

UMPQUA HOLDINGS CORP
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UNITED STATES
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Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Umpqua Holdings Corporation

(Name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Umpqua Holdings Corporation

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

to Be Held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011

The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at:

<http://www.proxyvoting.com/umpq>

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet.

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

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before April 8, 2011 to facilitate timely delivery.

TO REQUEST PAPER COPIES OF PROXY MATERIALS:

(please reference your 11-digit control number when requesting materials)

By opting out to receive printed materials, your preference for future proxy mailings will be kept on our file.

Telephone: **1-888-313-0164**

(outside of the U.S. and Canada call 201-680-6688).

Email: **shrrelations@bnymellon.com**

(you must reference your 11-digit control number in your email)

Internet: **<http://www.proxyvoting.com/umpq>**

TO VOTE YOUR SHARES SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

This is not a proxy card. You cannot use this notice to vote your shares.

Dear Umpqua Holdings Corporation Shareholder:

The 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Umpqua Holdings Corporation (the Company) will be held at the RiverPlace Hotel, 1510 SW Harbor Way, Portland, Oregon 97201, on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. (local time).

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

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- (1) to elect eleven Directors to serve until the 2012 annual meeting of shareholders of the Company;
- (2) to ratify the appointment of Moss Adams LLP as the Company's independent auditors;
- (3) to vote on the advisory (non-binding) resolution relating to executive compensation;
- (4) to recommend (non-binding) the frequency of a shareholder advisory vote on executive compensation.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on February 11, 2011 as the record date (the Record Date) for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

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Shareholders of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting.

Meeting Location:

RiverPlace Hotel

1510 SW Harbor Way

Portland, OR 97201

You can find directions to the Annual Meeting at: <http://larkspurhotels.com/collection/riverplace/area-guide>

The following materials are available for you to review online:

the Company's 2011 Proxy Statement (including all attachments thereto);
the 2010 Form 10-K (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials);
the 2010 Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2010; and
any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to shareholders.

To request a paper copy of the Proxy Materials:

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when you want to view your proxy materials online

OR WHEN YOU WANT TO VOTE YOUR PROXY ELECTRONICALLY.

HOW TO VOTE BY INTERNET

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Use the Internet to vote your shares. On the landing page of the above website in the box labeled

To Vote Your Shares by Internet click on **Vote Now** to access the electronic proxy card and vote your shares.

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