



November 8, 2023

We are thrilled to inform you that Star Choice Credit Union will be merging with SharePoint Credit Union, pending member approval. This decision was made after careful consideration and evaluation of various options, and considering the future of the banking industry. The Star Choice Board of Directors believe this merger will be highly beneficial, as both organizations share similar cultures and values. Our objective is to strengthen the overall value of the membership by offering improved personal service, a broader array of products and services, and greater convenience to our highly regarded members.

This partnership with SharePoint presents a unique opportunity for Star Choice. The merger will strengthen our financial position and allow us to better achieve our primary mission; building strong financial futures. Importantly, the local, personal service you have come to expect from us will remain unchanged. On the date of the merger, all Star Choice Credit Union employees will continue their employment with SharePoint Credit Union.

So, what does this merger mean for you, our highly regarded members? Here are some key points to consider:

1. **Financial Strength and Sustainability:** The partnership will enhance our financial strength and ensure long-term sustainability, allowing us to continue serving our members exceptionally.
2. **Broader Branch Network:** With the merger, we will be expanding the number of branch locations to Andover, Burnsville, Medina, Plymouth, and St. Louis Park. This will provide you with greater convenience and accessibility.
3. **Member-Owned and Locally Operated:** The credit union will remain a not-for-profit, member owned, and focused on the needs of our membership and the communities we serve.
4. **Employment and Service Continuity:** There will be no layoffs at Star Choice. Every employee of Star Choice Credit Union will continue employment on the date of the merger as a SharePoint employee. By combining the qualified credit union personnel from Star Choice and SharePoint, we will strengthen and improve member service across all our delivery channels.
5. **Expanded Products and Services:** The merger will strengthen our ability to expand product and service offerings to the evolving financial, technological, and accessibility needs of our members.

The Star Choice Board of Directors and management team have devoted significant time evaluating this opportunity, and we firmly believe it will bring greater value to your membership. However, the merger can only take place if our members vote in favor of it. Therefore, we sincerely hope we can count on your support to move forward.

**Members are invited to attend a special member meeting on January 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.** You will have an opportunity to speak with the leaders of both organizations, Scott Olson CEO/President of Star Choice Credit Union, Tammy Johnson-Kohl Vice President of Star Choice Credit Union, and Phillip Kopischke CEO/President of SharePoint Credit Union. Please read the enclosed information for more details on special meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Olson".

Scott Olson, CEO/President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsey Olsen".

Lindsey Olsen, Board Chair

# Important Details

We are excited about the future possibility the merger presents and are committed to ensuring a smooth transition for our members. Thank you for your ongoing support, we look forward to your active participation in this important decision.

**Visit:**

<https://www.starchoicecu.org/partnership> for up-to-date information. If you have any additional questions and/or comments email: [partnership@starchoicecu.org](mailto:partnership@starchoicecu.org).

**Special member meeting:**

*You are welcome to join an exclusive virtual gathering on January 4, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. through Zoom.* This is a chance for members to engage with the leaders of both credit unions to discussions the partnership. To secure your spot, kindly visit [starchoicecu.org/partnership](https://www.starchoicecu.org/partnership) for registration. Once you've completed the registration process, a link for the meeting will be emailed to you 24 hours prior.

**Member Vote:**

We encourage all members to vote, a ballot has been included along with this letter. Please complete the ballot and return it to our auditors (for third-party tabulation). To be counted, your ballot must be received by January 4, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. local time.

**Mail to:**

WIPFLI LLP  
150 S 5th St., STE 2000  
Minneapolis, MN 55402

**Official Member Comments:**

Members may submit comments about the merger to the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA). Comments, along with the member's name, will be posted by the NCUA on their website, subject to the limitation and requirements of its regulations. Members may submit comments online at: <https://www.ncua.gov/support-services/credit-union-resources-expansion/credit-union-merger-resources/comments-proposed-credit-union-mergers>

**Mail to:** NCUA – Office of Credit Union Resources and Expansion

RE: Member-to-Member Communication for Star Choice Credit Union  
1775 Duke Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

# Notice of Meeting of the Members of Star Choice Credit Union

The Board of Directors of Star Choice Credit Union have called a special meeting of the members of this credit union at 4:00 p.m. on January 4, 2024 via Zoom.

1. To consider and act upon a plan and proposal for merging Star Choice Credit Union with and into SharePoint Credit Union (hereinafter referred to as the "Continuing Credit Union"), whereby all assets and liabilities of Star Choice Credit Union will be merged with and into the Continuing Credit Union. All members of Star Choice Credit Union will become members of the Continuing Credit Union and will be entitled to and will receive shares in the Continuing Credit Union for the shares they own in Star Choice Credit Union on the effective date of the merger.

