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July 27, 2017

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Michael R. Clampitt Senior Staff Attorney Office of Financial Services United States Securities and Exchange Commission Washington, DC 20549

> RE: Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 PDL Community Bancorp Registration Statement on Form S-1 Filed April 12, 2017 and as amended on May 22, 2017 File No. 333-217275

Dear Mr. Clampitt:

On or about May 24, 2017, we were notified by your office that the staff of the Commission had no further comments or questions relating to the above referenced filing based on its review of Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Form S-1 Registration Statement, originally filed on April 12, 2017, and the accompanying response letter. We informed the staff at that time that we could not file a completed registration statement and request acceleration of effectiveness until we had received all required bank regulatory approvals of the underlying mutual holding company reorganization transaction. We are pleased to say that we have now received all required approvals.

On behalf of PDL Community Bancorp (the "Registrant"), we are concurrently filing with the Commission Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 with all necessary and outstanding information included. We would note that due to the length of time that it took to receive regulatory approvals the Registrant determined to include a "Recent Developments" section briefly describing the financial condition and operations of Ponce De Leon Federal Bank at June 30, 2017 and for the periods ended June 30, 2016.

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On behalf of the Registrant, we are also concurrently filing with the Commission the Registrant's acceleration request letter and the letter of Raymond James & Associates, Inc. joining in such acceleration request. Please inform the undersigned promptly at (301) 502-6220 when you have determined the effective date and time of the above referenced registration statement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions or you require additional information. In advance, thank you for your prompt consideration of this filing.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Daniel P. Weitzel

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Enclosure

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