, Nara Bancorp deconsolidated the five grantor trusts as of December 31, 2003. As a result, the subordinated debentures issued by Nara Bancorp to the grantor trusts in connection with the trust preferred financing, totaling \$39.3 million, are reflected in our consolidated statements of financial condition in the liabilities section at December 31, 2005 and 2004, under the caption subordinated debentures. We record interest expense on the corresponding subordinated debentures in the consolidated statements of income. Nara Bancorp also recorded \$2.1 million in other assets in the consolidated statements of financial condition at December 31, 2005 and 2004 for the common capital securities issued by the grantor trusts held by Nara Bancorp.

Our website address is www.narabank.com. Electronic copies of our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports, are available free of charge by visiting our website at www.narabank.com/i_stock.asp and www.narabank.com/I_finan.asp. These reports are generally posted as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Recent Developments

On December 19, 2005, Nara Bancorp declared a dividend of \$0.0275 per common share for the first quarter of 2006, which was paid on January 13, 2006 to stockholders of record on December 30, 2006.

On February 15, 2006, Mr. Ho Yang submitted his resignation as a member of the Board of Directors and as President and Chief Executive Officer of Nara Bancorp and its subsidiary Nara Bank, effective as of March 15, 2006. On March 13, 2006 Nara Bancorp announced a series of management and board changes to ensure a smooth transition to permanent President and CEO, and to bring further banking and corporate management expertise to Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank's board of directors.

These changes include:

The appointment of Howard Gould to the board of Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank as an independent director. Mr. Gould is a longtime bank executive, including his position as Vice Chairman of the Bank of the West and United California Bank. He is also a former California Commissioner of Financial Institutions as well as a former California State Superintendent of Banking. Mr. Gould will serve as Chairman of the Transition Committee of Nara Bank, a new committee which will work closely with a newly formed Interim Office of the President to guide Nara Bank.

The decision to recruit two additional independent directors who are respected and experienced in banking and corporate management. That recruitment process is under way.

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The appointment of three senior executives to work as a team in the Interim Office of the President. Min Kim, Chief Operating Officer, has been named Acting President. She has been responsible for the Bank's sales, marketing and customer service operations. Also appointed to the Office of the President are Alvin D. Kang, Chief Financial Officer, and Bonita Lee, Chief Credit Officer.

The decision to engage an executive search firm to conduct an internal and nationwide search for a permanent President and Chief Executive Officer to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ho Yang, announced on February 15, 2006.

Business Overview

Our principal business activities are conducted through Nara Bank by earning interest on loans and investment securities that are funded by customer deposits and other borrowings. The difference between interest received and interest paid comprises the majority of our operating earnings. The FDIC insures Nara Bank's deposits up to the maximum legal limits, and the Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System.

Through our network of 18 branches and 8 loan production offices, we offer a full range of commercial banking and consumer financial services to our customers, who typically are individuals and small- to medium-sized businesses in our market areas. We accept deposits and originate a variety of loans including commercial loans, commercial real estate loans, trade finance, Small Business Administration (SBA) loans, automobile and various consumer loans. To better meet our customers' needs, our mini-market branches generally offer extended hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Each of our branches operates 24-hour automated teller machines. We provide courier services to qualifying customers and offer personal banking officers to key customers to better support their banking needs. We honor merchant drafts for both VISA and MasterCard and provide debit card services to our customers. In addition, most of our branches offer travelers' checks, safe deposit boxes, notary public and other customary bank services. We also offer 24-hour banking by telephone. Our website at www.narabank.com features both English and Korean applications and internet banking services.

A significant amount of our operating income and net income depends on the difference between interest revenue received from interest-earning assets and interest expense paid on interest-bearing liabilities. However, interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors that are beyond our control, such as general economic conditions and the policies of various governmental and regulatory authorities, in particular those of the Federal Reserve Board. Although our business may vary with local and national economic conditions, such variations are not seasonal in nature.

Lending Activities

Commercial Loans

Commercial loans are extended to businesses for various purposes such as providing working capital, purchasing inventory, purchasing machinery and equipment, debt refinance, business acquisition and other business related financing needs. Commercial loans are typically classified as (1) short-term loans (or lines of credit), which are often used to finance current assets such as inventory and accounts receivable, which typically have terms of one year with interest paid monthly on the outstanding balance and principal balance due at maturity, and (2) long-term loans (or term loans to businesses) which typically have terms of 5 to 7 years with principal and interest paid monthly. The credit worthiness of our borrowers is determined before a loan is originated and is periodically reviewed to ascertain whether credit quality changes have occurred. Commercial loans are typically collateralized by the borrower's business assets and/or real estate property. Nara Bank also extends commercial loans in the U.S. that are secured by real estate property located in South Korea. As of December 31, 2005, we had approximately \$550 thousand in commercial loans secured by the real estate property located in South Korea. We do not expect the loans secured by real estate property located in South Korea to make up a significant portion of our loan portfolio in the foreseeable future. We also offer small business loans to small retail businesses of up to \$150,000 with terms of 4 to 7 years at fixed interest rates using a credit scoring system.

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Our commercial loan portfolio includes trade finance loans from Nara Bank's Corporate Banking Center, which generally serves businesses involved in international trade activities. These loans are typically collateralized by business assets and are used to meet the short-term working capital needs (accounts receivable and inventories) of our borrowers. The Corporate Banking Center also issues and advises on letters of credit for export and import businesses.

Commercial Real Estate Loans

Real estate loans are extended for the purchase and refinance of commercial real estate and are generally secured by first deeds of trust. The maturities on such loans are generally restricted to seven years with a balloon payment due at maturity and the loans are amortized for up to 25 years. We offer both fixed and floating rate loans. It is our policy to restrict real estate loan amounts to 70% of Nara Bank's appraised value of the property.

Small Business Administration Loans

The Bank also extends loans partially secured by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The Bank extends SBA loans known as 7(a) loans and SBA 504 loans. SBA 7(a) loans are typically extended for the purpose of providing working capital, purchase of inventory, purchase of machinery and equipment, debt refinance, business acquisitions, start-up financing, or to purchase/construct owner-occupied commercial property. SBA 7(a) loans are typically term loans with maturities up to 10 years for business only related loans and up to 25 years for real estate related loans. SBA loans are fully amortized with monthly payment of principal and interest. SBA loans are typically floating rate loans that are secured by business assets and/or real estate. Depending on the loan amount, each loan is typically guaranteed 75% to 85% by the SBA with a maximum gross loan amount to any one small business borrower of \$2.0 million and a maximum SBA guaranteed amount of \$1.5 million.

The SBA 7(a) loans we generate represent an important segment of our non-interest income due to our ability to sell the guaranteed portion in the secondary market at a premium while earning servicing fee income on the sold portion over the remaining life of the loan. Therefore, in addition to the interest yield earned on the un-guaranteed portion of the SBA loans that are not sold, we recognize income from gains on the sales and from loan servicing on the SBA loans sold.

SBA 504 loans are typically extended for the purpose of purchasing owner-occupied commercial real estate or long-term capital equipment. SBA 504 loans are typically extended for 20 years or the life of the asset being financed. SBA 504 loans are financed as a participation loan between the Bank and the SBA through a Certified Development Company (CDC). Generally, the loans are structured so as to give the Bank a 50% first deed of trust (T/D), the SBA a 40% second T/D (SBA 504), and the remaining 10% is funded by the borrower. Rates for the first T/D Bank loans are subject to normal bank commercial rates and the second T/D SBA loans are fixed for the life of the loans based on the U.S. Treasury rate index.

All of our SBA loans are handled through Nara Bank's SBA Loan Department. The SBA Loan Department is staffed by loan officers who provide assistance to qualified businesses. The Bank has been designated as an SBA Preferred Lender, which is the highest designation awarded by the U.S. Small Business Administration and generally facilitates a more efficient marketing and approval process for SBA loans. We have attained SBA Preferred Lender status for all of our loan production offices and other areas; Los Angeles, Santa Ana, Fresno, San Francisco, Sacramento, Seattle, Spokane, Illinois, Atlanta, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Georgia, Colorado, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, Alaska, Portland, North Florida, Syracuse and Buffalo

Consumer Loans

Consumer loans are extended for automobile and home equity loans with a majority of the consumer loan portfolio currently consisting of automobile loans. Referrals from automobile dealers comprise the majority of originations for automobile loans. We offer fixed rate loans to buyers who do not qualify for automobile dealers

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most preferential loan rates for new and used car financing. We offer home equity loans and lines up to 89% of the appraised value of the real estate. We also extend credit to United States legal residents secured by real estate located in South Korea. As of December 31, 2005, we had extended approximately \$1.7 million in consumer loans secured by real estate in South Korea.

Investing Activities

The main objectives of our investment strategy are to support a sufficient level of liquidity while providing one means to manage our interest rate risk, and to generate an adequate level of interest income without taking undue risks. Subject to various restrictions, our investment policy permits investment in various types of securities, certificates of deposits and federal funds sold. Our investment portfolio consists of government sponsored agency bonds, mortgage backed securities, Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (CMOs), bank-qualified California municipal bonds, corporate bonds and government sponsored enterprise preferred stocks, which were sold during the first quarter of 2005. For a detailed breakdown of our investment portfolio, see Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Financial Condition Investment Security Portfolio.

Securities are classified as held-to-maturity or available-for-sale. We do not maintain a trading portfolio. Securities in the held-to-maturity category consist of securities purchased for long-term investment in order to enhance our ongoing stream of net interest income. Securities deemed held-to-maturity are classified as such because we have both the intent and ability to hold these securities to maturity. Securities purchased to meet investment-related objectives such as interest rate risk and liquidity management, but which may be sold as necessary to implement management strategies, are designated as available-for-sale at the time of purchase. At December 31, 2005, we had \$1.0 million in securities held-to-maturity and \$174.7 million in securities available-for-sale. We purchased \$81.9 million and sold \$13.9 million in investment securities during 2005.

Deposit Activities

We attract both short-term and long-term deposits from the general public by offering a wide range of deposit products and services. Through our branch network, we provide our banking customers with money market accounts, savings and checking accounts, certificate of deposit, individual retirement accounts, business checking accounts, 24-hour automated teller machines, and Internet banking and bill-pay services.

Our primary source of funds is FDIC-insured deposits. As part of our asset liability management, we analyze our deposits' maturities and interest rates to monitor and control the cost of funds as well as to insure the stability of the supply of funds. We believe our deposits are a stable and reliable funding source. For more deposit information, see Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Financial Condition Deposit.

Borrowing Activities

When we have more funds than required for our reserve requirements or short-term liquidity needs, we sell federal funds to other financial institutions. Conversely, when we have less funds than required, we may borrow funds from both our correspondent banks, the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco and the Federal Reserve Bank. The Federal Home Loan Bank System functions in a reserve credit capacity for qualifying financial institutions. As a member, we are required to own capital stock in the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (FHLBSF) and may apply for advances from the FHLB utilizing as collateral, qualifying mortgage loans and certain securities as collateral for these advances. The maximum amount that we currently are authorized to borrow from our correspondent banks is \$68.0 million on an overnight basis.

The FHLBSF offers a full range of borrowing programs on its advances with terms ranging from one day to thirty years at competitive market rates. A prepayment penalty is usually imposed for early repayment of these advances. Information concerning FHLB borrowings is included in Note 7 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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As a member of the Federal Reserve Bank (FRB), we may also borrow from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. The maximum amount that we may borrow from the FRB discount window is 98% of the market value of the securities that are pledged. At December 31, 2005, the par value of the securities that we have pledged for this purpose was \$2.0 million.

Market Area and Competition

We have 18 branch offices located in Los Angeles, Orange County, Oakland, Silicon Valley, and New York and 8 loan production offices located in San Jose, Seattle, Chicago, New Jersey, Atlanta, Virginia, Denver, and Dallas. Most of our services are offered in Los Angeles County, Orange County, the San Francisco Bay Area, Silicon Valley (Santa Clara County), and the New York metropolitan area, each of which has high concentrations of Korean-Americans. The banking and financial services industry generally, and in our market areas specifically, are highly competitive. The increasingly competitive environment is a result primarily of strong competition amongst the banks servicing the Korean-American community, changes in regulation, changes in technology and product delivery systems, and the accelerating pace of consolidation among financial services. In addition, federal legislation may have the effect of further increasing the pace of consolidation within the financial services industry. See Item 1. Business Supervision and Regulation Financial Services Modernization Legislation.

We compete for loans, deposits, and customers with other commercial banks, savings and loan associations, securities and brokerage companies, mortgage companies, insurance companies, finance companies, money market funds, credit unions, and other non-bank financial service providers. Many of these competitors are much larger in total assets and capitalization, have greater access to capital markets, are more widely recognized, have broader geographic scope and offer a broader range of financial services than we do.

Economic Conditions, Government Policies and Legislation

Our profitability, like most financial institutions, depends primarily on interest rate differentials. In general, the difference between the interest rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities, such as deposits and borrowings, and the interest rates received on our interest-earning assets, such as loans we extend to our customers and securities held in our investment portfolio, as well as the level of non-interest bearing deposits, have a significant impact on profitability. These rates are highly sensitive to many factors that are beyond our control, such as inflation, unemployment, consumer spending and political events. The impact that future changes in domestic and foreign economic and political conditions might have on our performance cannot be predicted.

Our business also is influenced by the monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government and the policies of regulatory agencies, particularly the FRB. The FRB implements national monetary policies (with objectives such as curbing inflation or preventing recession) through its open-market operations in U.S. government securities, by adjusting the required level of reserves for depository institutions subject to its reserve requirements, and by varying the target federal funds and discount rates applicable to borrowings by depository institutions. The actions of the FRB in these areas influence the growth of bank loans, investments, and deposits and also affect interest rates earned on interest-earning assets and paid on interest-bearing liabilities. The nature and impact on Nara Bancorp and the Bank of future changes in monetary and fiscal policies cannot be predicted.

From time to time, legislation, as well as regulations, are enacted which have the effect of increasing the cost of doing business, limiting or expanding permissible activities, or affecting the competitive balance between banks and other financial services providers. Proposals to change the laws and regulations governing the operations and taxation of banks, bank holding companies, and other financial institutions and financial services providers are frequently made in the U.S. Congress, in the state legislatures, and before various regulatory agencies. This legislation may change banking statutes and our operating environment in substantial and unpredictable ways. If enacted, such legislation could increase or decrease the cost of doing business, limit or expand permissible activities or affect the competitive balance among banks, savings associations, credit unions,

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and other financial institutions. We cannot predict whether any of this potential legislation will be enacted, and if enacted, the effect that it, or any implementing regulations, would have on our financial condition or results of operations. See Item 1. Business Supervision and Regulation below.

Supervision and Regulation

General

Bank holding companies and banks are extensively regulated under both federal and state law. These regulations are intended primarily for the protection of depositors and the deposit insurance fund and not for the benefit of our stockholders. Set forth below is a summary description of the material laws and regulations that relate to our operations. The description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable laws and regulations.

Nara Bancorp

As a registered bank holding company, we are subject to regulation under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, (the BHCA). We are required to file with the FRB periodic reports and such additional information as the FRB may require pursuant to the BHCA. The FRB and the California Commissioner of Financial Institutions may conduct examinations of our subsidiaries and us.

The FRB may require that we terminate an activity or terminate control of, or liquidate, or divest ourselves of certain subsidiaries or affiliates when the FRB believes the activity or the control of the subsidiary or affiliate constitutes a significant risk to the financial safety, soundness or stability of any of our banking subsidiaries. The FRB also has the authority to regulate provisions of certain bank holding company debt, including the authority to impose interest ceilings and reserve requirements on such debt. Under certain circumstances, we must file written notice and obtain approval from the FRB prior to purchasing or redeeming our equity securities.

Further, both Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank are subject to the capital adequacy regulations of the FRB. See Capital Requirements.

We are required to obtain the prior approval of the FRB for the acquisition of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of any class of voting securities or substantially all of the assets of any bank or bank holding company. Prior approval of the FRB is also required if we merge or consolidate with another bank holding company. We are prohibited by the BHCA, except in certain statutorily prescribed instances, from acquiring direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of the outstanding voting shares of any company that is not a bank or bank holding company and from engaging directly or indirectly in activities other than those of banking, managing or controlling banks, or furnishing services to our subsidiaries. However, subject to the prior approval of the FRB, we may engage in any, or acquire shares of companies engaged in, activities that are deemed by the FRB to be so closely related to banking, or managing, or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto.

Under FRB regulations, a bank holding company is required to serve as a source of financial and managerial strength to its subsidiary banks and may not conduct its operations in an unsafe or unsound manner. In addition, it is the FRB's policy that a bank holding company should stand ready to use available resources to provide adequate capital funds to its subsidiary banks during periods of financial stress or adversity and should maintain the financial flexibility and capital-raising capacity to obtain additional resources for assisting its subsidiary banks. A bank holding company's failure to meet its obligations to serve as a source of strength to its subsidiary banks will generally be considered by the FRB to be an unsafe and unsound banking practice or a violation of the FRB's regulations or both.

We are also a bank holding company within the meaning of Section 3700 of the California Financial Code. As such, our subsidiaries and we are subject to examination by, and may be required to file reports with, the California Department of Financial Institutions.

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Our securities are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the Exchange Act). As such, we are subject to the information, proxy solicitation, insider trading, and other requirements and restrictions of the Exchange Act.

Nara Bank

As a California state-chartered bank whose accounts are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Bank is subject to regulation, supervision, and regular examination by the California Commissioner of Financial Institutions (DFI or the California Commissioner), and the Bank's primary federal regulator is the Federal Reserve Board. The regulations of these agencies govern most aspects of the Bank's business, including the making of periodic reports, its activities relating to dividends, investments, loans, borrowings, capital requirements, certain check-clearing activities, branching, mergers and acquisitions, reserves against deposits and numerous other areas. Supervision, legal action, and examination by these agencies are generally intended to protect depositors, creditors, borrowers and the deposit insurance fund and generally are not intended for the protection of stockholders.

If, as a result of an examination of Nara Bank, the FRB or the DFI should determine that the financial condition, capital resources, asset quality, earnings prospects, management, liquidity or other aspects of Nara Bank's operations are unsatisfactory or that Nara Bank or its management is violating or has violated any law or regulation, various remedies are available to the FRB and the DFI. Such remedies include the power to enjoin unsafe or unsound practices, to require affirmative action to correct any conditions resulting from any violation or practice, to issue an administrative order that can be judicially enforced, to direct an increase in capital, to restrict the growth of Nara Bank, to assess civil monetary penalties, to remove officers and directors, and to terminate Nara Bank's deposit insurance. Further, Nara Bank is also required to maintain certain minimum levels of capital. See Capital Requirements.

Memorandum of Understanding

On July 29, 2005, Nara Bank entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Reserve Bank) and the California Department of Financial Institutions (Department). Under the terms of the MOU, the Bank cannot declare dividends, without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank and the Department. Other material provisions of the MOU require Nara Bancorp and the Bank to: (i) employ an independent consultant acceptable to the Reserve Bank and the Department to conduct a review of the composition, structure and effectiveness of Nara Bank's current directors and executive officers, (ii) prepare and submit a written plan to the Reserve Bank and the Department to strengthen the Bank's Board of Directors' oversight of management and operations of the Bank, (iii) prepare and submit to the Reserve Bank and the Department acceptable policies, procedures and programs to strengthen the Bank's internal controls, (iv) prepare and submit to the Reserve Bank and the Department a written plan to strengthen the oversight of the Bank's internal audit function, (v) take such actions necessary to comply with Section 501 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, (vi) prepare and submit to the Reserve Bank and the Department an acceptable written information security program and a comprehensive written business resumption plan, and conduct a formal test of the business resumption plan, (vii) prepare and submit a written contingency capital plan, (viii) prepare and submit to the Reserve Bank and Department financial projections for the years 2005-2007 and revise the Bank's three-year strategic plan, (ix) prepare and submit during the term of the MOU, annual financial projections for each subsequent calendar year at least one month prior to the beginning of the calendar year, (x) notify the Reserve Bank and the Department of all revisions to the budget within 5 days of approval by the Bank's Board of Directors, (xi) notify the Reserve Bank and the Department thirty (30) days prior to the appointment of any new director or senior executive officer or changing the responsibilities of any current senior officer, (xii) permit the Bank to make any indemnification and golden parachute or severance payments, or enter into any agreements to make such payments to institution-affiliated parties only with the prior written approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and concurrence of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and (xiii) prepare and submit progress reports to the Reserve Bank and the Department. The MOU will remain in effect until modified or terminated by the Reserve Bank and the Department.

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Additional Company Restrictions

Nara Bancorp has agreed with the Reserve Bank and the Department to additional restrictions as well, and must take all necessary steps to ensure that the Bank complies with the MOU, and it also must report its progress to the Reserve Bank. In addition, Nara Bancorp may not declare any dividends or make any payments on the outstanding trust preferred securities issued by Nara Bancorp's subsidiaries and may not receive any dividends or payments representing a reduction of capital from the Bank, without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank. Without the consent of the Reserve Bank, Nara Bancorp may not: (i) increase its borrowings, incur any debt or renew existing debt, (ii) issue any trust preferred securities, (iii) purchase any of its stock, (iv) appoint any new director or senior executive officer or change the responsibilities of any current senior executive officer, or (v) make any indemnification and golden parachute or severance payments, or enter into agreements to make such payments to institution-affiliated parties. Finally, Nara Bancorp must affirmatively ensure that all regulatory reports filed, accurately reflect Nara Bancorp's condition, are filed on a timely basis, and all records, and supporting work papers are maintained.

Troubled Condition Designation

On July 8, 2005, the Reserve Bank notified Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank that it had designated Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank to be in a troubled condition for purposes of Section 914 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989. As a result of that designation neither Nara Bancorp nor Nara Bank may appoint any new director or senior executive officer or change the responsibilities of any current senior executive officers without providing the Reserve Bank thirty (30) days prior written notice. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System may disapprove a notice in certain circumstances. In addition, neither Nara Bancorp nor Nara Bank may make indemnification or severance payments or enter into agreements with institution-affiliated parties therefore without complying with certain statutory restrictions including prior written approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and concurrence from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Progress with the MOU-Related Requirements

The Board of Directors has appointed a Joint Compliance Committee (JCC) consisting solely of independent directors of Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank to plan, coordinate and monitor compliance with the MOU-related requirements. The JCC has been meeting frequently with the management to closely monitor its MOU compliance progress. In addition, The Secura Group, the independent consulting firm that was engaged by the JCC, has completed its independent review of the Board of Directors and management and has issued its report to the Board of Directors. An action plan in response to the Secura report is required to be submitted to the regulators by March 22, 2006. Finally, Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank have been able to obtain timely approvals from the regulators on various items that require approval such as the quarterly cash dividends on its common stock and the trust preferred securities. Through its quarterly progress reports, Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank will keep the regulators updated of its progress on the MOU-related requirements.

Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

On July 30, 2002, the President signed into law the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the SOX)

The SOX generally applies to all companies, both U.S. and non-U.S., that file or are required to file periodic reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission, (the SEC), under the Exchange Act. The SOX includes very specific additional disclosure requirements and new corporate governance rules, which have prompted the SEC and securities exchanges to adopt extensive additional disclosure requirements, new corporate governance requirements and other related rules. The SOX also represents significant federal involvement in matters traditionally left to state regulatory systems, such as the regulation of the accounting profession, and to state corporate law, such as the relationship between a board of directors and management and between a board of directors and its committees. We have incurred, and expect to continue to incur, significant additional expenses in complying with the new requirements under SOX and applicable rules and regulations.

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USA Patriot Act of 2001

On October 26, 2001, the President signed the USA Patriot Act of 2001 (the Patriot Act). Enacted in response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the Patriot Act is intended to strengthen U.S law enforcement s and the intelligence communities abilities to work cohesively to combat terrorism on a variety of fronts. The potential impact of the Patriot Act on financial institutions of all kinds is significant and wide ranging. The Patriot Act contains sweeping anti-money laundering and financial transparency laws and requires various regulations, including:

due diligence requirements for financial institutions that administer, maintain, or manage private bank accounts or correspondent accounts for non-U.S. persons;

standards for verifying customer identification at account opening;

rules to promote cooperation among financial institutions, regulators, and law enforcement entities in identifying parties that may be involved in terrorism or money laundering;

reports by non-financial trades and businesses filed with the Treasury Department s Financial Crimes Enforcement Network for cash transactions exceeding \$10,000; and

filing of suspicious activities reports by securities brokers and dealers if they believe a customer may be violating U.S. laws and regulations.

The Department of the Treasury in consultation with the FRB and other federal financial institution regulators has promulgated rules and regulations implementing the Patriot Act which:

prohibit U.S. correspondent accounts with foreign banks that have no physical presence in any jurisdiction;

require financial institutions to maintain certain records for correspondent accounts of foreign banks;

require financial institutions to produce certain records relating to anti-money laundering compliance upon request of the appropriate federal banking agency;

require due diligence with respect to private banking and correspondent banking accounts;

facilitate information sharing between the government and financial institutions; and

require financial institutions to have in place a money-laundering program.

We currently maintain and will continue to maintain policies and procedures to comply with the Patriot Act requirements.

Bank Secrecy Act

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The Financial Recordkeeping and Reporting of Currency and Foreign Transactions Act of 1970 (the Bank Secrecy Act) is a disclosure law that forms the basis of the U.S. federal government's framework to prevent and detect money laundering and to deter other criminal enterprises. Following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, an additional purpose was added to the Bank Secrecy Act: To assist in the conduct of intelligence or counter-intelligence activities, including analysis, to protect against international terrorism. Under the Bank Secrecy Act, financial institutions such as Nara Bank are required to maintain certain records and file certain reports regarding domestic currency transactions and cross-border transportations of currency. This, in turn, allows law enforcement officials to create a paper trail for tracing illicit funds that resulted from drug trafficking or other criminal activities. Among other requirements, the Bank Secrecy Act requires financial institutions to report all cash transactions in excess of \$10,000. Nara Bank has established a Bank Secrecy Act compliance policy under which, among other precautions, the Bank keeps currency transaction reports to document cash transactions in excess of \$10,000 or in multiples totaling more than \$10,000 during one business day, monitors certain potentially suspicious transactions such as the exchange of a large number of small denomination bills for

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large denomination bills, and scrutinizes electronic funds transfers for Bank Secrecy Act compliance. At this time, we do not expect that the Bank Secrecy Act will have a material impact on the results of our operations.

Financial Services Modernization Legislation

General. On November 12, 1999, President Clinton signed into law the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999, also referred to as the FSMA. The FSMA repeals the two affiliation provisions of the Glass-Steagall Act: Section 20, which restricted the affiliation of Federal Reserve Member Banks with firms engaged principally in specified securities activities; and Section 32, which restricts officer, director, or employee interlocks between a member bank and any company or person primarily engaged in specified securities activities. In addition, the FSMA also contains provisions that expressly preempt any state law restricting the establishment of financial affiliations, primarily related to insurance. The general effect of the law is to establish a comprehensive framework to permit affiliations among commercial banks, insurance companies, securities firms, and other financial service providers by revising and expanding the BHCA framework to permit a holding company system to engage in a full range of financial activities through a new entity known as a financial holding company.

The FSMA also:

broadens the activities that may be conducted by banks, banking subsidiaries of bank holding companies, and their financial subsidiaries;

provides an enhanced framework for protecting the privacy of consumer information;

adopts a number of provisions related to the capitalization, membership, corporate governance, and other measures designed to modernize the Federal Home Loan Bank system;

modifies the laws governing the implementation of the Community Reinvestment Act; and

addresses a variety of other legal and regulatory issues affecting both day-to-day operations and long-term activities of financial institutions.

To the extent that the FSMA permits banks, securities firms and insurance companies to affiliate, the financial services industry may experience further consolidation and banks may increasingly diversify the financial products that they offer. The FSMA is intended to grant to community banks, such as Nara Bank, certain powers as a matter of right that larger institutions have accumulated on an *ad hoc* basis. Nevertheless, the FSMA may have the result of increasing the amount of competition that we face from larger institutions and other types of companies offering financial products, many of which may have substantially greater financial resources than we do.

Financial Holding Companies. Bank holding companies that elect to become a financial holding company may affiliate with securities firms and insurance companies and engage in other activities that are financial in nature or are incidental or complementary to activities that are financial in nature. Financial in nature activities include:

securities underwriting;

dealing and market making;

sponsoring mutual funds and investment companies;

insurance underwriting and agency;

merchant banking; and

activities that the FRB, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, determines from time to time to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto.

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Prior to filing a declaration of its election to become a financial holding company, all of the bank holding company's depository institution subsidiaries must be well capitalized, well managed, and, except in limited circumstances, in compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act.

Failure to comply with the financial holding company requirements could lead to divestiture of subsidiary banks or require all activities of such company to conform to those permissible for a bank holding company. No FRB approval is required for a financial holding company to acquire a company (other than a bank holding company, bank or savings association) engaged in activities that are financial in nature or incidental to activities that are financial in nature, as determined by the FRB including:

lending, exchanging, transferring, investing for others, or safeguarding financial assets other than money or securities;

providing any device or other instrumentality for transferring money or other financial assets; or

arranging, effecting or facilitating financial transactions for the account of third parties.

A bank holding company that is not also a financial holding company can only engage in banking and such other activities determined by the FRB to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto.

We have not elected to become a financial holding company, although our management may reevaluate this decision as business conditions require.

Expanded Bank Activities. The FSMA also permits banks to engage in expanded activities through the formation of financial subsidiaries. A bank may have a subsidiary engaged in any activity authorized for banks directly or any financial activity, except for insurance underwriting, insurance investments, real estate investment or development, or merchant banking, which may only be conducted through a subsidiary of a financial holding company. Financial activities include all activities permitted under new sections of the BHCA or permitted by regulation.

A bank seeking to have a financial subsidiary, and each of its depository institution affiliates, must be well-capitalized, well-managed and in compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act. The total assets of all financial subsidiaries may not exceed the lesser of 45% of a bank's total assets, or \$50 billion. A bank must exclude from its assets and equity all equity investments, including retained earnings, in a financial subsidiary. The assets of the subsidiary may not be consolidated with the bank's assets. The bank must also have policies and procedures to assess financial subsidiary risk and protect the bank from such risks and potential liabilities.

Privacy. Under the FSMA, federal banking regulators adopted rules that limit the ability of banks and other financial institutions to disclose non-public information about consumers to nonaffiliated third parties. Pursuant to these rules, financial institutions must provide:

initial notices to customers about their privacy policies, describing the conditions under which they may disclose nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated third parties and affiliates;

annual notices of their privacy policies to current customers; and

a reasonable method for customers to opt out of disclosures to nonaffiliated third parties.

These privacy provisions affect how consumer information is transmitted through diversified financial companies and conveyed to outside vendors. We do not believe that these privacy provisions will have a significant impact on our operations.

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Dividends and Other Transfers of Funds

Dividends from the Bank constitute the principal source of income for Nara Bancorp. Nara Bancorp is a legal entity separate and distinct from the Bank. The Bank is subject to various statutory and regulatory restrictions on its ability to pay dividends to Nara Bancorp. In addition, the FRB and the DFI have the authority to prohibit the Bank from paying dividends, depending upon the Bank's financial condition, if such payment is deemed to constitute an unsafe or unsound practice. Under the MOU, Nara Bancorp and the Bank are restricted from paying dividends. See Supervision and Regulation Memorandum of Understanding .

Transactions with Affiliates

Nara Bank is subject to certain restrictions imposed by federal law on any extensions of credit to, or the issuance of a guarantee or letter of credit on behalf of, Nara Bancorp or other affiliates, the purchase of, or investments in, stock or other securities thereof, the taking of such securities as collateral for loans, and the purchase of assets of Nara Bancorp or other affiliates. Such restrictions prevent Nara Bancorp and such other affiliates from borrowing from Nara Bank unless the loans are secured by marketable obligations of designated amounts. Further, such secured loans and investments by Nara Bank to or in Nara Bancorp or to or in any other affiliate are limited in the amounts indicated below for covered transactions under Regulation W. California law also imposes certain restrictions with respect to transactions involving Nara Bancorp and other controlling persons of Nara Bank. Additional restrictions on transactions with affiliates may be imposed on Nara Bank under the prompt corrective action provisions of federal law. See Prompt Corrective Action and Other Enforcement Mechanisms below.

Regulation W. During 2003 the Federal Reserve Board's Regulation W became effective, which codified prior regulations under an interpretative guidance with respect to transactions with affiliates. Affiliates of a bank include, among other entities, the bank's holding company and companies that are under common control with the bank. In general, subject to certain specified exemptions, a bank or its subsidiaries are limited in their ability to engage in covered transactions (as defined below) with affiliates:

to an amount equal to 10% of the bank's capital and surplus, in the case of covered transactions with any one affiliate; and

to an amount equal to 20% of the bank's capital and surplus, in the case of covered transactions with all affiliates.

In addition, a bank and its subsidiaries may engage in covered transactions and other specified transactions only on terms and under circumstances that are substantially the same, or at least as favorable to the bank or its subsidiary, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with nonaffiliated companies.

A covered transaction includes:

a loan or extension of credit to an affiliate;

a purchase of, or an investment in, securities issued by an affiliate;

a purchase of assets from an affiliate, with some exceptions;

the acceptance of securities issued by an affiliate as collateral for a loan or extension of credit to any party; and

the issuance of a guarantee, acceptance or letter of credit on behalf of an affiliate.

In addition, under Regulation W:

a bank and its subsidiaries may not purchase a low-quality asset from an affiliate;

covered transactions and other specified transactions between a bank or its subsidiaries and an affiliate must be on terms and conditions that are consistent with safe and sound banking practices; and

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with some exceptions, each loan or extension of credit by a bank to an affiliate must be secured by collateral with a market value ranging from 100% to 130%, depending on the type of collateral, of the amount of the loan or extension of credit.

Regulation W generally excludes all non-bank and non-savings association subsidiaries of banks from treatment as affiliates, except to the extent that the FRB decides to treat these subsidiaries as affiliates. Concurrently with the adoption of Regulation W, the FRB has proposed a regulation, which would further limit the amount of loans that could be purchased by a bank from an affiliate to not more than 100% of the bank's capital and surplus.

Check 21

The Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act, or Check 21 as it is commonly known, became effective October 28, 2004. Check 21 facilitates check collection by creating a new negotiable instrument called a substitute check, which permits, but does not require, banks to replace original checks with substitute checks or information from the original check and process check information electronically. Banks that do use substitute checks must comply with certain notice and recredit rights. Check 21 is expected to cut the time and cost involved in physically transporting paper items and reduce float, i.e., the time between the deposit of a check in a bank and payment, especially in cases in which items were not already being delivered same-day or overnight. The Bank does not intend to utilize the Check 21 authority and processing in the near future.

