

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

# 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW









# **DIGITAL WALLETS**

Apple, Google, and Samsung Pay is launched for use with FICU debit and credit cards.

### **PHONE SYSTEM**

Contact Center phone management system installed to add better call features and analytics.

# **BEST CU**

Awarded the 2021 Imperial Valley Press Readers' Choice Best Bank/Credit Union.

# **EMA**

Enhanced
Member
Application was
implemented to
allow for more
efficiency and
better service at
account opening.





# **Embedding FICU Culture Values**

With a mindset of modernization, adherence to our core values, and providing quality member service, First Imperial Credit Union (FICU) accomplished another successful year in 2021. For 80 years, we have done our best to help our members make good financial decisions by providing products and services that are based on their needs.

As we move forward beyond the pandemic, we have been inspired to take our member experience approach to the next level by looking at our foundation—our employees. Excellent member experience begins by having a team that understands our company culture and purpose. We want our FICU values to be embedded into all that we do and the employees that represent us. At our pivotal point of being in business for 80 years, we want to move stronger together and that begins with reaffirming our commitment to serving our employees, members, and community.

Keeping in line with our strategic plan, we continued to research and implement new ways to improve member experience whether it be in-branch, contact center or through our digital services. In 2021, we upgraded our phone management system for the Contact Center in order to serve our members more efficiently, implemented Apple, Samsung, and Google Pay, automated our account opening process, automated our disaster recovery and business continuity plan, and launched an unemployment loan program.

Financially, we ended 2021 as strong as ever with a net income of \$4.9M. FICU made sound business decisions and maintained our financial efficiency which is represented by our 11.33% Net Worth. This is a testament to the importance we place on being a safe and stable financial institution for our members.

Despite the challenging and unparalleled conditions presented by the pandemic, we have considerable momentum as we move further into 2022. We are very proud to be recognized in a variety of ways for the work of our team last year. Notably, the Credit Union won Imperial Valley Press Readers' Choice award for Best Credit Union. In addition, our member satisfaction survey yielded a net promoter score (NPS) of 68, which is much higher than the financial industry average score of 46. A big thank you to those members that took the time to provide valuable feedback. We are happy to say that our friendly and talented team at FICU stands ready to serve our membership and meet your financial needs. Our employees and volunteer Board of Directors are focused on the future and committed to delivering the best financial experience to all our members.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and team at First Imperial Credit Union, we thank you for your trust, loyalty, and membership for the last 80 years. Please celebrate with us, and be on the lookout for special promotions and giveaways all of 2022!

# **Board of Directors**

Christopher Petree

Victor Torres
Vice-Chairman

Katie B. Luna Treasurer

Michael Campbell Secretary Alexis Araujo

Dr. Victor M. Jaime

Dr. Kathleen Lang



Christopher Petree
Board Chairman



Fidel Gonzalez, CCE **President/CEO** 

# \$39,000 in Community Giving



# First Imperial Credit Union employees participated in, or supported various organizations throughout the community including:

- 4-H and FFA Clubs of Imperial Valley
- Brawley Elks
- Brawley Feed the Need
- Calexico Police Department: Kids N Badges
- Cancer Resource Center of the Desert
- Chicano Correctional Workers Association
- El Centro Moose Lodge
- El Centro Police Athletic League
- Imperial County Office of Education Foundation
- Imperial Valley College Foundation
- Imperial Valley Food Bank
- Imperial Valley LGBT Resource Center
- Imperial Valley Regional Occupation Program Foundation
- Imperial Valley Wellness Foundation
- MANA de Imperial Valley
- Red Shoe Day





1,221 Autos



8 Real Estate



3,352 Personal

\$46 million

funded loans

36% increase from 2020





Assets



Asset Growth



Member Growth

1,664 new checking accounts

336,734

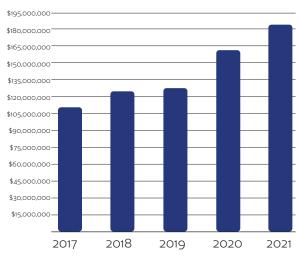
transactions

20,339 <u>membership</u>

\$690,265 paid in dividends to

members

# **Asset Growth**



New Memberships

Net Promoter Score





Digital Wallet Signups

2017

2018

43% increase **Online Banking** Users



Chats Received by Contact Center

\$4,397,452

deposited using Mobile Deposit feature

333,101 **Pageviews** on ficu.com



**FICU MOBILE APP 4.8**★rating on App Store



# Social Media

3,139 Likes on Facebook 1,130 Instagram Followers Follow us @firstimperialcu

# **Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition**

### Consolidated Income Statements Year Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

INTEREST INCOME	2021	2020
Loans Receivable	\$ 6,230,049	\$ 6,434,485
Investments and Interest-Bearing Accounts	\$ 63,699	\$ 72,794
Investments Designated for Deferred Comp Plan	\$ 127,420	\$ 125,331
Other Income	\$ 72,376	\$ 54,045
TOTAL INTEREST INCOME	\$ 6,493,544	\$ 6,686,655
INTEREST EXPENSE		
Members' Share Accounts	\$ 690,264	\$ 901,349
Borrowed Funds	\$ 102	\$ 7,657
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ 690,366	\$ 909,006
NET INTEREST INCOME		
TOTAL NET INTEREST INCOME	\$ 5,803,178	\$ 5,777,649
PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES		
PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	\$ (231,360)	\$ 615,825
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES		
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	\$ 6,034,538	\$ 5,161,824
NON-INTEREST INCOME		
Deposit Service Charges and Related Fee Income	\$ 1,740,952	\$ 1,670,206
Interchange Income	\$ 512,054	\$
CDFI Grant Revenue	\$ 1,826,265	\$
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Trading and Equity Securities	\$ 72,376	\$ 62,407
Other	\$ 790,654	692,912
TOTAL NON-INTEREST INCOME	\$ 4,942,301	\$ 2,841,284
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE		
Compensation and Benefits	\$ 3,168,382	\$ 2,975,621
Office Operations	\$ 2,155,346	\$ 2,033,173
Office Occupancy	\$ 526,519	\$ 527,101
Other	\$ 164,028	\$ 119,780
TOTAL NON-INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ 6,014,275	\$ 5,655,675
NET INCOME		
NET INCOME	\$ 4,962,564	\$ 2,347,433

