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DRYDEN CAPITAL FUND, LP

November 5, 2018

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

Dryden Capital Fund, LP, together with the other participants in this solicitation (collectively, "Dryden" or "we"), is a concerned shareholder of PIMCO Municipal Income Fund ("PMF"); PIMCO Municipal Income Fund II ("PML"); PIMCO Municipal Income Fund III ("PMX"); PIMCO New York Municipal Income Fund ("PNF"); PIMCO New York Municipal Income Fund II ("PNI"); PIMCO California Municipal Income Fund ("PCQ"); PIMCO California Municipal Income Fund II ("PCK"); and PIMCO California Municipal Income Fund III ("PZC") (each a "Fund" and, collectively, "PIMCO" or the "Funds"). Dryden beneficially owns a total of 147 shares of Auction Rate Preferred Stock, \$25,000 liquidation preference per share of each of the Funds ("ARPS"), and is seeking your support for the election of T. Matthew Buffington as a trustee to the Board of Trustees for each of the Funds (each, a "Board", and together, the "Boards") at the 2018 joint annual meeting of stockholders of each Fund, currently scheduled to be held at the offices of Pacific Investment Management Company LLC, at 1633 Broadway, between West 50th and West 51st Streets, 42nd Floor, New York, New York 10019 at 10:30 A.M., Eastern Time on December 19, 2018. The term "Annual Meeting" is used throughout this joint proxy statement to refer to the annual meeting of shareholders of each Fund, as dictated by the context (including any adjournment or postponement thereof or any special meeting held in lieu thereof).

Holders of ARPS or Variable Rate Municipal Term Preferred Shares ("VMTPS" and together with ARPS, the "Preferred Shares"; and holders of either ARPS or VMTPS, "Preferred Shareholders") are entitled, as a class and to the exclusion of the holder of all other securities and classes of capital stock of the Funds, to elect two trustees to the Board of the Funds (the "Preferred Trustees"). Dryden has owned shares of the Funds continuously since 2016. Dryden believes that now is the time that the Funds' ARPS should be redeemed because (i) there are better financing alternatives available to the Funds and (ii) the Funds have not kept pace with the rest of the municipal closed-end fund industry in providing ARPS Shareholders with much needed liquidity. Over 90% of the outstanding ARPS across the municipal closed-end fund industry have been redeemed since 2008¹ and PIMCO has lagged behind its peers in the municipal closed-end industry by failing to provide liquidity to holders of ARPS at a pace commensurate with those peers.

The recent tender offer, announced on July 20, 2018 and completed on September 11, 2018, for the ARPS at 85% of their liquidation preference was, in our opinion, inadequate. Not only was the tender offer price below the level where the ARPS were trading in the secondary market, it was also significantly below the price where PIMCO's peers have provided liquidity to their own ARPS Shareholders. Pursuing a tender offer at a low price is not a sufficient offer of liquidity to holders of ARPS. It appears our fellow holders of ARPS agree as the vast majority of ARPS were not tendered. Now we are asking our fellow Preferred Shareholders to take the next step and elect a trustee to the Boards to advocate for real liquidity for the holders of the ARPS.

Based solely on publicly available information, including that contained in the Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed by the Funds with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on November 2, 2018 in connection with the Annual Meeting, the current Board of each Fund consists of eight trustees, divided into three classes, including two trustees that have been designated by the Board to serve as the two Preferred Trustees. Based on public disclosures by the Funds, we believe that the current Preferred Trustees for PMF, PML, PNI, PCQ, PCK, PNF, Messrs. Hans W. Kertess and James A. Jacobson, are presently serving three-year terms that end in 2018 and 2019, respectively. Based on prior public disclosures by the Funds, we believe that the current Preferred Trustees for PMX, PZC, Messrs. Alan Rappaport and James A. Jacobson, are presently serving three-year terms that end in 2018 and 2019, respectively. Therefore, one of the two designated Preferred Trustees for each Fund is to be elected at the Annual Meeting. In addition, two trustees who are not Preferred Trustees are to be elected at the Annual Meetings by holders of the shares of common stock, par value \$0.001, of the Funds (the "Common Stock") and the holders of Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class.

