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E42847-P0183 1 Vote In Person: Many shareholder 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 meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance as well as for directions to be able to attend 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 the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (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. 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 May 3, 2018 to facilitate timely delivery. How to View Online: Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) 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 * If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) in the subject line. You will have the opportunity to make a request to receive paper or e-mail copies for all future meetings or only for the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT ANNUAL REPORT PROXY CARD Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE: XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX Before You Vote How to Access the Proxy Materials How To Vote Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX

Voting Items 3. To approve, on an advisory basis, compensation of the Company's named executive officers. 2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. 1. Election of Directors Nominees: The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following: 01) Leslie Brown 02) Gary Goode 03) James Hollars 04) John Mulder 05) Richard Schaum 06) Frederick Sotok 07) James Wallace The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3. NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. E42848-P0183 1

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