

***** Exercise Your *Right* to Vote *****
**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on June 17, 2016.**

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Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting
For holders as of: April 26, 2016
Date: June 17, 2016 **Time:** 7:30 AM EDT
Location: Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center
201 Waterfront Street
National Harbor, MD 20745

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

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice for instructions
on accessing proxy materials and voting.**

— **Before You Vote** —
How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

How to View Online:

Have available the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) available and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

- 1) BY INTERNET: www.proxyvote.com
- 2) BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) BY E-MAIL*: sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before June 5, 2016 to facilitate timely delivery.

— **How To Vote** —
Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the proxy statement for any special requirements for meeting attendance and for directions to the meeting. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com. Have available the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) and follow the instructions.

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 nominees:

1. Election of Directors

Nominees:

- 1a. Eric C. Andersen
- 1b. Wallace E. Boston, Jr.
- 1c. Barbara G. Fast
- 1d. Jean C. Halle
- 1e. Barbara Kurshan
- 1f. Timothy J. Landon
- 1g. Westley Moore
- 1h. William G. Robinson

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

2. Advisory vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as disclosed in the Company's proxy statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting.
3. Ratification of the appointment of RSM US LLP (f/k/a McGladrey LLP) as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

NOTE: In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