We are therefore seeking your support to vote FOR the election of our nominee—T. Matthew Buffington—as a trustee at the Annual Meeting. Our proxy solicitation gives shareholders a mechanism to express their views regarding the Funds and to influence the Board with respect to any decisions regarding Board composition and accountability at the Funds. We believe you should have a Preferred Trustee who is an advocate for liquidity and who, like you, actually owns Preferred Shares. YOU have an important opportunity as shareholders to have your voices heard at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

We urge you to consider carefully the information contained in the attached proxy statement and then support our efforts by signing, dating and returning the enclosed GOLD proxy card today. The attached proxy statement and the enclosed GOLD proxy card are first being furnished to the shareholders on or about November 7, 2018.

If you have already submitted a different color proxy card in relation to the Annual Meeting, you have every right to revoke or change the voting instructions set out therein by signing, dating and returning a later dated GOLD proxy card or by voting in person at the Annual Meeting. We urge you to do so immediately, as there is little time before the Annual Meeting. Only your final proxy card will count.

If you have any questions or require any assistance with your vote, please contact InvestorCom, which is assisting us, at its address and toll-free number listed on the following page.

Thank you for your support.

Dryden Capital Fund, LP

¹ Source: Fitch Ratings presentation dated May 17, 2018 at the 17th Annual Capital Link Closed-End Funds and ETFs Forum.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting

The attached Proxy Statement and GOLD proxy card are available at:

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ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

OF

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PROXY STATEMENT

OF

DRYDEN CAPITAL FUND, LP

PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND MAIL THE ENCLOSED GOLD PROXY CARD TODAY

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We are writing to you today because we believe that a new trustee and advocate for the holders of ARPS is needed to spearhead meaningful changes at PIMCO to address the Funds' refusal to provide liquidity to holders of ARPS at a price commensurate with those offered by industry peers. Over the last 9 years, the only action taken has been the recent below-market tender offer, in spite of industry trends towards liquidity and repeated good faith arguments from Dryden in 2018 for liquidity. As a result, we are concerned the current trustees nominated for reelection to the Board pursuant to the Funds' proxy statement will not address the liquidity concerns of the holders of the ARPS. We have nominated a highly-qualified, capable and committed individual who has the relevant skill set we believe is key to best position the Funds to maximize value for all stakeholders in the coming years while also addressing the liquidity concerns of holders of ARPS. We are seeking your support and your vote at the 2018 joint annual meeting of stockholders of each Fund, currently scheduled to be held at the offices of Pacific Investment Management Company LLC, at 1633 Broadway, between West 50th and West 51st Streets, 42nd Floor, New York, New York 10019 at 10:30 A.M., Eastern Time on December 19, 2018 (the term "Annual Meeting" is used throughout this joint proxy statement to refer to the annual meeting of shareholders of each Fund, as dictated by the context, including any adjournment or postponement thereof or any special meeting held in lieu thereof) for the following:

1. to elect T. Matthew Buffington (the "Nominee"), as trustee for each of the Funds; and
2. to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

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Dryden is composed of (i) Dryden Capital Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Dryden Capital Fund"); (ii) Dryden Capital, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Dryden Capital"); (iii) Dryden Capital GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and general partner of Dryden Capital Fund ("Dryden Capital GP"); (iv) T. Matthew Buffington and Matthew C. Leavitt, each a managing member of Dryden Capital and Dryden Capital GP and each a United States citizen ("Mr. Buffington" and "Mr. Leavitt", respectively, and together with Dryden Capital Fund, Dryden Capital and Dryden Capital GP, the "Dryden Parties") and (v) the Nominee (the entities and individuals listed in this paragraph, each a "Participant" and, collectively, the "Participants").

This Proxy Statement and the enclosed GOLD proxy card are first being furnished to shareholders on or about November 7, 2018.

As of the date hereof, Dryden collectively owns an aggregate of 147 shares of ARPS. In addition, the Funds have issued Variable Rate Municipal Term Preferred Shares ("VMTPS" and together with ARPS, the "Preferred Shares") and shares of common stock, par value \$0.001, of the Funds (the "Common Stock" and together with the Preferred Shares, the "Stock"). We intend to vote such shares of ARPS, and all proxies delivered to Dryden, as follows:

FOR the election of Mr. Buffington.

