

PASADENA MEMBERS' RESOURCE

Everything You Wanted to Know About HELOCs

What is a HELOC?

A Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC) is a revolving credit line that works like a credit card. But unlike a credit card, a HELOC comes with a much lower interest rate. Using a HELOC instead gives homeowners access to a larger amount of money since the amount is based on the equity in the home.

How much can I borrow?

The amount available will be calculated as a percentage ratio of combined loan-tovalue (CLTV) – the difference between the mortgage balance due and the appraised value. Of course, the credit line and the interest rate will also depend on your credit score and payment history.

How does it work?

Once approved, you can withdraw funds (called draws) and make monthly payments only on the amount borrowed. You can continue to draw as long as you haven't exhausted your credit line. Some paybacks require interest-only payments. Others are fully-amortized, which means payment is made against the entire loan balance unless you take a draw or the rate adjusts.

A HELOC can be a smart tool to convert equity into cash for home improvements. Or use your equity to pay off debt, medical expenses, or student loans. In turbulent times it can bring added peace of mind knowing funds are available in case of emergency bills, job loss, or illness.

Home Equity loans have exploded in popularity as we have seen interest rates at historic lows, but a HELOC may not be for everyone. Keep in mind that your home will be used as collateral. If you fail to make your payments there could be repercussions.

Always analyze your personal circumstances and talk to a financial advisor before you decide to apply for a HELOC. Speak with one of our loan representatives at Pasadena FCU by calling (626) 799-0882 to see if a HELOC is right for you. We currently offer competitive low rates for our home equity and personal loans.



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A HELOC can provide you with a nice cushion to handle home improvements or pay off debt, and it can:

- Boost your credit score
- Offer a better rate than a personal loan or credit card
- Give you the flexibility to reach your goals sooner



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Important Dates

Monday, May 30 Closed Memorial Day

Monday, July 4 Closed Independence Day

Monday, June 20 Closed Juneteenth Day (observed)

Monday, September 5 Closed Labor Day

For more information, contact PFCU at (626) 799-0882 or visit www.pfcu.org



New Look for Members' Resource Newsletter

Your quarterly newsletter is about to get a bold, new and updated look next issue. *Members' Resource* will provide a fresh format with greater emphasis on educational and resource articles, our community outreach projects, and more ways to grow your money and protect your finances.

The financial landscape is constantly changing, and we want to keep you in the loop! Stay tuned.

Get the scoop on how we're working to better serve you.

Have a topic you would like to learn more about? Please let us know: email marketing@pfcu.org.



Vote Pasadena FCU BEST Credit Union in the San Gabriel Valley!

We would appreciate it if you could take a moment to Vote for Pasadena FCU as your Favorite Credit Union in the San Gabriel Valley!

The San Gabriel Valley News Group - (*Pasadena Star-News, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Whittier Daily News*) will be launching its 2022 Readers Choice Awards.

We are thankful for each and every vote.

- ✓ To submit your vote, look under the category "Non-Home Goods & Services"
- ✓ Scroll down to "Financial: Credit Union (Local)"
- ✓ Type in our name (Pasadena FCU/Pasadena Federal Credit Union)

We are proud to serve our local communities and would be grateful if you could help spread the word! While you're there, be sure to vote for some of your other local favorites and show them some love!

You must type in names for at least 10 different categories for your vote to count. Voting ends April 10th.

Visit the following website to cast your vote: https://sgvn.bestinvoting.com



Deposit Yields on Liquid Accounts

At the March 2022 Board Meeting, Pasadena FCU's Board of Directors declared the following rates effective April 1, 2022.

Super Variable and IRA Variable	
Minimum Balance	APY*
\$2,500 to \$9,999.99	0.10%
\$10,000 to \$49,999.99	0.15%
\$50,000 or more	0.20%
Money Market Advantage	
Minimum Balance	APY*
\$75,000	0.25%

Savings Accounts	
Account Type	APY*
Primary Savings	0.05%
Other Savings	0.05%
Club Accounts	0.05%
Advantage Checking	
Minimum Balance	APY*
\$100	0.05%

*APY = Annual Percentage Yield. All yields effective as of April 1, 2022. The APY is a variable rate and is subject to change. Fees could reduce earnings on these accounts; please see the Truth-In-Savings Agreement and the Fee Schedule for details.

Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones

Dependable insurance can help give you peace of mind today and financial relief when you need it most.

Pasadena FCU has partnered with **TruStage**[™] Insurance to offer our members exclusive member discounts on Auto, Home, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, and Life insurance. You'll get the coverage you need at an affordable price specifically designed to fit any monthly budget.

TruStage Auto Insurance Program

TruStage works with leading insurance companies to provide discounted rates for credit union members, online services, and 24/7 claims service (even on holidays). Plus:

- Good student discount
- Multi-car discount
- ✓ Fast appraisals (typically within 24 hours)
- Guaranteed auto repairs

Combine Home and Car Coverage to Save

Home, Condo or Renters' insurance (and what's inside) Safeguard your biggest investment from weather, theft, fire, or other damage.

- ✓ Fast claim service day or night, even holidays
- Hassle-free replacement of personal items
- Assistance finding temporary living, if needed

Life Insurance that costs less than you think

If you've ever wondered about the differences between term and whole life insurance, ask. TruStage will answer your questions so you can make the right decision for yourself and your family. Underwritten by CMFG Life Insurance Company (an excellent "A" rated company).

