

JOHN HANCOCK FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND  
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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 EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**(Amendment No.    )**

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**JOHN HANCOCK FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND (FORMERLY KNOWN AS**  
**JOHN HANCOCK BANK AND THRIFT OPPORTUNITY FUND)**

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**WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR VOTE BY January 17, 2013**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR INVESTMENT IN**

**JOHN HANCOCK FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

**(FORMERLY KNOWN AS JOHN HANCOCK BANK AND THRIFT OPPORTUNITY FUND)**

**( BTO )**

**You are receiving this notice because you own shares of BTO**

The Board of Trustees of your fund has approved important proposals expected to enhance value for shareholders. These proposals are described in proxy materials mailed to you recently and they require your approval to be effected. The Fund's records indicate that we have not yet received your vote.

The Board of Trustees has approved each proposal outlined in the proxy materials and recommends that shareholders vote FOR its approval.

No matter how large or small your fund holdings, your vote is important. Please submit your vote promptly so that we receive it prior to the special meeting of shareholders of BTO to be held on Friday, January 18, 2013.

**We need YOUR vote to implement these important initiatives.**

Call 1-866-859-8682 Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. 11:00 P.M., or Saturday 12:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M., Eastern Time. Please have your proxy card handy.

Visit the website noted on your proxy card and enter the control number that appears on the proxy card. Vote by following the on-screen prompts.

Return the executed proxy card in the postage paid envelope provided so that we receive it by January 17, 2013 (the day prior to the meeting).

We appreciate your confidence in John Hancock Funds and look forward to continuing to manage your assets in the future.

**Thank you for your time and prompt vote.**

