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March 29, 2018

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of First Internet Bancorp on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. local time at 11201 USA Parkway, Fishers, Indiana 46037. At the meeting, shareholders will vote on the business items listed in the notice of the meeting, which follows on the next page.

We are furnishing our proxy materials to our shareholders primarily over the Internet. We believe that this e-proxy process will expedite shareholders' receipt of proxy materials, help keep our costs low and reduce the environmental impact of our annual meeting. On or about April 2, 2018, a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials will be mailed to our shareholders containing instructions on how to access our proxy statement, annual report and any related materials and how to vote online. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials also contains instructions on how you can elect to receive a paper copy of the proxy statement, annual report and any related materials.

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, your vote is important and we encourage you to vote promptly.

You may vote your shares via a toll-free telephone number or over the Internet. If you receive a paper copy of the proxy card by mail, you may sign, date and mail the proxy card in the envelope provided. Instructions regarding available methods of voting are contained in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, the proxy statement and the proxy card. If you attend the meeting, you may vote in person provided that you comply with the requirements summarized in the proxy statement.

Sincerely,

/s/ David B. Becker

David B. Becker
Chairman, President
and Chief Executive Officer

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11201 USA Parkway

Fishers, Indiana 46037

(317) 532-7900

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To Be Held May 21, 2018

The 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of First Internet Bancorp will be held at 11201 USA Parkway, Fishers, Indiana 46037, at 1:00 p.m. local time on Monday, May 21, 2018, for the following purposes:

- To elect seven directors to serve until the next annual meeting of shareholders;
- To approve, in an advisory (non-binding) vote, the compensation paid to our named executive officers;
- To ratify the appointment of BKD, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2018; and
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Only shareholders of record as of the close of business on March 26, 2018 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting or any adjournments thereof. In the event there are not sufficient votes for approval of one or more of the above matters at the time of the annual meeting, the annual meeting may be adjourned in order to permit further solicitation of proxies.

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Your vote is important, regardless of the number of shares you own. If you do not attend the meeting to vote in person, your vote will not be counted unless a proxy representing your shares is presented at the meeting. To ensure that your shares will be voted at the meeting, please vote in one of these ways:

- Go to the website noted on your proxy card or the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials and vote via the Internet;
- If you receive a printed copy of the proxy materials by mail, use the toll-free telephone number shown on your proxy card;
- If you receive a printed copy of the proxy materials by mail, mark, sign, date and promptly return your proxy card in the envelope provided, which requires no additional postage if mailed in the U.S.; and
- If you attend the meeting, you may revoke any previously-submitted proxy and vote by ballot.

By order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ C. Charles Perfetti

C. Charles Perfetti
Executive Vice President and Secretary

Fishers, Indiana

March 29, 2018

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Annual Meeting of Shareholders

May 21, 2018

PROXY STATEMENT

This proxy statement and the accompanying form of proxy are being furnished to the holders of common stock of First Internet Bancorp (the Company, we, our, or us) in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors (the Board) for the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at 1:00 p.m. local time on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 11201 USA Parkway, Fishers, Indiana 46037, and at any adjournments thereof. This proxy statement and the accompanying form of proxy, or a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, are being mailed to our shareholders on or about April 2, 2018.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be Held May 21, 2018

Copies of the notice of annual meeting of shareholders, this proxy statement and the annual report for the year ended December 31, 2017 are each available at www.firstinternetbancorp.com.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING

Why did shareholders receive a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials?

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All of our shareholders will receive a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice) containing information on the availability of our proxy materials on the Internet, unless they previously requested a printed copy of the proxy materials. Shareholders will not receive a printed copy of our proxy materials unless they request the materials in the manner described in the Notice. The Notice explains how to access and review this proxy statement and our annual report for the year ended December 31, 2017, and how you may vote by proxy.

What is a proxy?

A proxy is your legal designation of another person to vote on your behalf. By voting over the Internet, by telephone or, if you receive a printed copy of the proxy materials, by completing and returning a proxy card, you are giving the persons named, David B. Becker and Kenneth J. Lovik, the authority to vote your shares in the manner you indicate.