The Board has fixed October 19, 2018 as the record date for determining holders of Stock who are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting (the "Record Date"). According to PIMCO, as of the Record Date each Fund had outstanding the following shares of Common Stock and Preferred Shares entitled to be voted:

Fund	Outstanding Common Shares	Outstanding Preferred Shares	
		ARPS	VMTPS
PMF	25,733,849.000	6,668	233
PCQ	18,774,730.000	4,825	293
PNF	7,783,432.000	1,641	None
PML	62,219,731.000	11,931	687
PCK	31,996,958.000	5,147	343
PNI	11,151,142.000	2,320	210
PMX	32,902,645.000	6,188	343
PZC	22,285,050.000	3,915	271

According to the Funds' definitive proxy statement, at the Annual Meeting, the election of one Trustee (the "Preferred Trustee") of each Fund will be voted on exclusively by the Preferred Shareholders (including holders of ARPS and, for each Fund other than PNF, holders of VMTPS, voting together as a single class) of that Fund. Holders of ARPS and VMTPS will be entitled to one vote per share, regardless of the relative liquidation preference of the Preferred Shares. According to the Funds' definitive proxy statement, on each other proposal to be brought before the Annual Meeting (including the election of the nominees other than the Preferred Trustee by all Shareholders), the Preferred Shareholders, if any, will have equal voting rights (i.e., one vote per Share) with the applicable Fund's holders of Common Stock (the "Common Shareholders") and will vote together with Common Shareholders as a single class. The mailing address of the principal executive offices of each of the Funds is 1633 Broadway, New York, New York 10019. Shareholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

THIS SOLICITATION IS BEING MADE BY DRYDEN AND NOT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING OTHER THAN AS SET FORTH IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT. SHOULD OTHER MATTERS, WHICH WE ARE NOT AWARE OF A REASONABLE TIME BEFORE THIS SOLICITATION, BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING, THE PERSONS NAMED AS PROXIES IN THE ENCLOSED GOLD PROXY CARD WILL VOTE ON SUCH MATTERS IN THEIR DISCRETION.

DRYDEN URGES YOU TO SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE GOLD PROXY CARD TODAY TO VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF OUR NOMINEE.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SENT A PROXY CARD FURNISHED BY THE FUNDS' MANAGEMENT OR THE BOARD, YOU MAY REVOKE THAT PROXY AND VOTE ON EACH OF THE PROPOSALS DESCRIBED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT BY SIGNING, DATING AND RETURNING THE ENCLOSED GOLD PROXY CARD. WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO DO SO WITHOUT DELAY BECAUSE THERE IS LITTLE TIME BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING. THE LATEST DATED PROXY IS THE ONLY ONE THAT COUNTS. ANY PROXY MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING BY DELIVERING A WRITTEN NOTICE OF REVOCATION OR A LATER DATED PROXY FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OR BY VOTING IN PERSON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

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IMPORTANT

Your vote is important, no matter how many or how few shares of Stock you own. Your vote matters. Dryden urges you to sign, date, and return the enclosed GOLD proxy card TODAY to vote FOR the election of Mr. Buffington to the Board.

If you are a "registered shareholder", please sign and date the enclosed GOLD proxy card and return it to Dryden, c/o InvestorCom, in the enclosed postage-paid envelope today.

If you own shares in a brokerage account or through a bank, you are considered a "beneficial shareholder", and the Dryden proxy materials, together with a voting instruction form (VIF), are being forwarded to you by your broker or bank. As a "beneficial owner", you must instruct your broker, trustee or other representative on how to vote your shares. Your broker cannot vote your shares on your behalf without receiving instructions from you.

Depending upon your broker or custodian's voting policy, you may be able to vote either by toll-free telephone or by using the Internet. Please refer to the enclosed voting form for instructions on how to vote electronically. You may also vote by signing, dating and returning the enclosed voting form in the pre-paid envelope provided to you.

Please DO NOT sign or return any WHITE proxy card you may receive from the Funds. If you have already submitted a WHITE proxy card, you have every right to change your vote — please use the GOLD proxy card to vote by Internet or telephone or simply sign, date and return the GOLD proxy card. Only your latest dated proxy will be counted.

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BACKGROUND TO THE SOLICITATION

A chronology of our interactions with the Funds as it pertains to the Annual Meeting is as follows:

Dryden began purchasing the Funds' ARPS in 2016.

On April 17, 2018, Dryden began expressing its concerns about the ARPS to representatives of PIMCO who are not members of the Board ("Management"). Management's responses to our concerns lacked substance.

On April 27, 2018, Dryden sent Management a presentation that specifically laid out our concerns in more detail.