2. To ratify, confirm and approve the action of the Board of Directors in authorizing the officers of Star Choice Credit Union, subject to the approval of members, to do all things and to execute all agreements, documents, and other papers necessary to carry out the proposed merger.

The Board of Directors of Star Choice Credit Union encourages you to attend the meeting and vote on the proposed merger. Whether or not you expect to attend the meeting, we urge you to sign, date and promptly return the enclosed ballot to vote on the proposed merger.

If you wish to submit comments about the merger to share with other members, you may submit them to the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) at <https://www.ncua.gov/support-services/credit-union-resources-expansion/resources/comments-proposed-credit-union-mergers> or e-mailed to [CUREMail@ncua.gov](mailto:CUREMail@ncua.gov) or mailed to National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), CURE Office, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The NCUA will post comments received from members on its website, along with the member's name, subject to the limitations and requirements of its regulations.

**Other Information Related to the Proposed Merger:** The Board of Directors has carefully evaluated and analyzed the assets and liabilities of the credit unions and the value of shares in both credit unions. The financial statements of both credit unions, as well as the projected combined financial statement of the continuing credit union, follow as separate documents. In addition, the following information applies to the proposed merger.

**Reasons for merger:** The Board of Directors has carefully analyzed all aspects of both credit unions and has concluded that the proposed merger is desirable and in the best interests of members. Despite operating as a profitable credit union, Star Choice Credit Union has recognized the challenges of continuing as a standalone financial institution given the rising interest rate environment and its relatively low capital position. Together, the merged credit unions will be able to provide a wider range of products and services to serve their members. Additionally, the merged credit unions will achieve the economies of scale which will permit it to better compete in the increasingly competitive financial services industry. Lastly, the two institutions share similar cultures and business structure, as both are true "natural person" credit unions.

**Net worth:** The net worth of a merging credit union at the time of a merger transfers to the Continuing Credit Union. SharePoint Credit Union has a slightly higher net worth ratio than Star Choice Credit Union. By merging the two credit unions, the resulting organization will have increased assets and net worth and greater financial strength.

**Share adjustment or distribution:** Star Choice Credit Union will not distribute a portion of its net worth to its members in the merger. The Board of Directors has determined a share adjustment, or other distribution of Star Choice Credit Union's net worth is unnecessary because SharePoint Credit Union's net worth is higher.

Star Choice Credit Union's main office at 10750 France Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55431 will remain open. SharePoint has the following branch locations:

Andover Branch  
(Inside King's County Market)  
13735 Round Lake Blvd. NW  
Andover, MN 55304

Burnsville Branch  
(Intersection of Nicollet Ave. and Highway 13)  
200 East Travelers Trail  
Burnsville, MN 55337-4097

Medina Branch  
3575 Sioux Drive  
Medina, MN 55340

Bloomington Branch  
5300 Hyland Greens Dr.  
Bloomington, MN 55437

St. Louis Park Branch  
3670 Aquila Ave South  
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Plymouth Branch  
13600 Industrial Park Blvd.  
Plymouth, MN 55441

**Changes to services and member benefits:** From and after the merger, which is scheduled to be effective March 4, 2024, the credit unions have made no post-merger plans to reduce or modify existing accounts and services currently offered or available to Star Choice Credit Union's members. Additionally, SharePoint Credit Union will provide Star Choice Credit Union's members with substantial benefits, including increased access and locations, new account and loan options, expanded mortgage product options, and enhanced mobile and virtual banking options.

**Merger-related financial arrangements:** NCUA Regulations require merging credit unions to disclose certain increases in compensation that any of the merging credit union's officials or the five most highly compensated employees have received or will receive in connection with the merger. There are no merger-related financial arrangements in connection with the proposed merger.

Please note that the proposed merger must have the approval of the majority members who vote.

Enclosed with this Notice of Special Meeting is a Ballot Merger Proposal. If you cannot attend the meeting, please complete the Ballot and return it to WIPFLI LLP, 150 S 5th St., STE 2000 Minneapolis, MN 55402. To be counted, your ballot must be received by January 4, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. local time.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsey Olsen".

Lindsey Olsen, Board Chair

# Ballot for Merger Proposal

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your credit union must receive this ballot by 12:00 p.m on January 4, 2024.

Please mail your ballot to:

WIPFLI LLP  
150 S 5th St., STE 2000  
Minneapolis, MN 55402

I have read the Notice of Meeting of Star Choice Credit Union. The meeting will be held on the above date to consider and act upon the merger proposal described in the notice. I vote on the proposal as follows (check the box):

☐ **Approve** the proposed merger and authorized the Board of Directors to take all necessary action to accomplish the merger.

☐ **Do not approve** the proposed merger.

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Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Member Name (Printed)