Capital Requirements

The federal banking agencies have adopted risk-based minimum capital guidelines intended to provide a measure of capital that reflects the degree of risk associated with a banking organization's operations for both transactions reported on the balance sheet as assets and transactions which are recorded as off-balance-sheet items. Under these guidelines, nominal dollar amounts of assets and credit equivalent amounts of off-balance-sheet items are multiplied by one of several risk adjustment percentages, which range from 0% for assets with low credit risk, such as federal banking agencies, to 100% for assets with relatively high credit risk. The higher the category, the more risk a bank is subject to and thus the more capital that is required. As of December 31, 2005, Nara Bank's total risk-based capital ratio was 12.40%.

The guidelines divide a bank's capital into two tiers. Tier I includes common equity, retained earnings, certain non-cumulative perpetual preferred stock, subordinated debentures (limited to 25% of Tier 1 Capital), and minority interest in equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries. Goodwill and other intangible assets (except for mortgage servicing rights and purchased credit card relationships, subject to certain limitations) are subtracted from Tier I capital. As of December 31, 2005, Nara Bank's Tier I risk-based capital ratio was 11.26%.

Tier II capital includes, among other items, cumulative perpetual and long-term, limited-life preferred stock, mandatory convertible securities, certain hybrid capital instruments, term subordinated debt and the allowance for loan losses (subject to certain limitations). Certain items are required to be deducted from Tier II capital. Banks must maintain a total risk-based ratio of 8%, of which at least 4% must be Tier I capital.

In addition to the risk-based guidelines, federal banking regulators require banking organizations to maintain a minimum amount of Tier 1 capital to total assets, referred to as the leverage ratio. For a banking organization rated in the highest of the five categories used by regulators to rate banking organizations, the minimum leverage ratio of Tier 1 capital to total assets must be 4%. As of December 31, 2005, Nara Bank's leverage capital ratio was 9.80%. In addition to these uniform risk-based capital guidelines and leverage ratios that apply across the industry, the regulators have the discretion to set individual minimum capital requirements for specific institutions at rates significantly above the minimum guidelines and ratios. For further discussion of our capital, see Capital Resources under Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

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On March 1, 2005, the Federal Reserve Board adopted a final rule that allows the continued limited inclusion of trust preferred securities in Tier 1 capital of bank holding companies. However, under the final rule, trust preferred securities will be subject to stricter quantitative limits. The Board's final rule limits restricted core capital elements to 25 percent of all core capital elements, net of goodwill less any associated deferred tax liability. Amounts of restricted core capital elements in excess of these limits generally may be included in Tier 2 capital. The final rule provides a five-year transition period ending March 31, 2009, for application of the new quantitative limits.

The following table presents the amounts of regulatory capital and the capital ratios for Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank, compared to their minimum regulatory capital requirements as of December 31, 2005.

	As of December 31, 2005 (Dollars in thousands)					
	Actual		Required		Excess	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
Nara Bancorp, Inc						
Tier 1 capital to total assets	\$ 182,483	10.2%	\$ 71,402	4.0%	\$ 111,081	6.2%
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	\$ 182,483	11.8%	\$ 62,024	4.0%	\$ 120,459	7.8%
Total risk-based capital ratio	\$ 200,100	12.9%	\$ 124,047	8.0%	\$ 76,053	4.9%

	As of December 31, 2005 (Dollars in thousands)					
	Actual		Required		Excess	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
Nara Bank						
Tier I capital to total assets	\$ 174,379	9.8%	\$ 71,189	4.0%	\$ 103,190	5.8%
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	\$ 174,379	11.3%	\$ 61,940	4.0%	\$ 112,439	7.3%
Total risk-based capital ratio	\$ 191,996	12.4%	\$ 123,879	8.0%	\$ 68,117	4.4%

Prompt Corrective Action and Other Enforcement Mechanisms

Federal banking agencies possess broad powers to take corrective and other supervisory action to resolve the problems of insured depository institutions, including but not limited to those institutions that fall below one or more prescribed minimum capital ratios. Each federal banking agency has promulgated regulations defining the following five categories in which an insured depository institution will be placed, based on its capital ratios: well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized, and critically undercapitalized. At December 31, 2005, Nara Bank exceeded the required ratios for classification as well capitalized.

An institution that, based upon its capital levels, is classified as well capitalized, adequately capitalized, or undercapitalized may be treated as though it were in the next lower capital category if the appropriate federal banking agency, after notice and opportunity for hearing, determines that an unsafe or unsound condition or an unsafe or unsound practice warrants such treatment. At each successive lower capital category, an insured depository institution is subject to more restrictions. The federal banking agencies, however, may not treat a significantly undercapitalized institution as critically undercapitalized unless its capital ratio actually warrants such treatment.

In addition to measures taken under the prompt corrective action provisions, commercial banking organizations may be subject to potential enforcement actions by the federal regulators for unsafe or unsound practices in conducting their businesses or for violations of any law, rule, regulation, or any condition imposed in writing by the agency or any written agreement with the agency. Finally, pursuant to an interagency agreement, the FDIC can examine any institution that has a substandard regulatory examination score or is considered undercapitalized without the express permission of the institution's primary regulator. See Memorandum of Understanding above.

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Safety and Soundness Standards

The federal banking agencies have adopted guidelines designed to assist the federal banking agencies in identifying and addressing potential safety and soundness concerns before capital becomes impaired. The guidelines set forth operational and managerial standards relating to: (i) internal controls, information systems and internal audit systems, (ii) loan documentation, (iii) credit underwriting, (iv) asset growth, (v) earnings, and (vi) compensation, fees and benefits. In addition, the federal banking agencies have also adopted safety and soundness guidelines with respect to asset quality and earnings standards. These guidelines provide six standards for establishing and maintaining a system to identify problem assets and prevent those assets from deteriorating. Under these standards, an insured depository institution should: (i) conduct periodic asset quality reviews to identify problem assets, (ii) estimate the inherent losses in problem assets and establish reserves that are sufficient to absorb estimated losses, (iii) compare problem asset totals to capital, (iv) take appropriate corrective action to resolve problem assets, (v) consider the size and potential risks of material asset concentrations, and (vi) provide periodic asset quality reports with adequate information for management and the board of directors to assess the level of asset risk. These guidelines also set forth standards for evaluating and monitoring earnings and for ensuring that earnings are sufficient for the maintenance of adequate capital and reserves.

Premiums for Deposit Insurance

Through the Bank Insurance Fund (BIF), the FDIC insures the deposits of Nara Bank up to prescribed limits for each depositor. The amount of FDIC assessments paid by each BIF member institution is based on its relative risk of default as measured by regulatory capital ratios and other factors. Specifically, the assessment rate is based on the institution's capitalization risk category and supervisory subgroup category. An institution's capitalization risk category is based on the FDIC's determination of whether the institution is well capitalized, adequately capitalized or less than adequately capitalized. An institution's supervisory subgroup category is based on the FDIC's assessment of the financial condition of the institution and the probability that FDIC intervention or other corrective action will be required. An increase in the assessment rate could have a material adverse effect on our earnings, depending on the amount of the increase.

The assessment rate currently ranges from zero to 27 cents per \$100 of domestic deposits. The FDIC may increase or decrease the assessment rate schedule on a semi-annual basis. The FDIC is authorized to terminate a depository institution's deposit insurance upon a finding by the FDIC that the institution's financial condition is unsafe or unsound or that the institution has engaged in unsafe or unsound practices or has violated any applicable rule, regulation, order or condition enacted or imposed by the institution's regulatory agency. The termination of deposit insurance for Nara Bank could have a material adverse effect on our earnings. As a result of being designated a troubled institution, the assessment rate was increased from zero to three cents, effective for the semi-annual period ending June 31, 2006. The effect will be an increase of approximately \$144,000 per quarter.

All FDIC-insured depository institutions must pay an annual assessment to provide funds for the payment of interest on bonds issued by the Financing Corporation, a federal corporation chartered under the authority of the Federal Housing Finance Board. The bonds, commonly referred to as FICO bonds, were issued to capitalize the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. The current FICO assessment rate for BIF-insured deposits is \$0.0144 per \$100 of assessable deposits. The FICO assessments are adjusted quarterly to reflect changes in the assessment bases of the FDIC's insurance funds and do not vary depending on a depository institution's capitalization or supervisory evaluations.

FDIC Deposit Insurance Reform

On February 8, 2006, the President signed The Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005 (the FDI Reform Act). The FDI Reform Act will (i) merge the two deposit insurance funds, Bank Insurance Fund (or BIF) and Savings Association Insurance Fund (or SAIF), into a new combined fund to be called the Deposit

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Insurance Fund, or DIF; (ii) index the \$100,000 deposit insurance level to reflect inflation, with the first adjustment for inflation to be effective January 1, 2011, and thereafter adjustments will occur every five years; (iii) increase deposit insurance coverage for retirement accounts to \$250,000; (iv) impose a cap on the level of the deposit insurance fund and provide for dividends when the fund grows beyond a specified threshold, and (v) authorize revisions to the current risk-based system for assessing premiums. The merger of the two deposit insurance funds will be effective by the third quarter of 2006. Final rules for the rest of the provisions are supposed to become effective 270 days after enactment.

Interstate Banking and Branching

The BHCA permits bank holding companies from any state to acquire banks and bank holding companies located in any other state, subject to certain conditions, including certain nationwide and state imposed concentration limits. The establishment of new interstate branches is also possible in those states with laws that expressly permit it. Interstate branches are subject to certain laws of the states in which they are located. Competition may increase further as banks branch across state lines and enter new markets.

Community Reinvestment Act and Fair Lending Developments

We are subject to certain fair lending requirements and reporting obligations involving home mortgage lending operations and Community Reinvestment Act activities, (CRA). The CRA generally requires the federal banking agencies to evaluate the record of a financial institution in meeting the credit needs of its local communities, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. A bank may be subject to substantial penalties and corrective measures for a violation of certain fair lending laws. The federal banking agencies may take compliance with such laws and CRA obligations into account when regulating and supervising other activities. Furthermore, financial institutions are subject to annual reporting and public disclosure requirements for certain written agreements that are entered into between insured depository institutions or their affiliates and nongovernmental entities or persons that are made pursuant to, or in connection with, the fulfillment of the CRA.

A bank's compliance with its CRA obligations is based on a performance-based evaluation system, which bases CRA ratings on an institution's lending service and investment performance. When a bank holding company applies for approval to acquire a bank or other bank holding company, the FRB will review the assessment of each subsidiary bank of the applicant bank holding company, and such records may be the basis for denying the application.

Federal Reserve System

The Federal Reserve Board requires all depository institutions to maintain non-interest bearing reserves at specified levels against their transaction accounts (primarily checking, NOW, and Super NOW checking accounts) and non-personal time deposits. At December 31, 2005, we believe that the Bank was in compliance with these requirements.

Employees

As of December 31, 2005, we had 376 full-time equivalent employees. None of our employees are represented by a union or covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Management believes that its relations with its employees are good. See Item 10 below for a list of our executive officers.

Accounting Matters Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2005, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SEAS) No. 154, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. This Statement replaces APB Opinion No. 20, *Accounting Changes*, and FASB Statement No. 3, *Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial*

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Statements. SFAS No. 154 carries forward the guidance contained in APB Opinion No. 20 for reporting the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements and a change in accounting estimate. However, SFAS No. 154 changes the requirements for the accounting for and reporting of a change in accounting principle. Under this Statement, every voluntary change in accounting principle requires retrospective application to prior periods' financial statements, unless it is impracticable. It also applies to changes required by an accounting pronouncement in the unusual instance that the pronouncement does not include specific transition provisions. When a pronouncement includes specific transition provisions, those provisions should be followed. This Statement is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005, although earlier application is permitted for changes and corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 1, 2005. We do not expect adoption to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R, *Share-Based Payment*. This Statement revises SFAS Statement No 125, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, amends SFAS Statement No. 95, *Statement of Cash Flows*, and supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*. It requires that all stock-based compensation be measured at fair value when granted and recognized as expense in the income statement over the employment service period, which is normally the vesting period. This Statement also clarifies and expands guidance on measuring fair value of stock compensation, requires estimation of forfeitures when determining expense, and requires that excess tax benefits be shown as financing cash inflows versus a reduction of taxes paid in operating cash flows. Various other changes are also required. This Statement is effective for the Company for awards granted or modified beginning January 1, 2006. Compensation cost will also be recorded for prior awards that vest on or after January 1, 2006. Management believes the impact on the consolidated financial statements will be similar to the disclosures made by footnote to the consolidated financial statements, showing the effect on earnings and earnings per share of expensing the value of stock options granted. The effect on results of operations will depend on the level of future option grants, the calculation of the fair value of the options granted at such future dates, the estimates of forfeitures as well as the vesting periods provided, and the actual results may differ from the estimated effect. Existing options that will vest after adoption of this Statement are expected to result in additional compensation expense of approximately \$1,118,000 in 2006 and \$774,000 in 2007.

In November 2005, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) FAS 115-1 and 124-1, *The Meaning of Other Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments*. The FSP addresses the determination of when an investment is considered impaired, whether that impairment is other than temporary, and the measurement of an impairment loss. The FSP also includes accounting considerations subsequent to the recognition of an other-than-temporary impairment and requires certain disclosures about unrealized losses that have not been recognized as other-than-temporary impairments. The FSP is required to be applied to reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2005. We do not expect adoption to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

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Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

Before deciding to purchase, hold or sell our common stock, you should carefully consider the risks described below in addition to the other cautionary statements and risks described elsewhere, and the other information contained, in this Report and in our other filings with the SEC, including our subsequent reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business. If any of these known or unknown risks or uncertainties actually occurs with material adverse effects on us, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be seriously harmed. In that event, the market price for our common stock will likely decline.

We face risks related to recent regulatory actions. On July 29, 2005, we entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and the California Department of Financial Institutions, which imposes additional obligations on us and restricts our ability to take certain actions. On July 8, 2005, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco notified us that it had designated the Company and Nara Bank to be in a troubled condition for purposes of Section 914 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989. The impact of the Memorandum of Understanding or the designation by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco may have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition. We may also be asked to enter into regulatory orders or consent decrees with other regulatory agencies. The defense and outcome of any such claims or proceedings against us and any agreement with regulators may divert management's attention and resources, and we may be required to pay damages if such claims or proceedings are not resolved in our favor.

Any litigation or regulatory proceeding, even if resolved in our favor, could cause us to incur significant legal and other expenses. We may not be able to effectuate our current business strategy and our future business activities may be limited. Moreover, we may be the subject of negative publicity focusing on the financial statement inaccuracies and resulting restatements and negative reactions from our stockholders, creditors or others with whom we do business. The occurrence of any of the foregoing could harm our business and reputation, require us to incur significant expenses to resolve any claims and cause the price of our securities to decline or remain at current levels.

If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal and disclosure controls, we may not be able to accurately report our financial results or prevent fraud. Effective internal and disclosure controls are necessary for us to provide reliable financial reports and effectively prevent fraud and to operate successfully as a public company. If we cannot provide reliable financial reports or prevent fraud, our reputation and operating results would be harmed. We have in the past discovered, and may in the future discover, areas of our disclosure and internal controls that need improvement. Any failure to develop or maintain effective controls or difficulties encountered in their implementation or other ineffective improvement of our internal and disclosure controls could harm our operating results or cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations.

Deterioration of economic conditions in California, New York or South Korea could adversely affect our loan portfolio and reduce the demand for our services. We focus our business primarily in Korean communities in California and in the greater New York City metropolitan area. Deterioration in economic conditions in our market areas could have a material adverse impact on the quality of our business. An economic slowdown in California, New York, or South Korea could have the following consequences, any of which could reduce our net income:

loan delinquencies may increase;

problem assets and foreclosures may increase;

claims and lawsuits may increase;

demand for our products and services may decline; and

collateral for loans may decline in value below the principal amount owed by the borrower.

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Our allowance for loan losses may not cover actual loan losses. If our actual loan losses exceed the amount we have allocated for probable losses, it will hurt our business. We try to limit the risk that borrowers will fail to repay loans by carefully underwriting the loans. Losses nevertheless occur. We create allowance allocations for estimated loan losses in our accounting records. We base these allowances on estimates of the following:

historical experience with our loans;

evaluation of current economic conditions;

regular reviews of the quality, mix and size of the overall loan portfolio;

regular reviews of delinquencies;

the quality of the collateral underlying our loans.

If these allocations were inadequate, our results of financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

A downturn in the real estate market could seriously impair our loan portfolio. As of December 31, 2005, approximately 71% of our loan portfolio consisted of loans secured by various types of real estate, including commercial loans that are secured by real estate in a form of second position. If real estate values decline significantly, especially in California or New York, higher vacancies and other factors could harm the financial condition of our borrowers, the collateral for our loans will provide less security, and we would be more likely to suffer losses on defaulted loans.

Changes in interest rates affect our profitability. Changes in prevailing interest rates may hurt our business. We derive our income mainly from the difference or spread between the interest earned on loans, securities and other interest-earning assets, and interest paid on deposits, borrowings and other interest-bearing liabilities. In general, the wider the spread, the more we earn. When market rates of interest change, the interest we receive on our assets and the interest we pay on our liabilities will fluctuate. This can cause decreases in our spread and can greatly affect our income. In addition, interest rate fluctuations can affect how much money we may be able to lend. For example, when interest rates rise, loan originations tend to decrease.

If we lose key employees, our business may suffer. If we lose key employees temporarily or permanently, it could hurt our business. We could be particularly hurt if our key employees went to work for competitors. Our future success depends on the continued contributions of existing senior management personnel. On February 15, 2006, Mr. Ho Yang submitted his resignation as a member of the Board of Directors and as President and Chief Executive Officer of Nara Bancorp and its subsidiary Nara Bank, effective as of March 15, 2006. On March 13, 2006 Nara Bancorp announced a series of management and board changes to ensure a smooth transition to permanent President and CEO, and to bring further banking and corporate management expertise to Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank's board of directors. See Item 1. Business Recent Developments for further information.

Environmental laws could force us to pay for environmental problems. The cost of cleaning up or paying damages and penalties associated with environmental problems could increase our operating expenses. When a borrower defaults on a loan secured by real property, we often purchase the property in foreclosure or accept a deed to the property surrendered by the borrower. We may also take over the management of commercial properties whose owners have defaulted on loans. We also lease premises where our branches and other facilities are located and where environmental problems may exist. Although we have lending, foreclosure and facilities guidelines intended to exclude properties with an unreasonable risk of contamination, hazardous substances may exist on some of the properties that we own, lease, manage or occupy. We may face the risk that environmental laws could force us to clean up the properties at our expense. It may cost much more to clean up a property than the property is worth. We could also be liable for pollution generated by a borrower's operations if we take a role in managing those operations after a default. We may find it difficult or impossible to sell contaminated properties.

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We are exposed to the risks of natural disasters. A significant portion of our operations is concentrated in Southern California. California is in an earthquake-prone region. A major earthquake could result in material loss to us. A significant percentage of our loans are and will be secured by real estate. Many of our borrowers could suffer uninsured property damage, experience interruption of their businesses or lose their jobs after an earthquake. Those borrowers might not be able to repay their loans, and the collateral for such loans could decline significantly in value. Unlike a bank with operations that are more geographically diversified, we are vulnerable to greater losses if an earthquake, fire, flood or other natural catastrophe occurs in Southern California.

An increase in non-performing assets would reduce our income and increase our expenses. If the level of non-performing assets rises in the future, it could adversely affect our operating results. Non-performing assets are mainly loans on which the borrowers are not making their required payments. Non-performing assets also include loans that have been restructured to permit the borrower to have smaller payments and real estate that has been acquired through foreclosure of unpaid loans. To the extent that assets are non-performing, we have less cash available for lending and other activities.

Changes in governmental regulation may impair our operations or restrict our growth. We are subject to significant governmental supervision and regulation. These regulations are intended primarily for the protection of depositors. Statutes and regulations affecting our business may be changed at any time, and the interpretation of these statutes and regulations by examining authorities may also change. Within the last several years Congress and the President have passed and enacted significant changes to these statutes and regulations. There can be no assurance that such changes to the statutes and regulations or in their interpretation will not adversely affect our business. Nara Bank is subject to regulation and examination by the DFI and the Federal Reserve Board. In addition to governmental supervision and regulation, Nara Bank is subject to changes in other federal and state laws, including changes in tax laws, which could materially affect the banking industry. Nara Bancorp is subject to the rules and regulations of the Federal Reserve Board. If we fail to comply with federal and state bank regulations, the regulators may limit our activities or growth, fine us or ultimately put us out of business. Banking laws and regulations change from time to time. Bank regulations can hinder our ability to compete with financial services companies that are not regulated or are less regulated.

Federal and state bank regulatory agencies regulate many aspects of our operations. These areas include:

the capital that must be maintained;

the kinds of activities that can be engaged in;

the kinds and amounts of investments that can be made;

the locations of offices;

how much interest can be paid on demand deposits;

insurance of deposits and the premiums that must be paid for this insurance; and

how much cash must be set aside as reserves for deposits.

Our stock price may be volatile, which could result in substantial losses for our stockholders. The market price of our common stock could be subject to wide fluctuations in response to a number of factors, including:

issuing new equity securities;

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the amount of our common stock outstanding and the trading volume of our stock;

actual or anticipated changes in our future financial performance;

changes in financial performance estimates of us by securities analysts;

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competitive developments, including announcements by us or our competitors of new products or services or significant contracts, acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments;

the operating and stock performance of our competitors;

changes in interest rates; and

addition or departures of key personnel.

Future offerings of debt securities, which would be senior to our common stock upon liquidation, or equity securities, which would dilute our existing stockholders and may be senior to our common stock for the purposes of dividend distributions, may adversely affect the market price of our common stock. In the future, we may attempt to increase our capital resources by making additional offerings of debt or equity securities, including commercial paper, medium-term notes, senior or subordinated notes and classes of preferred stock or common stock. Upon liquidation, holders of our debt securities and shares of preferred stock and lenders with respect to other borrowings will receive a distribution of our available assets prior to the holders of our common stock. Additional equity offerings by us may dilute the holdings of our existing stockholders or reduce the market price of our common stock, or both. If we issue preferred stock, we would have a preference on dividend payments that could limit our ability to make a dividend distribution to the holders of our common stock. Because a decision to issue securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future offerings. Thus, our stockholders bear the risk of our future offerings reducing the market price of our common stock or diluting their stock holdings in us.

Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

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Our principal executive offices are located at 3701 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 220, Los Angeles, California 90010. We conduct our operations through eleven full branch offices, seven mini branch offices and eight loan production offices located throughout California, in the greater New York City metropolitan area and in Chicago, Seattle, New Jersey, Atlanta, Virginia, Denver, and Dallas. We lease all of our offices. We believe our present facilities are adequate for our present needs. We also believe that, if necessary, we could secure suitable alternative facilities on similar terms, without adversely impacting operations. The locations of our full branch offices and administrative or corporate headquarters, are as follows:

Office Name	Address
Cerritos	4875 La Palma Avenue, La Palma, CA 90623
Downtown Los Angeles	1122 S. Wall Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015
Flushing	138-02 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11354
Gardena	90 West Redondo Blvd. Gardena, CA 90247
Jackson Heights	78-14 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY 11372
Manhattan	16 W. 32nd Street, New York, NY 10001
New York Administration	29 W. 30th Street, New York, NY 10001
Oakland	2250 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612
Olympic	2727 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90006
Rowland Heights	1709 Nogales St., Rowland Heights, CA 91748
Silicon Valley	1102 E. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA 94087
Wilshire	3600 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 100-A, Los Angeles, CA 90010
Wilshire/Corporate Headquarters	3701 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 220, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Our seven mini branches are located inside supermarkets, the Aroma office is located inside the Sports Center Building in Los Angeles, and Bayside office is located in the retail shopping center. The locations are as follows:

Office Name	Address
Aroma	3680 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 106, Los Angeles, CA 90010
Bayside	209-07 Northern Blvd. Bayside, NY 11361
Diamond Bar	21080 Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91789
Fullerton	5301 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, CA 90621
Glendale	831 N. Pacific Ave., Glendale, CA 91203
Torrance	3030 W. Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505
Valley	17369 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA 91406

We currently have eight loan production offices to promote SBA loans. We have SBA Preferred Lender status in those areas. The locations are as follows:

Office Name	Address
Atlanta	3510 Shallowford Road, Suite 207, Atlanta, GA 30341
Chicago	5901 N. Cicero Avenue, Suite 508, Chicago, IL 60646
Dallas	3010 LBJ Frwy #130, Dallas, TX 75234
Denver	2851 S. Parker Rd., Suite 150, Aurora, CO 80014
New Jersey	118 Broad Avenue Suite N-11, Palisades Park, NJ 07650
Fremont	39899 Balentine Dr. Suite 200, Newark, CA 94560
Seattle	12600 S.E. 38th Street, Suite 230, Bellevue, WA 98006
Virginia	7023 Little River Turnpike, Suite 206, Annandale, VA 22003

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Item 3. *LEGAL PROCEEDINGS*

We are a party to routine litigation incidental to our business, none of which is considered likely to have a material adverse effect on us.

Item 4. *SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS*

No matter was submitted to a vote of our security holders, through the solicitation of proxies or otherwise, during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.

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Our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, began trading on the Nasdaq National Market on February 5, 2001 under the symbol NARA. The common stock of Nara Bank, par value \$3.00 per share, was also traded on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol NARA through February 2, 2001, which was Nara Bank's last trading day.

There were 25,457,292 shares of common stock held by approximately 3,583 beneficial owners and 560 registered owners as of February 28, 2006. The following table sets forth, for the calendar quarters indicated, the range of high and low sales prices for the common stock of Nara Bancorp for each quarter within the last two fiscal years as reported on the Nasdaq National Market. Sales prices represent actual sales of which our management has knowledge. The prices have been adjusted to reflect the effect of two-for-one stock splits announced on February 14, 2003 and May 17, 2004.

Quarters ended:	High Sales Price	Low Sales Price	Dividends
December 31, 2005	\$ 19.62	\$ 15.22	\$ 0.0275
September 30, 2005	\$ 16.39	\$ 13.50	\$ 0.0275
June 30, 2005	\$ 15.72	\$ 13.07	\$ 0.0275
March 31, 2005	\$ 22.23	\$ 13.57	\$ 0.0275
December 31, 2004	\$ 22.40	\$ 18.13	\$ 0.0275
September 30, 2004	\$ 21.89	\$ 16.00	\$ 0.0275
June 30, 2004	\$ 17.50	\$ 13.23	\$ 0.0275
March 31, 2004	\$ 17.06	\$ 12.97	\$ 0.0250

Dividends

The following table shows cash dividends declared during 2005.

Declaration Date	Payable Date	Record Date	Amount
December 19, 2005	January 13, 2006	December 30, 2005	\$0.0275/share
September 29, 2005	October 28, 2005	October 14, 2005	\$0.0275/share
June 23, 2005	July 17, 2005	July 5, 2005	\$0.0275/share
March 10, 2005	April 12, 2005	March 31, 2005	\$0.0275/share

Future dividends are subject to the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend upon a number of factors, including future earnings, financial condition, cash needs and general business conditions. All dividends must comply with applicable bank regulations.

Nara Bancorp's ability to pay dividends is subject to restrictions set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law. The Delaware General Corporation Law provides that a Delaware corporation may pay dividends either (i) out of the corporation's surplus (as defined by Delaware law), or (ii) if there is no surplus, out of the corporation's net profits for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared and/or the preceding fiscal year.

Nara Bancorp's ability to pay cash dividends in the future will depend in large part on the ability of the Bank to pay dividends on its capital stock to Nara Bancorp. The ability of the Bank to declare a cash dividend to Nara Bancorp is subject to minimum capital requirements and California law, which restricts the amount available for cash dividends to the lesser of the retained earnings or the Bank's net income for its last three fiscal years plus current year income. Where the above test is not met, cash dividends may still be paid, with the prior

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approval of the DFI in an amount not exceeding the greatest of (1) retained earnings of the Bank; (2) the net income of the Bank for its last fiscal year; or (3) the net income of the Bank for its current fiscal year. As a result of the MOU, the Bank and Nara Bancorp are required to obtain regulatory approval prior to declaring any dividends.

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The following table presents selected financial and other data of Nara Bancorp and prior to the February 2001 reorganization, financial and other data of Nara Bank, as of and for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2005. The information below should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by; the more detailed information included elsewhere herein including our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto.

	For The Year Ended December 31,				
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)				
Income Statement Data:					
Interest income	\$ 116,511	\$ 77,071	\$ 61,425	\$ 48,571	\$ 47,860
Interest expense	37,651	18,686	15,933	13,464	16,970
Net interest income	78,860	58,385	45,492	35,107	30,890
Provision for loan losses	5,427	3,900	5,250	2,790	1,214
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	73,433	54,485	40,242	32,317	29,676
Noninterest income	20,905	20,733	20,081	17,188	15,280
Noninterest expense	48,670	41,979	38,170	34,310	28,946
Income before income tax provision and cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle	45,668	33,239	22,153	15,195	16,010
Income tax provision	18,811	13,457	8,425	5,536	5,847
Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	26,857	19,782	13,728	9,659	10,163
Cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle				4,192	
Net income	\$ 26,857	\$ 19,782	\$ 13,728	\$ 13,851	\$ 10,163
Per Share Data:*					
Earnings before cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle basic	\$ 1.11	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.46
Earnings before cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle diluted	1.07	0.80	0.59	0.42	0.44
Earnings after cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle basic	1.11	0.85	0.62	0.63	0.46
Earnings after cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle diluted	1.07	0.80	0.59	0.60	0.44
Book value (period end)	5.77	4.34	3.57	2.97	2.48
Cash dividend declared per common share	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.04
Number of common shares outstanding (period end)*	25,444,442	23,333,338	23,120,178	21,381,260	22,291,348
Balance Sheet Data At Period End:					
Assets	\$ 1,775,822	\$ 1,508,311	\$ 1,259,771	\$ 981,407	\$ 679,324
Securities available for sale and held to maturity	175,710	135,387	128,414	104,120	69,456
Gross loans, net of unearned loan fees (excludes loans held for sale)	1,445,740	1,221,734	997,338	723,477	505,193
Deposits	1,526,486	1,255,975	1,061,415	816,918	589,844
Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	31,000	90,000	60,000	65,000	5,000
Subordinated debentures	39,268	39,268	39,268	18,648	10,400
Stockholders equity	146,754	101,254	82,572	63,529	55,232
Average Balance Sheet Data:					
Assets	\$ 1,684,577	\$ 1,365,531	\$ 1,086,017	\$ 785,261	\$ 635,268
Securities available for sale and held to maturity	150,332	126,117	136,068	90,460	70,615
Gross loans, including loans held for sale	1,383,758	1,113,750	839,097	605,453	454,591
Deposits	1,436,019	1,177,258	895,943	649,829	550,257
Stockholders equity	120,793	92,275	73,126	61,181	50,565
Selected Performance Ratios:					
Return on average assets before cumulative effect ⁽¹⁾	1.59%	1.45%	1.26%	1.23%	1.60%

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Return on average assets after cumulative effect ⁽¹⁾	1.59%	1.45%	1.26%	1.76%	1.60%
Return on average stockholders' equity before cumulative effect ⁽²⁾	22.23%	21.44%	18.77%	15.79%	20.10%
Return on average stockholders' equity after cumulative effect ⁽²⁾	22.23%	21.44%	18.77%	22.64%	20.10%
Average stockholders' equity to average assets	7.17%	6.76%	6.73%	7.79%	7.96%
Dividend payout ratio:					
(Dividends per share/earnings per share)	9.91%	12.94%	16.13%	15.87%	8.70%
Net interest spread ⁽³⁾	4.12%	4.01%	3.85%	3.97%	3.86%
Net interest margin ⁽⁴⁾	4.95%	4.58%	4.46%	4.82%	5.33%
Yield on interest-earning assets ⁽⁵⁾	7.32%	6.04%	6.02%	6.66%	8.26%
Cost of interest-bearing liabilities ⁽⁶⁾	3.20%	2.03%	2.17%	2.69%	4.39%
Efficiency ratio ⁽⁷⁾	48.78%	53.06%	58.21%	65.61%	62.69%

* Number of shares and per share data were retroactively adjusted for the stock splits declared on February 14, 2003 and May 17, 2004.

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	For The Year Ended December 31,				
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Regulatory Capital Ratios:					
Bancorp:					
Leverage	10.22%	8.87%	8.25%	8.65%	9.72%
Tier I risk-based	11.77%	9.65%	9.28%	9.57%	11.00%
Total risk-based	12.90%	11.26%	11.73%	10.62%	12.45%
Bank:					
Leverage	9.80%	9.10%	7.98%	9.04%	8.42%
Tier I risk-based	11.26%	9.90%	8.99%	9.79%	9.42%
Total risk-based	12.40%	11.01%	10.15%	10.84%	10.88%
Asset Quality Data:					
Nonaccrual loans	\$ 5,489	\$ 2,679	\$ 4,855	\$ 1,064	\$ 1,720
Loans 90 days or more past due and still accruing			209	18	36
Total nonperforming loans	5,489	2,679	5,064	1,082	1,756
Other real estate owned				36	
Restructured loans	834	229	529	1,067	
Total nonperforming assets	\$ 6,323	\$ 2,908	\$ 5,593	\$ 2,185	\$ 1,756
Asset Quality Ratios:					
Nonperforming loans to gross loans	0.38%	0.22%	0.51%	0.15%	0.35%
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.36%	0.19%	0.44%	0.22%	0.26%
Allowance for loan losses to gross loans	1.22%	1.20%	1.25%	1.17%	1.33%
Allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans	320.97%	545.99%	246.27%	781.70%	382.12%
Net charge-offs to average gross loans	0.18%	0.16%	0.23%	0.17%	0.33%

- (1) Net income divided by the average assets
- (2) Net income divided by the average stockholders' equity
- (3) Difference between the average yield on interest-earning assets and the average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities
- (4) Net interest income expressed as a percentage of average total interest-earning assets
- (5) Interest income divided by the average interest-earning assets
- (6) Interest expense divided by the average interest-bearing liabilities
- (7) Noninterest expense divided by the sum of net interest income plus noninterest income

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Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations together with our Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes presented elsewhere in this Report. This discussion and analysis may contain forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of many factors, including those set forth under Item 1A Risk Factors and elsewhere in this Report.

Overview

Nara Bancorp, Inc. is a bank holding company headquartered in Los Angeles, California. We offer a full range of commercial banking and consumer financial services through our wholly owned subsidiary, Nara Bank, a California state-chartered bank. Nara Bank primarily focuses its business in Korean communities in California and in the greater New York City metropolitan area. Through our network of 18 branches and 8 loan production offices, we offer commercial banking and consumer financial services to our customers, who typically are individuals and small- to medium-sized businesses in our market areas. We accept deposits and originate a variety of loans including commercial loans, commercial real estate loans, trade finance, Small Business Administration (SBA) loans, automobile and various consumer loans.

