

Mail Stop 4720

September 21, 2009

David W. Gifford
Chief Financial Officer
First Place Financial Corp.
185 E. Market Street
Warren, Ohio 44481

**Re: First Place Financial Corp.
Item 4.01 Form 8-K/A
Filed September 17, 2009
File No. 000-25049**

Dear Mr. Gifford:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. Where indicated, we think you should revise your document in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with more information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

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Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant

1. Please amend your Form 8-K/A to disclose whether the former auditor's report on your financial statements for either of the past two years contained an adverse opinion, a disclaimer of opinion, or was qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles and, if so, describe the nature of each adverse opinion, disclaimer of opinion, modification or qualification.

2. Expand the disclosure to state whether during the registrant's two most recent fiscal years and any subsequent interim period preceding such dismissal there were any disagreements with the former accountant on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure which disagreement(s) if not resolved to the satisfaction of the former accountant would have caused it to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement(s) in connection with its report. The disclosure that on September 1, 2009, Crowe notified the company that it was its opinion that the company had not maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of June 30, 2009 appears to contradict the disclosure that during the period subsequent to June 30, 2009 through September 14, 2009, there were no disagreements with Crowe on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedures, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of Crowe, would have caused it to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its report. Please advise the staff or revise the filing, as applicable.
3. Please include an updated letter from your former auditor addressing your revised disclosure as an exhibit to your Form 8-K/A.

As appropriate, please amend your filing and respond to these comments within five business days or tell us when you will provide us with a response. You may wish to provide us with marked copies of the amendment to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with your amendment that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your amendment and responses to our comments.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes all information required under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that they have provided all information investors require for an informed investment decision. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;

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- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in our review of your filing or in response to our comments on your filing.

If you have any questions, please call Chris Harley at (202) 551-3695.

Sincerely,

Hugh West
Accounting Branch Chief