Who is qualified to vote?

Shareholders of record as of the close of business on March 26, 2018 are entitled to vote at the annual meeting or any adjournments thereof. As of that date, we had 8,422,371 shares of our common stock outstanding, each of which is entitled to one vote for each director nominee and one vote on each other item of business properly brought before the meeting.

How many shares must be present to hold the meeting?

The presence in person or by proxy of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote at the annual meeting, or 4,211,186 shares, is necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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What is the difference between a shareholder of record and a street name holder?

These terms describe how your shares are held. You are a shareholder of record if your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Computershare. You are a street name holder if your shares are held in the name of a brokerage, bank, trust or other nominee as a custodian.

How do I vote my shares?

If you are a shareholder of record, you have several choices. You can vote your shares by proxy:

- over the Internet;
- by telephone; or
- if you receive a printed copy of the proxy card, by marking, signing, dating and mailing your proxy card.

You will need to have the Notice or, if you received a printed copy of the proxy materials, your proxy card, available when voting over the Internet or by telephone. Please refer to the specific instructions set forth on the Notice or proxy card. For security reasons, our electronic voting system has been designed to authenticate your identity as a shareholder. If you vote over the Internet or by telephone, you do not need to return a proxy card.

If you hold your shares in street name, your broker, bank, trustee or other nominee will provide you with materials and instructions for voting your shares.

Can I vote in person at the meeting?

If you are a shareholder of record, you may vote your shares in person at the meeting.

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If you hold your shares in street name, you must obtain a legal proxy from your broker, bank, trustee or other nominee, giving you the right to vote your shares at the meeting.

What do I need to do to attend the meeting and how do I vote my shares in person?

Proof of stock ownership and some form of government-issued photo identification (such as a valid driver's license or passport) will be required for admission to the meeting. **Only shareholders who owned our common stock as of the close of business on March 26, 2018 are entitled to attend the meeting.**

- *If you are a shareholder of record,* you must bring some form of government-issued photo identification to be admitted to the meeting. You may vote your shares in person at the meeting by completing a ballot at the meeting.

- *If your shares are held in street name,* you must bring some form of government-issued photo identification and must request a written legal proxy from your broker, bank, trustee or other nominee that holds your shares in order to vote your shares at the meeting. If you do not obtain a written legal proxy from your broker, bank, trustee or other nominee and bring it to the meeting, then you will not be entitled to vote your shares at the meeting, but you can still attend the meeting if you bring a recent bank or brokerage statement showing that you owned shares of common stock on March 26, 2018 and provide some form of government-issued photo identification.

Even if you currently plan to attend the meeting, we recommend that you vote by proxy, either via the Internet, by telephone or by mail, so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the meeting.

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What matters will be voted on at the meeting?

There are three substantive matters to be voted on at the meeting, as follows:

- The election of seven directors to serve until the next annual meeting of shareholders;
- An advisory vote to approve the compensation paid to our named executive officers, also referred to as a "say-on-pay" vote; and
- The ratification of the appointment of BKD, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2018.

What are broker non-votes?

A broker non-vote occurs when a nominee, such as a broker, holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary authority to vote on that particular proposal and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner as to how to vote its shares. Proposals 1 and 2 each fall into this category. If you do not provide your broker with voting instructions, none of your shares held by the broker will be voted on either of those proposals.

What vote is required for each of the proposals to be approved?

For Proposal 1, the directors receiving a plurality of the votes cast **FOR** will be elected. Neither abstentions nor broker non-votes will affect the outcome of this proposal. Proposals 2 and 3 will be approved if more shares are voted **FOR** the proposal than **AGAINST**. Neither abstentions nor broker non-votes will affect the outcome of either proposal.

What can I do if I change my mind after I submit my proxy?

