

WESTERN DIGITAL CORP  
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September 28, 2018

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

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**Western Digital Corporation**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on November 7, 2018.**

**WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION**

5601 GREAT OAKS PARKWAY  
SAN JOSE, CA 95119

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:**

Annual Meeting

**For holders as of:**

September 10, 2018

**Date:** November 7, 2018

**Time:** 8:00 a.m., PT

**Location:**

The Fairmont San Jose  
170 S. Market Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

**Directions:** 1-408-998-1900

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

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## Before You Vote

*How to Access the Proxy Materials*

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NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

### **How to View Online:**

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## How To Vote

*Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods*

**Vote In Person:** You will need to request a ballot to vote these shares at the Annual Meeting.

**Vote By Internet:** Go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or from a smartphone, scan the QR Barcode above. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) available 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.

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**Voting Deadline:** If you vote by Internet or mail, your vote must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on November 6, 2018. If you are a participant in the Western Digital Corporation 401(k) Plan, you must provide voting instructions for the shares in your plan account by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on November 4, 2018 to allow sufficient time for the plan trustee to vote the shares on your behalf.

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**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the following nominees:**

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| 1.  | ELECTION OF DIRECTORS |                       |
| 1a. |                       | Martin I. Cole        |
| 1b. |                       | Kathleen A. Cote      |
| 1c. |                       | Henry T. DeNero       |
| 1d. |                       | Tunç Doluca           |
| 1e. |                       | Michael D. Lambert    |
| 1f. |                       | Len J. Lauer          |
| 1g. |                       | Matthew E. Massengill |
| 1h. |                       | Stephen D. Milligan   |
| 1i. |                       | Paula A. Price        |

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR Proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5:**

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2. To approve on an advisory basis the named executive officer compensation disclosed in the Proxy Statement;
3. To approve an amendment and restatement of our 2017 Performance Incentive Plan that would, among other things, increase by 6,000,000 the number of shares of our common stock available for issuance under the plan;
4. To approve an amendment and restatement of our 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan that would, among other things, increase by 10,000,000 the number of shares of our common stock available for issuance under the plan; and
5. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 28, 2019.

In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote on such other business as may properly come before the meeting and any postponement or adjournment of the meeting.

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