Our principal business involves earning interest on loans and investment securities that are funded by customer deposits and other borrowings. Our operating income and net income are derived primarily from the difference between interest income received from interest-earning assets and interest expense paid on interest-bearing liabilities and, to a lesser extent, from fees received in connection with servicing loan and deposit accounts and income from the sale of SBA loans. Our major expenses are the interest we pay on deposits and borrowings and general operating expenses which primarily consist of salaries and employee benefits, occupancy, and provision for loan losses. Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors that are beyond our control, such as inflation, unemployment, consumer spending and political events. We cannot predict the impact that future changes in domestic and foreign economic and political conditions might have on our performance.

Our business is also influenced by the monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government and the policies of regulatory agencies, particularly the Federal Reserve Board (FRB). The FRB implements national monetary policies (with objectives such as curbing inflation and preventing recession) through its open-market operations in U.S. government securities, by adjusting the required level of reserves for depository institutions subject to its reserve requirements, and by varying the target federal funds and discount rates applicable to borrowings by depository institutions. The actions of the FRB in these areas influence the growth of bank loans, investments, and deposits and also affect interest rates earned on interest-earning assets and paid on interest-bearing liabilities. The nature and impact on Nara Bancorp and the Bank of future changes in monetary and fiscal policies cannot be predicted.

From time to time, legislation and regulations are enacted which have the effect of increasing the cost of doing business, limiting or expanding permissible activities, or affecting the competitive balance between banks and other financial services providers. Proposals to change the laws and regulations governing the operations and taxation of banks, bank holding companies, and other financial institutions and financial services providers are frequently made in the U.S. Congress, in the state legislatures, and before various regulatory agencies. This legislation may change banking statutes and our operating environment in substantial and unpredictable ways. If enacted, such legislation could increase or decrease the cost of doing business, limit or expand permissible activities or affect the competitive balance among banks, savings associations, credit unions, and other financial institutions. We cannot predict whether any of this potential legislation will be enacted, and if enacted, the effect that it, or any implementing regulations, would have on our financial condition or results of operations.

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We have a significant geographic concentration in the Korean communities in California and in the greater New York City metropolitan area, and our results are affected by economic conditions in these areas. A decline in economic and business conditions in our market areas could have a material impact on the quality of our loan portfolio or the demand for our products and services, which in turn may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

During 2005, we experienced significant growth as our total assets grew by 18% for 2005 to \$1.8 billion at December 31, 2005. The increase in total assets in 2005 was primarily due to growth in our loans funded by comparable increases in deposits and borrowings. The loan growth during 2005 was predominantly in real estate and commercial loans and deposit growth was primarily in time deposits, net of a decrease in money market accounts.

Our net income was \$26.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 representing a 36% increase from \$19.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2004. The major contributor to the increase in net income for the year ended December 31, 2005 was a 35% increase in net interest income for 2005 compared to 2004 as a result of loan growth and an increase in our net interest margin. More detailed discussions are in the various sections below.

Restatement of Financial Statements

On March 30, 2005, the Company announced in a current report on Form 8-K that it was restating its consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002. In the course of the re-audits of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, certain additional errors were also identified (*i.e.*, other than the one relating to the Letter) in the Company's consolidated financial statements for 2003 and 2002. Specifically, errors were identified in accounting for bank owned life insurance, lease arrangements under which the Company occupies its premises, incentive compensation, profit sharing and bonus payments to certain employees and various other accounting matters. Accordingly, the Company's 2003 and 2002 consolidated financial statements and previously released information for 2004 are also restated for these accounting errors. For a detailed discussion of the restatement, see Item 1. Business

Restatement of Financial Statements on Form 10-K for year 2004 and Note 2 Restatement of the Notes to Consolidated Financial information included in reports on Form 10-K for year 2004.

Critical Accounting Policies

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. GAAP requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Declines in the fair value of held to maturity and available for sale securities below their cost that are deemed to be other than temporary are reflected in earnings as realized losses in current earnings rather than in other comprehensive income (loss). During 2004, we recognized an impairment charge of \$2.6 million on Government sponsored enterprise preferred stocks issued by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) and the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA). Management determined that the unrealized losses on these securities should be considered other than temporary and therefore recorded the decline in market value as impairment charges as these investments have had significant unrealized loss positions for more than one year and it is difficult to forecast significant market value recovery in a reasonable time frame. Except for unrealized losses on these securities, we believe the other unrealized losses as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 are temporary in nature, and are mainly due to fluctuations in interest rates, and do not reflect a deterioration of credit quality of the issuers.

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We assess the carrying value of intangible assets including goodwill at least annually in order to determine if such intangible assets are impaired. In reviewing the carrying value of intangible assets, we assess the recoverability of such assets by evaluating the fair value of the related business unit. Any impairment would be required to be recorded during the period identified. If our intangible assets were determined to be impaired, our financial results could be materially impacted.

Accounting for the allowance for loan losses involves significant judgments and assumptions by management, which has a material impact on the carrying value of net loans. The judgments and assumptions used by management are based on historical data and management's analysis of the current economic environment as described in Allowance for Loan Losses.

Certain Small Business Administration (SBA) loans that we have the intent to sell prior to maturity are designated as held for sale at origination and are recorded at the lower of cost or market value, on an aggregate basis. A valuation allowance is established if the market value of such loans is lower than their cost, and operations are charged or credited for valuation adjustments. A portion of the premium on sale of SBA loans is recognized as other operating income at the time of the sale. The remaining portion of the premium (relating to the portion of the loan retained) is deferred and amortized over the remaining life of the loan as an adjustment to yield. Servicing assets are recognized when loans are sold with servicing retained. Servicing assets are recorded based on the present value of the contractually specified servicing fee, net of servicing costs, over the estimated life of the loan, using a discount rate based on the related note rate plus 1% to 2%. The market rate is used to determine servicing costs. Servicing assets are amortized in proportion to and over the period of estimated future servicing income. Management periodically evaluates the servicing asset for impairment, which is the carrying amount of the servicing asset in excess of the related fair value. Impairment, if it occurs, is recognized as a write down or charge-off in the period of impairment.

As part of our asset and liability management strategy, we have entered into interest rate swaps, which are derivative financial instruments, with the overall goal of minimizing the impact of interest rate fluctuations on our net interest margin. The objective of the interest rate swaps is to manage asset and liability positions in connection with our strategy of minimizing the impact of the interest rate fluctuations on our interest rate margin. The interest rate swaps qualify as cash flow hedges under SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, as amended and interpreted, and are designated as hedges of the variability of cash flows we receive from certain of our variable rate loans indexed to Prime. In accordance with SFAS No. 133, these interest rate swap agreements are measured at fair value and reported as assets or liabilities on the consolidated statement of financial condition. The portion of the change in the fair value of the interest rate swaps that is deemed effective in hedging the cash flows of the designated assets is recorded in stockholders' equity as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (OCI), net of tax, and reclassified into interest income as such cash flows occur in the future. Any ineffectiveness resulting from the hedges is recorded as a gain or loss in the consolidated statements of income as a part of non-interest income. Currently, the fair value of the interest rate swaps is estimated by discounting the future cash flows using the discount rate that was adjusted by the yield curve.

Results of Operations

General

Our most significant source of income is net interest income, which is the difference between our interest income and our interest expense. Generally, interest income is generated from our loans we extended to our customers and investments and interest expense is generated from interest-bearing deposits our customers have with us and other borrowings that we may have, such as Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings, and subordinated debentures. Our ability to generate profitable levels of net interest income is largely dependent on our ability to manage the levels of interest earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, and the rates received or paid, as well as the ability to maintain sound asset quality and appropriate levels of capital and liquidity. Interest income and interest expense may fluctuate based on factors beyond our control, such as economic or political conditions.

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We attempt to minimize the effect of interest rate fluctuations on net interest margin by monitoring our interest-sensitive assets and our interest-sensitive liabilities. Net interest income can be affected by a change in the composition of assets and liabilities, for example, if higher yielding loans were to replace a like amount of lower yielding investment securities. Changes in volume and changes in rates can also affect net interest income. Volume changes are caused by differences in the level of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Rate changes result from differences in yields earned on assets and rates paid on liabilities.

We also have non-interest income, including service charges and fees on deposit accounts, fees from trade finance activities and the issuance of letters of credit, and net gains on sale of loans and investment securities available for sale.

In addition to interest expense, our income is impacted by non-interest expenses, primarily expenses such as salaries and benefits, occupancy and provisions for loan losses.

Net Income

Our income was \$26.9 million for 2005, compared to \$19.8 million for 2004 and \$13.7 million for 2003, representing an increase of 36% for 2005 and 45% for 2004. Our earnings per share based on diluted shares, were \$1.07, \$0.80 and \$0.59, for 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The return on average assets was 1.59% for 2005, compared to 1.45% for 2004 and 1.26% for 2003. The return on average stockholders' equity was 22.23% for 2005, compared with 21.44% for 2004 and 18.77% for 2003.

During 2005, the increase in net income was primarily attributable to higher net interest income from growth in the loan portfolio and higher net interest margin offset by higher non-interest expense and provision for loan losses. During 2004, the increase in net income was primarily attributable to higher net interest income resulting from growth in the loan portfolio and a lower provision for loan losses.

Operations Summary

	Year Ended 2005	Increase (Decrease) Amount	%	Year Ended 2004	Increase (Decrease) Amount	%	Year Ended 2003
(Dollars in thousands)							
Interest income	\$ 116,511	\$ 39,440	51%	\$ 77,071	\$ 15,646	25%	\$ 61,425
Interest expense	37,651	18,965	101%	18,686	2,753	17%	15,933
Net interest income	78,860	20,475	35%	58,385	12,893	28%	45,492
Provision for (recapture of) loan losses	5,427	1,527	39%	3,900	(1,350)	(26)%	5,250
Non-interest income	20,905	172	1%	20,733	652	3%	20,081
Non-interest expense	48,670	6,691	16%	41,979	3,809	10%	38,170
Income before income tax provision	45,668	12,429	37%	33,239	11,086	50%	22,153
Income tax provision	18,811	5,354	40%	13,457	5,032	60%	8,425
Net income	\$ 26,857	\$ 7,075	36%	\$ 19,782	\$ 6,054	44%	\$ 13,728

Net Interest Income and Net Interest Margin

Net interest income was \$78.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to \$58.4 million for 2004 and \$45.5 million for 2003. The net interest margin was 4.95% for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to 4.58% for 2004 and 4.46% for 2003.

The increase of \$20.5 million or 35% in net interest income for 2005 over 2004 was primarily due to an increase of \$316.5 million or 25% in average interest-earning assets as well as an increase in the net interest

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margin. The increase in net interest margin for 2005 over 2004 was primarily due to an increase in the prime rate which positively impacted the yield on our prime-based loan portfolio. During 2005, the prime rate, which 86% of our loans are tied to, increased 200 basis points. The increase of \$12.9 million or 28% in net interest income for 2004 over 2003 was primarily due to an increase of \$255.6 million or 25% in average interest-earning assets. The increase in net interest margin for 2004 over 2003 was primarily related to a reduction in the average rate paid on interest bearing liabilities that repriced during 2004.

Interest income

Interest income was \$116.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to \$77.1 for 2004 and \$61.4 million for 2003. The average yield on average interest-earning assets was 7.32% for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to 6.04% for 2004 and 6.02% for 2003.

The increase of \$39.4 million or 51% in interest income in 2005 compared to 2004 was primarily due to the growth in the loan portfolio as well as the increase in yield on the portfolio caused by increases in the prime rate. Average loans increased \$270.0 million or 24% to \$1,38 billion for 2005 from \$1,11 billion for 2004. During 2005, interest income increased \$19.3 million due to the growth in loan volume and \$17.6 million attributable to the increase in interest rates. The average yield on loans increased to 7.82% for 2005 from 6.40% for 2004. Interest income on securities also increased \$1.2 million or 24% to \$6.2 million for 2005 from \$5.0 million for 2004, primarily due to the growth in the securities portfolio.

The increase of \$15.6 million or 25% in interest income in 2004 compared to 2003 was primarily due to an increase in average interest-earnings assets. Also included in interest income on loans for 2004 was \$3.1 million in net interest income settlements received on interest rate swap transactions. During 2004, we had an increase of \$17.6 million in loan interest income attributable to growth in loan volume, partially offset by a reduction of \$1.1 million attributable to decrease in interest rates. The average yield on loans decreased to 6.40% for 2004 from 6.54% for 2003. Interest income on securities decreased \$729 thousand or 13% to \$5.0 million for 2004 from \$5.8 million for 2003, due to a decline in the securities average volume and yields.

*Interest Expense****Deposits***

Interest expense on our deposits was \$32.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to \$15.5 million for 2004 and \$12.8 million for 2003. The average cost of interest-bearing deposits was 3.03% for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to 1.84% for 2004 and 2.02% for 2003. The average cost of deposits was 2.28% for 2005 compared to 1.32% for 2004 and 1.43% for 2003.

The increase of \$17.2 million, or 111%, in interest expense on deposits for 2005, compared to 2004 was due to an increase in the volume of our average interest-bearing liabilities, particularly time deposits as well as higher costs of those deposits. Average interest-bearing deposits increased \$236.9 million or 28% to \$1,080.6 million for 2005 from \$843.7 million for 2004. Average time deposits increased \$273.3 or 61% to \$718.1 million for 2005 from \$444.8 for 2004.

The Bank faces strong competition for deposit customers from other Korean-American banks. As additional Korean-American banks enter the market place, competition for customers will increase and the rates paid, particularly on time deposits, may increase for the Bank in order to remain competitive. Such increases could adversely impact the Bank's net interest margin in the future.

The increase of \$2.7 million or 21% in interest expense on deposits for 2004, compared to 2003 was due to an increase in the volume of average interest-bearing deposits. Average interest-bearing deposits increased \$210.7 million or 33% to \$843.7 million for 2004 from \$633.0 million for 2003. The decrease in average cost of

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deposits was primarily due to the repricing of higher cost deposits as a result of lower interest rates during the first half of 2004. However, the cost of interest bearing deposits increased during the second half of 2004 as market rates started to rise and as the competition for deposits increased. Overall, the average cost of interest-bearing deposits was 1.84% during 2004.

Borrowings

Borrowings include the borrowings from the FHLB, federal funds purchased and subordinated debentures. As part of our asset liability management, we utilize FHLB borrowings to supplement our deposit source of funds. Therefore, there could be fluctuations in these balances depending on the short-term liquidity needs of the Bank. Interest expense on FHLB borrowings and others was \$2.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to \$833 thousand for 2004 and \$1.6 million for 2003. The average cost of FHLB borrowings was 3.49% for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to 2.17% for 2004 and 2.03% for 2003. Interest expense on subordinated debentures was \$2.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to \$2.3 million for 2004 and \$1.6 million for 2003. The average cost of the subordinated debentures was 7.71% for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to 6.31% for 2004 and 7.51% for 2003.

The increase of \$1.3 million, or 151%, in interest expense on FHLB and other borrowings for 2005 compared to 2004 was due to an increase in the average balance as well as an increase in market interest rate. Average FHLB and other borrowings increased \$21.5 million or 56% to \$59.9 million for 2005 from \$38.4 million for 2004. The increase of \$521 thousand or 22% in interest expense on subordinated debentures was primarily due to an increase in the market interest rate to which the instruments are tied. With the exception of one subordinated debenture, which has a fixed interest rate, all other subordinated debentures have variable interest rates that are tied to LIBOR with quarterly adjustments. We expect our interest rate payments on these subordinated debentures to continue to rise as market interest rates continue to rise.

The decrease of \$776 thousand or 48% in interest expense on FHLB and other borrowings for 2004 compared to 2003 was due to a decrease in FHLB borrowings. Average FHLB borrowings decreased \$40.7 million or 51% to \$38.4 million for 2004 compared to \$79.1 million for 2003. The increase of \$791 thousand or 51% in interest expense on subordinated debentures was primarily due to additional subordinated debentures issued at the end of 2003. Average subordinated debentures increased \$16.4 million or 79% to \$37.1 million for 2004 compared to \$20.7 million for 2003.

Net Interest Margin and Net Interest Rate Spread

We analyze our earnings performance using, among other measures, the net interest spread and net interest margin. The net interest spread represents the difference between the average yield on interest-earning assets and average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities. Net interest income, when expressed as a percentage of average total interest-earning assets, is referred to as the net interest margin. Our net interest margin is affected by changes in the yields earned on assets and rates paid on liabilities, as well as the ratio of interest-earning assets to interest-bearing liabilities.

Interest rates charged on our loans are affected principally by the demand for such loans, the supply of money available for lending purposes, and other competitive factors. These factors are in turn affected by general economic conditions and other factors including those beyond our control, such as federal economic policies, the general supply of money in the economy, legislative tax policies, governmental budgetary matters, and the actions of the Federal Reserve Board. The table below presents the average yield on each category of interest-earning asset, average rate paid on each category of interest-bearing liability, and the resulting net interest spread and net interest margin for each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2005.

Table of Contents**Average Balance Sheet and Analysis of Net Interest Income**

	December 31, 2005			December 31, 2004			December 31, 2003		
	Average Balance	Interest Income/Expense	Average Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Interest Income/Expense	Average Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Interest Income/Expense	Average Yield/Rate
(Dollars in thousands)									
INTEREST-EARNING ASSETS:									
Loans ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	\$ 1,383,758	\$ 108,202	7.82%	\$ 1,113,750	\$ 71,323	6.40%	\$ 839,097	\$ 54,861	6.54%
Other investments	7,822	373	4.77%	6,020	274	4.55%	6,030	279	4.63%
Securities ⁽³⁾	150,332	6,217	4.14%	126,117	5,038	3.99%	136,068	5,767	4.24%
Federal funds sold	49,832	1,719	3.45%	29,323	436	1.49%	38,382	518	1.35%
Total interest-earning assets	1,591,744	116,511	7.32%	1,275,210	77,071	6.04%	1,019,577	61,425	6.02%
Non-interest earning assets:									
Cash and due from bank	35,577			39,993			31,106		
Premises and equipment, net	7,551			7,191			5,300		
Accrued interest receivable	6,399			4,341			4,174		
Intangible assets	5,933			6,366			3,077		
Other assets	37,373			32,430			22,783		
Total non-interest earning assets	92,833			90,321			66,440		
Total assets	\$ 1,684,577			\$ 1,365,531			\$ 1,086,017		
INTEREST-BEARING LIABILITIES:									
Deposits:									
Demand, interest-bearing	\$ 254,752	6,260	2.46%	\$ 265,591	4,989	1.88%	\$ 94,268	1,298	1.38%
Savings	107,695	2,214	2.06%	133,288	2,366	1.78%	151,378	3,199	2.11%
Time certificates	718,141	24,224	3.37%	444,842	8,156	1.83%	387,304	8,276	2.14%
FHLB and other borrowings	59,856	2,090	3.49%	38,400	833	2.17%	79,126	1,609	2.03%
Subordinated debentures	37,156	2,863	7.71%	37,126	2,342	6.31%	20,663	1,551	7.51%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	1,177,600	37,651	3.20%	919,247	18,686	2.03%	732,739	15,933	2.17%
Non-interest bearing liabilities									
Demand deposits	355,431			333,537			262,993		
Other liabilities	30,753			20,472			17,159		
Stockholders equity	120,793			92,275			73,126		
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 1,684,577			\$ 1,365,531			\$ 1,086,017		
NET INTEREST INCOME AND YIELD:									
Net interest income		\$ 78,860			\$ 58,385			\$ 45,492	
Net interest margin			4.95%			4.58%			4.46%
Net interest spread ⁽⁴⁾			4.12%			4.01%			3.85%
Net interest spread ⁽⁵⁾			4.86%			4.55%			4.42%
Cost of funds ⁽⁶⁾			2.46%			1.49%			1.60%

(1) Interest income on loans includes amortization of loan fees and net interest settlements from interest rate swaps and excludes prepayment penalties received on loan pay-offs. The average balance of loans is net of deferred loan fees.

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Year ended December 31,	Loan Fees	Deferred (Fees) cost
	(Dollars in thousands)	
2005	\$ 2,167	\$ (2,823)
2004	\$ 2,157	\$ (2,798)
2003	\$ 1,856	\$ (2,164)

- (2) Average loans outstanding include non-accrual loans and loans held for sale.
- (3) Interest income and yields are not presented on a tax-equivalent basis.
- (4) Interest on earning assets minus interest on interest-bearing liabilities.
- (5) Interest on earning assets minus interest on interest-bearing liabilities and non-interest bearing deposits.
- (6) Interest on interest bearing liabilities and non-interest bearing deposits.

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The following table illustrates changes in interest income (including loan fees) and interest expense and the amount attributable to variations in interest rates and volumes for the period indicated. The variances attributable to simultaneous volume and rate changes have been allocated to the change due to volume and the change due to rate categories in proportion to the relationship of the absolute dollar amounts attributable solely to the change in volume and to the change in rate.

	December 31, 2005 compared to December 31, 2004			December 31, 2004 compared to December 31, 2003		
	Net Increase (Decrease)	Change due to		Net Increase (Decrease)	Change due to	
		Rate	Volume (Dollars in thousands)		Rate	Volume
INTEREST INCOME:						
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 36,879	\$ 17,589	\$ 19,290	\$ 16,462	\$ (1,148)	\$ 17,610
Interest on other investments	99	14	85	(5)	(5)	
Interest on securities	1,179	183	996	(729)	(321)	(408)
Interest on federal funds sold	1,283	839	444	(82)	49	(131)
TOTAL INTEREST INCOME	\$ 39,440	18,625	20,815	\$ 15,646	\$ (1,425)	\$ 17,071
INTEREST EXPENSE:						
Interest on demand deposits	\$ 1,271	\$ 1,482	\$ (211)	\$ 3,691	\$ 615	\$ 3,076
Interest on savings	(152)	342	(494)	(833)	(477)	(356)
Interest on time certificates of deposit	16,068	9,279	6,789	(120)	(1,260)	1,140
Interest on FHLB and other borrowings.	1,257	656	601	(776)	101	(877)
Interest on subordinated debentures	521	519	2	791	(280)	1,071
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ 18,965	\$ 12,278	\$ 6,687	\$ 2,753	\$ (1,301)	\$ 4,054
NET INTEREST INCOME	\$ 20,475	\$ 6,347	\$ 14,128	\$ 12,893	\$ (124)	\$ 13,017

Provision for loan losses

The provision for loan losses was \$5.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to \$3.9 million for 2004 and \$5.3 million for 2003. The increase of \$1.5 million or 39% in the provision for loan losses for 2005 over 2004 was primarily due to the growth in our loan portfolio as well as an increase in non-accrual loans and classified loans. Average gross loans increased \$270.0 million or 24% during 2005. The decrease of \$1.4 million or 26% in the provision for loan losses for 2004 compared to 2003 was primarily due to decreases in non-accrual and classified loans despite the continuing growth of our loan portfolio. We use a systematic methodology to calculate the allowance for loan losses. Through applying this methodology, which takes into account our loan portfolio mix, credit quality, loan growth, the amount and trends relating to our delinquent and non-performing loans, regulatory policies, general economic conditions and other factors relating to the collectibility of loans in our portfolio, we determine the appropriateness of our allowance for loan losses, which is further adjusted by quarterly provisions charged against earnings.

See section Financial Condition- Allowance for Loan Losses for a description of our systematic methodology employed in determining an adequate balance of allowance for loan losses.

Non-interest Income

Non-interest income was \$20.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to \$20.7 million for 2004 and \$20.1 million for 2003. Included in our non-interest income for 2004 were impairment charges due to other than temporary declines in market values of securities totaling \$2.6 million related to government sponsored enterprise preferred stocks, which negatively impacted non-interest income. Excluding such impairment charges, the decrease would have been \$2.4 million or 10% for 2005 and the increase would have been \$3.2 million or 16% for 2004.

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Service charges on deposits decreased \$1.4 million or 18% to \$6.3 million for 2005 from \$7.6 million for 2004. The decrease was primarily due to the closing of accounts for check cashing businesses, which had generated significant fee income. Net gain on sales of SBA loans increased \$449 thousand or 8% to \$6.0 million for 2005 from \$5.5 million for 2004. Net gain on sales of SBA loans increased in the second half of 2005, after a change in SBA department management. Net loan servicing fees on SBA loans also increased \$409 thousand or 34% to \$1.6 million for 2005 from \$1.2 million for 2004. These increases were primarily due to increase in sales volume of SBA loans. During 2005, we sold \$101.0 million in SBA loans compared to \$81.8 million in 2004. During 2004, we entered into a loan referral program with GE Capital and Zion Bancorp and recognized \$1.0 million in loan referral income. There was no such loan referral fee income recognized in 2005. Also in 2004, we recorded an impairment charge of \$2.6 million on government sponsored enterprise preferred stocks as a result of other than temporary declines in their market values. All such securities were sold during the first quarter of 2005. During 2005, we recognized a net loss of \$140 thousand from our interest rate swaps compared to a net loss of \$382 thousand in 2004. The net loss or gain from the interest rate swaps is dependent upon the increase or decrease in interest rates. We receive fixed and pay variable rates of interest on our interest rate swaps.

The increase in non-interest income in 2004 compared to 2003 was primarily due to increases in net gains on sales of SBA loans, SBA loan servicing fees, and loan referral income offset by the recognition of \$2.6 million of impairment charge on government sponsored enterprise preferred stocks. Net gains on sales of SBA loans increased \$1.8 million or 48% to \$5.5 million for 2004 from \$3.7 million for 2003. During 2004 we sold a total of \$81.8 million in SBA loans, which represents an increase of \$25.6 million or 46% from \$56.2 million in 2003. Net service fee income on SBA loans also increased \$349 thousand or 41% to \$1.2 million for 2004 from \$854 thousand for 2003 due to the ongoing increases in the balance of SBA loans that we service. As mentioned above, we recognized \$1.0 million in loan referral income from the loan referral program established in 2004.

The breakdown of non-interest income by category is shown below:

	Year Ended 2005	Increase (Decrease) Amount	%	Year Ended 2004	Increase (Decrease) Amount	%	Year Ended 2003
(Dollars in thousands)							
Non-interest Income:							
Service charges on deposits	\$ 6,281	\$ (1,359)	(18)%	\$ 7,640	(38)	0%	\$ 7,678
International service fees	2,854	(40)	(1)%	2,894	167	6%	2,727
Loan servicing fees, net	1,612	409	34%	1,203	349	41%	854
Wire transfer fees	1,429	49	4%	1,380	291	27%	1,089
Net gains on sales of SBA loans	5,987	449	8%	5,538	1,803	48%	3,735
Net gains on sales of other loans		(196)	(100)%	196	64	48%	132
Net gains on sales of securities available for sale	143	(600)	(81)%	743	(344)	(32)%	1,087
Loan referral income		(1,013)	(100)%	1,013	1,013	100%	
Other than temporary impairment on securities		2,593	(100)%	(2,593)	(2,593)	(100)%	
Others income and fees	2,599	(120)	(4)	2,719	(60)	(2)%	2,779
Total non-interest income	\$ 20,905	\$ 172	1%	\$ 20,733	\$ 652	3%	\$ 20,081

Non-interest Expense

Non-interest expense was \$48.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to \$42.0 million for 2004 and \$38.2 million for 2003. The increase was \$6.7 million, or 16%, in 2005 and \$3.8 million, or 10%, in 2004.

Salaries and employee benefits increased \$1.7 million or 8%, to \$23.9 million in 2005 from \$22.2 million in 2004. This increase was primarily due to 1) additional management; 2) additional staff to support organic growth

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and new branches, and 3) an increase in profit sharing bonuses. Occupancy expense also increased \$750 thousand or 12% to \$7.0 million in 2005 from \$6.2 million in 2004, primarily due to opening of new branches and an increase in existing rents. Advertising and marketing expense increased \$294 thousand or 16% to \$2.1 million in 2005 from \$1.9 million in 2004, primarily related to deposit promotions and new branch promotions during the year. Professional fees increased \$1.2 million or 50% to \$3.7 million in 2005 from \$2.5 million in 2004. Included in professional fees was \$1.8 million related to the Restatement and the Memorandum of Understanding compliance. As a result of being designated a troubled institution, the FDIC insurance assessment rate was increased from zero to three cents, effective for the semi-annual period ending June 30, 2006. The effect will be an increase of approximately \$144,000 per quarter in year 2006.

The increase in non-interest expense in 2004 compared to 2003 was primarily due to increases in salaries and employee benefits, occupancy, professional fees, and amortization of intangible assets. Salaries and employee benefits increased \$1.6 million or 8% to \$22.2 million in 2004 from \$20.5 million in 2003. This was primarily due to additional employees hired for our California Rowland Heights branch, established in 2004 and annual salary adjustments to reflect increases in inflation. Occupancy expenses increased \$826 thousand or 15% to \$6.2 million in 2004 from \$5.4 million in 2003, primarily due to the opening of the new branches. Professional fees increased \$1.1 million or 74% to \$2.5 million in 2004 from \$1.4 million in 2003. This increase was primarily due to expenses related to compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX) and the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA). We incurred approximately \$700 thousand in expenses in 2004 to comply with SOX. Amortization of core deposit intangible assets increased \$369 thousand or 111% to \$701 thousand in 2004 from \$332 thousand in 2003. This increase was due to higher levels of core deposit intangibles resulting from acquisitions in 2003 and 2002.

During the years ending December 31, 2003 and 2002, several of the split dollar life insurance agreements we had entered into precluded us from being able to fully realize the cash surrender value of the life insurance policies as of the balance sheet date, as the agreements required us to continue to maintain the policies or replace them with comparable life insurance policies until the death of the split dollar participants. Accordingly, we recorded discounts of \$345 thousand and \$1.4 million for 2003 and 2002 on the cash surrender value of the split dollar life insurance policies to record the cash surrender value at the amount that can be effectively realized at the balance sheet date for the estimated present value of the cash surrender value based upon the estimated mortality dates of the split dollar participants. During the fourth quarter of 2004, we amended certain of the split dollar life insurance agreements in order to eliminate the requirement for us to continue to maintain the policies or replace them with comparable life insurance policies until the death of the split dollar participants. Accordingly, in the fourth quarter of 2004, we reversed \$1.4 million of the discounts on the cash surrender value of the split dollar life insurance policies established in 2003 and 2002.

A breakdown of non-interest expense by category is illustrated below:

	Year Ended 2005	Increase (Decrease) Amount	%	Year Ended 2004	Increase (Decrease) Amount	%	Year Ended 2003
(Dollars in thousands)							
Non-interest Expense:							
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 23,925	\$ 1,741	8%	\$ 22,184	\$ 1,638	8%	\$ 20,546
Occupancy	6,963	750	12%	6,213	826	15%	5,387
Furniture and equipment	2,100	187	10%	1,913	331	21%	1,582
Advertising and marketing	2,149	294	16%	1,855	463	33%	1,392
Change in discount on cash surrender value of life insurance	22	1,448	102%	(1,426)	(1,771)	(513)%	345
Data processing and communications	3,416	336	11%	3,080	360	13%	2,720
Professional fees	3,714	1,231	50%	2,483	1,057	74%	1,426
Other	6,381	704	12%	5,677	905	19%	4,772
Total non-interest expense	\$ 48,670	\$ 6,691	16%	\$ 41,979	\$ 3,809	10%	\$ 38,170

Table of Contents**Income Tax provision**

The income tax provision for the year ended December 31, 2005 was \$18.8 million compared to \$13.5 million in 2004 and \$8.4 million in 2003. The effective tax rate was 41% for 2005 compared to 40% for 2004 and 38% for 2003. The increase in the effective tax rate in 2005 and 2004 was primarily due to less nontaxable income than the prior year.

Financial Condition

Our total assets were \$1.78 billion at December 31, 2005 compared to \$1.51 billion at December 31, 2004 and \$1.26 billion at December 31, 2003. The increase was \$268.3 million or 18% for 2005 and \$247.9 million or 20% for 2004. We have experienced significant growth (on a percentage basis) of our assets in the last two fiscal years; however at a slightly decreasing rate. We anticipate that our future growth in assets will not increase at the same rate experienced in prior years. The growth in assets we experienced in 2005 was attributable to the loan growth. Gross loans increased \$224.0 million or 18% during 2005. The increase in total assets in 2004 from 2003 was also due to growth in our loan portfolio. Gross loans increased \$224.4 million or 22% during 2004. These increases were funded by growth in deposits and increases in FHLB borrowings.

Loan Portfolio

Our loans receivable, net of allowance for loan losses, were \$1.43 billion at December 31, 2005 compared to \$1.21 billion at December 31, 2004 and \$984.9 million at December 31, 2003. The increase in net loans was \$221.0 million or 18% for 2005 and \$222.2 million or 23% for 2004. Average loans, as a percentage of our average total interest-earning assets, were 87%, 87% and 82% for 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Average loans were \$1.38 billion, \$1.11 billion and \$839.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The increases were \$270.0 million or 24% for 2005 and \$274.7 million or 33% for 2004. Loan growth remained concentrated in commercial loans and commercial real estate loans. However, we anticipate the future demand for commercial real estate loans may not be as strong as in the past several years due to rising real estate prices and rising interest rates.

The rates of interest charged on variable rate loans are set at specified increments in relation to the prime lending rate and accordingly vary as the prime lending rate varies. Approximately 86% of our total loans were variable-rate loans at December 31, 2005 compared to 91% at December 31, 2004.

With certain exceptions, we are permitted, under applicable law, to make unsecured loans to individual borrowers in aggregate amounts of up to 15% of the sum of our total capital and the allowance for loan losses (as defined for regulatory purposes). As of December 31, 2005, our lending limit was approximately \$28.8 million for unsecured loans per borrower. For the purpose of lending limits, a secured loan is defined as a loan secured by readily marketable collateral having a current market value of at least 100% of the amount of the loan or extension of credit at all times. In addition to unsecured loans, we are permitted to make collateral-secured loans in an additional amount up to 10% (for a total of 25%) of our total capital and the allowance for loan losses, or \$48.0 million per borrower.

Commercial Loans

Commercial loans are extended for the purposes of providing working capital, financing the purchase of inventory, especially for importers and exporters, or equipment and for other business purposes. Short-term business loans (payable within one year) are generally used to finance current transactions and typically provide for periodic interest payments, with principal being payable at maturity. Term loans (usually 5 to 7 years) normally provide for monthly payments of both principal and interest. SBA guaranteed loans usually have a longer maturity (7 to 25 years). The credit-worthiness of the borrower is reviewed on a periodic basis, and most loans are collateralized by inventory, equipment and/or real estate. During 2005, commercial loans increased

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\$41.3 million or 9% to \$483.2 million at year-end 2005 from \$441.9 million at year-end 2004. Commercial loans increased \$81.7 million or 23% during 2004 from \$360.2 million at year-end 2003.