Consolidated Balance Sheets Year Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS		2021		2020
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	24,594,153	\$	29,304,951
Investments	\$	40,445,222	\$	15,351,414
Loan Receivable Net	\$	101,929,230	\$	94,839,226
Accrued Interest Receiveable	\$	342,474	\$	347,285
Property and Equipment	\$	7,328,250	\$	7,517,007
National Credit Union Security Insurace Fund Deposit	\$	1,406,454	\$	1,173,960
Other Assets	\$	5,766,104	\$	10,107,291
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	181,811,887	\$	158,641,134
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$	181,811,887	\$	158,641,134
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		160,071,226		
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY  Members' Share Accounts	\$	160,071,226	\$	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY  Members' Share Accounts Borrowed Funds	\$	160,071,226	\$	142,052,313 - 1,892,784
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY  Members' Share Accounts Borrowed Funds Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities	\$ \$ \$	160,071,226 - 2,314,894	\$ \$	142,052,313

First Imperial Credit Union remained financially strong in 2021. For the year ending 2021, our total assets grew 14.61% to \$181,811,887, deposits ended at \$160,071,226 and net loans ended at \$101,929,230. Our membership grew to 20,339 a number which continues to increase. Net income for the year was \$4,962,564 which gave us an ROA (Return on Assets) of 2.92% that is higher compared to our peers that stand at 0.68%. Overall, 2021 was proven to be a sound and impactful year for FICU.

The Board of Directors and senior management team have worked together closely to ensure that we remain a well-capitalized credit union

with a net worth to total asset ratio of 11.33% as of

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

year-end 2021. This ratio, established by the NCUA (National Credit Union Administration), sets the minimum allowable capital level for "well-capitalized credit unions" at 7%. First Imperial Credit Union continues to exceed this requirement.

Thank you for the trust you place in First Imperial Credit Union. We look forward to being your financial partner for many years to come.



\$ 181,811,887 \$ 158,641,134

Katie B. Luna **Treasurer** 

# **Financial Stability**

The supervisory committee's role is to maintain oversight of the safety and soundness of the credit union. Operating independently of all entities at the credit union, we review practices and procedures followed by staff to verify that management carries out the policies set by the Board. The Department of Financial Protection and Innovation (DFPI) and the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) examine the credit union on a regular basis; the supervisory committee reviews the results and follows up with senior management on any action items identified in the report to ensure compliance with applicable laws and government regulations.

The committee reviews quarterly financial reports and conducts ongoing operational audits. Annually we engage an independent certified public accounting firm to perform an opinion audit that evaluates accounting controls, financial statements and verification of members' accounts. For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, Turner, Warren, Hwang and Conrad conducted the 2021 audit of FICU. After the audit was completed, the CPA firm felt that the credit union followed all accounting rules appropriately and that the financial reports are an accurate representation of our financial condition.

The supervisory committee would like to report that FICU continues to maintain a high level of financial stability. I would like to express my gratitude to our dedicated Supervisory Committee volunteers. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to extend our appreciation to all the employees of First Imperial Credit Union and its Board of Directors, for their ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and soundness of the credit union.



# Management

Fidel Gonzalez
President/CEO

Cuauhtemoc De La Torre Executive Vice-President/CFO

Jorge Alcantar Chief Operations Officer

Marlena Rascon-Renteria Director of Marketing & Member Experience

Dulce Luna Lending Manager

Lupita Agbalog Calexico Branch Manager

Angelina Araujo Brawley Branch Manager Sergio Jimenez El Centro Branch Manage

Moises Lopez Information Technology Manager

Evangelina Loya Human Resources/Compliance Manager

Roberto L. Martinez Contact Center Manager

Francisco Ornelas Loan Servicing Manager

Alejandra Puentes-Fierro Imperial Branch Manager

Veronica Yee
Accounting Manager

# **Employees**

Diego Anchondo Abril Barajas Olga Betancourt Graciela Bueno Alfonso Cabrera J. Gabby Castanon Rosemary Cornejo Christian Esparza Shantelley Estala Zerlina Fernandez Janelle Frazier Jovita Galindo Nadia Garcia Kimberly Godoy Cesar Gonzalez
M. Veronica Gonzalez
Joseph Hazen
Eduardo Hernandez
Sandra Ibarra
Laila Jimenez
Ashley Lara
Jessica Leon
Mayra Luna
Cesar Martinez
Carmelita Mellin
Sofia Mendoza
Robert Morlet
Vincente Munoz

Jessica Ortega Alyssa Ponce Rodrigo Ponce Lilia Reyes Samantha Reyes Adriana Tadeo Jasmine Vasquez Trini Vasquez Bailey Villa Claudia Villamar Paola Zazueta



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