If you are a shareholder of record, you may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted at the meeting by: (1) sending a written notice of the revocation to our Secretary at 11201 USA Parkway, Fishers, Indiana 46037 that is received prior to the meeting, (2) submitting a later-dated proxy via the Internet, by telephone or by mail, or (3) by attending the meeting and voting your shares in person.

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If your shares are held in street name, you may submit new voting instructions by contacting your broker, bank, trustee or other nominee holder. You may also vote in person at the annual meeting if you obtain a written legal proxy as described above.

What are the Board's recommendations on how I should vote my shares?

The Board recommends that you vote your shares as follows:

- **FOR** the election of the seven director nominees;
- **FOR** the say-on-pay vote; and
- **FOR** the ratification of the appointment of BKD, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2018.

How would my shares be voted if I do not specify how they should be voted?

If you submit a proxy without indicating how you want your shares to be voted, the persons named as proxies will vote your shares in accordance with the Board's recommendations.

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What is the effect of the say-on-pay vote?

This proposal is advisory and not binding on the Company, the Board or the Compensation Committee of the Board. We could, if the Board or the Compensation Committee concluded it was in our best interests to do so, choose not to follow or implement the outcome of this advisory vote.

Why did I receive more than one Notice or proxy card?

You may receive multiple Notices or proxy cards if you hold your shares of record in different ways (*e.g.*, joint tenancy, trusts, and custodial accounts) or in multiple accounts. If your shares are held in street name by a broker, bank, trustee or other nominee, you will receive voting instructions from your broker, bank, trustee or other nominee and you will return your voting instructions to your broker, bank, trustee or other nominee. You should vote on and sign each proxy card and/or voting instruction form you receive.

What is householding?

Under a procedure approved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) called householding, certain shareholders who have the same address and last name and do not participate in electronic delivery of proxy materials may receive only one copy of our annual report and proxy statement, unless one or more of those shareholders provides notice that they would like to continue to receive individual copies. Shareholders who participate in householding will continue to receive separate proxy cards. Householding does not in any way affect the payment of dividends.

If you and other shareholders with whom you share an address currently receive multiple copies of our annual report and/or proxy statement, or if you hold stock in more than one account, and in either case, you would like to receive only a single copy of the annual report or proxy statement for your household, please contact our Secretary at First Internet Bancorp, 11201 USA Parkway, Fishers, Indiana 46037 or by calling (317) 532-7900.

If you participate in householding and would like to receive a separate copy of our annual report or this proxy statement, please contact us in the manner described in the immediately preceding paragraph. The requested documents will be delivered to you promptly upon receipt of your request.

What happens if additional matters are presented at the annual meeting?

We know of no other matters other than the items of business described in this proxy statement that will be presented at the meeting. If you grant a proxy, the persons named as proxy holders will have discretion to vote your shares on any additional matters properly presented for a vote at

the meeting in accordance with Indiana law and our Amended and Restated Bylaws.

Can I review the list of shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting?

A list of shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting will be available at the meeting and for five days prior to the meeting, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. local time, at our offices at 11201 USA Parkway, Fishers, Indiana 46037.

Who pays for the cost of proxy preparation and solicitation?

We will pay the cost of preparing, assembling and mailing the proxy materials. We will also request banks, brokers and other holders of record to send the proxy materials to, and obtain proxies from, beneficial owners, and we will reimburse them for their reasonable expenses in doing so.

Is this proxy statement the only way that proxies are being solicited?

Our directors, officers and other employees may also solicit proxies personally by telephone, facsimile, electronic mail, personal contact or otherwise. They will not be specifically compensated for doing so.

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The following table sets forth information as of March 26, 2018, regarding beneficial ownership of our common stock held by each director and named executive officer, by all directors and executive officers as a group, and by all persons who are known to be beneficial owners of more than 5% of our common stock.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership(1)	Percent of Outstanding Shares
David B. Becker	242,407(2)	2.9%
Kenneth J. Lovik	11,970(3)	*
Nicole S. Lorch	16,946(4)	*
C. Charles Perfetti	41,804(5)	*
John K. Keach, Jr.	14,561(6)	*
David R. Lovejoy		