Commercial Real Estate Loans

Our real estate loans consist primarily of loans secured by deeds of trust on commercial property. It is our policy to restrict real estate loan amounts to 70% of the appraised value of the property. We offer both fixed and floating rate loans. The maturities on such loans are generally restricted to seven years (with payment amortization up to 25 years and a balloon payment due at maturity). Our real estate loans, mostly consisting of commercial real estate loans, increased \$183.0 million or 25% to \$900.7 million at year-end 2005 from \$717.7 million at year-end 2004. Real estate loans increased \$141.8 million or 25% during 2004 from \$575.9 million at year-end 2003.

Consumer Loans

Most of our consumer loan portfolio consists of automobile loans, home equity lines and loans, and signature lines and loans. Referrals from automobile dealers comprise the majority of our automobile loans. We also offer fixed-rate loans to buyers of new and previously owned automobiles who do not qualify for the automobile dealers' most preferential loan rates.

The following table shows the composition of our loan portfolio by type of loan on the dates indicated:

	2005		2004		December 31, 2003		2002		2001	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Loan Portfolio Composition:										
Commercial loans, including lease financing	\$ 483,231	33%	\$ 441,940	36%	\$ 360,250	36%	\$ 312,567	43%	\$ 207,556	41%
Real estate and construction loans.	900,699	62%	717,747	59%	575,930	58%	355,787	49%	251,691	50%
Consumer and other loans	64,633	5%	64,845	5%	63,322	6%	56,449	8%	46,596	9%
Total loans outstanding	1,448,563	100%	1,224,532	100%	999,502	100%	724,803	100%	505,843	100%
Less: Deferred loan fees	(2,823)		(2,798)		(2,164)		(1,326)		(650)	
Gross Loans Receivable	1,445,740		1,221,734		997,338		723,477		505,193	
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(17,618)		(14,627)		(12,471)		(8,458)		(6,710)	
Net Loans Receivable.	\$ 1,428,122		\$ 1,207,107		\$ 984,867		\$ 715,019		\$ 498,483	

We extend lines of credit to business customers usually on an annual review basis. We normally do not make loan commitments in material amounts for periods in excess of one year.

The level of consumer and other loans has increased steadily over the past few years; however, the percentage of those loans to total loans has decreased due to higher demand for commercial and real estate loans.

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The following table shows our loan commitments and letters of credit outstanding at the dates indicated:

	2005	2004	December 31, 2003	2002	2001
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Commitments to extend credit	\$ 199,968	\$ 151,726	\$ 150,736	\$ 114,734	\$ 146,201
Standby letters of credit	14,077	22,108	14,491	4,830	4,785
Other commercial letters of credit.	25,858	29,035	31,314	26,952	21,634
	\$ 239,903	\$ 202,869	\$ 196,541	\$ 146,516	\$ 172,620

Non-performing Assets

Non-performing assets consisted of non-accrual loans, accruing loans 90 days or more past due, restructured loans where the terms of repayment have been renegotiated resulting in a reduction or deferral of interest or principal and other real estate owned (OREO).

Loans are placed on non-accrual status when they become 90 days or more past due, unless the loan is both well secured and in the process of collection. Loans may be placed on non-accrual status earlier if the full and timely collection of principal or interest becomes uncertain. When a loan is placed on non-accrual status, unpaid accrued interest is charged against interest income. Loans are charged off when our management determines that collection has become unlikely. OREO consists of real estate acquired by us through foreclosure or similar means that we intend to offer for sale.

Non-performing assets were \$6.3 million at December 31, 2005 compared to \$2.9 million at December 31, 2004 and \$5.6 million at December 31, 2003. The changes in non-performing assets in 2005 and 2004 were primarily due to changes in non-accrual loans, which are discussed in the paragraph below.

Non-performing loans were \$5.5 million at December 31, 2005 compared to \$2.7 million at December 31, 2004 and \$5.1 million at December 31, 2003. The increase of \$2.8 million or 103% was primarily due to 4 accounts, one of which was brought current in January of 2006. Out of \$5.5 million non-performing loans, \$3.3 million is secured by real estate collateral. The decrease of \$2.4 million or 47% in 2004 was primarily due to loans that were paid off in part or in full and non-performing loans that were charged off. The gross interest income that we would have recorded in 2005, 2004 and 2003 if non-accrual loans had been current in accordance with their original terms was \$163 thousand, \$449 thousand and \$315 thousand, respectively. The following table illustrates the composition of our nonperforming assets as of the dates indicated:

	2005	2004	December 31, 2003	2002	2001
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Non-accrual loans .	\$ 5,489	\$ 2,679	\$ 4,855	\$ 1,064	\$ 1,720
Loans past due 90 days or more, still accruing			209	18	36
Total nonperforming loans	5,489	2,679	5,064	1,082	1,756
Other real estate owned				36	
Restructured loans	834	229	529	1,067	
Total non-performing assets	\$ 6,323	\$ 2,908	\$ 5,593	\$ 2,185	\$ 1,756

Table of Contents**Maturity of Loans and Sensitivity of Loans to Changes in Interest Rates**

The following table illustrates the maturity distribution and repricing intervals of the loans outstanding as of December 31, 2005. In addition, the table shows the distribution of such loans between those with variable or floating interest rates and those with fixed or predetermined interest rates.

	December 31, 2005			
	Loans maturing and repricing			
	Within One Year	Between One and Five Years	After Five Years	Total
(Dollars in thousands)				
Commercial loans	\$ 470,077	\$ 5,064	\$ 8,090	\$ 483,231
Real estate and construction loans	789,610	71,803	39,286	900,699
Consumer and other loans	24,582	37,576	2,475	64,633
Total	\$ 1,284,269	\$ 114,443	\$ 49,851	\$ 1,448,563
Loans with fixed interest rates	\$ 25,410	\$ 114,443	\$ 49,851	\$ 189,704
Loans with variable interest rate	1,258,859			1,258,859
Total	\$ 1,284,269	\$ 114,443	\$ 49,851	\$ 1,448,563

Concentrations

Loan concentrations are considered to exist when there are significant amounts of loans to multiple borrowers engaged in similar activities, which would cause them to be similarly impacted by economic or other conditions. The following table describes the industry concentrations in our loan portfolio as of the dates indicated:

	2005		2004		At December 31, 2003		2002		2001	
	% of Portfolio		% of Portfolio		% of Portfolio		% of Portfolio		% of Portfolio	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
(Dollars in thousands)										
Wholesale Trade	191,360	13%	210,912	17%	174,195	17%	127,659	18%	109,112	21%
Retail Trade	322,690	22%	219,106	18%	158,821	16%	126,988	17%	85,515	17%
Services	382,308	27%	279,613	23%	198,940	20%	138,203	19%	104,669	21%
Finance, Insurance, Property Management	481,564	33%	433,887	35%	355,557	36%	248,417	34%	129,495	26%
Total	\$ 1,377,922	95%	\$ 1,143,518	93%	\$ 887,513	89%	\$ 641,267	88%	\$ 428,791	85%
Gross Loans	\$ 1,448,563		\$ 1,224,532		\$ 999,502		\$ 724,803		\$ 505,843	

Allowance for Loan Losses

The risk of nonpayment on loans is inherent in all commercial banking operations. We employ a concept of total quality loan management in order to minimize our credit risk. For new loans, we thoroughly analyze each loan application and a majority of those loans are approved by the Management Loan Committee (MLC), which is comprised of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Credit Officer, Senior Loan Administrator and International Banking Department manager. For existing loans, we maintain a systematic loan review program, which

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includes a quarterly loan review by the internal loan review officer and a semi-annual loan review by external loan consultants. Based on the reviews, loans are graded for their overall quality, which is measured based on the sufficiency of credit and collateral documentation; proper lien perfection; proper approval by loan committee(s); adherence to any loan agreement covenants; compliance with internal policies

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and procedures and laws and regulations; sources of repayment; and liquidation value of the collateral and other sources of repayment. We closely monitor loans that management has determined require further supervision because of the loan size, loan structure, and/or specific circumstances of the borrower. These loans are periodically reviewed by the MLC.

When principal or interest on a loan is 90 days or more past due, a loan is normally placed on non-accrual status unless it is considered to be both well-secured and in the process of collection. Further, a loan is considered a loss in whole or in part when (1) its loss exposure beyond any collateral value is apparent, (2) servicing of the unsecured portion has been discontinued or (3) collection is not anticipated due to the borrower's financial condition and general economic conditions in the borrower's industry. Any loan or portion of a loan, judged by management to be uncollectible is charged against the allowance for loan losses, while any recoveries are credited to such allowance.

Our allowance for loan losses is based on management's estimates of probable incurred losses that are inherent in the loan portfolio. The allowance for loan losses is established through charges to operating expenses in the form of provisions for loan losses. Actual loan losses or recoveries are charged or credited, respectively, directly to the allowance for loan losses. The amount of the allowance is determined by management and reported to the Board of Directors of the Bank at least quarterly. The results of both internal and external loan reviews are used to help determine the allowance for loan losses. Our current loan review system takes into consideration such factors as the current financial condition of the borrower, the value of collateral, economic conditions and their impact on various industries. Our own historical loan loss experience is factored into a detailed loss migration analysis method, which determines loss factors to be used in calculating the allowance for loan losses.

The allowance for loan losses was \$17.6 million at December 31, 2005 compared to \$14.6 million at December 31, 2004 and \$12.5 million at December 31, 2003. The allowance for loan losses increased \$3.0 million or 20% at December 31, 2005 compared to December 31, 2004, primarily due to the growth of our loan portfolio as well as an increase in non-accrual loans and classified loans. We recorded a provision for loan losses of \$5.4 million in 2005, compared to \$3.9 million in 2004 and \$5.3 million in 2003. During 2005, we charged off \$3.1 million and recovered \$630 thousand. The allowance for loan losses was 1.22% of gross loans at December 31, 2005, as compared to 1.20% of gross loans at December 31, 2004 and 1.25% at December 31, 2003. Total classified loans at December 31, 2005 were \$10.5 million compared to \$6.5 million at December 31, 2004.

Specific loss allocations for impaired loans in accordance with SFAS No. 114 were \$1.4 million at December 31, 2005, compared to \$797 thousand at December 31, 2004 and \$1.6 million at December 31, 2003. Our management and Board of Directors of the Bank review the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses at least quarterly. Based upon these evaluations and internal and external reviews of the overall quality of our loan portfolio, management and the Board of Directors believe that the allowance for loan losses was adequate as of December 31, 2005, to absorb estimated probable incurred losses inherent in the loan portfolio. However, no assurances can be given as to whether we will experience further losses in excess of the allowance, which may require additional provisions for loan losses. If there are further losses, they may have a negative impact on our earnings.

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The following table shows the provision made for loan losses, the amount of loans charged off, the recoveries on loans previously charged off together with the balance in the allowance for loan losses at the beginning and end of each year, the amount of average and total loans outstanding, and other pertinent ratios as of the dates and for the years indicated:

	2005	2004	December 31, 2003	2002	2001
	(Dollars in thousands)				
LOANS:					
Average gross loans, including loans held for sale	\$ 1,383,758	\$ 1,113,750	\$ 839,097	\$ 605,453	\$ 454,591
Total gross loans, excluding loans held for sale at end of year (net of deferred fees)	1,445,740	1,221,734	997,338	723,477	505,193
ALLOWANCE:					
Balance beginning of year	\$ 14,627	\$ 12,471	\$ 8,458	\$ 6,710	\$ 6,980
Loans charged off:					
Commercial	1,980	1,465	1,756	2,118	3,463
Consumer	1,086	1,080	630	296	233
Real Estate and Construction			30		83
Total loans charged off	3,066	2,545	2,416	2,414	3,779
Less: recoveries:					
Commercial	403	542	386	1,278	1,737
Consumer	227	256	52	79	182
Real Estate and Construction		3	72	15	376
Total loan recoveries	630	801	510	1,372	2,295
Net loans charged off	2,436	1,744	1,906	1,042	1,484
Provision for loan losses	5,427	3,900	5,250	2,790	1,214
Allowance acquired in business acquisition			669		
Balance end of period	\$ 17,618	\$ 14,627	\$ 12,471	\$ 8,458	\$ 6,710
RATIOS:					
Net loan charge-offs to average total loans	0.18%	0.16%	0.23%	0.17%	0.33%
Allowance for loan losses to total loans at end of year	1.22%	1.20%	1.25%	1.17%	1.33%
Net loan charge-offs to beginning allowance	16.65%	13.98%	22.53%	15.53%	21.26%
Net loan charge-offs to provision for loan losses	44.89%	44.72%	36.30%	37.35%	122.24%
Allowance for Loan Losses Methodology					

We maintain an allowance for loan losses for estimated probable incurred losses that are inherent in our loan portfolio. The allowance is based on our regular quarterly assessments. Our methodologies for measuring the appropriate level of the allowance include the combination of:

(1) Historical Loss Migration Analysis for pools of homogenous loans and (2) a Specific Allocation Method for individual loans.

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The following table reflects our allocation of the allowance for loan losses by loan category and the ratio of each loan category to total loans as of the dates indicated:

Allocation of Allowance for Loan Losses

Loan Type	12/31/2005		12/31/2004		12/31/2003		12/31/2002		12/31/2001	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
(Dollars in thousands)										
Real Estate	\$ 11,469	62%	\$ 7,961	59%	\$ 5,023	58%	\$ 2,626	49%	\$ 1,862	50%
Commercial	5,061	33%	5,871	36%	6,256	36%	4,860	43%	3,912	41%
Consumer	1,057	5%	786	5%	1,232	6%	884	8%	843	9%
Unallocated	31	N/A	9	N/A	(40)	N/A	88	N/A	93	N/A
Total allowance	\$ 17,618	100%	\$ 14,627	100%	\$ 12,471	100%	\$ 8,458	100%	\$ 6,710	100%

The adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is determined by management based upon an evaluation and review of the credit quality of the loan portfolio, consideration of historical loan loss experience, all relevant internal and external factors that affect loan collectability, and other pertinent factors.

The Migration Analysis is a formula method based on our actual historical net charge-off experience for each loan pool and loan risk grade (Pass, Special Mention, Substandard and Doubtful).

Central to the migration analysis is our credit risk rating system. Our internal loan review, external contracted credit review examinations, and regulatory examinations are used to determine and validate loan risk grades. Our credit review system takes into consideration factors such as: borrower's background and experience; historical and current financial condition; credit history and payment performance; economic conditions and their impact on various industries; type, market value and volatility of the market value of collateral; lien position; and the financial strength of guarantors.

To calculate our various loss allocation factors, we use a twelve-quarter rolling average of historical losses detailing charge-offs and recoveries, by loan type pool balances to determine the estimated credit losses for each type of non-classified and classified loans. Also, in order to reflect the impact of recent events more heavily, the twelve-quarter rolling average has been weighted. The most recent four quarters have been assigned a 40% weighted average while the prior four quarters have been assigned a 33% weighted average and the oldest four quarters have been assigned a 27% weighted average. We began a twelve-quarter rolling average of historical losses as of the quarter ended March 31, 2004. Prior to March 31, 2004, an eight-quarter rolling average of historical losses was used to calculate our various loss allocation factors. Beginning March 31, 2004, management determined that a twelve-quarter rolling average provided a better analysis. The changes in the time period did not have a material impact on the migration analysis calculation.

Additionally, in order to systematically quantify the credit risk impact of trends and changes within the loan portfolio, we make adjustments to the Migration Analysis within established parameters. Our parameters for making adjustments are established under a Credit Risk Matrix that provides seven possible scenarios for each of the factors below. The matrix allows for up to three positive/decrease (Major, Moderate, and Minor), three negative/increase (Major, Moderate, and Minor), and one neutral credit risk scenarios within each factor for each loan type pool. Generally, the factors are considered to have no significant impact (neutral) to our historical migration ratios. However, if information exists to warrant adjustment to the Migration Analysis, we make the changes in accordance with the established parameters supported by narrative and/or statistical analysis. Our Credit Risk Matrix and the seven possible scenarios enable us to adjust the Loss Migration Ratio by as much as 50 basis points in either direction (positive or negative) for each loan type pool. The following 9 factors are considered in this matrix and they are patterned after the guidelines provided under the FFIEC Interagency Policy Statement on the Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses.

Changes in lending policies and procedures, including underwriting standards and collection, charge-off, and recovery practices.

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Changes in national and local economic and business conditions and developments, including the condition of various market segments.

Changes in the nature and volume of the loan portfolio.

Changes in the experience, ability, and depth of lending management and staff.

Changes in the trend in the volume and severity of past due and classified loans; and changes in trends in the volume of non-accrual loans and troubled debt restructurings, and other loan modifications.

Changes in the quality of our loan review system and the degree of oversight by the Directors.

The existence and effect of any concentrations of credit, and changes in the level of such concentrations.

Transfer risk on cross-border lending activities.

The effect of external factors such as competition and legal and regulatory requirements on the level of estimated losses in our loan portfolio.

Under the Specific Allocation method, management establishes specific loss allowances for loans where management has identified significant conditions or circumstances related to a specific individual credit. The specific allowance amount is determined by a method prescribed by SFAS No. 114, *Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan*. The loans identified as impaired will be accounted for in accordance with one of the three acceptable valuations: 1) the present value of future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate; 2) the loan's observable market price; or 3) the fair value of the collateral, if the loan is collateral dependent.

We consider a loan as impaired when it is probable that not all amounts due (principal and interest) according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement will be collectable. Factors considered by management in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. Loans that experience insignificant payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. Management determines the significance of payment delays and payment shortfalls on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all of the circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including the length of the delay, the reasons for the delay, the borrower's prior payment record and the amount of the shortfall in relation to the principal and interest owed.

For commercial, real estate and certain consumer loans, we base the measurement of loan impairment on the present value of the expected future cash flows, discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or on the fair value of the loan's collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. We evaluate installment loans for impairment on a collective basis, because these loans are smaller balance and homogeneous. Impairment losses are included in the allowance for loan losses through a charge to the provision for loan losses.

Investment Security Portfolio

The main objectives of our investment strategy are to support a sufficient level of liquidity while providing a means to manage our interest rate risk, and to generate an adequate level of interest income without taking undue risks. Our investment policy permits investment in various types of securities, certificates of deposits and federal funds sold in compliance with various restrictions in the policy. Securities are classified as held-to-maturity or available-for-sale. We do not maintain a trading portfolio. The securities that we have the ability and intent to hold to maturity are classified as held-to-maturity securities. All other securities are classified as available-for-sale.

Our held-to-maturity securities totaled \$1.0 million and \$2.0 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004. Our available-for-sale securities totaled \$174.7 million at December 31, 2005 compared to \$133.4 million at December 31, 2004. During 2005, \$7.0 million in securities were called before their maturity, \$3.0 million matured, \$15.0 million in mortgage related securities were paid down, \$13.9 million in securities were sold and \$81.9

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million in securities were purchased. All of the securities involved in the transactions were classified as available-for-sale. Securities with amortized cost of \$3.4 million were pledged to the Federal Reserve Board as required or permitted by law at December 31, 2005. We also pledged \$12.6 million in securities with Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco as borrowing collateral, \$83.6 million in securities with California State Treasurer's Office as deposit (CDs) collateral and \$1.0 million with Merrill Lynch for the interest rate swap transactions. The investment portfolio consists of government sponsored agency bonds, mortgage backed securities, bank qualified California municipal bonds, CMOs, corporate debt securities and government sponsored enterprise preferred stocks.

The following table summarizes the amortized cost, estimated market value and maturity distribution of our investment securities portfolio as of dates indicated:

Investment Portfolio

	At December 31, 2005			At December 31, 2004		
	Amortized cost	Estimated Market Value	Unrealized/unrecognized Gain (Loss)	Amortized cost	Estimated Market Value	Unrealized/unrecognized Gain (Loss)
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Available-for-sale:						
U.S. Government agency	\$ 92,500	\$ 90,797	\$ (1,703)	\$ 62,657	\$ 62,512	\$ (145)
CMOs	26,820	25,935	(885)	23,735	23,129	(606)
MBS	45,615	44,732	(883)	26,751	26,575	(176)
Asset backed	1,991	1,989	(2)			
Municipal bonds	7,173	7,331	158	9,578	9,784	206
Corporate debt securities				3,980	3,983	3
Mutual funds	4,000	3,925	(75)			
Government sponsored enterprise preferred stocks				7,403	7,403	
Total available-for-sale	\$ 178,099	\$ 174,709	\$ (3,390)	\$ 134,104	\$ 133,386	\$ (718)
Held to Maturity:						
Corporate debt securities	\$ 1,001	\$ 1,023	\$ 22	\$ 2,001	\$ 2,088	\$ 87
Total held-to-maturity	\$ 1,001	\$ 1,023	\$ 22	\$ 2,001	\$ 2,088	\$ 87
Total Investment Securities	\$ 179,100	\$ 175,732	\$ (3,368)	\$ 136,105	\$ 135,474	\$ (631)

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The following table summarizes the maturity of securities based on carrying value and their related weighted average yield at December 31, 2005:

Investment Maturities and Weighted Average Yields

	After One But Within Five Years		After Five But Within Ten Years		After Ten Years		Total	
	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield
(Dollars in thousands)								
Available-for-sale								
U.S. Government agency	\$ 92,500	4.17%	\$	%	\$	%	\$ 92,500	4.17%
CMOs			1,533	3.98%	25,287	4.29%	26,820	4.27%
MBS	4,140	4.03%	975	4.07%	40,500	4.30%	45,615	4.27%
Asset backed securities					1,991	5.06%	1,991	5.06%
Municipal bonds			825	3.78%	6,348	4.51%	7,173	4.43%
Mutual fund					4,000	3.83%	4,000	3.83%
Total available-for-sale	96,640	4.16%	3,333	3.96%	78,126	4.31%	178,099	4.22%
Held-to-maturity								
Corporate debt securities	\$ 1,001	7.13%	\$	%	\$	%	\$ 1,001	7.13%
Total held-to-maturity	1,001	7.13%					1,001	7.13%
Total Investment Securities	\$ 97,640	4.19%	\$ 3,333	3.96%	78,126	4.31%	\$ 179,100	4.24%

The following table shows our investments with gross unrealized losses and their estimated fair values, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at December 31, 2005.

Description of Securities	Unrealized loss for Less than 12 months		Unrealized loss for 12 months or longer		Total	
	Estimated Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
(Dollars in thousands)						
US Government agency	\$ 52,453	\$ (804)	\$ 38,344	\$ (899)	\$ 90,797	\$ (1,703)
CMO	10,958	(59)	14,977	(826)	25,935	(885)
MBS	35,283	(515)	8,604	(386)	43,887	(901)
Asset-backed	1,989	(2)			1,989	(2)
Corporate debt securities	3,925	(75)			3,925	(75)
	\$ 104,608	\$ (1,455)	\$ 61,925	\$ (2,111)	\$ 166,533	\$ (3,566)

We evaluate securities for other-than-temporary impairment on at least a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market concerns warrant such evaluation. Consideration is given to the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost; the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and our intent and ability to retain our investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. In analyzing an issuer's financial condition, we may consider whether the securities are issued by the federal government or its agencies, whether downgrades by bond rating agencies have occurred, and the results of reviews of the issuer's financial condition.

During the year ended December 31, 2005, we did not have any sales of investment securities resulting in any losses. For those investments in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2005, we have the intent and ability to hold them until maturity or full recovery of their market values.

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Deposits are our primary source to fund lending and investment activities. Our deposits consist of demand deposits, savings, money market, Super-Now and time deposits with various maturities. Total deposits were \$1.53 billion at December 31, 2005 compared to \$1.26 billion at December 31, 2004 and \$1.06 billion at December 31, 2003. Deposit increased \$270.5 million or 22% during 2005 and \$194.6 million or 18% during 2004.

The increase in deposits during 2005 was attributable to an increase in time deposits, particularly in time deposits of \$100 thousand or more (Jumbo CDs). Jumbo CDs increased \$307.5 million or 76% to \$714.6 million during 2005 from \$407.1 million during 2004. We experienced a significant deposit outflow from money market accounts after the announcement of the delinquent filing of our 2005 first quarter Form 10-Q and the Restatement. Throughout the year 2005, we experienced continued outflow from money market accounts due to our customers' desire for higher yielding time deposits. During 2005, we launched several deposit promotions by introducing new products such as the Prime CD which had a variable rate tied to the prime rate minus a spread ranging from 1.90% to 2.25%, adjusting quarterly and the Promo CD, which includes withdrawal and deposit features during the term of the deposit. As of December 31, 2005 we had approximately \$148.3 million in Prime CDs and \$298.0 million in Promo CDs at a weighted average cost of approximately 4.74% and 4.12%, respectively. At December 31, 2005, the weighted average cost of total time deposits was 4.09% and the weighted average cost of Jumbo CDs and non-jumbo CDs was 4.14% and 3.82%, respectively.

The increase in deposits during 2004 was mostly attributable to an increase in money market deposits and Jumbo CDs. Money market deposits increased \$188.6 million or 155% to \$310.2 million as of December 31, 2004 compared with \$121.6 million at December 31, 2003. Jumbo CDs increased \$58.5 million or 17% to \$407.1 million at December 31, 2004 compared with \$348.6 million at December 31, 2003. The increase in money market deposits was directly related to a limited bank-wide promotion of a new money market product, which was offered during the second quarter of 2004 to fund loan growth. This particular product featured a higher interest rate, similar to some time deposits, with some of the same features as other money market deposit products. This promotion was very successful throughout all our branches and especially in our new Rowland Heights branch, which opened in March of 2004.

Included in time deposits of \$848.0 million at December 31, 2005 were \$118.3 million in brokered deposits at December 31, 2005 compared with \$45.1 million at December 31, 2004 and \$60.0 million in California State Treasurer's deposits at December 31, 2005 compared with \$65.0 million at December 31, 2004. The California State Treasurer's deposits are subject to withdrawal based on the State's periodic evaluations.

Details of brokered and California State Treasurer's deposits as of December 31, 2005 are shown in the tables below (Dollars in thousands).

Brokered Deposits	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Rate
\$ 2,090	02/16/2001	02/16/06	5.90%
39,860	03/30/2005	03/30/06	3.73%
25,440	05/31/2005	05/31/06	3.93%
9,973	05/27/2005	11/27/06	4.13%
7,350	12/29/2004	12/29/06	3.50%
24,995	05/27/2005	05/29/07	4.23%
8,572	12/22/2004	12/21/2007	3.80%
\$ 118,280			3.94%

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State	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Rate
Deposits			
\$ 25,000	10/20/2005	01/19/2006	3.90%
20,000	08/03/2005	02/01/2006	3.78%
5,000	11/10/2005	02/09/2006	4.01%
10,000	11/17/2005	02/16/2006	4.04%
\$ 60,000			3.89%

Although our deposits vary with local and national economic conditions, we do not believe that our deposits are seasonal in nature. The following table sets forth information for the periods indicated the balances of our deposits by category.

	2005		December 31, 2004		2003	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Demand, non-interest bearing	\$ 371,943	24%	\$ 328,326	26%	\$ 325,647	31%
Demand, interest bearing	185,550	12%	323,477	26%	134,125	13%
Savings	120,948	8%	118,857	9%	157,503	14%
Time deposit of \$100,000 or more	714,636	47%	407,100	32%	348,647	33%
Other time deposits	133,409	9%	78,215	7%	95,493	9%
Total Deposits	\$ 1,526,486	100%	\$ 1,255,975	100%	\$ 1,061,415	100%

The following table indicates the maturity schedules of our time deposits, for the years indicated.

	2005		December 31, 2004		2003	
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Three months or less	\$ 295,048	35%	\$ 211,000	43%	\$ 195,444	44.0%
Over three months through six months	265,629	31%	135,623	28%	144,635	33%
Over six months through twelve months	251,972	30%	115,199	24%	99,031	22%
Over twelve months	35,396	4%	23,493	5%	5,030	1%
Total time deposits	\$ 848,045	100%	\$ 485,315	100%	\$ 444,140	100%

Other Borrowings*FHLB Advances*

From time to time we borrow from the FHLB of San Francisco as a supplemental source of funds. Borrowings must be secured by either mortgage loans or securities with a market value greater than the outstanding advances.

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The following table indicates our outstanding borrowings from FHLB at December 31, 2005 (Dollars in thousands).

FHLB Advances	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Rate
\$ 5,000	10/19/2000	10/19/2007	6.70%
8,000	12/30/2004	12/31/2007	3.65%
9,000	02/28/2005	02/28/2008	4.10%
4,000	04/29/2005	04/30/2008	4.10%
5,000	05/31/2005	06/02/2008	3.97%
\$ 31,000			4.38%

Subordinated Debentures

At December 31, 2005, five wholly owned subsidiary grantor trusts established by Nara Bancorp, Inc had issued \$38 million of pooled Trust Preferred Securities (trust preferred securities). Trust preferred securities accrue and pay distributions periodically at specified annual rates as provided in the indentures. The trusts used the net proceeds from the offering to purchase a like amount of Subordinated Debentures (the

Debentures) of Nara Bancorp. The Debentures are the sole assets of the trusts. Nara Bancorp's obligations under the Subordinated Debentures and related documents, taken together, constitute a full and unconditional guarantee by Nara Bancorp of the obligations of the trusts. The trust preferred securities are mandatorily redeemable upon the maturity of the Debentures, or upon earlier redemption as provided in the indentures. Nara Bancorp has the right to redeem the Debentures in whole (but not in part) on or after specific dates, at a redemption price specified in the indentures plus any accrued but unpaid interest to the redemption date.

With the adoption of FIN 46, Nara Bancorp deconsolidated the five grantor trusts. As a result, the subordinated debentures issued by Nara Bancorp to the grantor trusts, totaling \$39.3 million, are reflected in our consolidated statements of financial condition in the liabilities section at December 31, 2005 and 2004, under the caption subordinated debentures. We record interest expense on the corresponding subordinated debentures in the consolidated statements of income. The Bancorp also recorded \$2.1 million in other assets in the consolidated statements of financial condition at December 31, 2005 and 2004 for the common capital securities issued by the issuer trusts held by Nara Bancorp.

The following table summarizes our outstanding Subordinated Debentures related to the Trust Preferred Securities at December 31, 2005.

Trust Name	Issuance Date	Amount	Principal Balance of Debentures	Stated Maturity	Annualized Coupon Rate	Interest Distribution Dates
Nara Bancorp Capital Trust I	3/28/2001	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,400	6/8/2031	10.18%	June 8 and December 8
Nara Statutory Trust II	3/26/2002	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,248	3/26/2032	3 month LIBOR + 3.6%	Every 26 th of March, June, September and December
Nara Capital Trust III	6/5/2003	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,155	6/15/2033	3 month LIBOR + 3.15%	Every 15 th of March, June, September, and December
Nara Statutory Trust IV	12/22/2003	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,155	1/7/2034	3 month LIBOR + 2.85%	Every 7 th of January April, July and October
Nara Statutory Trust V	12/17/2003	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,310	12/1/2033	3 month LIBOR + 2.95%	Every 17 th of March, June, September and December
Total Trust		\$ 38,000	\$ 39,268			

The Subordinated Debentures are not redeemable prior to June 8, 2011 with respect to Nara Bancorp Capital Trust I, March 26, 2007 with respect to Nara Statutory Trust II, June 15, 2008 with respect to Nara Capital Trust III, January 7, 2009 with respect to Nara Statutory Trust IV, and December 17, 2008 with respect to Nara

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Statutory Trust V unless certain events have occurred. During March of 2004 and November of 2002, \$20 million in total, \$10 million each, of the total proceeds from the issuance of the Trust Securities was injected into Nara Bank, as permanent capital.

Capital Resources

Historically, our primary source of capital has been the retention of operating earnings. Our management is committed to maintaining capital at a level sufficient to assure our stockholders, our customers, and our regulators that our company and our bank subsidiary are financially sound. In order to ensure such commitment, our management performs ongoing assessments of projected sources and uses of capital in conjunction with projected increases in assets and levels of risks. We have considered, and we will continue to consider, additional sources of capital as the needs arise, whether through the issuance of additional stock, debt or otherwise. However, we may not, without prior consent of the Reserve Bank, declare any dividends or issue any trust preferred securities. See Part I, Memorandum of Understanding for detail information.

Our total stockholders' equity was \$146.8 million at December 31, 2005 compared to \$101.3 million at December 31, 2004 and \$82.6 million at December 31, 2003. This was an increase of \$45.5 million or 45% for 2005 and \$18.7 million or 23% for 2004. At December 31, 2005, our Tier I Capital, defined as stockholders' equity less intangible assets, plus proceeds from the Trust Preferred Securities, was \$183.8 million compared to \$127.0 million at December 31, 2004. This increase was due to the net income of \$26.9 million, sale of \$20.0 million common stock to our Chairman of the Board of Directors, proceeds of \$2.5 million from stock options exercised and inclusion of remaining \$6.4 million of Trust Preferred securities as Tier I Capital offset by cash dividends of \$2.7 million. At December 31, 2005 Nara Bancorp's total capital to total risk-weighted assets ratio was 12.9% and Tier I Capital to total risk weighted assets ratio was 11.8%. Nara Bancorp's Tier I leverage ratio was 10.2% at December 31, 2005. The Bank's total capital to total risk-weighted assets ratio was 12.4%, the Tier I leverage ratio was 9.8% at December 31, 2005.

At December 31, 2004, our Tier I Capital, defined as stockholders' equity less intangible assets, plus proceeds from the Trust Preferred Securities (subject to limitations), was \$127.0 million compared to \$101.0 million at December 31, 2003. This increase was primarily due to the net income of \$19.8 million and proceeds of \$1.1 million from stock options exercised by our employees and directors partially offset by quarterly declarations of cash dividends of \$2.5 million. At December 31, 2004 Nara Bancorp's total capital to total risk-weighted assets ratio was 11.3% and Tier I Capital to total risk weighted assets ratio was 9.7%. Nara Bancorp's Tier I leverage ratio was 8.9% at December 31, 2004. The Bank's total capital to total risk-weighted assets ratio was 11.0%, the Tier I Capital to total risk weighted assets ratio was 9.9%, and the Tier I leverage ratio was 9.1% at December 31, 2004.