On May 7, 2018, Dryden and Management held a conference call to discuss the materials Dryden had sent. Again, Management refused substantive engagement. Given the lack of progress, Dryden alerted Management that Dryden planned to raise its concerns to the Board level and the Preferred Trustees.

On May 18, 2018, Dryden e-mailed Management and members of the Boards, informally declaring an intent to nominate T. Matthew Buffington as a Preferred Trustee at the Annual Meeting while also suggesting a meeting to search for a more cooperative solution.

On June 20, 2018, Dryden e-mailed Management and the Preferred Trustees to follow up on scheduling the meeting to search for a more cooperative solution, but Dryden did not receive a response.

On July 9, 2018, Dryden e-mailed Management and the Preferred Trustees to again follow up on scheduling the meeting, but Dryden, again, did not receive a response.

On July 20, 2018 PIMCO announced the tender offer at 85% of Par and on July 23, 2018, PIMCO subsequently e-mailed Dryden offering a phone call with members of Management (but denied Dryden's request to involve the Preferred Trustees).

On July 25, 2018, Dryden held a call with Management, discussed the tender offer dated July 20, 2018, and expressed Dryden's displeasure with the price; the tender offer price was below recent prices seen in the secondary market and it represented a meaningful discount to where PIMCO's peers had tendered. In the absence of a cooperative solution from Management, Dryden alerted Management that it intended to formally nominate its own trustee candidate to the Boards.

On August 21, 2018, after not responding to all our previous attempts to engage, the Funds' Preferred Trustees finally requested to meet with Dryden. Dryden accepted that same day.

The meeting occurred August 30, 2018 and Dryden, again, did not receive responses to simple questions about the ARPS.

On September 11, 2018, Dryden sent its formal notice nominating T. Matthew Buffington for election.

On September 12, 2018, PIMCO announced the results of its tender offer. The majority of ARPS Shareholders did not participate in the tender offer. Participation was dominated by a single holder of ARPS (Wells Fargo, which also happened to be the firm providing the new VMTPS financing for any tendered ARPS).

On September 27, 2018, PIMCO notified Dryden it would not be nominating Dryden's proposed candidate for election.

REASONS FOR THE SOLICITATION

Dryden is a long-term and concerned investor in the Funds, having made its initial investment in the Funds in 2016. Dryden has owned shares of PIMCO continuously since 2016. In our opinion, our ownership aligns us well with the interests of the holders of ARPS because we share their economic risks and would share in their economic upside if the Funds prosper from our strategic vision for liquidity. Dryden has been an involved shareholder of the Funds for an extended period of time and has engaged with Management and the Boards from time to time. We have also repeatedly attempted to engage in a constructive dialogue with the other members of the Boards and Management on the future composition of the Boards and liquidity.

Dryden believes now is the time that the Funds' ARPS should be redeemed. Now is the time that the Funds' ARPS should be redeemed because (i) there are better financing alternatives available to the Funds and (ii) the Funds have not kept pace with the rest of the municipal closed-end fund industry in providing Preferred Shareholders with much needed liquidity.

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TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. WE BELIEVE THAT SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT TO THE BOARDS IS NEEDED NOW!

PROPOSAL NO.1

ELECTION OF TRUSTEE

According to the Funds' definitive proxy statement, the current Board of each Fund consists of eight trustees, divided into three classes, including two trustees that have been designated by the Board to serve as the two Preferred Trustees. Based on public disclosures by the Funds, we believe that the current Preferred Trustees for PMF, PML, PNI, PCQ, PCK, PNF, Messrs. Hans W. Kertess and James A. Jacobson, are presently serving three-year terms that end in 2018 and 2019, respectively. Based on prior public disclosures by the Funds, we believe that the current Preferred Trustees for PMX, PZC, Messrs. Alan Rappaport and James A. Jacobson, are presently serving three-year terms that end in 2018 and 2019, respectively. Therefore, one of the two designated Preferred Trustees for each Fund is to be elected at the Annual Meeting. In addition, two trustees who are not Preferred Trustees are to be elected at the Annual Meetings by holders of the shares of Common Stock and the holders of Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class.

