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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 14A**

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities
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Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc.

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 14, 2020.**

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

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C/O BROADRIDGE
P.O. BOX 1342
BRENTWOOD, NY 11717

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting
For holders as of: March 19, 2020
Date: May 14, 2020 **Time:** 3:00 PM, Eastern Time
Location: Meeting live via the Internet—please visit
www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/BHLB2020

The company will be hosting the meeting live via the Internet this year. To attend the meeting via the Internet please visit www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/BHLB2020 and be sure to have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → [XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX] (located on the following page).

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

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How to Access the Proxy Materials

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NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT FORM 10-K SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT

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During The Meeting:

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Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:

1. To elect as directors the nominees named in the Proxy Statement each to serve a one-year term or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Nominees:

01) Baye Adofo-Wilson	08) Cornelius D. Mahoney
02) Rheo A. Brouillard	09) Richard M. Marotta
03) David M. Brunelle	10) Sylvia Maxfield
04) Robert M. Curley	11) Laurie Norton Moffatt
05) John B. Davies	12) Jonathan I. Shulman
06) J. Williar Dunlaevy	13) D. Jeffrey Templeton
07) William H. Hughes III	

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3.

2. To consider a non-binding proposal to give advisory approval of Berkshire's executive compensation as described in the Proxy Statement.
3. To ratify the appointment of Crowe LLP as Berkshire's Independent Registered Public Accounting firm for fiscal year 2020.

NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

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