The following tables compare Nara Bancorp's and the Bank's actual capital at December 31, 2005 to those required by our regulatory agencies for capital adequacy classification purposes:

	As of December 31, 2005 (Dollars in thousands)					
	Actual		Required		Excess	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
Nara Bancorp, Inc						
Tier 1 capital to total assets	\$ 182,483	10.2%	\$ 71,402	4.0%	\$ 111,081	6.2%
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	\$ 182,483	11.8%	\$ 62,024	4.0%	\$ 120,459	7.8%
Total risk-based capital ratio	\$ 200,100	12.9%	\$ 124,047	8.0%	\$ 76,053	4.9%

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	As of December 31, 2005 (Dollars in thousands)					
	Actual		Required		Excess	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
Nara Bank						
Tier I capital to total assets	\$ 174,379	9.8%	\$ 71,189	4.0%	\$ 103,190	5.8%
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	\$ 174,379	11.3%	\$ 61,940	4.0%	\$ 112,439	7.3%
Total risk-based capital ratio	\$ 191,996	12.4%	\$ 123,879	8.0%	\$ 68,117	4.4%

Liquidity Management

Liquidity risk is the risk to earnings or capital resulting from our inability to meet our obligations when they come due without incurring unacceptable losses. Liquidity risk includes the ability to manage unplanned decreases or changes in funding sources and to recognize or address changes in market conditions that affect our ability to liquidate assets quickly and with minimum loss of value. Factors considered in liquidity risk management are the stability of the deposit base; marketability, maturity, and pledging of investments; availability of alternative sources of funds; and the demand for credit.

The objective of our liquidity management is to have funds available to meet cash flow requirements arising from fluctuations in deposit levels and demands of daily operations, which include funding of securities purchases, providing for customers' credit needs and ongoing repayment of borrowings. See Part I, Memorandum of Understanding for detail information on any restrictions or requirements for borrowings and debts.

Our liquidity is actively managed on a daily basis and reviewed periodically by our Asset/Liability Committee and the Board of Directors. This process is intended to ensure the maintenance of sufficient funds to meet our liquidity needs, including adequate cash flow for off-balance-sheet instruments. In general, our liquidity is managed daily by controlling the level of federal funds and the funds provided by cash flow from the investment portfolio. To meet unexpected demands, lines of credit are maintained with correspondent banks, the Federal Home Loan Bank and the Federal Reserve Bank. The sale of investment securities can also serve as a contingent source of funds.

Our primary sources of liquidity are derived from financing activities, which include customer and broker deposits, federal funds facilities, and advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco. These funding sources are augmented by payments of principal and interest on loans and the routine liquidation of securities from our available-for-sale portfolio. Primary uses of funds include withdrawal of and interest payments on deposits, originations of loans, purchases of investment securities, and payment of operating expenses.

Net cash inflow from operating activities totaled \$28.9 million, \$24.5 million and \$14.9 million during 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Net cash inflow from operating activities for the year 2005 and 2004 is primarily attributable to net income earned during the year. In addition, increases in other assets contributed to operating cash outflows in 2003.

Net cash outflows for investing activities totaled (\$268.9) million, (\$244.0) million and (\$231.9) million during 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Net cash outflows for investing activities for those periods are attributable primarily to the growth in our loan portfolio and purchases of securities. These activities were partially offset by cash received from acquisitions, payments of principal and interest on loans, maturities, payments and net sales proceeds from investment securities available-for-sale.

Net cash inflows from financing activities totaled \$230.8 million, \$223.3 million and \$183.7 million during 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Net cash inflows from financing activities for those periods were attributable primarily to growth in deposits, proceeds from exercises of stock options, and net proceeds from issuance of

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Subordinated Debentures in 2003. In addition, proceeds from issuance of common stock in 2005 and proceeds from FHLB borrowings in 2004 contributed to financing cash inflows.

When we have more funds than required for our reserve requirements or short-term liquidity needs, we sell federal funds to other financial institutions. Conversely, when we have less funds than required, we may borrow funds from both our correspondent banks, the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco and the Federal Reserve Bank. The maximum amount that we currently are authorized to borrow from our correspondent banks is \$68.0 million on an overnight basis. The Federal Home Loan Bank System functions in a reserve credit capacity for qualifying financial institutions. As a member, we are required to own capital stock in the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (FHLBSF) and may apply for advances from the FHLB utilizing as collateral, qualifying mortgage loans and certain securities as collateral for these advances.

The FHLBSF offers a full range of borrowing programs on its advances with terms ranging from one day to thirty years at competitive market rates. A prepayment penalty is usually imposed for early repayment of these advances. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, we had \$31.0 million and \$90.0 million of advances outstanding from Federal Home Loan Bank, respectively. Information concerning FHLB borrowings is included in Note 7 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statement.

As a member of the Federal Reserve Bank (FRB), we may also borrow from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. The maximum amount that we may borrow from the FRB discount window is 98% of the market value of the securities that are pledged. At December 31, 2005, the par value of the securities that we have pledged for this purpose was \$2.0 million.

At times we maintain a portion of our liquid assets in interest-bearing cash deposits with other banks, in overnight federal funds sold to other banks, and in investment securities available-for-sale that are not pledged. Our liquid assets consisting of cash and cash equivalent, interest-bearing cash deposits with other banks, overnight federal funds sold to other banks, and in investment securities available-for-sale that are not pledged were \$142.5 million at December 31, 2005 compared to \$110.4 million at December 31, 2004 and \$95.0 million at December 31, 2003. At December 31, 2005, cash and cash equivalents, including federal funds sold, totaled \$66.0 million compared to \$75.2 million at December 31, 2004 and \$76.4 million at December 31, 2003.

Because our primary sources and uses of funds are deposits and loans, the relationship between gross loans and total deposits provides a useful measure of our liquidity. Typically, the closer the ratio of loans to deposits is to 100%, the more we rely on borrowings and repayments from our loan portfolio to provide short-term liquidity. Because repayment of principal on loans tends to be less predictable than the maturity of investments and other liquid resources, the higher the loan to deposit ratio, the less liquid are our assets. However, alternative sources of funds such as FHLB advances and brokered deposits provide liquidity as needed from liability sources, and are utilized depending upon our asset/liability management strategy. For 2005, our gross loan to deposit ratio averaged 93%, compared to an average ratio of 95% for 2004 and an average ratio of 94% for 2003. As of December 31, 2005, we were not aware of any information that would have a material adverse effect on our liquidity position.

Off-Balance-Sheet Activities and Contractual Obligations

The Bank routinely engages in activities that involve, to varying degrees, elements of risk that are not reflected, in whole or in part, in the consolidated financial statements. These activities are part of our normal course of business and include traditional off-balance-sheet credit-related financial instruments, interest rate swap contracts, operating leases and long-term debt.

Traditional off-balance-sheet credit-related financial instruments are primarily commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit. These activities could require us to make cash payments to third parties in the event certain specified future events occur. The contractual amounts represent the extent of our exposure in these

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off-balance-sheet activities. However, since certain off-balance-sheet commitments, particularly standby letters of credit, are expected to expire or be only partially used, the total amount of commitments does not necessarily represent future cash requirements. These activities are necessary to meet the financing needs of our customers.

The Bank also enters into interest rate swap contracts where we are required to either receive cash from or pay cash to counterparties depending on changes in interest rates. We utilize interest rate swap contracts to help manage the risk of changing interest rates. Our accounting for interest rate swap contracts is discussed below under Item 7A.

We do not anticipate that our current off-balance-sheet activities will have a material impact on future results of operations and financial condition. Further information regarding our financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk can be found in Note 12 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and in Item 7A Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures of Market Risks.

We continue to lease our banking facilities and equipment under non-cancelable operating leases with terms providing monthly payments over periods up to 30 years. Our facility lease obligations are discussed under Item 2 Properties And in Note 12 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

The following table shows our contractual obligations and commitments as of December 31, 2005.

	Total	Payments due by period			Over 5 years
		Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	
Contractual Obligations and Commitments					
Time Deposits	\$ 848,045	\$ 812,649	\$ 35,112	\$ 284	\$
Subordinated Debentures	39,268				39,268
Federal Home Loan Bank Borrowings	31,000		31,000		
Operating Lease Obligations	42,380	5,570	9,386	7,766	19,658
Unused commitments to extend credit	199,968	188,066	6,998	4,904	
Standby letters of credit	14,077	14,077			
Other commercial letters of credit	25,858	25,858			
Total	\$ 1,200,596	\$ 1,046,220	\$ 82,496	\$ 12,954	\$ 58,926

Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISKS

The objective of our asset and liability management activities is to improve our earnings by adjusting the type and mix of assets and liabilities to effectively address changing condition and risks. Through overall management of our balance sheet and by controlling various risks, we seek to optimize our financial returns within safe and sound parameters. Our operating strategies for attaining this objective include managing our net interest margin through appropriate risk/return pricing of assets and liabilities and emphasizing growth in retail deposits, as a percentage of interest-bearing liabilities, to reduce our cost of funds. We also seek to improve earnings by controlling non-interest expense, and enhancing non-interest income. We also use risk management instruments to modify interest rate characteristics of certain assets and liabilities to hedge against our exposure to interest rate fluctuations, reducing the effects these fluctuations might have on associated cash flows or values. Finally, we perform periodic internal analyses to measure, evaluate and monitor market risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the most significant market risk impacting us. Market risk is the risk of loss to future earnings, to the fair value of our assets and liabilities, or to future cash flows that may result from changes in the

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price of a financial instrument. Interest rate risk occurs when interest rate sensitive assets and liabilities do not reprice simultaneously and in equal volume. A key objective of our asset and liability management is to manage interest rate risk associated with changing asset and liability cash flows, values of our assets and liabilities, and market interest rate movements. The management of our interest rate risk is governed by policies reviewed and approved annually by the Board of Directors of the Bank. The Board delegates responsibility for interest rate risk management to the Asset and Liability Management Committee (ALCO), which is composed of the Bank's senior executives and other designated officers.

The fundamental objective of our ALCO is to manage our exposure to interest rate fluctuations while maintaining adequate levels of liquidity and capital. ALCO meets regularly to monitor the interest rate risk, the sensitivity of our assets and liabilities to interest rate changes, the book and market values of assets and liabilities, investment activities and directs changes in the composition of the statement of financial condition. Our strategy has been to reduce the sensitivity of our earnings to interest rate fluctuations by more closely matching the effective maturities or repricing characteristics of our assets and liabilities. Certain assets and liabilities, however, may react in different degrees to changes in market interest rates. Further, interest rates on certain types of assets and liabilities may fluctuate prior to changes in market interest rates, while interest rates on other types may lag behind. We consider the anticipated effects of these factors when implementing our interest rate risk management objectives.

Swaps

As part of our asset and liability management strategy, we may enter into derivative financial instruments, such as interest rate swaps, with the overall goal of minimizing the impact of interest rate fluctuations on our net interest margin. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange of fixed-rate and variable-rate interest payment obligations without the exchange of the underlying notional amounts. During 2002, we entered into eight different interest rate swap agreements, six of which remain and are summarized in the table below.

Under the interest rate swap agreements, we receive a fixed rate and pay a variable rate based on H.15 Prime. The swaps qualify as cash flow hedges under SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, as amended, and are designated as hedges of the variability of cash flows we receive from certain of our Prime-indexed loans. In accordance with SFAS No. 133, these swap agreements are measured at fair value and reported as assets or liabilities on the consolidated statements of financial condition. The portion of the change in the fair value of the swaps that is deemed effective in hedging the cash flows of the designated assets are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax effects (OCI) and reclassified into interest income when such cash flows occur in the future. Any ineffectiveness resulting from the hedges is recorded as a gain or loss in the consolidated statements of income as a part of non-interest income.

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Interest rate swap information at December 31, 2005 and 2004 is summarized as follows:

Current Notional Amount	Floating Rate	Fixed Rate	Maturity Date (Dollars in thousands)	2005		2004	
				Fair Value	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain (Loss)
20,000	H.15 Prime ¹	7.59%	4/30/2007	(32)	(32)	553	430
20,000	H.15 Prime ¹	6.09%	10/09/2007	(558)	(558)	(197)	(197)
20,000	H.15 Prime ¹	6.58%	10/09/2009	(805)	(805)	(211)	(211)
20,000	H.15 Prime ¹	7.03%	10/09/2012	(918)	(918)	(253)	(253)
10,000	H.15 Prime ¹	6.32%	12/17/2007	(264)	(264)	(52)	(52)
10,000	H.15 Prime ¹	6.83%	12/17/2009	(331)	(331)	(7)	(7)
N/A	H.15 Prime ¹	6.95%	4/19/2005			94	76
N/A	H.15 Prime ¹	5.60%	12/17/2005			(76)	(76)
\$100,000				\$ (2,908)	\$ (2,908)	\$ (149)	\$ (290)

⁽¹⁾ Prime rate is based on Federal Reserve statistical release H.15

The realized gain or (loss) on interest rate swaps due to hedge ineffectiveness was \$(141) thousand, \$(382) thousand and \$80 thousand for 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Interest income recorded on swap transactions totaled \$472 thousand, \$3.1 million and \$3.4 million for 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. At December 31, 2005, we pledged to the interest rate swap counterparties as collateral agency securities with a book value of \$1.0 million and real estate loans of \$6.7 million.

Interest Rate Sensitivity

Our monitoring activities related to managing interest rate risk include both interest rate sensitivity gap analysis and the use of a simulation model. While traditional gap analysis provides a simple picture of the interest rate risk embedded in the statement of financial condition, it provides only a static view of interest rate sensitivity at a specific point in time and does not measure the potential volatility in forecasted results relating to changes in market interest rates over time. Accordingly, we combine the use of gap analysis with the use of a simulation model, which provides a dynamic assessment of interest rate sensitivity.

The interest rate sensitivity gap is defined as the difference between the amount of interest-earning assets anticipated to reprice within a specific time period and the amount of interest-bearing liabilities anticipated to reprice within that same time period. A gap is considered positive when the amount of interest rate sensitive assets repricing within a specific time period exceeds the amount of interest-bearing liabilities repricing within that same time period. A positive cumulative gap suggest that earnings will increase when interest rates rise and decrease when interest rates fall. A Negative cumulative gap suggest that earnings will increase when interest rates fall and decrease when interest rates rise.

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The following table illustrates our combined asset and liability repricing as of December 31, 2005:

	90 Days Or Less	Over 90 Days to 365 Days	1-5 Years	Over 5 Yrs	Total
(Dollars in thousands)					
Total Investments*	\$ 47,008	\$ 19,736	\$ 130,767	\$ 26,660	\$ 224,171
Total Loans, including loans held for sale	1,252,941	24,388	137,968	50,349	1,465,646
Rate Sensitive Assets	1,299,949	\$ 44,124	\$ 268,735	\$ 77,009	\$ 1,689,817
Deposits:					
Time Certificates of Deposit of \$100,000 or more	\$ 333,184	\$ 346,689	\$ 34,763	\$	\$ 714,636
Time Certificates of Deposit under \$100,000	45,558	87,218	633		133,409
Money Market	175,000				175,000
Now Accounts	10,550				10,550
Savings deposits	120,948				120,948
Other liabilities:					
FHLB Borrowings			31,000		31,000
Subordinated Debentures				39,268	39,268
Rate Sensitive Liabilities	\$ 685,240	\$ 433,907	\$ 66,396	\$ 39,268	\$ 1,224,811
Interest Rate Swap	\$ (100,000)	\$	\$ 80,000	\$ 20,000	\$
Net Gap Position	\$ 514,709	\$ (389,783)	\$ 282,339	\$ 57,741	\$ 465,006
Net Cumulative Gap Position	\$ 514,709	\$ 124,926	\$ 407,265	\$ 465,006	

* Includes investment securities, federal funds sold, FRB stock, FHLB stocks, and interest bearing deposits with other financial institutions. The simulation model discussed above also provides our ALCO with the ability to simulate our net interest income. In order to measure, at December 31, 2005, the sensitivity of our forecasted net interest income to changing interest rates, both in rising and falling interest rate scenarios were projected and compared to base market interest rate forecasts. One application of our simulation model measures the impact of market interest rate changes on the net present value of estimated cash flows from our assets and liabilities, defined as our market value of equity. This analysis assesses the changes in market values of interest rate sensitive financial instruments that would occur in response to an instantaneous and sustained increase in market interest rates.

At December 31, 2005, our net interest income and market value of equity exposure related to these hypothetical changes in market interest rates are illustrated in the following table.

Simulated Rate Changes	Estimated Net Interest Income Sensitivity	Market Value Of Equity Volatility
+ 200 basis points	13.55%	2.71%
- 200 basis points	(13.67)%	(5.10)%
+ 100 basis points	7.14%	1.46%
- 100 basis points	(6.44)%	(1.95)%

The estimated sensitivity does not necessarily represent our forecast and the results may not be indicative of actual changes to our net interest income. These estimates are based upon a number of assumptions including: the nature and timing of interest rate levels including yield curve shape, prepayment on loans and securities, pricing strategies on loans and deposits, and replacement of asset and liability cash flows. While the assumptions used are based on current economic and local market conditions, there is no assurance as to the predictive nature of these conditions including how customer preferences or competitor influences may change.

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Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The Consolidated Financial Statements, together with the reports thereon of Crowe Chizek and Company LLP begin at page F-1 of this Report and are incorporated herein by reference and contain the following:

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition as of December 31, 2005 and 2004

Consolidated Statements of Income for the Years Ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the Years Ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Years Ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for the Years Ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003

See Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules for financial statements filed as a part of this Report.

Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None

Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

a. Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

We conducted an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of December 31, 2005. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer determined that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that material information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported as and when required. The consolidated financial statements were prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and include amounts based on management's best estimates and judgments.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, which is composed solely of independent directors, meets regularly with our independent registered public accounting firm, Crowe Chizek and Company LLP, and representatives of management to review accounting, financial reporting, internal control and audit matters, as well as the nature and extent of the audit effort. The Audit Committee is responsible for the engagement of the independent auditors. The independent auditors have free access to the Audit Committee.

b. Report on Management's Assessment of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

(i) Management's responsibility for financial statements

Our management is responsible for the integrity and objectivity of all information presented in this report. Management believes the consolidated financial statements fairly reflect the form and substance of transactions and that the financial statements fairly represent the Company's financial position and results of operations for the periods and as of the dates stated therein.

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(ii) Management's Assessment of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The management of Nara Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the Company as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act. This system is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and the directors of the Company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, a system of internal control over financial reporting can provide only reasonable assurance and may not prevent or detect misstatements. Further, because of changes in conditions, effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting may vary over time.

With the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the system of internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework*, published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on this evaluation, management determined that the Company's system of internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2005.

The Company's independent auditors, Crowe Chizek and Company LLP, have issued an attestation report on management's assessment of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ HO YANG
Ho Yang

/s/ ALVIN D. KANG
Alvin D. Kang

President and Chief Executive Officer

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Los Angeles, California

Los Angeles, California

March 14, 2006

March 14, 2006

c. Evaluation of Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no significant changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting or in other factors in the fourth quarter of 2005 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

d. Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The report is contained on page F-2 of the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

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The next table provides certain information with respect to our board of directors and our executives. Nara Bancorp knows of no arrangements, including any pledge by any person of Nara Bancorp's securities, the operation of which may result in a change in control of Nara Bancorp at a subsequent date. There are no arrangements or understandings by which any of the directors or executive officers of Nara Bancorp were selected. There is no family relationship between any of the directors or executive officers, except for directors Messrs. Jesun Paik and Ki Suh Park, who are brothers-in-law.

Name	Age	Experience	Position with registrant	Year first elected to board
Dr. Chong-Moon Lee	77	Dr. Lee serves as the chairman of Nara Bancorp, Inc. and Nara Bank. Dr. Lee is also chairman of the Executive and Compensation Committees and member of the Nomination and Governance Committee of Nara Bancorp, Inc. In 1982, Dr. Lee founded Diamond Multimedia Systems and took the company public in 1995. Dr. Lee presently holds the following positions: chairman of AmBex Venture Group, a venture capital company located in Silicon Valley; member of the board of directors of Interpols Inc., an internet advertising company; and Advisory Board member of Stanford Technology Venture Program (STVP) of Stanford University. Dr. Lee also serves as a Chaired Professor Emeritus of Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST). In addition, Dr. Lee is an active philanthropist, and serves as a Trustee for the Asia Society, the Asian Art Museum, and the Asia Foundation. In 1999, Dr. Lee was awarded the Order of Civil Merit from the Korean government, the highest honor conferred to a civilian and in 2005, Dr. Lee was awarded the Outstanding Asian American Entrepreneur Award from the Asia Society.	Director	2003
Ho Yang	62	Mr. Yang served as President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director of Nara Bancorp, Inc. and Nara Bank since February 4, 2005 and will continue to serve in those capacities until March 15, 2006. Mr. Yang is also a member of the Loan Committee and the Risk Management Committee of Nara Bank. Prior to joining Nara Bank, Mr. Yang worked for The Bank of New York from November 1989 to December 2004. While at The Bank of New York, he served as Managing Director and Regional Manager for the Korea-Japan region and later as Regional Manager, Korea Division. Prior to his time at The Bank of New York, Mr. Yang held senior positions with numerous financial institutions, including the Irving Trust Company, Midland Bank PLC, Crocker National Bank, and Chase Manhattan Bank.	Director and President & Chief Executive Officer	2005

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Name	Age	Experience	Position with registrant	Year first elected to board
Ki Suh Park	74	<p>Mr. Park is a member of the Board of Directors of Nara Bancorp, Inc. and Nara Bank. He is the chairman of the Nomination and Governance Committee and a member of the Executive, Compensation and Audit Committees of Nara Bancorp, Inc. Mr. Park is also the chairman of the Joint Compliance Committee of Nara Bancorp, Inc. and Nara Bank. Mr. Park is an architect and a city planner and has served since 1981 as the Design and Managing Partner (CEO) of Gruen Associates, a Los Angeles-based architecture, planning and interior design firm established in 1946. Mr. Park joined the firm in 1961 and had held many executive positions before becoming a Partner in 1972. His projects include the Koreatown Plaza; the Los Angeles Convention Center Expansion; the Daehan Kyoyuk Insurance Company Headquarters Tower in Seoul, Korea; Citibank and PT Bank Mandiri Towers, Jakarta, Indonesia; the Louis Vuitton Stores in Beverly Hills, South Coast Plaza, San Francisco and Mexico City; the Munger Science Center at the Harvard-Westlake School; the Center for Early Education, West Hollywood; the Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, Costa Mesa; the L.A. Open Door Presbyterian Church; the Los Angeles to Pasadena MTA Gold Line; and the Location and Design of the I-105 (Century) Freeway. Mr. Park is the chairman of the Korean American Museum and the former chairman of the Korean American Coalition and the Citizens Advisory Committee for Transportation Quality for the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. He is a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects and American Institute of Certified Planners, as well as an Honorary Fellow in the Korean Institute of Architects. He is an Adjunct Professor at the School of Architecture at the University of Hawaii. He serves on the Boards of a number of non-profit organizations including the Harvard-Westlake School, the California Community Foundation, the Public Policy Institute of California, the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.</p>	Director	2001

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Name	Age	Experience	Position with registrant	Year first elected to board
Jesun Paik	69	Mr. Paik serves as a member of Nara Bank and Nara Bancorp, Inc. board of directors. He serves as chair of the Audit Committee, as well as a member of the Compensation Committee and the Nomination and Governance Committee of Nara Bancorp, Inc. Mr. Paik is also a member of the Joint Compliance Committee of Nara Bancorp, Inc. and Nara Bank. Mr. Paik has held senior positions with numerous financial institutions over a more-than-40-year career. Since 2002, Mr. Paik has served as Executive Vice President of Robb Evans & Associates, a financial consulting company. He was formerly Executive Vice President and Senior Advisor of the Americas Division of The Sakura Bank, Ltd. in New York City since 1989, and concurrently since 1992, vice chairman of the Board of Manufacturer's Bank (Mr. Paik retired from both positions in 2001). Mr. Paik is qualified as an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of the SEC regulations and the board of directors has determined that he has accounting and related financial management expertise within the meaning of the listing standards of the NASDAQ National Market.	Director	2001
John H. Park	58	Mr. Park serves as a member of the Nara Bancorp, Inc. board of directors, where he is member of the Executive, Audit, and Nomination and Governance, Committees. Mr. Park is also a member of the Joint Compliance Committee of Nara Bancorp, Inc. and Nara Bank. Mr. Park also serves as a member of the Nara Bank board of directors, where he is chairman of the Audit Committee, Loan Committee and Risk Management Committee and where he is a member of the Investment Committee. Mr. Park was President and CEO of B.B. World Corporation, from 1978 to 2001, President and CEO of Showroom 3 Inc., from 1985 to 2001, and owner of Royal Accessories from 1990 to 2001. Since 2001, Mr. Park has been President of ABI USA Sales Corp, an import/export company, and since 2003, President of BB Imex Corporation.	Director	2002

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Name	Age	Experience	Position with registrant	Year first elected to board
Yong H. Kim	64	Mr. Kim serves as a member of Nara Bancorp, Inc., where he is a member of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and Nomination and Governance Committee. Mr. Kim also serves as a member of Nara Bank, where he is chairman of the Personnel Committee, as well as a member of the Investment Committee, the Loan Committee, and the Risk Management Committee. Mr. Kim has served as President and CEO of KOAMEX Wholesale, Inc. since 1978 concurrently with his position as President and CEO of Major Wholesale Inc. since 1991. He is also chairman for the business organizations YH Trading Inc. and Ontario Cash & Carry Wholesale Inc. Mr. Kim is also a member, director and prior chairman of the Los Angeles Central Lions Club, and a member of the Advisory Council on Democratic and Peaceful Unification of Korea, Los Angeles Chapter, from 1997 to June 2005, for which he also served as an Advisor from 2003 to 2005.	Director	2002
Howard Gould	56	Mr. Gould serves as a director of Nara Bancorp, Inc. and Nara Bank. Mr. Gould is chairman of the Transition Committee of the Bank Board. Mr. Gould also currently serves as Vice Chairman of Carpenter and Company. Mr. Gould is former Vice Chairman of The Bank of the West and United California Bank. He served as the top domestic executive and Chief Operating Officer of United California Bank and its predecessor, Sanwa Bank of California, from 1992 to 2002. From 2002 to 2003, he served as Vice Chairman of The Bank of the West. In 2004 and 2005, he served as California Commissioner of Financial Institutions under Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. He also served as State Superintendent of Banking under Gov. George Deukmejian. Mr. Gould began his banking career in the early 1970s at Bank of America.	Director	2006
Min J. Kim	46	Ms. Kim has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Nara Bank since October 2003. Ms. Kim has served in the capacities of Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer for Nara Bank from January of 2000 to October 2003. Ms. Kim served Nara Bank as a Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Administrator from 1996 to 1999. Prior to joining Nara Bank in 1995, Ms. Kim served as Vice President and Manager of the Western Branch of Hanmi Bank in Los Angeles from 1992 to 1995 and in other positions with Hanmi Bank prior to 1992.	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	

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Name	Age	Experience	Position with registrant	Year first elected to board
Alvin D. Kang	61	Mr. Kang joined Nara Bank and Nara Bancorp, Inc., as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer on July 28, 2005. Prior to joining Nara Bank, Mr. Kang served as Executive Vice President, Chief Operating and Chief Financial Officer for Broadway Federal Bank and Chief Financial Officer of Broadway Financial Corporation since 2001. Mr. Kang has also held a senior position at an investment banking and consulting firm, as well as serving as an audit partner at KPMG LLP and at Ernst & Young LLP. Mr. Kang worked with KPMG LLP for 26 years during which time he served as lead partner of the Asian Business Group and as lead partner on audits of major financial institutions in Los Angeles including Home Savings, Glendale Federal, Coast Savings, and First Federal Bank of Santa Monica.	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	
Bonita Lee	42	Ms. Lee has served as Executive Vice President of Nara Bank since April 13, 2005 and Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer of Nara Bank since November 2003. Ms. Lee also served Nara Bank as Senior Vice President and Credit Administrator from February 2000 to October 2003 and as Vice President and Credit Administrator from 1993 to 2000. Prior to joining Nara Bank in November 1993, Ms. Lee served in various lending positions with California Center Bank in Los Angeles from 1989 to 1993.	Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer	

None of the directors or officers of Nara Bancorp serves as a director of any company which has a class of securities registered under, or which is subject to the periodic reporting requirements of, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (referred to as the Exchange Act), requires our directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than 10% of our equity securities, to file reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of common stock with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Prior to the completion of our reorganization in February 2001, these reports were filed with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. The Exchange Act requires officers, directors and greater than 10% stockholders to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

To our knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of such forms and certifications furnished to us, we believe that all of our directors and executive officers complied with all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to them during the 2005 fiscal year, except for Nara Bank and Nara Bancorp, Inc. senior officer Christine Y. Oh, who filed a Form 3 late in connection with shares of Nara Bancorp, Inc. common stock that she exercised prior to becoming an insider of the corporation and incentive stock options that she was granted prior to becoming an insider of the corporation.

Certain Legal Proceedings: To our knowledge, based solely on a review of certifications furnished to us, we do not believe that any of our directors or executive officers has been involved in any legal proceeding that would affect the ability or the integrity of the person to become a director or executive officer.

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Audit Committee Financial Expert: The chairman of the Audit Committee, Mr. Jesun Paik, is qualified as an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of the SEC regulations and the board of directors has determined that he has accounting and related financial management expertise within the meaning of the listing standards of the Nasdaq National Market. Mr. Paik is independent, as such term is used in Item 7(d)(3)(iv) of Schedule 14A under the Exchange Act.

The Audit Committee: The Audit Committee of Nara Bancorp consists of Director Jesun Paik as chairman, and Directors Ki Suh Park, Yong H. Kim and John H. Park, and operates under a written charter adopted by the board of directors.

Nomination to the Board by Securities Holder: Since last year, there have been no material changes to the procedures by which security holders may recommend nominees to Nara Bancorp's board of directors.

Code of Ethics: We have adopted the Nara Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all officers, directors and employees. The Nara Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on our website at www.narabank.com. If we make any substantive amendments to the Nara Code of Business Conduct and Ethics or grant any waiver from a material provision of the Code to any executive officer or director, we will promptly disclose the nature of the amendment or waiver on our website.

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The following table sets forth summary information regarding compensation earned by (i) the two individuals who served as our chief executive officer during fiscal year 2005; (ii) each of our other most highly compensated executive officers employed by us as of December 31, 2005 whose salary and bonus for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 was in excess of \$100,000 for their services rendered in all capacities to us; and (iii) one additional individual for whom disclosure would be required to be provided but for the fact that the individual was not serving as an executive officer at December 31, 2005. The listed individuals are referred to as the Named Executive Officers.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and principal position	Year	Annual compensation ⁽¹⁾			Restricted stock awards	Long term compensation		All other compensation ⁽⁶⁾
		Salary	Bonus ⁽⁴⁾	Other annual compensation		Awards	Payouts	
						Securities underlying options/ SARs	LTIP payouts	
Ho Yang	2005	\$ 252,083	\$ 275,000	\$ 0	N/A	120,000 ⁽⁵⁾	N/A	\$ 3,359
Chief Executive Officer ⁽⁷⁾								
Benjamin Hong	2005	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 9,000 ⁽²⁾	N/A	0	N/A	\$ 0
	2004	\$ 0	\$ 742,201 ⁽⁹⁾	\$ 69,423 ⁽²⁾	N/A	0	N/A	\$ 0
Former Chief Executive Officer ⁽⁸⁾	2003	\$ 129,795	\$ 1,189,169	\$ 28,745 ⁽²⁾	N/A	120,000 ⁽⁵⁾	N/A	\$ 5,192
Min J. Kim	2005	\$ 139,019	\$ 148,008	\$ 9,600 ⁽³⁾	N/A	0	N/A	\$ 5,118
	2004	\$ 136,950	\$ 112,660	\$ 8,400 ⁽³⁾	N/A	0	N/A	\$ 5,087
Chief Operating Officer	2003	\$ 129,061	\$ 118,200	\$ 8,400 ⁽³⁾	N/A	120,000 ⁽⁵⁾	N/A	\$ 4,517
Alvin D. Kang	2005	\$ 97,603	\$ 60,000	\$ 4,500 ⁽³⁾	N/A	80,000 ⁽⁵⁾	N/A	\$ 0
Chief Financial Officer ⁽¹⁰⁾								
Bonita Lee	2005	\$ 121,354	\$ 145,000	\$ 9,600 ⁽³⁾	N/A	40,000 ⁽⁵⁾	N/A	\$ 4,628
	2004	\$ 101,311	\$ 81,666	\$ 8,400 ⁽³⁾	N/A	0	N/A	\$ 4,518
Chief Credit Officer of Nara Bank	2003	\$ 85,962	\$ 62,842	\$ 8,400 ⁽³⁾	N/A	40,000 ⁽⁵⁾	N/A	\$ 3,886
Christine Oh	2005	\$ 101,563	\$ 100,625	\$ 8,400 ⁽³⁾	N/A	0	N/A	\$ 4,605
	2004	\$ 92,812	\$ 58,625	\$ 8,400 ⁽³⁾	N/A	0	N/A	\$ 4,062
Controller and Former Acting Chief Financial Officer ⁽¹¹⁾	2003	\$ 70,760	\$ 42,750	\$ 7,350 ⁽³⁾	N/A	40,000 ⁽⁵⁾	N/A	\$ 3,129

(1) We furnish and plan to continue to furnish to certain officers the use of company-owned automobiles, which are used primarily for business purposes. We have provided and intend to continue to provide certain officers with certain specified life and medical insurance benefits. Because portions of automobile expenses, club membership fees, meal allowances, insurance premiums attributable to personal use, and other perquisites did not exceed the lesser of \$50,000 or ten percent (10%) of the total annual salary reported in the table per individual, such amounts have not been included in the foregoing figures.

(2) Represents fees received or deferred for services as a director of Nara Bank from 2003 through 2005 and also includes health insurance premiums paid on behalf of Mr. Hong in 2004.

(3) Represents automobile allowance.

(4) The amounts shown are for services rendered during the year indicated, but were typically paid in the subsequent year.

(5) Stock options granted under the Nara Bancorp, Inc. 2001 Nara Bank 2000 Continuation Long Term Incentive Plan.

(6) Represents 401K matching of up to 4% of gross base salary and imputed value of split dollar life insurance agreements.

(7) Mr. Yang commenced his employment as Nara Bancorp's President and Chief Executive Officer on February 4, 2005 and resigned effective March 15, 2006.

(8) Mr. Hong resigned as Nara Bancorp's President and Chief Executive Officer effective February 4, 2005.

(9) Represents compensation which has been accrued by the Company for bonus payable to Mr. Hong. Such amount has not been paid to Mr. Hong and may be withheld by the Company due to legal requirements arising out of the recent restatement.

(10) Mr. Kang commenced his employment as Executive Vice President and Nara Bancorp's Chief Financial Officer on July 28, 2005.

(11) Ms. Oh was Acting Chief Financial Officer from March 24, 2005 through July 28, 2005. Ms. Oh currently serves as Senior Vice President and Controller.