According to the Funds' definitive proxy statement, the election of Mr. Buffington to the Boards of each of the Funds will require the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes of the Preferred Shareholders (voting as a separate class) of the relevant Fund cast in the election of Trustees at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy. The re-election of the trustees other than the Preferred Trustees to the Boards of each of the Funds will require the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes of the Common Shareholders and Preferred Shareholders (voting together as a single class) of the relevant Fund cast in the election of Trustees at the Meeting, in person or by proxy.

Our Nominee:

(1) Name, Address, and Age	(2) Position(s) Held with Fund(s)	(3) Term of Office and Length of Time Served with Fund(s)	(4) Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	(5) Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director	(6) Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director
T. Matthew Buffington Business Address: Dryden Capital, LLC (New York Office) 641 Lexington Avenue, 13th Floor New York, New York 10022	None	N/A	Portfolio Manager of Dryden Capital, LLC since January 2013 The principal business of Dryden Capital LLC is to provide investment advisory, portfolio and wealth management, consulting, financial planning, and investment supervisory services.	None	None

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T. Matthew Buffington, age 36, is a co-founder and has been the Portfolio Manager of Dryden Capital, LLC since January 2013. Previously, Mr. Buffington was a research analyst at Southpoint Capital Advisors LP, a value-oriented equity investment firm with AUM of ~\$2 billion. Mr. Buffington was responsible for idea generation, investment research and portfolio monitoring across a variety of industries. Prior to joining Southpoint, Mr. Buffington worked at the private equity firm Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, LLC ("CD&R"), where he helped identify new private equity investments across a wide range of industries, advised portfolio companies as they explored strategic acquisitions and helped analyze performance. Prior to joining CD&R, Mr. Buffington worked in the Mergers & Acquisitions Group at Merrill Lynch where he advised in analyzing strategic alternatives, structuring transactions and determining valuation. Mr. Buffington graduated with honors from Cornell University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Computer Science and Economics. Based on Mr. Buffington's career in investment banking and principal investing, as well as his financial industry expertise, we believe he is well-qualified to serve as a trustee of the Funds.

The principal business address of Mr. Buffington is Dryden Capital, LLC (New York Office), 641 Lexington Avenue, 13th Floor, New York, New York 10022. Mr. Buffington has not held any positions, including as an officer, employee, director, or general partner, with any affiliated persons or principal underwriters of the Funds. The Nominee has not held any (i) positions, including as an officer, employee, director, or general partner or (ii) directorships, during the past five year that would require disclosure under paragraph (b)(4) of Item 22 of Rule 14a-101 (Schedule 14A) under the Securities Act of 1933 ("Rule 14a-101").

As of the date hereof Mr. Buffington may be deemed to beneficially own the 147 shares of ARPS beneficially owned in the aggregate by Dryden by virtue of being a managing member of Dryden Capital and Dryden Capital GP.

(1) Name of Director or Nominee	(2) Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Funds	(3) Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Funds Overseen or to be Overseen by Director or Nominee in Family of Investment Companies
	(Please note the amounts below reflect the par value of ARPS owned within each Fund)	
	PMF: Over \$100,000	
	PML: Over \$100,000	
T. Matthew Buffington	PMX: Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
	PZC: Over \$100,000	
	PNF: Over \$100,000	
	PNI: Over \$100,000	
	PCQ: Over \$100,000	
	PCK: \$50,001-\$100,000	

Mr. Buffington does not beneficially own any securities of (i) an investment adviser, principal underwriter, or Sponsoring Insurance Company of the Funds; or (ii) a person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with an investment adviser, principal underwriter, or Sponsoring Insurance Company of the Funds.

Other than as identified herein, there are no arrangements or understandings between members of Dryden or any other person or persons pursuant to which the nomination of the Nominee described herein is to be made, other than the consent by the Nominee to be named in this Proxy Statement and to serve as a trustee of the Funds if elected as such at the Annual Meeting. The Nominee is not a party adverse to the Funds or any of its subsidiaries or has a material interest adverse to the Funds or any of its subsidiaries in any material pending legal proceedings.

