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## **McDonald's Corporation**

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Notice of Annual Meeting

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the

McDonald's Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be Held on May 24, 2018

### McDONALD'S CORPORATION

C/O McDONALD'S CORPORATION POST OFFICE BOX 9112 FARMINGDALE, NY 11735-9544

## **Annual Shareholders' Meeting Information**

**Date:** May 24, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m., Central Time

Location: The Hyatt Lodge, Prairie Ballroom

2815 Jorie Boulevard Oak Brook, Illinois 60523

Listen to the live audiocast on www.investor.mcdonalds.com.

You must **pre-register** to attend the meeting in person; information is available in the Proxy Statement.

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 contain important information and are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at *www.proxyvote.com*, scan the QR code with your smartphone on the reverse side, or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review the proxy materials before voting.

# **Before You Vote**

How to Access the Proxy Materials

#### Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE at www.proxyvote.com:

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K

**How to View Online:** 

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX Iocated on the following page) and visit

<u>www.proxyvote.com</u>, or scan the QR code below with your smartphone.

## How to Request and Receive a PAPER or EMAIL Copy at no charge:

For timely delivery, use one of the following methods by May 10, 2018 to request a paper copy of the proxy materials. Future delivery requests can also be submitted via one of these methods.

1) *BY INTERNET*: <u>www.proxyvote.com</u>
2) *BY TELEPHONE*: 1-800-579-1639

Send a blank email with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX

3) BY EMAIL: (located on the following page) in the subject line to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com.

You will only receive a paper or email copy of the proxy materials if you request one. To request and receive an electronic copy of the proxy materials by email, log onto <a href="https://www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a> and follow the online instructions.

# **How To Vote**

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Ballots will be available to shareholders attending the meeting in person. You must pre-register with McDonald's Shareholder

**Services to attend the meeting in person.** Please review the Pre-registration and Admission Policy regarding meeting attendance in the Proxy Statement, which is available at <a href="https://www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a>. Directions to the meeting are available at <a href="https://www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a>.

**Vote By Internet:** Go to <u>www.proxyvote.com</u> or from a smartphone, scan the QR code above. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions to vote these shares by submitting a proxy via the Internet.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**Vote By Telephone:** You can vote by telephone by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card that will provide instructions to vote these shares by proxy via telephone.

### **Voting Items**

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of

the Board's nominees.

1. Election of Directors: (each for a one-year term expiring in 2019)

1a. Lloyd Dean

Stephen Easterbrook 1b. Robert Eckert 1c. Margaret Georgiadis 1d. Enrique Hernandez, Jr. 1e. Jeanne Jackson 1f. Richard Lenny 1g. John Mulligan 1h. Sheila Penrose 1i. John Rogers, Jr. 1j. Miles White 1k.

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The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** proposals 2 and 3.

- 2. Advisory vote to approve executive compensation.
- 3. Advisory vote to approve the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditor for 2018.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **AGAINST** proposals 4 through 6.

- 4. Advisory vote on a shareholder proposal requesting the ability for shareholders to act by written consent, if properly presented.
- 5. Advisory vote on a shareholder proposal requesting a report on plastic straws, if properly presented.
- 6. Advisory vote on a shareholder proposal requesting a report on charitable contributions, if properly presented.