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We grant options to our executive officers under the Nara Bancorp, Inc. 2001 Nara Bank 2000 Continuation Long Term Incentive Plan (the Incentive Plan). As of December 31, 2005 options to purchase a total of 1,954,480 shares were outstanding under the Incentive Plan and options to purchase 434,000 shares remained available for grant under the Incentive Plan. Nara Bancorp granted the following stock options to directors or executive officers in 2005: Ho Yang was granted 120,000 stock options, Alvin D. Kang was granted 80,000 stock options, and Bonita Lee was granted 40,000 stock options.

Aggregated Option Exercises in the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2005 Option Values

The following table sets forth the number of shares acquired by each Named Executive Officer upon the exercise of stock options during 2005 and the number of shares covered by both exercisable and unexercisable stock options held by each Named Executive Officer at December 31, 2005. Also reported are values of in-the-money options, which represent the positive spread between the respective exercise prices of outstanding stock options and \$17.78 per share, which was the closing market price of Nara Bancorp's common stock on the Nasdaq National Market on December 31, 2005:

AGGREGATED OPTION EXERCISES IN 2005 AND VALUES

Name	Shares acquired on exercise	Value realized	Number of securities underlying option at 12/31/2005		Value of in-the-money options at 12/31/2005	
			exercisable/unexercisable		exercisable/unexercisable	
Ho Yang				120,000		\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾
Benjamin Hong	40,000	\$ 365,600 ⁽²⁾				
Min J. Kim	6,656	\$ 114,084 ⁽³⁾	94,656	72,000	\$ 1,208,077 ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 658,080 ⁽⁵⁾
Alvin D. Kang				80,000		\$ 179,200 ⁽⁶⁾
Bonita Lee	6,000	\$ 93,840 ⁽⁷⁾	16,000	64,000	\$ 146,240 ⁽⁸⁾	\$ 329,160 ⁽⁹⁾
Christine Oh	8,000	\$ 96,240 ⁽¹⁰⁾	24,000	40,000	\$ 240,720 ⁽¹¹⁾	\$ 409,200 ⁽¹²⁾

- ⁽¹⁾ Using a fair market value of \$17.78 per share which was the closing price of Nara Bancorp's common stock on December 30, 2005, and a weighted average exercise price of \$21.87 per share, these stock options had a value of \$0 per share, times 120,000 shares.
- ⁽²⁾ Using a fair market value of \$17.78 per share which was the closing price of Nara Bancorp's common stock on December 30, 2005, and a weighted average exercise price of \$8.64 per share, these stock options had a value of \$9.14 per share, times 40,000 shares.
- ⁽³⁾ Using a fair market value of \$17.78 per share which was the closing price of Nara Bancorp's common stock on December 30, 2005, and a weighted average exercise price of \$0.64 per share, these stock options had a value of \$17.14 per share, times 6,656 shares.
- ⁽⁴⁾ Using a fair market value of \$17.78 per share which was the closing price of Nara Bancorp's common stock on December 30, 2005, 46,656 shares had a weighted average exercise price of \$1.29 per share and a value of \$16.49 per share, and 48,000 shares had a weighted average exercise price of \$8.64 per share and a value of \$9.14 per share.
- ⁽⁵⁾ Using a fair market value of \$17.78 per share which was the closing price of Nara Bancorp's common stock on December 30, 2005, and a weighted average exercise price of \$8.64 per share, these stock options had a value of \$9.14 per share, times 72,000 shares.
- ⁽⁶⁾ Using a fair market value of \$17.78 per share which was the closing price of Nara Bancorp's common stock on December 30, 2005, and a weighted average exercise price of \$15.54 per share, these stock options had a value of \$2.24 per share, times 80,000 shares.
- ⁽⁷⁾ Using a fair market value of \$17.78 per share which was the closing price of Nara Bancorp's common stock on December 30, 2005, and a weighted average exercise price of \$2.14 per share, these stock options had a value of \$15.64 per share, times 6,000 shares.

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- (8) Using a fair market value of \$17.78 per share which was the closing price of Nara Bancorp's common stock on December 30, 2005, 16,000 shares had a weighted average exercise price of \$8.64 per share and a value of \$9.14 per share.
- (9) Using a fair market value of \$17.78 per share which was the closing price of Nara Bancorp's common stock on December 30, 2005, 24,000 had a weighted average exercise price of \$8.64 per share and a value of \$9.14 per share, 20,000 had a weighted average exercise price of \$14.53 per share and a value of \$3.25 per share, and 20,000 had a weighted average exercise price of \$15.54 per share and a value of \$2.24 per share.
- (10) Using a fair market value of \$17.78 per share which was the closing price of Nara Bancorp's common stock on December 30, 2005, and a weighted average exercise price of \$5.75 per share, these stock options had a value of \$12.03 per share, times 8,000 shares.
- (11) Using a fair market value of \$17.78 per share which was the closing price of Nara Bancorp's common stock on December 30, 2005, 8,000 shares had a weighted average exercise price of \$5.75 per share and a value of \$12.03 per share, and 16,000 shares had a weighted average exercise price of \$8.75 per share and a value of \$9.03 per share.
- (12) Using a fair market value of \$17.78 per share which was the closing price of Nara Bancorp's common stock on December 30, 2005, 16,000 shares had a weighted average exercise price of \$5.75 per share and a value of \$12.03 per share, and 24,000 shares had a weighted average exercise price of \$8.75 per share and a value of \$9.03 per share.

Compensation of Directors

During the fiscal year 2005, the non-employee directors of Nara Bank were each paid \$3,000 per month for services as director. The chairman of the board of directors, Dr. Chong-Moon Lee, received an additional \$400 per month for services rendered. Total directors' fees paid by Nara Bank during 2005 were \$166,800, of which \$42,000 was deferred under Nara Bank's deferred compensation plan. Former President Benjamin Hong received \$9,000 for his service as a director of Nara Bank during 2005 prior to his resignation, of which \$3,000 was deferred. Mr. Hong was the only employee director on the board during 2005 to receive compensation for his service as a director in addition to his regular salary and bonuses, which totaled \$0 for 2005.

During the fiscal year 2005, the non-employee directors of Nara Bancorp, except for Dr. Thomas Chung, John H. Park, and Yong H. Kim, were paid \$3,000 per quarter plus \$1,000 for each committee meeting attended in person or \$500 for each committee meeting attended by telephone conference. Directors Dr. Thomas Chung, John H. Park, and Yong H. Kim were not paid director fees by Nara Bancorp. Total directors' fees paid in 2005 by Nara Bancorp were \$114,000.

During the fiscal year 2005, the directors received the following economic benefits for the purchase of endorsement split-dollar policies: Chang Hee Kim received \$1,122, Yong H. Kim received \$1,055, and John H. Park received \$1,172.

Employment Agreements

Ho Yang was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Nara Bank and Nara Bancorp pursuant to an employment agreement dated October 1, 2004. Mr. Yang's employment agreement is for an initial term of three (3) years starting February 4, 2005. Mr. Yang's employment agreement provides for a base salary of \$275,000 in the initial year, profit sharing equal to 4% of Nara Bancorp's consolidated pretax earnings in excess of 20% of the Nara Bancorp's consolidated previous year-end's stockholders equity excluding unrealized gain (loss) capped at 100% of the base salary, a company owned and insured vehicle (2005 Audi A8), four weeks of paid vacation per year and payment of business-related expenses. Pursuant to his employment agreement, Mr. Yang is granted the option to purchase 120,000 shares of Nara Bancorp's common stock, which will vest over a period of three (3) years, starting one year after the date of the grant. The terms of these stock options are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Nara Bancorp, Inc., 2001 Nara Bank 2000 Continuation Long Term Incentive Plan.

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Alvin D. Kang was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Nara Bank and Nara Bancorp pursuant to an employment agreement dated June 30, 2005. Mr. Kang's employment agreement provides for a base salary of \$230,000 per year, plus profit sharing equal to 2% of Nara Bancorp's consolidated pretax earnings in excess of 20% of the Nara Bancorp's consolidated previous year-end's stockholders equity excluding unrealized gain (loss) with the amount of profit sharing capped at 75% of base salary (for the year 2005, the profit sharing amount is fixed at \$60,000), an automobile allowance, and three weeks of paid vacation per year. Pursuant to his employment agreement, the Bank recommended to the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors granted Mr. Kang the option to purchase 80,000 shares of Nara Bancorp's common stock, which will vest over a period of five (5) years, starting on the one year anniversary day of employment. The terms of these stock options are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Nara Bancorp, Inc., 2001 Nara Bank 2000 Continuation Long Term Incentive Plan.

Except as described above, neither Nara Bancorp nor Nara Bank has entered into any other written employment agreements with any of their respective Named Executive Officers.

Change of Control Agreements

Pursuant to our President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Yang's, employment agreement dated October 1, 2004, if Mr. Yang is terminated without cause during the initial term of the agreement (three (3) years), he will be entitled to receive an amount equal to twelve (12) months of the base salary in the form of salary continuation, but not exceeding \$275,000. In the event that Mr. Yang is terminated without cause after the initial term of the agreement, he will be entitled to receive an amount equal to three (3) months of the base salary in the form of salary continuation, but not exceeding \$68,750. Such severance shall be reduced by any remuneration paid to Mr. Yang because of his employment or self-employment during the severance period.

Pursuant to our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Kang's employment agreement dated June 30, 2005, if Mr. Kang is terminated without cause during the initial two (2) years of employment, he will be entitled to receive severance in the amount equal to twelve (12) months of the base salary in the form of salary continuation. In the event that Mr. Kang's position be eliminated or his duties be substantially changed as a result of change of control of the ownership of the Holding Company, he shall be entitled to receive twelve (12) months base salary, payable in a lump sum or over a period not to exceed twelve (12) months.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

Nara Bancorp formed a Compensation Committee on July 30, 2002. To date, our executive compensation arrangements are approved by the Compensation Committee of Nara Bancorp and ratified by the full board of directors of Nara Bancorp. Director Dr. Chong-Moon Lee is the chairman of the Compensation Committee and the other members consist of Directors Ki Suh Park, Yong H. Kim and Jesun Paik. No person who served as a member of the Compensation Committee during the 2005 fiscal year is, or ever has been, an officer or employee of Nara Bancorp or any of its subsidiaries. There is no family relationship between any of the members of the Compensation Committee or executive officers, except for two directors, Messrs. Jesun Paik and Ki Suh Park, who are brothers-in-law. None of our executive officers serve as a member of the board of directors or Compensation Committee of any entity that has one or more executive officers who serve on our board of directors or Compensation Committee.

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The following table shows the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of December 31, 2005 held by (i) each of our Named Executive Officers; (ii) each of our directors and nominees; and (iii) all directors, nominees and executive officers as a group.

For the purpose of the following two tables, Beneficial ownership is a technical term broadly defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission to mean more than ownership in the usual sense. For example, a stockholder would be deemed to own our common stock if the stockholder not only holds it directly but also indirectly, if a stockholder, through a relationship, contract or understanding, has, or shares, the power to vote the stock, to sell the stock or has the right to acquire the stock within 60 days of December 31, 2005.

Title of class	Name and address of beneficial owner	Amount and nature of beneficial ownership	Percent of class ⁽¹²⁾
Common Stock	Dr. Chong Moon Lee ⁽¹⁾	2,245,288 ⁽⁵⁾	8.82%
Common Stock	Yong H. Kim ⁽¹⁾	707,962 ⁽⁵⁾	2.78%
Common Stock	John H. Park ⁽²⁾	421,644 ⁽⁵⁾	1.66%
Common Stock	Ki Suh Park ⁽³⁾	94,120	*
Common Stock	Jesun Paik ⁽¹⁾	103,700 ⁽⁶⁾	*
Common Stock	Howard Gould ⁽¹⁾	0	*
Common Stock	Ho Yang ⁽¹⁾	40,000 ⁽⁷⁾	*
Common Stock	Benjamin Hong ⁽⁴⁾	377,214	1.48%
Common Stock	Min J. Kim ⁽¹⁾	114,640 ⁽⁸⁾	*
Common Stock	Alvin D. Kang ⁽¹⁾	1,000	*
Common Stock	Bonita Lee ⁽¹⁾	54,856 ⁽⁹⁾	*
Common Stock	Christine Oh ⁽¹⁾	28,000 ⁽¹⁰⁾	*
Common Stock	All Directors, Nominees and Executive Officers as a group (11 Total)	4,188,424 ⁽¹¹⁾	16.46%

* Indicates holdings of less than 1%.

(1) The address for this individual is c/o Nara Bancorp, Inc., 3701 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 220, Los Angeles, CA 90010.

(2) John H. Park's address is c/o ABI USA Sales Corp., 2987 S. Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90058.

(3) Ki Suh Park's address is c/o Gruen Associates, 6330 San Vicente Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048.

(4) Benjamin Hong's address was c/o Nara Bancorp, Inc., 3701 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 220, Los Angeles, CA 90010 until February 4, 2005.

(5) Includes 80,000 stock options vested but not exercised under the Nara Bancorp, Inc. 2001 Nara Bank 2000 Continuation Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2000 Plan").

(6) Includes 100,000 stock options vested but not exercised under the 2000 Plan.

(7) Includes 40,000 stock options vested but not yet exercised under the 2000 Plan.

(8) Includes 46,656 stock options vested but not yet exercised under the Nara Bancorp, Inc. 2001 Nara Bank Continuation and 1989 Stock Option Plan (the "1989 Plan"), and 48,000 stock options vested but not yet exercised under the 2000 Plan.

(9) Includes 16,000 stock options vested but not yet exercised under the 2000 Plan.

(10) Includes 24,000 stock options vested but not yet exercised under the 2000 Plan.

(11) Includes 46,656 stock options vested but not exercised under the 1989 Plan and 308,000 stock options vested but not yet exercised under the 2000 Plan.

(12) The percentages are based on 25,444,442 shares outstanding on December 31, 2005, adjusted as required by the rules of promulgated by the SEC.

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The following table shows the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of December 31, 2005, by each person who we knew owned more than 5% of our common stock. We have relied on the public filings of each of the individuals on Schedules 13D or 13G or representations by them, in determining how many shares these shareholders own:

(1) Title of Class	(2) Name of Beneficial Owner	(3) Amount and nature of beneficial ownership	(4) Percent of class.
Common Stock	Fidelity Management & Research Company 82 Devonshire St., Boston, MA 02109	2,366,893 ⁽¹⁾	9.30%
Common Stock	Dr. Thomas Chung 5525 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036	1,498,396	5.89%
Common Stock	Dr. Chong-Moon Lee 3701 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 220, Los Angeles, CA 90010	2,245,288 ⁽²⁾	8.82%

⁽¹⁾ Based on information provided in the Schedule 13/G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2006.

⁽²⁾ Includes 80,000 stock options vested but not exercised under the 2000 Plan.

The following table summarizes certain information as of December 31, 2005 with respect to our equity compensation plans (including individual compensation arrangements) under which our equity securities are authorized for issuance:

	(a) Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options	(b) Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options	(c) Number of Securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	1,930,480	\$ 9.81	434,000
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	24,000 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 4.05	N/A
Total	1,954,480	\$ 9.74	434,000

⁽¹⁾ This relates to individual stock option agreement issued to an employee outside of the Nara Bancorp, Inc. 2001 Nara Bank 2000 Continuation Long Term Incentive Plan.

Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

There are no existing or proposed material transactions between Nara Bancorp or Nara Bank and any of our officers, directors, nominees or principal stockholders or the immediate family or associates of the foregoing persons, except as indicated below.

Some of the directors and officers of Nara Bancorp and/or Nara Bank and the immediate families and the business organizations with which they are associated, are customers of, and have had banking transactions with, Nara Bank in the ordinary course of our business and we expect to have banking transactions with such persons in the future. All loans made to such persons have been made on substantially the same terms, including interest rate and collateral, as those prevailing for comparable contemporaneous transactions with other persons of similar

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creditworthiness and do not involve more than a normal risk of collectibility or present other unfavorable features.

On August 31, 2005, Nara Bancorp and Dr. Chong-Moon Lee, a director and chairman of the Board of Directors of Nara Bancorp, entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement (the Agreement) whereby Dr. Lee agreed to purchase from the Nara Bancorp \$20 million of newly issued shares of common stock at the market value on

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such date of \$13.88 per share, or a total of 1,440,922 shares of common stock. The purchase price was determined by using the closing bid price for Nara Bancorp's common stock on the Nasdaq National Market on August 31, 2005, the date on which both parties executed the agreement. No underwriting discount or placement agent fee was payable in connection with this transaction. The transaction closed on September 12, 2005, after receipt by Nara Bancorp of a fairness opinion by an outside investment banking firm. The shares of common stock sold under the Agreement were restricted, and Nara Bancorp has not agreed to register the shares for resale under the Securities Act of 1933.

In addition, Yong Hwan Kim, who is a director of Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank, owns approximately 15.96% partnership interest in Gordon Square LP which owns the commercial real property on which one of the Bank's branches are located. Gordon Square LP is the master landlord to sublessors, Beach Galleria, LLC and Super 1 Hannam, Inc., which are both subleasing branch spaces to Nara Bank. The Bank does not have a direct lease with Gordon Square LP. In the year 2005, Nara Bank made aggregate total sublease payments of approximately \$67,882.40 to Super 1 Hannam, Inc. and \$14,039.50 to Beach Galleria LLC.

On March 13, 2006, Nara Bank agreed to retain Carpenter & Company to provide strategic consulting services to the Bank. Mr. Howard Gould, who was appointed director of Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank on March 13, 2006, is the executive chairman of Carpenter & Company. The retainer is for a period of eighteen months and involves payment of \$20,000 per quarter for the first two quarters and \$15,000 per quarter thereafter, plus reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Nara Bancorp will also provide customary indemnification for Carpenter & Company.

Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees that we incurred for audit and non-audit services provided by Crowe Chizek and Company LLP, who acted as independent auditor and performed audit services for us in the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005 and 2004. The table lists audit fees, audit related fees, tax fees and all other fees. There were no financial information systems design and implementation fees.

Audit Fees. The audit fees include only fees that are customary under generally accepted auditing standards and are the aggregate fees that we incurred for professional services rendered for the audit of our annual financial statements for fiscal year 2005 and 2004. Crowe Chizek's audit fees include the fees for the audit of the 2005 consolidated financial statements and internal controls and for the audit of the 2004 consolidated financial statements and internal controls and the reaudits of the 2003 and 2002 consolidated financial statements in the amount of \$500,000.

	2005	2004
Audit Fees	\$ 434,000	\$ 859,732
Audit Related Fees	\$ 32,688	\$ 118,068
Tax Fees	\$ 34,810	\$ 32,500
All Other Fees	\$ 22,783	\$ 5,500

Audit Related Fees. Crowe Chizek's audit related fees for 2005 were for consultation regarding implementation of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, consultation regarding the Company's response to an SEC comment letter and review of a private placement memorandum. Crowe Chizek and Company LLP's audit related fees for 2004 were for consultation regarding implementation of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Tax Fees. Crowe Chizek and Company LLP's tax fees for 2005 include progress billings through December 31, 2005 related to the preparation of the Company's 2004 federal and state income tax returns and consultation regarding various tax issues, including tax calculation training. Crowe Chizek's tax fees for 2004 include progress billings through December 31, 2004 related to the preparation of the Company's 2004 federal and state income tax returns.

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All Other Fees. All other fees include the aggregate fees billed for services rendered by Crowe Chizek and Company LLP, other than those services covered above and for 2005 include fees for consultation regarding implementation of Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, including training sessions for management and the Audit Committee on various topics, providing audit software, video conference equipment and a salary survey report and for 2004 include fees for consultation regarding implementation of Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors considered whether the provision of non-audit services is compatible with maintaining the independence of Crowe Chizek and Company LLP. The Audit Committee has determined that the rendering of the services other than audit services by Crowe Chizek and Company LLP is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

The Audit Committee has adopted a policy and procedures for the approval in advance of audit and non-audit services rendered by our independent auditor, Crowe Chizek and Company LLP. The policy requires advanced approval of all services before the independent auditor is engaged to provide such services. The advanced approval of services may be delegated to one or more of the Audit Committee's members, but the decision must be reported to the full Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

Table of Contents**PART IV****Item 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES
(a) and (c) Financial Statements and Schedules.**

The financial statements listed on the Index to Financial Statements included under Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplemental Data are filed as part of this Form 10-K. All schedules have been omitted since the required information is not applicable or is not present in amounts sufficient to require submission of the schedule, or because the information required is included in the Financial Statements and related notes.

(b) List of Exhibits

The exhibits marked with an asterisk (*) constitute compensation plans or arrangements:

Number	Description
3.1	Amended Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated herein by reference to Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 5, 2003)
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Nara Bancorp, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference from exhibit to Nara Bancorp's current report on Form 8-K filed on June 9, 2005)
4.1	Form of Stock Certificate of Nara Bancorp, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 filed with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 5, 2000)
4.2	Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of Trust dated March 28, 2001, by and among Delaware Trustee, Wilmington Trust Company as Property Trustee, Nara Bancorp and the Administrative Trustees named therein ¹
4.3	Indenture dated March 28, 2001 between the Nara Bancorp and Wilmington Trust Company as Debenture Trustee ¹
4.4	Common Securities Guarantee Agreement dated March 28, 2001 of the Nara Bancorp ¹
4.5	Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement dated March 28, 2001 between Nara Bancorp and Wilmington Trust Company as Guarantee Trustee ¹
4.6	Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust dated March 26, 2002, by and among State Street Bank and Trust Company of Connecticut, National Association, as Institutional Trustee, Nara Bancorp, Inc., as sponsor ¹
4.7	Indenture dated March 26, 2002 between the Nara Bancorp and State Street Bank and Trust Company of Connecticut, National Association as Trustee ¹
4.8	Guarantee Agreement dated March 26, 2002 by and between Nara Bancorp and State Street Bank and Trust Company of Connecticut, National Association ¹
10.1	Nara Bancorp, Inc. 2001 Nara Bank 2000 Continuation Long Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.2 filed with the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 9, 2001)
10.2	Nara Bancorp, Inc. 2001 Nara Bank 1989 Continuation Stock Option Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 filed with the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 9, 2000)
10.3	Nara Bank Deferred Compensation Plan ¹

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Number	Description
10.4	Lease for premises located at 29 West 30th Street, New York, New York (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 filed with the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 2, 2001)
10.5	Lease for premises located at 138-02 Northern Blvd., Flushing, New York (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 filed with the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 2, 2001)
10.6	Lease for premises located at 2250 Broadway, Oakland, California (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 filed with the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 2, 2001)
10.7	Lease for premises located at 3701 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, California (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.8 on 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 31, 2000)
10.8	Tax Sharing Agreement among Nara Bancorp, Nara Bank, N.A., Nara Bancorp Capital Trust I and Nara Loan Center Corporation ¹
10.9	Affiliate Agreement between Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank, N.A. ¹
10.10	Form of Nara Bancorp, Inc. Option Agreement with Nara Bancorp Directors (entered into by directors Ki Suh Park, Jesun Paik, and Steve Kim) ¹
10.11	Form of Nara Bancorp 2002 Stock Option Agreement entered into with William Davis and Michel Urich (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 filed with the Registrant's Form S-8 filed with the Securities Exchange and Commission on February 5, 2003) ¹
10.12	Lease for premise located at 3600 Wilshire Blvd., #100A, Los Angeles, California ²
10.13	Lease for premise located at 16 West 32nd Street, New York, New York ³
10.14	Lease for premise located at 1709 S. Nogales Street, Rowland Heights, California ⁴
10.15	Lease for premise located at 10947 Olson Dr. #404-B, Rancho Cordova, California ⁵
10.16	Employment Agreement between Ho Yang and Nara Bancorp, Inc. ⁶
10.17	Lease for premise located at 1940 Webster Street, Oakland, California ⁶
10.18	Employment Agreement between Alvin D. Kang and Nara Bancorp, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed with the Securities Exchange and Commission on July 6, 2005)
10.19	Stock Purchase Agreement dated August 31, 2005 between Nara Bancorp, Inc. and Chong-Moon Lee (incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed with the Securities Exchange and Commission on September 7, 2005)
10.20	Lease for premises located at 5307 Beach Blvd. Suite 100, Buena Park, California ⁷
10.21	Lease for premises located at 1940 Webster Street, Oakland, California ⁷
21.1	List of Subsidiaries ⁶
23.1	Consent of Crowe Chizek and Company LLP*
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to section 302 of Sarbanes-Oxley of 2002*
31.2	Certification of Acting Chief Financial Officer pursuant to section 302 of Sarbanes-Oxley of 2002*
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to section 906 of the Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act of 2002*

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Number	Description
32.2	Certification of Acting Chief Financial Officer pursuant to section 906 of the Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act of 2002*
1.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibits filed with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 1, 2002
2.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibits filed with our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 15, 2003
3.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibits filed with our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 14, 2003
4.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibits filed with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2005
5.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibits filed with our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 10, 2004
6.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibits filed with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 30, 2005
7.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibits filed with our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30 , 2005 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 10, 2005
*	Filed herewith

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NARA BANCORP, INC

By: */s/* HO YANG
Ho Yang

President & Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Name	Title	Date
<i>/s/</i> CHONG-MOON LEE Chong-Moon Lee	Director and Chairman of the Board	March 14, 2006
<i>/s/</i> KI SUH PARK Ki Suh Park	Director	March 14, 2006
<i>/s/</i> JESUN PAIK Jesun Paik	Director	March 14, 2006
<i>/s/</i> YONG H KIM Yong H Kim	Director	March 14, 2006
<i>/s/</i> JOHN PARK John Park	Director	March 14, 2006
<i>/s/</i> HO YANG Ho Yang	Director and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	March 14, 2006
<i>/s/</i> ALVIN D. KANG Alvin D. Kang	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	March 14, 2006

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NARA BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 20040 AND
FOR EACH OF THE THREE YEARS IN THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM THEREON.**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors and Stockholders

Nara Bancorp, Inc.

Los Angeles, California

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition of Nara Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Nara Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 7, 2006 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

CROWE CHIZEK AND COMPANY LLP

South Bend, Indiana

March 7, 2006

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

Board of Directors and Stockholders

Nara Bancorp, Inc.

Los Angeles, California

We have audited management's assessment, included in the accompanying Report on Management's Assessment of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, that Nara Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assessment and an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, evaluating management's assessment, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, management's assessment that the Company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated statements of financial condition of Nara Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005, and our report dated March 7, 2006 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

CROWE CHIZEK AND COMPANY LLP

South Bend, Indiana

March 7, 2006

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NARA BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004

	2005	2004
	(In thousands, except share data)	
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 32,924	\$ 27,712
Federal funds sold	33,100	47,500
Total cash and cash equivalents	66,024	75,212
Term federal funds sold	7,000	12,000
Securities available for sale at fair value	174,709	133,386
Securities held to maturity at amortized cost (fair value: 2005 \$1,023; 2004 \$2,088)	1,001	2,001
Loans held for sale at the lower of cost or market	17,083	4,730
Loans receivable net of allowance for loan losses (2005 \$17,618; 2004 \$14,627)	1,428,122	1,207,107
Federal Reserve Bank stock at cost	1,803	1,803
Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) stock at cost	6,463	4,802
Premises and equipment net	8,148	6,870
Accrued interest receivable	7,620	5,124
Deferred tax assets, net	15,894	13,392
Customers liabilities on acceptances	6,982	7,448
Cash surrender value of life insurance	14,640	14,226
Goodwill	2,347	2,347
Other intangible assets net	3,589	4,305
Other assets	14,397	13,558
Total Assets	\$ 1,775,822	\$ 1,508,311

Table of Contents**NARA BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION (Continued)****DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004**

	2005	2004
	(In thousands, except share data)	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
LIABILITIES:		
Deposits:		
Noninterest bearing	\$ 371,943	\$ 328,326
Interest bearing:		
Money market and other	185,550	323,477
Savings deposits	120,948	118,857
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more	714,636	407,100
Other time deposits	133,409	78,215
Total deposits	1,526,486	1,255,975
Borrowings from Federal Home Loan Bank	31,000	90,000
Accrued interest payable	8,755	3,412
Acceptances outstanding	6,982	7,448
Subordinated debentures	39,268	39,268
Other liabilities	16,577	10,954
Total liabilities	1,629,068	1,407,057
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 12)		
STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY:		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value authorized, 40,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding, 25,444,442 and 23,333,338 shares at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively	25	23
Capital surplus	69,451	44,903
Deferred compensation		(3)
Retained earnings	81,016	56,848
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net	(3,738)	(517)
Total stockholders equity	146,754	101,254
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 1,775,822	\$ 1,508,311

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**NARA BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME****YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005, 2004 AND 2003**

	2005	2004	2003
	(In thousands, except share data)		
INTEREST INCOME:			
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 108,202	\$ 71,323	\$ 54,861
Interest on securities	6,217	5,038	5,768
Interest on federal funds sold and other investments	2,092	710	796
Total interest income	116,511	77,071	61,425
INTEREST EXPENSE:			
Interest on deposits	32,698	15,511	12,773
Interest on subordinated debentures	2,863	2,342	1,551
Interest on other borrowings	2,090	833	1,609
Total interest expense	37,651	18,686	15,933
NET INTEREST INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	78,860	58,385	45,492
PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	5,427	3,900	5,250
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	73,433	54,485	40,242
NON-INTEREST INCOME:			
Service charges on deposit accounts	6,281	7,640	7,678
International service fees	2,854	2,894	2,727
Loan servicing fees, net	1,612	1,203	854
Wire transfer fees	1,429	1,380	1,089
Other income and fees	2,599	2,719	2,779
Net gains on sales of SBA loans	5,987	5,538	3,735
Net gains on sales of other loans		196	132
Net gains on sales of securities available for sale	143	743	1,087
Loan referral income		1,013	
Other than temporary impairment on securities		(2,593)	
Total non-interest income	20,905	20,733	20,081
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE:			
Salaries and employee benefits	23,925	22,184	20,546
Occupancy	6,963	6,213	5,387
Furniture and equipment	2,100	1,913	1,582
Advertising and marketing	2,149	1,855	1,392
Change in discount on cash surrender value of life insurance	22	(1,426)	345
Data processing and communications	3,416	3,080	2,720
Professional fees	3,714	2,483	1,426
Other	6,381	5,677	4,772
Total non-interest expense	48,670	41,979	38,170
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX PROVISION	45,668	33,239	22,153
INCOME TAX PROVISION	18,811	13,457	8,425
NET INCOME	\$ 26,857	\$ 19,782	\$ 13,728

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EARNINGS PER SHARE:

Basic	\$	1.11	\$	0.85	\$	0.62
Diluted	\$	1.07	\$	0.80	\$	0.59

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Table of Contents**NARA BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY****YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005, 2004 AND 2003**

	Number of Shares Outstanding	Common Stock	Capital Surplus	Deferred Compensation	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net	Comprehensive Income
(In thousands, except share data)							
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2003	21,381,260	\$ 21	\$ 32,920		\$ 28,063	\$ 2,525	
Stock warrants exercised	105,100		342				
Stock options exercised	777,440	1	1,448				
Issuance of restricted stock	4,000		23	\$ (23)			
Amortization of restricted stock				13			
Stock issuance for acquisition	852,378	1	7,999				
Tax benefit from stock options exercised			314				
Cash dividends declared (\$0.10 per share)					(2,224)		
Comprehensive income:							
Net income					13,728		\$ 13,728
Other comprehensive income (loss):							
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on securities available for sale, net of tax						(1,585)	(1,585)
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on interest-only strips, net of tax						27	27
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps, net of tax						(1,021)	(1,021)
Total comprehensive income							\$ 11,149
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2003	23,120,178	\$ 23	\$ 43,046	\$ (10)	\$ 39,567	\$ (54)	
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2004	23,120,178	\$ 23	\$ 43,046	\$ (10)	\$ 39,567	\$ (54)	
Stock options exercised	213,160		1,129				
Tax benefit from stock options exercised			728				
Amortization of restricted stock				7			
Cash dividends declared (\$0.11 per share)					(2,501)		
Comprehensive income:							
Net income					19,782		\$ 19,782
Other comprehensive income (loss):							
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on securities available for sale, net of tax						473	473
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on interest-only strips, net of tax						18	18
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps, net of tax						(954)	(954)
Total comprehensive income							\$ 19,319
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2004	23,333,338	\$ 23	\$ 44,903	\$ (3)	\$ 56,848	\$ (517)	

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	Number of Shares Outstanding	Common Stock	Capital Surplus	Deferred Compensation	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net	Comprehensive Income
	(In thousands, except share data)						
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2005	23,333,338	\$ 23	\$ 44,903	\$ (3)	\$ 56,848	\$ (517)	
Issuance of additional stock	1,440,922	1	19,624				
Stock options exercised	671,516	1	2,327				
Tax benefit from stock options exercised			2,605				
Amortization of restricted stock				1			
Forfeiture of restricted stock	(1,334)		(8)	2			
Cash dividends declared (\$0.11 per share)					(2,689)		
Comprehensive income:							
Net income					26,857		\$ 26,857
Other comprehensive income (loss):							
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on securities available for sale, net of tax						(1,633)	(1,633)
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on interest-only strips, net of tax						(17)	(17)
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps, net of tax						(1,571)	(1,571)
Total comprehensive income							\$ 23,636
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2005	25,444,442	\$ 25	\$ 69,451	\$	\$ 81,016	\$ (3,738)	

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Table of Contents**NARA BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005, 2004 AND 2003**

	2005	2004 (In thousands)	2003
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income	\$ 26,857	\$ 19,782	\$ 13,728
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:			
Depreciation, amortization, and accretion	4,023	3,578	1,967
Provision for loan losses	5,427	3,900	5,250
Proceeds from sales of loans	106,956	91,969	58,737
Originations of loans held for sale	(113,322)	(87,038)	(52,460)
Net gains on sales of loans	(5,987)	(5,734)	(3,867)
Net gains on sales of other real estate owned			(78)
Net gains on sales of securities available for sale	(143)	(743)	(1,087)
Net change in cash surrender value of life insurance	(414)	(1,680)	(214)
Net losses on sales of premises and equipment	11	8	74
Net losses (gains) on interest rate swaps	140	382	(80)
FHLB stock dividends	(236)	(187)	(202)
Tax benefit from stock options exercised	2,605	728	314
Change in accrued interest receivable	(2,496)	(406)	(298)
Deferred income taxes	(405)	(1,027)	(949)
Other than temporary impairment on securities		2,593	
Change in other assets	(2,259)	(2,667)	(4,798)
Change in accrued interest payable	5,343	120	113
Change in interest-only strips	19	(265)	(245)
Change in other liabilities	2,804	1,209	(976)
Net cash from operating activities	28,923	24,522	14,929
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Net change in loans receivable	(226,442)	(226,140)	(213,065)
Purchase of premises and equipment	(2,979)	(2,087)	(3,202)
Purchase of securities available for sale	(81,905)	(74,840)	(88,109)
Purchase of Federal Reserve Bank stock		(540)	(300)
Purchase of FHLB stock	(1,425)	(1,011)	(2,389)
Purchase of interest-bearing deposits with other financial institutions	(95)		
Proceeds from sales of premises and equipment		35	324
Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale	13,901	26,424	22,404
Proceeds from matured or called securities held to maturity	1,000		794
Proceeds from matured or called securities available for sale	24,001	40,067	43,490
Proceeds from sales of other real estate owned			167
Proceeds from maturities of interest-bearing deposits with other financial institutions			95
Purchase of term federal funds sold	(41,000)	(19,000)	(5,000)
Proceeds from matured term federal funds sold	46,000	12,000	
Proceeds from redemption of FHLB stock		1,092	1,679
Net cash received from Korea Exchange Bank of New York acquisition			5,285
Net cash received from Asiana acquisition			5,884
Net cash from investing activities	(268,944)	(244,000)	(231,943)

Table of Contents**NARA BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)****YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005, 2004 AND 2003**

	2005	2004 (In thousands)	2003
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net increase in deposits	270,511	194,560	168,481
Payments of cash dividends	(2,631)	(2,437)	(2,183)
Issuance of additional stock	19,625		
Payments for FHLB borrowings	(189,500)	(50,000)	(5,000)
Proceeds from issuance of subordinated debentures			20,620
Proceeds from FHLB borrowings	130,500	80,000	
Proceeds from exercise of warrants			342
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	2,328	1,129	1,449
Net cash from financing activities	230,833	223,252	183,709
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(9,188)	3,774	(33,305)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	75,212	71,438	104,743
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 66,024	\$ 75,212	\$ 71,438
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION			
Interest paid	\$ 32,308	\$ 18,566	\$ 15,820
Income taxes paid	\$ 14,933	\$ 13,593	\$ 11,537
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF NONCASH INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES			
Transfer of loans to other real estate owned	\$	\$	\$ 16
Acquisitions			
Fair value of non-cash assets acquired			72,150
Fair value of liabilities assumed			76,352
Purchase price of acquisitions			8,000
Goodwill created			1,472

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NARA BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005, 2004 AND 2003

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of Consolidation The accounting and reporting policies of Nara Bancorp, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and conform to practices within the banking industry. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Nara Bancorp, Inc. (the Nara Bancorp) and its wholly owned subsidiaries, principally Nara Bank (Bank). The consolidated financial statements also include the accounts of the Bank's wholly owned subsidiaries, Nara Loan Center, a New Jersey corporation organized in 2000 and Nara Real Estate Trust, which is a Maryland real estate investment trust. Nara Loan Center is a loan production office, generating mostly SBA loans. Nara Real Estate Trust holds only loans secured by real estate.