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Dryden believes that the Nominee presently is, and if elected as a trustee of the Funds the Nominee (a) would be, an "independent trustee" within the meaning of (i) the NYSE Listed Company Manual and (ii) paragraph (a)(1) of Item 407 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Regulation S K") and (b) would not be considered an "interested person" of the Funds as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Neither the Nominee nor any of his Immediate Family Members (i) has any direct or indirect interest, the value of which exceeds \$120,000 during the past five years in (x) an investment adviser, principal underwriter, or Sponsoring Insurance Company of the Funds; or (y) a person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with an investment adviser, principal underwriter, or Sponsoring Insurance Company of the Funds; (ii) has any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction, or series or similar transactions, since January 1, 2016 or in any currently proposed transaction, or series of similar transaction requiring disclosure under paragraph (b)(8) of Item 22 of Rule 14a-101; (iii) has had since January 1, 2016 or is currently proposed to have, any direct or indirect relationship requiring disclosure under paragraph (b)(9) of Item 22 of Rule 14a-101; (iv) since January 1, 2016, has served on the board of directors where an Officer of an investment adviser, principal underwriter, or Sponsoring Insurance Company of the Funds, or an Officer of a person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with an investment adviser, principal underwriter, or Sponsoring Insurance Company of the Funds, serves, or has served.

There are no events required to be disclosed under Item 401(f) of Regulation S-K that have occurred during the past ten years or are material to an evaluation of the ability or integrity of the Nominee and (ii) there were no transactions since January 1, 2018, nor are there any currently proposed, involving any Participant or any of its or his associates in which the Funds was or is to be a participant and in which such Participant, any of its or his associates, or any of their respective immediate family members or any persons sharing their respective households, have or will have a direct or indirect material interest that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

We do not expect that the Nominee will be unable to stand for election, but, in the event that the Nominee is unable to serve or for good cause will not serve, the shares of Stock represented by the enclosed GOLD proxy card will be voted for a substitute nominee, to the extent (i) this is not expressly prohibited under the Funds' bylaws and applicable law and (ii) notice of the substitute nominee has been made in accordance with the Funds' bylaws and applicable law. In addition, we reserve the right to nominate substitute person(s) if the Funds make or announce any changes to their bylaws or take or announce any other action that has, or if consummated would have, the effect of disqualifying the Nominee, to the extent this is not prohibited under the Funds' bylaws and applicable law. In any such case, we would identify and properly nominate such substitute nominee(s) in accordance with the Funds' bylaws and shares of Stock represented by the enclosed GOLD proxy card will be voted for such substitute nominee(s). We reserve the right to nominate additional person(s), to the extent this is not prohibited under the Funds' bylaws and applicable law, if the Funds increase the size of any Board above its existing size or increases the number of trustees whose terms expire at the Annual Meeting or reconstitute or reconfigure the classes on which the current trustees serve. Additional nominations made pursuant to the preceding sentence are without prejudice to the position of Dryden that any attempt to increase the size of the current Boards or to reconfigure the classes of the Boards other than as currently proposed constitutes an unlawful manipulation of the Funds' corporate machinery. To the extent Dryden nominates any substitute nominee under the above provisions and pursuant to the Funds' bylaws, Dryden confirms that it will file an amended proxy statement that (i) identifies such substitute nominee, (ii) discloses whether the substitute nominee has consented (x) to being named as a nominee in the proxy materials and (y) to serving as a Trustee, if elected, and (iii) provides the disclosure of the information required under Items 5(b) and 7 of Rule 14a-101.

WE URGE YOU TO VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NOMINEE ON THE ENCLOSED GOLD PROXY CARD.

WE INTEND TO VOTE OUR SHARES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NOMINEE.

SHARES OF STOCK REPRESENTED BY PROPERLY EXECUTED GOLD PROXY CARDS WILL BE VOTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AS MARKED AND, IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS, "FOR" THE NOMINEE.

VOTING AND PROXY PROCEDURES

Only shareholders of record on the Record Date will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. Shareholders who sell their shares of Stock before the Record Date (or acquire them without voting rights after the Record Date) may not vote such shares. Shareholders of record on the Record Date will retain their voting rights in connection with the Annual Meeting even if they sell such shares of Common Stock after the Record Date. Based on publicly available information, Dryden believes that the only outstanding classes of securities of the Funds entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting are the Common Stock, ARPS and VMTPS.

Shares of Stock represented by properly executed GOLD proxy cards will be voted at the Annual Meeting as marked and, in the absence of specific instructions, will be voted as follows: FOR the election of Mr. Buffington to the Boards of each Fund and in the discretion of the persons named as proxies on all other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting, as described herein and for the election of trustees as set forth below.