Accidental Death & Dismemberment

One of the great benefits of Pasadena FCU membership is a no-cost TruStage Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) insurance policy from CMFG Life Insurance Company. AD&D coverage pays you or your loved ones a cash benefit after an accident results in a covered injury or loss of life due to an accident.

\$1,000 of TruStage Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Coverage is yours just for being a member of Pasadena FCU!

Members get \$1,000 of coverage, paid for by Pasadena FCU. You can also get up to an additional \$300,000 AD&D coverage from CMFG Life at affordable rates.

To get quotes or explore your options, please visit pfcu.org, navigate to Additional Services for the TruStage link.

TruStage Auto & Home Insurance Program is made available through TruStage Insurance Agency, LLC. Coverage provided and underwritten by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company or its subsidiaries or affiliates.

TruStage® insurance products and programs are made available through TruStage Insurance Agency, LLC. Life insurance and AD&D insurance are issued by CMFG Life Insurance Company. Insurance Programs are issued by leading insurance companies. The insurance offered is not a deposit, and is not federally insured, sold or guaranteed by your credit union.

Annual Meeting Recap

Pasadena Federal Credit Union held its 87th Annual Meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022 via Zoom's Virtual Meeting Space. The meeting presented our members with an opportunity to review the Credit Union's performance in 2021 and pose questions to the Board.

Additionally, we outlined our

strategic plans for future growth as we continue to expand outreach and engagement throughout the community.



A special thank you to the members who attended.

Congratulations to Veronica Jones and Korbin Law, who were each elected to two-year Board Director positions.

The 2021 Annual Report can be found on our website under the Resources tab.



Members' Resource

PASADENA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

1285 N. Lake Ave. Pasadena, CA 91104 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7132 Pasadena, CA 91109-7132

Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday & Sunday Closed

Find one of 5,000+ Shared Branch locations at **www.allco-op.org** (many open on Saturday)

ATM Locations

Pasadena Federal Credit Union 1044 South Fair Oaks Avenue (24/7 access) Deposits accepted at this machine

Pasadena Police Department 207 North Garfield Avenue (24/7 access)

Pasadena City Hall 100 North Garfield Avenue (business hours only)

Pasadena Public Works, 2nd Floor 233 West Mountain Street (business hours only)

Art Center College of Design–Hillside Campus 1700 Lida Street (business hours only)

Art Center College of Design–South Campus 1111 South Arroyo Parkway, 3rd Floor (business hours only)

Fee-Free ATM access at CO-OP ATMs www.allco-op.org

Text your zip code or current address to 91989 for surcharge-free ATMs near you.

Free Mobile Banking

Pasadena FCU App available from Apple's App Store & Google Play

Call us at our Contact Center:

(626) 799-0882 (800) 445-PFCU (7328) Toll-Free Mon-Wed 8:00am-5:00pm; Thu 9:00am-5:00pm; Fri 9:00am-6:00pm; Closed Sat & Sun

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- J. McDermott, Chair R. Haluschak S. Mendoza A. Trashian
- C. Treviño

PRESIDENT/CEO

Gary Skraba

Your savings federally insured to at least \$250,000 and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government. National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), a U.S. Government Agency.



Financial Planning

Let us help you in planning a solid future for your family with our retirement, financial, education, and insurance planning options.

Take advantage of the professionalism of our CFS* Financial Advisor, who is available by appointment to meet and discuss your goals. Contact Tiffany Yee to set up a no-cost, no-obligation consultation.

- Retirement Income Planning
- Investment Service
- 401K
- College/Education Planning

• IRA Options

• Insurance

Please call CFS Financial Advisor Tiffany Yee at (626) 441-7141 or email tiffany.yee@cusonet.com to learn more about our services.

*Non-deposit investment products and services are offered through CUSO Financial Services, L.P. (CFS), a registered brokerdealer (Member FINRA/SIPC) and SEC Registered Investment Advisor. **Products offered through CFS: are not NCUA/NCUSIF** or otherwise federally insured, are not guarantees or obligations of the credit union, and may involve investment risk including possible loss of principal. Investment Representatives are registered through CFS. The Credit Union has contracted with CFS for investment services. Atria Wealth Solutions, Inc.

How a Fed Rate Hike Affects Your Bottom Line

When the Federal Reserve hikes interest rates, it will not only cost more to borrow money, it may impact your finances if you have existing debt. One rate hike is not going to send your budget spiraling down, but the cumulative effects of ongoing rate hikes will impact the economy and your budget.

While there's no avoiding future rate hikes, there are strategies you can use to lessen the pain.

Here's what you can expect from credit cards and rate hikes

Depending on your credit score, today's average credit card annual percentange rate is 20%¹. If you have variable-rate credit card debt, you can expect your annual percentage rate to rise over time. To ward off a mountain of high-interest debt, now is the time to pay it off in full. If that's not possible, look for a personal loan with a lower rate, or transfer that debt to a fixed-rate credit card with a much lower rate.

Pasadena FCU offers two Visa Platinum fixed-rate cards. They carry no annual fee, no balance transfer fee, and both cards come with a low fixed rate. With a lower rate, you'll be able to pay off that debt faster and smarter.

Let one of our experienced representatives assist you with a balance transfer today.

Wallet Hub, November 2021



Tiffany Yee