Nara Bancorp was formed as a holding company of the Bank and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 on December 5, 2000. Effective February 2, 2001, upon consummation of the reorganization of the Bank into a holding company structure, each of the Bank's common shares at par value of \$3 was exchanged for one share of Nara Bancorp's common stock at par value of \$0.001. The reorganization was accounted for at historical cost in a manner similar to a pooling of interests.

The Bank, previously a national association converted to a California State-chartered bank on January 3, 2005, maintains 18 branch operations and eight loan production offices serving individuals and small to medium-sized businesses in the Los Angeles, San Jose, New York City, Seattle, Chicago, Atlanta, Virginia, Denver, Dallas and surrounding areas.

On August 25, 2003, the Company purchased Asiana Bank at a price of \$8 million. Nara Bancorp issued approximately 852,000 shares of common stock for this acquisition and Asiana was merged with and into the Bank. Asiana Bank had two branches in Northern California: one branch in Silicon Valley and one branch in Oakland. Both branches have been closed and consolidated into the Bank's existing branches in both locations. The Bank acquired approximately \$22.4 million in net loans and assumed approximately \$29.3 million in deposits. On October 30, 2003, the Bank purchased certain loans and deposit from Korea Exchange Bank's Broadway branch in New York. The Bank assumed approximately \$46.2 million in deposits and purchased approximately \$39.5 million in loans.

Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash and cash equivalents include cash and due from banks, federal funds sold and term federal funds sold, all of which have original maturities less than 90 days. Net cash flows are reported for customer loan and deposit transactions, interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions, and federal funds purchased. The Company is required to maintain reserve balances with the Federal Reserve Bank under the Federal Reserve Act. The reserve requirement balance was approximately \$5,006,000 at December 31, 2005 and \$3,291,000 at December 31, 2004.

Securities Securities are classified into one of two categories and accounted for as follows:

- (i) Securities that the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held to maturity and reported at amortized cost;
- (ii) Securities not classified as held-to-maturity securities are classified as available for sale and reported at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses are reported as a separate component of stockholders' equity as accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes.

Accreted discounts and amortized premiums on securities are included in interest income using the interest method, and realized gains or losses related to sales of securities are calculated using the specific identification method.

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Declines in the fair value of securities below their cost that are other than temporary are reflected in earnings as realized losses. In estimating other-than-temporary losses, management considers: (1) the length of time and extent that fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near term prospects of the issuer, and (3) the Company's ability and intent to hold the security for a period sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. Realized other than temporary impairment losses are calculated using the period end fair value of the specific security identified.

Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Transactions As part of the Company's asset and liability management strategy, it may enter into derivative financial instruments, such as interest rate swaps, with the overall goal of minimizing the impact of interest rate fluctuations on its net interest income. During 2002, the Company entered into eight interest rate swap agreements. As part of the Company's overall risk management, the Company's Asset Liability Committee, which meets monthly, monitors and measures interest rate risk and the sensitivity of assets and liabilities to interest rate changes, including the impact of the interest rate swaps. During 2005, two of the interest rate swap agreements matured. No interest rate swap or other derivative contracts have been entered into since 2002.

The interest rate swaps qualify as cash flow hedges under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, as amended and interpreted, and are designated as hedges of the variability of cash flows the Company receives from certain of its variable rate loans indexed to Prime. In accordance with SFAS No. 133, these interest rate swap agreements are measured at fair value and reported as assets or liabilities on the consolidated statements of financial condition. The portion of the change in the fair value of the interest rate swaps that is deemed effective in hedging the cash flows of the designated assets is recorded in stockholders' equity as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, and reclassified into interest income as such cash flows occur in the future. Any ineffectiveness resulting from the hedges is recorded as a gain or loss in the consolidated statements of income as a part of non-interest income.

Loans Loans that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or payoff are reported at the principal balance outstanding, net of unearned interest, deferred loan fees and costs, and an allowance for loan losses. Interest income is accrued on the unpaid principal balance. Loan origination fees, net of certain direct origination costs, are deferred and recognized in interest income using the level-yield method. Interest on loans is credited to income as earned and is accrued only if deemed collectible. A loan is placed on non-accrual status when it is 90 days or more delinquent, unless it is well-secured and in the process of collection, or if we believe that the collection is highly uncertain. Generally, payments received on non-accrual loans are recorded as principal reductions. Interest income is recognized after all principal has been repaid or an improvement in the condition of the loan has occurred that would warrant resumption of interest accruals.

Nonrefundable fees, net of certain direct costs, associated with the origination or acquisition of loans are deferred and recognized as an adjustment of the loan yield over the life of the loan. Other loan fees and charges, representing service costs for the prepayment of loans, for delinquent payments or for miscellaneous loan services, are recorded as income when collected.

Certain Small Business Administration (SBA) loans that the Company has the intent to sell prior to maturity have been designated as held for sale at origination and are recorded at the lower of cost or market value, on an aggregate basis. A valuation allowance is established if the aggregate market value of such loans is lower than their cost, and operations are charged or credited for valuation adjustments. SBA loan transfers are accounted for as sales when control over the loan has been surrendered. Control over such loans is deemed to be surrendered when (1) the assets have been isolated from the Company, (2) the transferee obtains the right (free of

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conditions that constrain it from taking advantage of that right) to pledge or exchange the transferred assets, and (3) the Company does not maintain effective control over the transferred assets through an agreement to repurchase them before their maturity.

The Company typically sells the guaranteed portion of the SBA loan and retains the unguaranteed portion (retained interest). A portion of the premium on sale of SBA loans is recognized as gain on sale of loans at the time of the sale by allocating the carrying amount between the asset sold and the retained interest, based on their relative fair values. The remaining portion of the premium is recorded as a discount on the retained interest and is amortized over the remaining life of the loan as an adjustment to yield. The retained interest, net of any discount, are included in loans receivable net of allowance for loan losses in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition. Servicing assets are recognized when loans are sold with servicing retained. Servicing assets are recorded based on the present value of the contractually specified servicing fee, net of servicing costs, over the estimated life of the loan, using a discounted rate based on the related note rate, plus 1 to 2%. The Company uses the industry average for its servicing costs. Servicing assets are amortized in proportion to and over the period of estimated future net servicing income. The Company has capitalized \$2,046,000, \$1,783,000 and \$1,448,000 of servicing assets during 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively, and amortized \$1,384,000, \$857,000 and \$784,000 during the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The carrying amount of servicing assets was \$4,330,000 and \$3,668,000 at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Management periodically evaluates servicing assets for impairment. At December 31, 2005, the fair value of servicing assets was determined using a weighted-average discount rate of 9.6% and prepayment speed of 12.6%. At December 31, 2004, the fair value of servicing assets was determined using a weighted-average discount rate of 7.6% and prepayment speed of 11.5%. For purposes of measuring impairment, servicing assets are stratified by loan type. An impairment is recognized if the carrying value of servicing assets exceeds the fair value of the stratum. The fair values of servicing assets were approximately \$5,082,000 and \$4,517,000 at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively, on serviced loans totaling \$245,612,000 and \$196,798,000 at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

The estimated annual amortization of servicing assets as of December 31, 2005, for each of the succeeding five fiscal years is indicated in the table below:

Year Ending December 31 (In thousands)	
2006	\$ 758
2007	643
2008	541
2009	453
2010	373
Thereafter	1,562
	\$ 4,330

An interest-only strip is recorded based on the present value of the excess of the total future income from serviced loans over the contractually specified servicing fee, calculated using the same assumptions as used to value the related servicing assets. Such interest-only strip is accounted for in a manner similar to available for sale securities, at its estimated fair value, with unrealized gain or loss, net of tax, recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

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Allowance for Loan Losses The allowance for loan losses is a valuation allowance for probable incurred losses that are inherent in the loan portfolio. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes the uncollectibility of a loan balance is confirmed. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance. Management estimates the allowance balance required using past loan loss experience, the nature and volume of the portfolio, information in regulatory examination reports, information about specific borrower situations and estimated collateral values, economic conditions, and other factors. Allocations of the allowance may be made for specific loans, but the entire allowance is available for any loan that, in management's judgment, should be charged-off.

The allowance consists of specific and general components. The specific component relates to loans that are individually classified as impaired or loans otherwise classified as substandard or doubtful. The general component covers non-classified loans and is based on historical loss experience adjusted for current factors.

A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Factors considered by management in determining impairment include payment status, collateral values, and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. Loans that experience insignificant payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. Management determines the significance of payment delays and payment shortfalls on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all of the circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including the length of the delay, the reasons for the delay, the borrower's prior payment record, and the amount of the shortfall in relation to the principal and interest owed. Impairment is measured on a loan by loan basis for commercial and construction loans by either the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans are collectively evaluated for impairment. Accordingly, the Company does not separately identify individual consumer and residential loans for impairment disclosures.

Impairment losses are included in the allowance for loan losses through a charge to the provision for loan losses. Upon disposition of an impaired loan, any unpaid balance is charged off to the allowance for loan losses.

Premises and Equipment Premises and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation on furniture, fixtures and equipment is computed on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, and range from 3 to 5 years for furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Leasehold improvements are capitalized and amortized on the straight-line method over the term of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements up to 40 years, whichever is shorter. An accelerated method of depreciation is followed, as appropriate, for federal income tax purposes.

Other Real Estate Owned Other real estate owned, which represents real estate acquired through foreclosure in satisfaction of commercial and real estate loans, is stated at fair value less estimated selling costs of the real estate. Loan balances in excess of the fair value of the real estate acquired at the date of acquisition are charged to the allowance for loan losses. Any subsequent operating expenses or income, reduction in estimated fair values, and gains or losses on disposition of such properties are charged or credited to current operations. There was no other real estate owned at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets The Company accounts for goodwill and other intangible assets in accordance with SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. SFAS No. 142 requires that goodwill no longer be amortized, but instead be tested for impairment at least annually. Additionally, SFAS No. 142 requires

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recognized intangible assets to be amortized over their respective estimated useful lives and reviewed for impairment. The Company tested goodwill for impairment as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 noting no impairment in recorded goodwill.

Income Taxes Deferred income tax assets and liabilities represent the tax effects, based on current tax law, of future deductible or taxable amounts attributable to events that have been recognized in the financial statements. In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, the projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies in making this assessment.

Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) Compensation expense is based on the market price of shares as they are committed to be released to participant accounts. Dividends on allocated ESOP shares reduce retained earnings.

Restricted Stock Awards The Company previously provided a restricted stock award to an employee. Under the terms of the plan, 4,000 shares were awarded to the participant at the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of award and the shares vested over 3 years on a straight-line basis. Shares were earned and compensation expense was recorded over the vesting period of the award. During 2004 and 2003, 1,333 shares in each year were earned under the plan, resulting in compensation expense of \$7,000 and \$13,000, respectively. However, during 2005, the remaining 1,334 shares were forfeited. Unearned shares are reflected as deferred compensation in the consolidated statement of financial condition. All shares have been restated for stock splits.

Earnings per Share (EPS) Basic EPS is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Allocated ESOP shares are considered outstanding for this calculation. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution of securities that could share in the earnings of the Company.

Stock Split On February 14, 2003 and on May 17, 2004, Nara Bancorp announced that its Board of Directors approved a two-for-one stock split of its common stock, affected in the form of a 100% stock dividend. The 2004 stock dividend was distributed on June 15, 2004 to stockholders of record on the close of business on May 31, 2004. The effect of these dividends is that stockholders received one additional share of Nara Bancorp common stock for each share owned. All share and per share information has been restated to reflect the stock splits.

Bank Owned Life Insurance The Company has purchased life insurance policies on certain key executives and directors. Bank owned life insurance (BOLI) is recorded at the lower of cash surrender value, or the amount that can be effectively realized at the balance sheet date.

Comprehensive Income Comprehensive income consists of net income and other comprehensive income (loss). Other comprehensive income (loss) includes unrealized gains and losses on securities available for sale, cash flow hedges, and interest-only strips which are also recognized as separate components of stockholder's equity, net of tax.

Loss Contingencies Loss contingencies, including claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business, are recorded as liabilities when the likelihood of loss is probable and an amount or range of loss can

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be reasonably estimated. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company has recorded an accrued liability of \$0 and \$120,000, respectively, for litigation settlements.

Fair Values of Financial Instruments Fair values of financial instruments are estimated using relevant market information and other assumptions, as more fully disclosed in a separate note. Fair value estimates involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment regarding interest rates, credit risk, prepayments, and other factors, especially in the absence of broad markets for particular items. Changes in assumptions or in market conditions could significantly affect the estimates.

Operating Segments Internal financial information is primarily reported and aggregated in three lines of business, banking, trade finance service, and SBA lending services.

Stock-Based Compensation SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, encourages, but does not require, companies to record compensation cost for stock-based employees compensation plans at fair value. The Company has elected to continue to account for stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value method prescribed in Accounting Principles Board Opinion (APB) No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and related interpretations. Accordingly, compensation cost for stock options is measured as the excess, if any, of the fair value of the Company's stock at the date of grant over the grant price.

The Company has adopted the disclosure only provisions of SFAS No. 123. Had compensation cost for the Company's stock-based compensation plans been determined based on the fair value at the grant date for awards consistent with the provisions of SFAS No. 123, the Company's net income and earnings per share would have been reduced to the pro forma amounts as follows:

	Year Ended December 31		
	2005	2004	2003
	(In thousands, except per share data)		
Net income	\$ 26,857	\$ 19,782	\$ 13,728
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under the fair value-based method for all awards net of related tax effects	(1,226)	(1,031)	(693)
Pro forma net income	\$ 25,631	\$ 18,751	\$ 13,035
EPS:			
Basic as reported	\$ 1.11	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.62
Basic pro forma	1.06	0.81	0.59
Diluted as reported	\$ 1.07	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.59
Diluted pro forma	1.02	0.76	0.56

The fair value of options granted and the pro forma effects are computed using option pricing models, using the following weighted-average assumptions as of the grant date.

	2005	2004	2003
Risk-free interest rate	4.3%	3.7%	2.3%
Expected option life (years)	4.4	5.7	4.1
Expected stock price volatility	37.7%	38.0%	28.7%
Dividend yield	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%
Weighted average fair value of options granted during the year	\$ 6.08	\$ 6.39	\$ 2.31

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Impairment of Long-Lived Assets The Company evaluates long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. If the estimated future cash flows (undiscounted) over the remaining useful life of the asset are less than the carrying value, an impairment loss would be recorded to reduce the related asset to its estimated fair value.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Material estimates that are susceptible to change in the near term relate to the determination of the allowance and provision for loan losses, the evaluation of other than temporary impairment of investment securities, accounting for derivatives and hedging activities, determining the carrying value for cash surrender value of life insurance, disclosures about segment information, carrying value of goodwill and other intangible assets, accounting for deferred tax assets and valuation allowance, the determination of the fair values of investment securities and other financial instruments, accounting for lease arrangements, accounting for incentive compensation, profit sharing and bonus payments and the valuation of servicing assets.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. This Statement replaces APB Opinion No. 20, *Accounting Changes*, and FASB Statement No. 3, *Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements*. SFAS No. 154 carries forward the guidance contained in APB Opinion No. 20 for reporting the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements and a change in accounting estimate. However, SFAS No. 154 changes the requirements for the accounting for and reporting of a change in accounting principle. Under this Statement, every voluntary change in accounting principle requires retrospective application to prior periods' financial statements, unless it is impracticable. It also applies to changes required by an accounting pronouncement in the unusual instance that the pronouncement does not include specific transition provisions. When a pronouncement includes specific transition provisions, those provisions should be followed. This Statement is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005, although earlier application is permitted for changes and corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 1, 2005. The Company does not expect the adoption of this statement to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS Statement No. 123R, *Share-Based Payment*. This Statement revises SFAS Statement No 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, amends SFAS Statement No. 95, *Statement of Cash Flows*, and supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*. It requires that all stock-based compensation be measured at fair value when granted and recognized as expense in the income statement over the employment service period, which is normally the vesting period. This Statement also clarifies and expands guidance on measuring fair value of stock compensation, requires estimation of forfeitures when determining expense, and requires that excess tax benefits be shown as financing cash inflows versus a reduction of taxes paid in operating cash flows. Various other changes are also required. This Statement is effective for the Company for awards granted or modified beginning January 1, 2006. Compensation cost will also be recorded for prior awards that vest on or after January 1, 2006. The effect on results of operations will depend on the level of future option grants, the calculation of the fair value of the options granted at such future dates, the estimates of forfeitures, as well as the vesting periods provided, and so the actual results may differ from the estimated effect. Existing options that will vest after adoption of this Statement are expected to result in additional compensation expense of approximately \$1,118,000 in 2006 and \$774,000 in 2007.

In November 2005, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) FAS 115-1 and 124-1, *The Meaning of Other Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments*. The FSP addresses the

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determination of when an investment is considered impaired, whether that impairment is other than temporary, and the measurement of an impairment loss. The FSP also includes accounting considerations subsequent to the recognition of an other-than-temporary impairment and requires certain disclosures about unrealized losses that have not been recognized as other-than-temporary impairments. The FSP is required to be applied to reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2005. The Company does not expect adoption to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

Reclassifications Certain reclassifications were made to the prior year's presentation to conform to the current year's presentation.

2. SECURITIES

The following is a summary of securities at December 31:

	Amortized Cost	2005		Estimated Fair Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
(In thousands)				
Available for Sale				
Debt securities:				
U.S. Government agency	\$ 92,500	\$	\$ (1,703)	\$ 90,797
Collateralized mortgage obligations	26,820		(885)	25,935
Mortgage-backed securities	45,615	18	(901)	44,732
Asset backed securities	1,991		(2)	1,989
Municipal bonds	7,173	158		7,331
Total debt securities	174,099	176	(3,491)	170,784
Mutual funds	4,000		(75)	3,925
	\$ 178,099	\$ 176	\$ (3,566)	\$ 174,709
Held to Maturity				
Corporate debt securities	\$ 1,001	\$ 22	\$	\$ 1,023

	Amortized Cost	2004		Estimated Fair Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	
(In thousands)				
Available for Sale				
Debt securities:				
U.S. Government agency	\$ 62,657	\$ 33	\$ (178)	62,512
Collateralized mortgage obligations	23,735	21	(627)	23,129
Mortgage-backed securities	26,751	92	(268)	26,575
Municipal bonds	9,578	211	(5)	9,784
Corporate debt securities	3,980	3		3,983

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Total debt securities	126,701	360	(1,078)	125,983
Government sponsored enterprise preferred stocks	7,403			7,403
	\$ 134,104	\$ 360	\$ (1,078)	\$ 133,386
Held to Maturity				
Corporate debt securities	\$ 2,001	\$ 87	\$	\$ 2,088

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For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, proceeds from sales of securities available for sale amounted to \$13,901,000, \$26,424,000 and \$22,404,000, respectively. Gross realized gains from the sales of securities available for sale amounted to \$143,000, \$743,000 and \$1,087,000 for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. There were no gross realized losses from sales during 2005, 2004 and 2003.

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of securities at December 31, 2005, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Securities not due at a single maturity date are shown separately.

	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value
	(In thousands)	
Available for sale:		
Due after one year through five years	\$ 92,500	\$ 90,797
Due after five years through ten years	825	837
Due after ten years	8,339	8,483
Collateralized mortgage obligations	26,820	25,935
Mortgage-backed securities	45,615	44,732
Mutual funds	4,000	3,925
	\$ 178,099	\$ 174,709
Held to maturity:		
Due after one year through five years	1,001	1,023
	\$ 1,001	\$ 1,023

Securities with carrying values of approximately \$99.4 million and \$98.1 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively, were pledged to secure public deposits, various borrowings and for other purposes as required or permitted by law.

The following table shows the gross unrealized losses and fair value of securities, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

At December 31, 2005:	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
Description of Securities	(In thousands)					
US Government agency	\$ 52,453	\$ (804)	\$ 38,344	\$ (899)	\$ 90,797	\$ (1,703)
Collateralized mortgage obligations	10,958	(59)	14,977	(826)	25,935	(885)
Mortgage-backed securities	35,283	(515)	8,604	(386)	43,887	(901)
Asset backed securities	1,989	(2)			1,989	(2)
Mutual funds	3,925	(75)			3,925	(75)
	\$ 104,608	\$ (1,455)	\$ 61,925	\$ (2,111)	\$ 166,533	\$ (3,566)

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At December 31, 2004:	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
Description of Securities						
			(In thousands)			
US Government agency	\$ 50,481	\$ (178)	\$	\$	\$ 50,481	\$ (178)
Collateralized mortgage obligations	13,001	(347)	6,725	(280)	19,726	(627)
Mortgage-backed securities	9,463	(93)	5,918	(175)	15,381	(268)
Municipal bonds	418	(5)			418	(5)
	\$ 73,363	\$ (623)	\$ 12,643	\$ (455)	\$ 86,006	\$ (1,078)

The Company believes that the unrealized losses are temporary, arising mainly from fluctuations in interest rates and do not reflect a deterioration of credit quality of the issuers. For the year-ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, there were no sales of investment securities resulting in realized losses. During 2004, \$2.6 million in impairment charges was recorded related to other than temporary declines in market values for government sponsored enterprise preferred stocks, which were sold in 2005 at a slight gain from their reduced carrying value.

3. LOANS RECEIVABLE AND THE ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

The following is a summary of loans by major category at December 31:

	2005	2004
	(In thousands)	
Commercial loans	\$ 483,231	\$ 441,940
Real estate loans	900,699	717,747
Consumer and other loans	64,633	64,845
	1,448,563	1,224,532
Unamortized deferred loan fees net of costs	(2,823)	(2,798)
Allowance for loan losses	(17,618)	(14,627)
Loans receivable net	\$ 1,428,122	\$ 1,207,107

Activity in the allowance for loan losses is as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2005	2004	2003
	(In thousands)		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 14,627	\$ 12,471	\$ 8,458
Provision for loan losses	5,427	3,900	5,250
Allowance acquired in business acquisition			669
Loans charged off	(3,066)	(2,545)	(2,416)
Recoveries of charge-offs	630	801	510
Balance, end of year	\$ 17,618	\$ 14,627	\$ 12,471

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At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company had classified \$5.8 and \$2.8 million, respectively, of its commercial and real estate loans as impaired, with specific loss allocations of \$1,422,000 and \$797,000, respectively. There were no impaired loans without specific loss allocations. The average recorded investment in impaired loans during the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003 was \$3,639,000, \$4,151,000 and

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\$2,993,000, respectively. At December 31, 2005, loans on non-accrual status totaled \$5,489,000, compared to \$2,679,000 at December 31, 2004. Interest income of \$283,000, \$118,000 and \$115,000 was recognized on impaired loans during the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively, all of which was received in cash. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, there were no loans past due more than 90 days and still accruing interest.

The following is an analysis of loans to executive officers, directors and related parties of the Bank and its affiliates for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004.

	2005	2004
	(In thousands)	
Outstanding balance, beginning of year	\$ 385	\$ 642
Repayments	(8)	(257)
Outstanding balance, end of year	\$ 377	\$ 385

4. PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Premises and equipment, net consisted of the following at December 31:

	2005	2004
	(In thousands)	
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 8,451	\$ 7,473
Leasehold improvements	7,771	6,811
	16,222	14,284
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(8,074)	(7,414)
	\$ 8,148	\$ 6,870

Depreciation and amortization expense on furniture, fixtures and equipment and leasehold improvements was approximately \$1,690,000, \$1,593,000 and \$1,270,000 for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

5. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

In October 1998, the Company purchased a branch of Korea Exchange Bank of New York (KEBNY) and recorded goodwill of \$1.1 million and a core deposit intangible of \$881 thousand. Through December 31, 2001, the goodwill and core deposit intangible were being amortized over estimated useful lives of 15 and 10 years, respectively. The goodwill was being amortized on a straight-line basis, and the core deposit intangible was being amortized on an accelerated basis. On January 1, 2002, the Company adopted SFAS No. 142, and as a result, no longer amortizes goodwill but tests it at least annually for impairment. The Company will continue to amortize the core deposit intangible over its original estimated useful life of 10 years.

In November 2002, the Company purchased certain loans and deposits from Industrial Bank of Korea New York (IBKNY) and recorded a core deposit intangible of \$1.2 million. The Company is amortizing the core deposit intangible over an estimated useful life of 10 years on an accelerated basis.

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In August 2003, the Company purchased Asiana Bank (Asiana) at a price of \$8.0 million in common stock, and recorded goodwill of approximately \$1.5 million and a core deposit intangible of \$1.0 million. The Company is amortizing the core deposit intangible over an estimated useful life of 10 years on an accelerated basis.

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In October 2003, the Company purchased certain loans and deposits from Korea Exchange Bank's Broadway branch in New York (KEB, Broadway) and recorded a core deposit intangible of approximately \$2.7 million, which is being amortized over an estimated useful life of 10 years on an accelerated basis.

Following is a summary of the Company's intangible assets at December 31:

	2005		2004	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
(In thousands)				
Goodwill:				
Goodwill KEBNY	\$ 1,117	\$ (242)	\$ 1,117	\$ (242)
Goodwill Asiana	1,472		1,472	
Total	\$ 2,589	\$ (242)	\$ 2,589	\$ (242)
Intangible assets:				
Core deposit KEBNY	\$ 881	\$ (769)	\$ 881	\$ (676)
Core deposit IBKNY	1,187	(427)	1,187	(282)
Core deposit Asiana	1,018	(299)	1,018	(167)
Core deposit KEB, Broadway	2,726	(728)	2,726	(382)
Total	\$ 5,812	\$ (2,223)	\$ 5,812	\$ (1,507)

For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, the Company recorded amortization expense of approximately \$716,000, \$701,000 and \$332,000, respectively, related to core deposit intangibles. The estimated annual amortization as of December 31, 2005, for each of the succeeding five fiscal years is indicated in the table below:

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	(In thousands)				
Core deposit KEBNY	\$ 67	\$ 34	\$ 11	\$	\$
Core deposit IBKNY	145	145	145	143	114
Core deposit Asiana	132	132	126	111	98
Core deposit KEB, Broadway	346	346	342	323	296
Total	\$ 690	\$ 657	\$ 624	\$ 577	\$ 508

The Company tested goodwill for impairment as of December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 and determined that there was no impairment.

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The scheduled maturities of time deposits are as follows at December 31, 2005 for the years ending December 31,

	2005 (In thousands)
2006	\$ 812,649
2007	34,756
2008	356
2009	284
	\$ 848,045

Interest expense for time deposits of \$100,000 or more amounted to \$21.3 million, \$6.6 million and \$6.4 million in 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The weighted average interest rate on time deposits was 4.09% and 2.36% at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Included in time deposits of \$848.0 million were \$118.3 million in brokered deposits at December 31, 2005 compared with \$45.1 million at December 31, 2004, and \$60.0 million in California State Treasurer's deposits at December 31, 2005 compared with \$65.0 million at December 31, 2004. The California State Treasurer's deposits are subject to withdrawal based on the State's periodic evaluations. The Company is required to pledge eligible collateral of at least 110% of outstanding deposits. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, securities with carrying values of approximately \$81.6 million and \$74.3 million, respectively, were pledged as collateral for the California State Treasurer's deposits.

7. FHLB BORROWINGS

The Company maintains a secured credit facility with the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (FHLB) against which the Company may take advances. The borrowing capacity is limited to 25% of total assets, or \$444.2 million at December 31, 2005. The terms of this credit facility require the Company to pledge with the FHLB, eligible collateral of at least 100% of outstanding advances.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, securities with carrying values of approximately \$12.6 million and \$16.9 million, respectively, were pledged as collateral for borrowings from the FHLB. Additionally, at December 31, 2005 and 2004, real estate secured loans with a carrying amount of \$717.3 million and \$745.7 million, respectively, were also pledged as collateral for borrowings from the FHLB.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, these borrowings had a weighted-average interest of 4.38% and 2.79%, respectively, and have various maturities through June 2008. All borrowings as of December 31, 2005 have fixed rates ranging from 3.65% to 6.70%. At December 31, 2005, we had \$31.0 million of advances outstanding with a remaining borrowing capacity of \$413.2 million.

At December 31, 2005, the contractual maturities of FHLB borrowings are as follows:

Year Ended December 31 (In thousands)	
2007	\$ 13,000
2008	18,000
	\$ 31,000

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At December 31, 2005, five wholly-owned subsidiary grantor trusts established by Nara Bancorp had issued \$38 million of pooled Trust Preferred Securities (trust preferred securities). Trust preferred securities accrue and pay distributions periodically at specified annual rates as provided in the indentures. The trusts used the net proceeds from the offering to purchase a like amount of subordinated debentures (the Debentures) of Nara Bancorp. The Debentures are the sole assets of the trusts. The Bancorp's obligations under the subordinated debentures and related documents, taken together, constitute a full and unconditional guarantee by Nara Bancorp of the obligations of the trusts. The trust preferred securities are mandatorily redeemable upon the maturity of the Debentures, or upon earlier redemption as provided in the indentures. Nara Bancorp has the right to redeem the Debentures in whole (but not in part) on or after specific dates, at a redemption price specified in the indentures plus any accrued but unpaid interest to the redemption date.

The subordinated Debentures are not redeemable prior to June 8, 2011 with respect to Nara Bancorp Capital Trust I, March 26, 2007 with respect to Nara Statutory Trust II, June 15, 2008 with respect to Nara Capital Trust III, January 7, 2009 with respect to Nara Statutory Trust IV, and December 17, 2008 with respect to Nara Statutory Trust V unless certain events have occurred. During March of 2004 and November of 2002, \$20 million in total, \$10 million each, of the total proceeds from the issuance of the Trust Securities was injected into Nara Bank, as permanent capital.

The following table is a summary of trust preferred securities and debentures at December 31, 2005:

Issuance Trust	Issuance Date	Trust Preferred Security Amount	Subordinated Debentures Amount (Dollars in Thousands)	Rate Type	Initial Rate	Rate at 12/31/05
Nara Bancorp Capital Trust I	3/28/2001	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,400	Fixed	10.18%	10.18%
Nara Statutory Trust II	3/26/2002	8,000	8,248	Variable	5.59%	8.12%
Nara Capital Trust III	6/5/2003	5,000	5,155	Variable	4.44%	7.64%
Nara Statutory Trust IV	12/22/2003	5,000	5,155	Variable	4.02%	7.00%
Nara Statutory Trust V	12/17/2003	10,000	10,310	Variable	4.12%	7.45%
TOTAL ISSUANCE		\$ 38,000	\$ 39,268			

The first offering was completed on March 28, 2001 and raised \$10,000,000 through Trust I, as part of a pooled offering with several other financial institutions. The trust preferred securities bear a 10.18% per annum fixed rate of interest payable semiannually for a 30-year term. The Company incurred \$344,000 in issuance costs, which are being amortized over the term of these securities.

The second offering was completed on March 26, 2002 and raised \$8,000,000 through Trust II, as part of a pooled offering with several other financial institutions. The interest rate is adjusted quarterly on March 26, June 26, September 26 and December 26 during the 30-year term based on the three-month London Interbank Offered Rate plus 3.60% and is paid quarterly. For the period beginning on December 26, 2005 through March 25, 2006, the trust preferred securities bear an interest rate of 8.12% per annum. Prior to March 26, 2007, the interest rate cannot exceed 11.0%. The Company incurred \$271,000 in issuance costs, which are being amortized over the term of these securities.

The third offering was completed on June 5, 2003 and raised \$5,000,000 through Trust III, as part of a pooled offering with several other financial institutions. The interest rate is adjusted quarterly on

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March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 during the 30-year term based on the three-month London Interbank Offered Rate plus 3.15% and is paid quarterly. For the period beginning on December 15, 2005 through March 14, 2006, the trust preferred securities bear an interest rate of 7.64% per annum.

The fourth offering was completed on December 22, 2003 and raised \$5,000,000 through Trust IV, as part of a pooled offering with several other financial institutions. The interest rate is adjusted quarterly on January 7, April 7, July 7 and October 7 during the 30-year term based on the three-month London Interbank Offered Rate plus 2.85% and is paid quarterly. For the period beginning on December 22, 2005 through March 21, 2006, the trust preferred securities bear an interest rate of 7.00% per annum.