According to the Funds' definitive proxy statement, the current Boards of each of the Funds consist of eight trustees, divided into three classes, including two trustees that have been designated by the Board to serve as the two Preferred Trustees. Based on prior public disclosures by the Funds, we believe that the current Preferred Trustees for PMF, PML, PNI, PCQ, PCK, PNF, Messrs. Hans W. Kertess and James A. Jacobson, are presently serving three-year terms that end in 2018 and 2019, respectively. Based on prior public disclosures by the Funds, we believe that the current Preferred Trustees for PMX, PZC, Messrs. Alan Rappaport and James A. Jacobson, are presently serving three-year terms that end in 2018 and 2019, respectively. Therefore, one of the two designated Preferred Trustees for each Fund is to be elected at the Annual Meeting. In addition, two trustees who are not Preferred Trustees are to be elected at the Annual Meetings by holders of the shares of Common Stock of the Funds and the holders of Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class. We are not seeking control of the Boards. If our Nominee is elected we could not control the Boards absent the resignation of the other members of the Board, and any claim to the contrary would be entirely false and misleading.

Quorum; Broker Non-Votes;

According to the Funds' definitive proxy statement, a quorum for each Fund at the Annual Meeting will consist of the presence in person or by proxy of thirty percent (30%) of the total Shares of the Fund entitled to vote at such Meeting, except that, where the Preferred Shares or Common Shares will vote as separate classes, then thirty percent (30%) of the shares of each class entitled to vote will be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by that class. By way of clarification, in the case of Preferred Shares voting as a separate class, thirty percent (30%) of the total number of ARPS and VMTPS entitled to vote (regardless of the relative liquidation preference of the shares) will be necessary to constitute a quorum.

According to the Funds' definitive proxy statement, votes cast by proxy or in person at the Annual Meeting will be counted by persons appointed by the Funds as tellers (the "Tellers") for the Annual Meeting. For purposes of determining the presence of a quorum for each Fund, the Tellers will include the total number of Shares present at the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy, including Shares represented by proxies that reflect abstentions and "broker non-votes" (i.e., shares held by brokers or nominees as to which instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or the persons entitled to vote and the broker or nominee does not have the discretionary voting power on a particular matter). For a proposal requiring approval of a plurality of the votes cast, such as the election of Trustees, abstention and broker non-votes will have a negative effect on the outcome of the Proposal in so far as such abstentions and broker non-votes will make it mathematically more difficult to achieve a plurality of the applicable voting class of shares, but will not be counted as a vote against such proposals.

Votes Required for Approval

Each share of Stock entitles the holder thereof to one vote on the election of each of the nominees for trustee other than the Preferred Trustees and on any other matter that may properly come before the Annual Meeting. Each share of Preferred Stock entitles the holder thereof to one vote on the election of each of the nominees for the Preferred Trustees. Shareholders are not entitled to cumulative voting in the election of Trustees.

Election of Trustees Each Funds' Bylaws provide that the Preferred Trustees will be elected by the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes of the Preferred Shareholders (voting as a separate class) of the relevant Fund cast in the election of Trustees at the Meeting, in person or by proxy. Each Funds' Bylaws provide that the remaining trustees will be elected by the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes of the Common Shareholders and Preferred Shareholders (voting together as a single class) of the relevant Fund cast in the election of Trustees at the Meeting, in person or by proxy.

To vote, please complete, sign, date and return the enclosed GOLD proxy card or, to appoint a proxy over the Internet or by telephone, follow the instructions provided herein. If you attend the Annual Meeting and wish to vote in person, you may withdraw your proxy and vote in person. If your shares of Stock are held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee, as it appears from public information that most shares of Stock are, you must obtain a proxy, executed in your favor, from the holder of record to be able to vote at the Annual Meeting. Dryden's proxy solicitors at InvestorCom can help answer your voting and proxy questions.

Revocation of Proxies

Shareholders of the Funds may revoke their proxies at any time prior to exercise by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person (although attendance at the Annual Meeting will not in and of itself constitute revocation of a proxy) or by delivering a written notice of revocation. The delivery of a subsequently dated proxy which is properly completed will constitute a revocation of any earlier proxy. The revocation may be delivered either to us in care of InvestorCom at 65 Locust Avenue, New Canaan, CT 06840 or to PIMCO at 1633 Broadway, New York, New York 10019, or any other address provided by the Funds. Although a revocation is effective if delivered to the Funds, we request that either the original or photostatic copies of all revocations be mailed to us in care of InvestorCom at 65 Locust Avenue, New Canaan, CT 06840. **IF YOU WISH TO VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF OUR NOMINEES TO THE BOARD, PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY THE ENCLOSED GOLD PROXY CARD IN THE POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE PROVIDED.**

To ensure that your shares are voted in accordance with your wishes, you should also contact the person responsible for your account and give instructions for a GOLD proxy card to be issued representing your shares of Stock.

SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

The solicitation of proxies pursuant to this Proxy Statement is being made by Dryden. Proxies may be solicited by mail, facsimile, telephone, telegraph, Internet, in person and by advertisements.

We have entered into an agreement with InvestorCom for solicitation and advisory services in connection with this solicitation, for which InvestorCom will receive a fee not to exceed \$7,500, together with reimbursement for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. InvestorCom will solicit proxies from individuals, brokers, banks, bank nominees and other institutional holders. We have requested banks, brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward all solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of the shares of Stock they hold of record. We will reimburse these record holders for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in so doing. It is anticipated that InvestorCom will employ approximately 5 persons to solicit shareholders for the Annual Meeting.

The entire expense of soliciting proxies is being borne by us. Costs of this solicitation of proxies are currently estimated to be approximately \$100,000. We estimate that through the date hereof, the expenses incurred in connection with this solicitation are approximately \$37,500.

Dryden will initially pay all costs associated with the solicitation of proxies, but we will seek reimbursement of such costs from the Funds and will not submit such reimbursement to a vote of shareholders.

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

The participants in this solicitation are: (i) Dryden Capital Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Dryden Capital Fund"); (ii) Dryden Capital, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Dryden Capital"); (iii) Dryden Capital GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and general partner of Dryden Capital Fund ("Dryden Capital GP"); (iv) T. Matthew Buffington and Matthew C. Leavitt, each a managing member of Dryden Capital and Dryden Capital GP and each a United States citizen ("Mr. Buffington" and "Mr. Leavitt", respectively, and together with Dryden Capital Fund, Dryden Capital and Dryden Capital GP, the "Dryden Parties") and (v) the Nominee (the entities and individuals listed in this paragraph, each a "Participant" and, collectively, the "Participants").

The principal business address of each of the Dryden Parties is 777 Brickell Avenue, Suite 500, Miami, Florida 33131. The Dryden Parties also maintain a secondary business address at 641 Lexington Avenue, 13th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

The principal business of: (i) Dryden Capital Fund is investing in securities; (ii) Dryden Capital is investing for funds and accounts under its management; (iii) Dryden Capital GP is serving as the general partner of Dryden Capital Fund; and (iv) each of Mr. Buffington and Mr. Leavitt is serving as the managing members of Dryden Capital and Dryden Capital GP.

As of the date hereof, the Participants may be deemed to beneficially own (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), in the aggregate, 147 ARPS. Of the 147 ARPS beneficially owned in the aggregate by the Dryden Parties, such Preferred Shares may be deemed to be beneficially owned as follows:

(a) 147 ARPS may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Dryden Capital, by virtue of it being the investment advisor to certain investment funds, including Dryden Capital Fund;

(b) 147 ARPS may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Dryden Capital GP, by virtue of it being the general partner of Dryden Capital Fund; and

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(c) 147 ARPS may be deemed to be beneficially owned by each of Mr. Buffington and Mr. Leavitt by virtue of each being the managing members of Dryden Capital and Dryden Capital GP.

The 147 PIMCO ARPS beneficially owned by Dryden Capital are held in each Fund as follows:

Fund Number of ARPS

PMF 41
PML 42
PMX25
PCK 2
PCQ 5
PZC 14
PNF 10
PNI 8

Based on publicly available information from the Funds, the 147 ARPS beneficially owned in the aggregate by the Dryden Parties, constitute less than 1% of the Preferred Shares outstanding in each of the Funds, as applicable and as further described on Schedule II, attached hereto.

The shares of ARPS beneficially owned by the Participants were funded by Dryden's or its affiliates' cash on hand. As of the date hereof, none of the shares of Common Stock held in margin accounts were pledged as collateral security. For information regarding purchases and sales of securities of the Funds during the past two years by the Participants in this solicitation, see Schedule I.

Except as set forth in this Proxy Statement (including the Schedules hereto), (i) during the past 10 years, no Participa