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Voting items 0000281328\_3 R1.0.1.2 5 The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s): 1. Election of Directors Nominees 1a Michael Balmuth 1b K. Gunnar Bjorklund 1c Michael J. Bush 1d Norman A. Ferber 1e Sharon D. Garrett 1f Stephen D. Milligan 1g George P. Orban 1h Michael O'Sullivan 1i Lawrence S. Peiros 1j Gregory L. Quesnel 1k Barbara Rentler 2 To approve the Company's Second Amended and Restated Incentive Compensation Plan for purposes of Internal Revenue Code section 162 (m). 3 Advisory vote to approve the resolution on the compensation of the named executive officers. 4 To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending January 28, 2017.

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Voting Instructions Voting items Continued 0000281328\_4 R1.0.1.2 5 NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

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