The fifth offering was completed on December 17, 2003 and raised \$10,000,000 through Trust V, as part of a pooled offering with several other financial institutions. The interest rate is adjusted quarterly on March 17, June 17, September 17 and December 17 during the 30-year term based on the three-month London Interbank Offered Rate plus 2.95% and is paid quarterly. For the period beginning on December 17, 2005 through March 16, 2006, the trust preferred securities bear an interest rate of 7.45% per annum.

With the adoption of FIN No. 46R, the subordinated debentures issued by Nara Bancorp to the grantor trusts, totaling \$39.3 million, are reflected in the consolidated statements of financial condition in the liabilities section at December 31, 2005 and 2004, under the caption subordinated debentures. The Company also recorded \$2.1 million in other assets in the consolidated statements of financial condition at December 31, 2005 and 2004 for the common capital securities issued by the issuer trusts and held by the Company.

On March 1, 2005, the Federal Reserve Board adopted a final rule that allows the continued limited inclusion of trust preferred securities in Tier 1 capital of bank holding companies. However, under the final rule, trust preferred securities will be subject to stricter quantitative limits. The Board's final rule limits restricted core capital elements to 25 percent of all core capital elements, net of goodwill less any associated deferred tax liability. Amounts of restricted core capital elements in excess of these limits generally may be included in Tier 2 capital. The final rule provides a five-year transition period ending March 31, 2009, for application of the new quantitative limits. At December 31, 2005, \$38.0 million of the subordinated debentures was included in Tier 1 capital and at December 31, 2004, approximately \$31.7 million was included in Tier 1 capital.

9. INCOME TAXES

A summary of income tax provision (benefit) follows for the years ended December 31:

	Current	Deferred (In thousands)	Total
2005:			
Federal	\$ 14,031	\$ (370)	\$ 13,661
State	5,185	(35)	5,150
	\$ 19,216	\$ (405)	\$ 18,811
2004:			
Federal	\$ 10,339	\$ (750)	\$ 9,589
State	4,145	(277)	3,868
	\$ 14,484	\$ (1,027)	\$ 13,457
2003:			
Federal	\$ 6,628	\$ (544)	\$ 6,084
State	2,746	(405)	2,341

\$ 9,374 \$ (949) \$ 8,425

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Deferred tax assets and liabilities at December 31, 2005 and 2004 are comprised of the following.

	2005	2004
	(In thousands)	
Deferred tax assets:		
Statutory bad debt deduction less than financial statement provision	\$ 8,012	\$ 6,629
Net operating loss carryforward	3,667	4,038
Investment securities impairment writedown	1,161	1,228
Lease expense	1,194	986
State tax deductions	1,079	786
Accrued compensation	643	673
Deferred compensation	514	481
Mark to market on loans held for sale	425	192
Depreciation	50	
Other	324	567
Unrealized loss on securities available for sale	1,326	287
Unrealized loss on interest rate swaps	1,163	116
	19,558	15,983
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Amortization of intangibles	(287)	(425)
Depreciation		(202)
FHLB stock dividends	(292)	(222)
Deferred loan costs	(1,555)	(775)
State taxes deferred and other	(935)	(909)
Prepaid expenses	(548)	
Unrealized gain on interest rate swaps		
Unrealized gain on interest only strips	(47)	(58)
	(3,664)	(2,591)
Valuation allowance		
Net deferred tax assets:	\$ 15,894	\$ 13,392

The company has evaluated the available evidence supporting the realization of its deferred tax assets and determined it is more likely than not that the assets will be realized and thus no valuation allowance was required at December 31, 2005.

A reconciliation of the difference between the federal statutory income tax rate and the effective tax rate is shown in the following table for the years ended December 31:

	2005	2004	2003
Statutory tax rate	35%	35%	35%
State taxes net of federal tax benefit	7	7	7
Nontaxable income		(1)	(3)

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Other	(1)	(1)	(1)
	41%	40%	38%

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A summary of the Company's net operating loss carry-forwards is as follows:

	Remaining Amount	Federal Expires	Annual Limitation (In thousands)	Remaining Amount	State Expires	Annual * Limitation
2005						
Nara Ownership Change	\$ 332	2009	\$ 83	\$ 290	2011	\$ 83
Korea First Bank of New York	6,954	2019	497			
Asiana	2,755	2013	348	1,117	2009	348
Total	\$ 10,041		\$ 928	\$ 1,407		\$ 431
2004						
Nara Ownership Change	\$ 415	2009	\$ 83	\$ 373	2011	\$ 83
Korea First Bank of New York	7,451	2019	497			
Asiana	3,103	2013	348	1,465	2009	348
Total	\$ 10,969		\$ 928	\$ 1,838		\$ 431

* For 2003 and 2002, California suspended the use of net operating losses. During 2004, California reinstated the use of net operating losses, and the Company was able to utilize \$719,000 of state net operating loss carry-forwards during 2004 and \$431,000 during 2005.

10. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND STOCK OPTIONS

In September 2005, the Company raised additional capital of \$19.6 million through the sale of its common stock to Dr. Chong-Moon Lee, director and chairman of the board of directors of Nara Bancorp. The Company issued 1,440,920 shares of its common stock to Dr. Lee at a purchase price of \$13.88 per share, which was the closing bid price on the date the Stock Purchase Agreement was executed. The transaction closed on September 12, 2005.

The Company adopted a stock option plan in 1989 that was replaced by the Year 2000 Long Term Incentive Plan, under which options may be granted to key employees and directors of the Company. Options are exercisable in installments, which need not be equal, as shall be determined at the time of grant. Option prices may not be less than the fair market value of the Company's common stock at the date of grant. The Company authorized a total of 2,800,000 shares under the Year 2000 Long Term Incentive Plan as of December 31, 2005. The Company has issued 2,366,000 shares, net of forfeitures under this plan as of December 31, 2005. As of December 31, 2005, 434,000 shares are available for future grants. After 10 years from grant, all unexercised options will expire.

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Activity in the stock option plans is as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2005		2004		2003	
	Number of Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price per Share	Number of Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price per Share	Number of Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price per Share
Options outstanding, beginning of year	2,723,964	\$ 6.32	2,973,124	\$ 6.08	2,070,564	\$ 2.41
Options granted	490,000	17.56	90,000	16.27	1,720,000	8.65
Options forfeited	(587,968)	7.59	(126,000)	9.34	(40,000)	8.65
Options exercised	(671,516)	3.47	(213,160)	5.30	(777,440)	1.87
Options outstanding, end of year	1,954,480	\$ 9.74	2,723,964	\$ 6.32	2,973,124	\$ 6.08
Options exercisable at year-end	900,080	\$ 7.25	1,328,764	\$ 3.86	914,464	\$ 1.79

Options outstanding at year-end 2005 were as follows:

Range of Exercise Prices	December 31, 2005			Options Exercisable	
	Options Outstanding	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Options Exercisable	Weighted-Average Exercise Price
\$ 1.29	197,280	1.6 years	\$ 1.29	197,280	\$ 1.29
\$2.01 - \$ 5.00	124,000	5.5 years	4.61	116,000	4.65
\$5.01 - \$ 9.00	1,143,200	7.3 years	8.41	506,800	8.48
\$14.01 - \$22.00	490,000	9.5 years	17.56	80,000	17.97
	1,954,480	7.2 years	\$ 9.74	900,080	\$ 7.25

11. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Deferred Compensation Plan In 1996, the Company established a deferred compensation plan that permits eligible officers and directors to defer a portion of their compensation. In 2001, the Board of Directors approved and the Company established a deferred compensation plan that allows a key executive of the Company additional deferral of his compensation. The deferred compensation, together with accrued accumulated interest, is distributable in cash after retirement or termination of service. The deferred compensation liabilities at December 31, 2005 and 2004 amounted to \$1,770,000 and \$1,602,000, respectively, which are included in other liabilities. The Company has insured the lives of certain officers and directors who participate in the deferred compensation plan. The Company has also purchased life insurance policies and entered into split dollar life insurance agreements with certain directors and officers. Under the terms of the split dollar life insurance agreements, a portion of the death benefits received by the Bank will be paid to beneficiaries named by the directors and officers.

During the years ending December 31, 2003 and 2002, several of the split dollar life insurance agreements the Company had entered into precluded the Company from being able to fully realize the cash surrender value of the life insurance policies as of the balance sheet date, as the

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agreements required the Company to continue to maintain the policies or replace them with comparable life insurance policies until the death of the split dollar participants. Accordingly, the Company recorded discounts of \$345,000 and \$1,411,000 for 2003 and 2002 on

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the cash surrender value of the split dollar life insurance policies to record the cash surrender value at the amount that can be effectively realized at the balance sheet date for the estimated present value of the cash surrender value based upon the estimated mortality dates of the split dollar participants. During the fourth quarter of 2004, the Company amended certain of the split dollar life insurance agreements in order to eliminate the requirement for the Company to continue to maintain the policies or replace them with comparable life insurance policies. Accordingly, in the fourth quarter of 2004, the Company reversed \$1,426,000 of the discounts on the cash surrender value of the split dollar life insurance policies established in 2003 and 2002. Expense recognized under the deferred compensation plan totaled \$158,000, \$150,000 and \$149,000 for 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the cash surrender value of all policies, net of discounts of \$352,000 and \$330,000 was \$14,640,000 and \$14,226,000, respectively.

401(k) Savings Plan In 1996, the Company established a 401(k) savings plan, which is open to all eligible employees who are 21 years old or over and have completed six months of service. The plan requires the Bank to match 100% up to 3% of employee deferrals and 50% of the next 2% of employee deferrals for an additional contribution of up to 1% during the plan year. Employer matching will be immediately vested in full regardless of the service term. Total employer contributions to the plan and expense amounted to approximately \$359,000, \$350,000 and \$250,000 for 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Employees Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) In 1996, the Company established an ESOP, which is open to all eligible employees who have completed one year of service working at least 1,000 hours. The Company contributions to the ESOP represent an annual profit-sharing bonus paid to employees. Such contributions and available forfeitures are allocated to active employees based on the percentage that their compensation represents of the total compensation of eligible employees. No shares of common stock were purchased for the ESOP during 2005 and 2004. The Company purchased 5,000 shares in 2003. The Company's contribution and expense to the ESOP was approximately \$224,000 and \$232,000 for 2005 and 2004, respectively. No contribution to the ESOP was made in 2003. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the ESOP held 181,844 and 197,484 shares, and there were no unallocated shares. On an annual basis, the Board determines the amount to contribute to the ESOP as a profit sharing bonus.

Upon termination, plan participants are paid in cash or retain their vested balance in the ESOP. During 2005 and 2004, 15,640 and 5,336 shares were withdrawn from the ESOP by participants who terminated their employment with the Company.

12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company leases its premises under non-cancelable operating leases, and at December 31, 2005, the future minimum rental commitments under these leases and other operating leases are as follows:

	(In thousands)
2006	\$ 5,570
2007	4,853
2008	4,533
2009	4,127
2010	3,639
Thereafter	19,658
	\$ 42,381

Operating lease expense recorded under such leases in 2005, 2004 and 2003 amounted to approximately \$4,963,000, \$4,329,000 and \$4,010,000, respectively.

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In the normal course of business, the Company is involved in various legal claims. Management has reviewed all legal claims against the Company with counsel and has taken into consideration the views of such counsel as to the outcome of the claims. In management's opinion, the final disposition of all such claims will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of the Company. As of December 31, 2005, the Company did not record any accrued liability for litigation settlements. As of December 31, 2004, the Company recorded an accrued liability of \$120,000 for litigation settlements, which were paid out in 2005.

The Company is a party to financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit, standby letters of credit and other commercial letters of credit. These instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the consolidated statements of financial condition. The Company's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other party to commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit and other commercial letters of credit is represented by the contractual notional amount of those instruments. The Company uses the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations as it does for extending loan facilities to customers. The Company evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the Company upon extension of credit, is based on management's credit evaluation of the counterparty. Collateral held varies but may include accounts receivable; inventory; property, plant and equipment; and income-producing properties.

Commitments at December 31, 2005 and 2004 are summarized as follows:

	2005	2004
	(In thousands)	
Commitments to extend credit	\$ 199,968	\$ 151,726
Standby letters of credit	14,077	22,108
Other commercial letters of credit	25,858	29,035
	\$ 239,903	\$ 202,869

Commitments and letters of credit generally have variable rates that are tied to the prime rate. From time to time, the Company enters into certain types of contracts that contingently require the Company to indemnify parties against third party claims and other obligations customarily indemnified in the ordinary course of the Company's business. The terms of such obligations vary, and, generally, a maximum obligation is not explicitly stated. Therefore, the overall maximum amount of the obligations cannot be reasonably estimated. The most significant of these contracts relate to certain agreements with the Company's officers and directors under which the Company may be required to indemnify such persons for liabilities arising out of their employment relationship. Historically, the Company has not been obligated to make significant payment for these obligations, and no liabilities have been recorded for these obligations on its consolidated statements of financial condition as of December 31, 2005 and 2004.

13. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The estimated fair value amounts have been determined by the Company using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. However, considerable judgment is required to interpret market data in order to develop the estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts the Company could realize in a current market exchange. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts.

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The fair value estimates are made at a discrete point in time based on relevant market data information about the financial instruments and other factors. The fair value estimates have not been adjusted to reflect changes in market conditions for the period subsequent to the valuation dates of December 31, 2005 and 2004; therefore, estimates presented herein are not necessarily indicative of amounts which could be realized in a current transaction.

	December 31, 2005	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
	(In thousands)	
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 66,024	\$ 66,024
Term federal funds sold	7,000	7,000
Securities available for sale	174,709	174,709
Securities held to maturity	1,001	1,023
Loans held for sale	17,083	18,134
Loans receivable net	1,428,122	1,426,987
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	6,463	6,463
Federal Reserve Bank stock	1,803	1,803
Accrued interest receivable	7,620	7,620
Customers liabilities on acceptances	6,982	6,982
Liabilities:		
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$ (371,943)	\$ (371,943)
Saving and other interest bearing demand deposits	(306,498)	(306,498)
Time deposits	(848,045)	(846,225)
Borrowings from Federal Home Loan Bank	(31,000)	(30,672)
Accrued interest payable	(8,755)	(8,755)
Bank s liabilities on acceptances outstanding	(6,982)	(6,982)
Subordinated debentures	(39,268)	(40,350)

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	December 31, 2004	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
	(In thousands)	
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 75,212	\$ 75,212
Term federal funds sold	12,000	12,000
Securities available for sale	133,386	133,386
Securities held to maturity	2,001	2,088
Loans held for sale	4,730	5,136
Loans receivable net	1,207,107	1,207,883
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	4,802	4,802
Federal Reserve Bank stock	1,803	1,803
Accrued interest receivable	5,124	5,124
Customers' liabilities on acceptances	7,448	7,448
Liabilities:		
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$ (328,326)	\$ (328,326)
Saving and other interest bearing demand deposits	(442,334)	(442,334)
Time deposits	(485,315)	(485,657)
Borrowings from Federal Home Loan Bank	(90,000)	(90,352)
Accrued interest payable	(3,412)	(3,412)
Bank's liabilities on acceptances outstanding	(7,448)	(7,448)
Subordinated debentures	(39,268)	(39,827)

The methods and assumptions used to estimate fair value are described as follows.

The carrying amount is the estimated fair value for cash and cash equivalents, term federal funds sold, savings and other interest bearing demand deposits, Federal Home Loan Bank stock, Federal Reserve Bank stock, accrued interest receivable and payable, customer's liabilities on acceptances, non-interest-bearing deposits, short-term debt, and variable rate loans or deposits that reprice frequently and fully. Fair value of securities are based on market prices or dealer quotes, and if no such information is available, on the rate and term of the security and information about the issuer. For fixed rate loans or deposits and for variable rate loans or deposits with infrequent repricing or repricing limits, fair value is based on discounted cash flows using current market rates applied to the estimated life and credit risk. Fair values for impaired loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis or underlying collateral values. The allowance for loan losses is considered to be a reasonable estimate of discount for credit quality concerns. Fair value of loans held for sale is based on market quotes. Fair value of time deposits and debt is based on current rates for similar financing. The fair value of commitments to fund loans represents fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements with similar remaining maturities and is not presented herein. The fair value of these financial instruments is not material to the consolidated financial statements.

14. REGULATORY MATTERS

The Company and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's and the Bank's financial statements, such as restrictions on the growth, expansion or the payment of dividends or other capital distributions or management fees. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Company and the Bank must meet specific capital

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guidelines that involve quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities and certain off-balance-sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings and other factors. Prompt corrective action provisions are not applicable to bank holding companies.

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Company and the Bank to maintain minimum ratios (set forth in the table below) of total and Tier I capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk-weighted assets (as defined) and of Tier I capital (as defined) to average assets (as defined). Management believes that, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company and the Bank met all capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject.

As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the most recent regulatory notification categorized the Bank as well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. To be categorized as well capitalized, the Bank must maintain minimum total risk-based, Tier I risk-based and Tier I leverage ratios as set forth in the table below. There are no conditions or events since the notification that management believes have changed the Bank's category.

The Company's and the Bank's actual capital amounts and ratios are presented in the table below:

	Actual		Required For Capital Adequacy Purposes		Required To Be Well Capitalized under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
As of December 31, 2005:						
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets):						
Company	\$ 200,100	12.9%	\$ 124,047	8.0%	N/A	N/A
Bank	\$ 191,996	12.4%	\$ 123,879	8.0%	\$ 154,849	10.0%
Tier I capital (to risk-weighted assets):						
Company	\$ 182,483	11.8%	\$ 62,024	4.0%	N/A	N/A
Bank	\$ 174,379	11.3%	\$ 61,940	4.0%	\$ 92,910	6.0%
Tier I capital (to average assets):						
Company	\$ 182,483	10.2%	\$ 71,402	4.0%	N/A	N/A
Bank	\$ 174,379	9.8%	\$ 71,189	4.0%	\$ 88,986	5.0%
As of December 31, 2004:						
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets):						
Company	\$ 147,417	11.3%	\$ 104,730	8.0%	N/A	N/A
Bank	\$ 143,952	11.0%	\$ 104,558	8.0%	\$ 130,697	10.0%
Tier I capital (to risk-weighted assets):						
Company	\$ 126,387	9.7%	\$ 52,365	4.0%	N/A	N/A
Bank	\$ 129,325	9.9%	\$ 52,279	4.0%	\$ 78,418	6.0%
Tier I capital (to average assets):						
Company	\$ 126,387	8.9%	\$ 56,979	4.0%	N/A	N/A
Bank	\$ 129,325	9.1%	\$ 56,852	4.0%	\$ 71,065	5.0%

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The Company may not pay dividends or make any other capital distribution if, after making the distribution, the Company would be undercapitalized. Based on the current financial status of the Company, the Company believes that such limitations and restrictions will not impair the Company's ability to continue to pay dividends at historical levels.

Under federal banking law, dividends declared by the Bank in any calendar year may not, without the approval of the regulatory agency, exceed its net income for that year combined with its retained income from the preceding three years. However, the regulatory agency has previously issued a bulletin to all banks outlining guidelines limiting the circumstances under which banks may pay dividends even if the banks are otherwise statutorily authorized to pay dividends. The limitations impose a requirement or in some cases suggest that prior approval of the regulatory agency should be obtained before a dividend is paid if a bank is the subject of administrative action or if the payment could be viewed by the regulatory agency as unsafe or unusual. Under these limitations, during 2006, the Bank could pay dividends up to \$65.8 million plus 2006 net income to the holding company. However, as a result of a recent regulatory examination, the Company's regulatory agencies have placed additional restrictions and requirements on the Company, which have the effect of limiting the Company's growth and expansion and its ability to pay cash dividends without prior regulatory approval.

Memorandum of Understanding

On July 29, 2005, Nara Bank entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Reserve Bank) and the California Department of Financial Institutions (Department). Under the terms of the MOU, the Bank cannot declare dividends, without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank and the Department. Other material provisions of the MOU require Nara Bancorp and the Bank to: (i) employ an independent consultant acceptable to the Reserve Bank and the Department to conduct a review of the composition, structure and effectiveness of Nara Bank's current directors and executive officers, (ii) prepare and submit a written plan to the Reserve Bank and the Department to strengthen the Bank's Board of Directors' oversight of management and operations of the Bank, (iii) prepare and submit to the Reserve Bank and the Department acceptable policies, procedures and programs to strengthen the Bank's internal controls, (iv) prepare and submit to the Reserve Bank and the Department a written plan to strengthen the oversight of the Bank's internal audit function, (v) take such actions necessary to comply with Section 501 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, (vi) prepare and submit to the Reserve Bank and the Department an acceptable written information security program and a comprehensive written business resumption plan, and conduct a formal test of the business resumption plan, (vii) prepare and submit a written contingency capital plan, (viii) prepare and submit to the Reserve Bank and Department financial projections for the years 2005-2007 and revise the Bank's three-year strategic plan, (ix) prepare and submit during the term of the MOU, annual financial projections for each subsequent calendar year at least one month prior to the beginning of the calendar year, (x) notify the Reserve Bank and the Department of all revisions to the budget within 5 days of approval by the Bank's Board of Directors, (xi) notify the Reserve Bank and the Department thirty (30) days prior to the appointment of any new director or senior executive officer or changing the responsibilities of any current senior officer, (xii) permit the Bank to make any indemnification and golden parachute or severance payments, or enter into any agreements to make such payments to institution-affiliated parties only with the prior written approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and concurrence of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and (xiii) prepare and submit progress reports to the Reserve Bank and the Department. The MOU will remain in effect until modified or terminated by the Reserve Bank and the Department.

Additional Company Restrictions

Nara Bancorp has agreed with the Reserve Bank and the Department to additional restrictions as well, and must take all necessary steps to ensure that the Bank complies with the MOU, and it also must report its progress

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to the Reserve Bank. In addition, Nara Bancorp may not declare any dividends or make any payments on the outstanding trust preferred securities issued by Nara Bancorp's subsidiaries and may not receive any dividends or payments representing a reduction of capital from the Bank, without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank. Without the consent of the Reserve Bank, Nara Bancorp may not: (i) increase its borrowings, incur any debt or renew existing debt, (ii) issue any trust preferred securities, (iii) purchase any of its stock, (iv) appoint any new director or senior executive officer or change the responsibilities of any current senior executive officer, or (v) make any indemnification and golden parachute or severance payments, or enter into agreements to make such payments to institution-affiliated parties. Finally, Nara Bancorp must affirmatively ensure that all regulatory reports filed, accurately reflect Nara Bancorp's condition, are filed on a timely basis, and all records, and supporting work papers are maintained.

Troubled Condition Designation

On July 8, 2005, the Reserve Bank notified Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank that it had designated Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank to be in a troubled condition for purposes of Section 914 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989. As a result of that designation neither Nara Bancorp nor Nara Bank may appoint any new director or senior executive officer or change the responsibilities of any current senior executive officers without providing the Reserve Bank thirty (30) days prior written notice. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System may disapprove a notice in certain circumstances. In addition, neither Nara Bancorp nor Nara Bank may make indemnification or severance payments or enter into agreements with institution-affiliated parties therefore without complying with certain statutory restrictions including prior written approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and concurrence from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Progress with the MOU-Related Requirements

The Board of Directors has appointed a Joint Compliance Committee (JCC) consisting solely of independent directors of Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank to plan, coordinate and monitor compliance with the MOU-related requirements. The JCC has been meeting regularly with the management to closely monitor its MOU compliance progress. In addition, The Secura Group, the independent consulting firm that was engaged by the JCC, has completed its independent review of the Board of Directors and management and has issued its report to the Board of Directors. An action plan in response to the Secura report is required to be submitted to the regulators by March 22, 2006. Finally, Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank have been able to obtain timely approvals from the regulators on various items that require approval such as the quarterly cash dividends on its common stock and the trust preferred securities. Through its quarterly progress reports, Nara Bancorp and Nara Bank will keep the regulators updated of its progress on the MOU-related requirements.

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EPS information is as follows for the years ended December 31:

	Income (Numerator)	Shares (Denominator)	Per Share Amount
	(In thousands, except share and per share data)		
2005			
Basic EPS	\$ 26,857	24,119,107	\$ 1.11
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Stock Options		943,814	
Diluted EPS	\$ 26,857	25,062,921	\$ 1.07
2004			
Basic EPS	\$ 19,782	23,228,672	\$ 0.85
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Stock Options		1,347,502	
Diluted EPS	\$ 19,782	24,576,174	\$ 0.80
2003			
Basic EPS	\$ 13,728	22,055,890	\$ 0.62
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Stock Options		983,582	
Stock Warrants		65,210	
Diluted EPS	\$ 13,728	23,104,682	\$ 0.59

Stock options for 260,000, 20,000 and 0 shares of common stock that could potentially dilute earnings per share in the future were not considered in computing diluted earnings per common share for 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively, because to do so would have been antidilutive for the periods.

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Other comprehensive income (loss) components and related tax effects were as follows:

	2005	2004 (In thousands)	2003
Unrealized holding gains on securities available-for sale and interest only strips	\$ (2,557)	\$ (1,030)	\$ (1,510)
Reclassification adjustments for other than temporary impairment on securities		2,593	
Reclassification adjustments for (gains) losses realized in income	(143)	(743)	(1,087)
Net unrealized gain (loss)	(2,700)	820	(2,597)
Tax expense (benefit)	(1,050)	329	(1,039)
Net of tax amount	\$ (1,650)	\$ 491	\$ (1,558)
Change in fair value of the effective portion of derivatives used for cash flow hedges	\$ (2,146)	\$ 1,518	\$ 1,730
Reclassification adjustments for (gains) losses realized in income	(472)	(3,108)	(3,432)
Net unrealized gain (loss)	(2,618)	(1,590)	(1,702)
Tax expense (benefit)	(1,047)	(636)	(681)
Net of tax amount	\$ (1,571)	\$ (954)	\$ (1,021)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (3,221)	\$ (463)	\$ (2,579)

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Under the interest rate swap agreements that the Company has entered into, the Company receives a fixed rate and pays a floating rate. The interest rate swaps qualify as cash flow hedges for accounting purposes, and effectively fix the interest rate received on \$100 million and \$140 million of variable rate loans indexed to Prime as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. During 2005, two of the eight interest rate swaps with a notional amount of \$40 million matured. As of December 31, 2005, the amounts in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) associated with these cash flow hedges totaled a loss of \$1,744,791 (net of tax benefit of \$1,163,194), of which \$578,000 is expected to be reclassified as a reduction into interest income within the next 12 months. As of December 31, 2005, the maximum length of time over which the Company is hedging its exposure to the variability of future cash flows is approximately 7 years.

Interest rate swap information at December 31, 2005 and 2004 is summarized as follows:

Current Notional Amount	Floating Rate	Fixed Rate	Maturity Date	Fair Value (In thousands)	2005	Fair Value	2004
					Unrealized Gain (Loss)		Unrealized Gain (Loss)
N/A	H.15 Prime ¹	6.95%	4/29/2005	\$	\$	\$ 94	\$ 76
\$ 20,000	H.15 Prime ¹	7.59%	4/30/2007	(32)	(32)	553	430
20,000	H.15 Prime ¹	6.09%	10/09/2007	(558)	(558)	(197)	(197)
20,000	H.15 Prime ¹	6.58%	10/09/2009	(805)	(805)	(211)	(211)
20,000	H.15 Prime ¹	7.03%	10/09/2012	(918)	(918)	(253)	(253)
N/A	H.15 Prime ¹	5.60%	12/17/2005			(76)	(76)
10,000	H.15 Prime ¹	6.32%	12/17/2007	(264)	(264)	(52)	(52)
10,000	H.15 Prime ¹	6.83%	12/17/2009	(331)	(331)	(7)	(7)
\$ 100,000				\$ (2,908)	\$ (2,908)	\$ (149)	\$ (290)

⁽¹⁾ Prime rate is based on Federal Reserve statistical release H.15

The realized gain or (loss) recognized in earnings on interest rate swaps due to hedge ineffectiveness was (\$141,000), (\$382,000) and \$80,000 for 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Interest income recorded on swap transactions totaled \$472,000, \$3,108,000 and \$3,432,000 for 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

At December 31, 2005, the Company pledged certain agency securities as collateral to the interest rate swap counterparties with a book value of \$1.0 million and \$6.7 million in real estate loans.

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Summarized unaudited quarterly financial data follows for the three months ended:

	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)			
2005				
Interest income	\$ 24,094	\$ 27,496	\$ 31,504	\$ 33,417
Interest expense	6,762	8,500	10,731	11,658
Net interest income before provision for loan losses	17,332	18,996	20,773	21,759
Provision for loan losses	1,650	1,950	970	857
Non-interest income	4,179	5,029	5,788	5,909
Non-interest expense	10,700	12,454	12,062	13,454
Income before income tax provision	9,161	9,621	13,529	13,357
Income tax provision	3,756	4,009	5,600	5,446
Net income	\$ 5,405	\$ 5,612	\$ 7,929	\$ 7,911
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.31
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.30
	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31*
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)			
2004				
Interest income	\$ 17,246	\$ 18,225	\$ 19,903	\$ 21,697
Interest expense	3,934	4,176	4,984	5,592
Net interest income before provision for loan losses	13,312	14,049	14,919	16,105
Provision for loan losses	1,500	1,300	900	200
Non-interest income	4,185	5,103	5,931	5,514
Non-interest expense	10,268	10,686	11,277	9,748
Income before income tax provision	5,729	7,166	8,673	11,671
Income tax provision	2,189	2,774	3,481	5,013
Net income	\$ 3,540	\$ 4,392	\$ 5,192	\$ 6,658
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.29
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.27

* The increase in net income for the fourth quarter of 2004 compared to the third quarter of 2004 was primarily due to decreased provision for loan losses and non-interest expense partially offset by decreased non-interest income. The decrease in non-interest expense is primarily attributable to the reversal of \$1.4 million of the discounts on the cash surrender value of life insurance as discussed in Note 11. The decreased provision for loan losses for the fourth quarter of 2004 was primarily due to slower loan growth and a decrease in non-performing loans. The decrease in non-interest income for the fourth quarter of 2004 compared to the previous quarter was primarily due to a \$361,000

decrease in net gains on sales of loans.

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The Company segregates its operations into three primary segments: Banking Operations, Trade Finance Services (TFS) and Small Business Administration Lending Services (SBA). The Company determines the operating results of each segment based on an internal management system that allocates certain expenses to each segment.

Banking Operations The Company provides lending products, including commercial, installment and real estate loans, to its customers.

Trade Finance Services The TFS department allows the Company s import/export customers to handle their international transactions. Trade finance products include the issuance and collection of letters of credit, international collection and import/export financing.

Small Business Administration Lending Services The SBA department provides customers of the Company access to the U.S. SBA guaranteed lending program.

	Banking Operations	Business Segment		Company
		TFS (Dollars in Thousands)	SBA	
2005				
Net interest income	\$ 60,595	\$ 6,697	\$ 11,568	\$ 78,860
Less provision for loan losses	5,152	20	255	5,427
Non-interest income	10,853	3,010	7,042	20,905
Net revenue	66,296	9,687	18,355	94,338
Non-interest expense	40,166	4,532	3,972	48,670
Income before income taxes	\$ 26,130	\$ 5,155	\$ 14,383	\$ 45,668
Goodwill	\$ 2,347	\$	\$	\$ 2,347
Total assets	\$ 1,397,427	\$ 112,270	\$ 266,959	\$ 1,776,656
2004				
Net interest income	\$ 45,373	\$ 4,593	\$ 8,419	\$ 58,385
Less provision for loan losses	3,150		750	3,900
Non-interest income	9,286	2,952	8,495	20,733
Net revenue	51,509	7,545	16,164	75,218
Non-interest expense	33,736	3,220	5,023	41,979
Income before income taxes	\$ 17,773	\$ 4,325	\$ 11,141	\$ 33,239
Goodwill	\$ 2,347	\$	\$	\$ 2,347
Total assets	\$ 1,196,395	\$ 111,634	\$ 200,282	\$ 1,508,311

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	Banking Operations	Business Segment		Company
		TFS (Dollars in Thousands)	SBA	
2003				
Net interest income	\$ 35,118	\$ 4,521	\$ 5,853	\$ 45,492
Less provision for loan losses	3,475	805	970	5,250
Non-interest income	12,240	2,833	5,008	20,081
Net revenue	43,883	6,549	9,891	60,323
Non-interest expense	30,355	4,427	3,388	38,170
Income before income taxes	\$ 13,528	\$ 2,122	\$ 6,503	\$ 22,153
Goodwill	\$ 2,347	\$	\$	\$ 2,347
Total assets	\$ 981,049	\$ 97,442	\$ 181,280	\$ 1,259,771

20. CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF PARENT COMPANY

The following presents the unconsolidated financial statements of only the parent company, Nara Bancorp, Inc., as of December 31:

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

	December 31,	
	2005	2004
	(In thousands)	
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,024	\$ 3,390
Other assets	6,284	2,152
Investment in bank subsidiary	176,651	135,792
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 186,959	\$ 141,334
LIABILITIES:		
Other borrowings	\$ 39,268	\$ 39,268
Accounts payable and other liabilities	937	812
Total liabilities	40,205	40,080
STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY	146,754	101,254
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY	\$ 186,959	\$ 141,334

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STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
	(In thousands)		
Interest expense	\$ (2,863)	\$ (2,342)	\$ (1,551)
Cash dividends from bank subsidiary			1,000
Other operating income			9
Other operating expense	(941)	(527)	(662)
Equity in net earnings of bank subsidiary	29,080	21,803	14,932
Income before income tax benefit	25,276	18,934	13,728
Income tax benefit	(1,581)	(848)	
Net income	\$ 26,857	\$ 19,782	\$ 13,728

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
	(In thousands)		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income	\$ 26,857	\$ 19,782	\$ 13,728
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash from operating activities:			
Amortization	26	8	
Tax benefit from stock options exercised	2,605	728	314
Change in other assets	(4,163)	39	(1,270)
Change in accounts payable and other liabilities	67	64	361
Equity in net earnings of bank subsidiary	(29,080)	(21,803)	(14,932)
Net cash from operating activities	(3,688)	(1,182)	(1,799)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Investment in Nara Bank	(15,000)	(10,000)	
Net cash from investing activities	(15,000)	(10,000)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Repayments to the Bank for borrowing			(2,549)
Proceeds from issuance of subordinated debentures, net			20,620
Proceeds from exercise of warrants			342
Proceeds from issuance of common stocks	19,625		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	2,328	1,129	1,449
Payments of cash dividends	(2,631)	(2,437)	(2,183)
Net cash from financing activities	19,322	(1,308)	17,679

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NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	634	(12,490)	15,880
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,390	15,880	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 4,024	\$ 3,390	\$ 15,880

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