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LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held On June 5, 2013

You are cordially invited to attend an Annual Meeting (the *Annual Meeting*) of Stockholders of La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company (the *Company*). The meeting will be held at our offices, located at 4660 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 1070, San Diego, California, on June 5, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., local time. The Annual Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

1. To elect two directors to serve until the Company's 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders;
2. To ratify the selection of Squar, Milner, Peterson, Miranda & Williamson, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013;
3. To conduct an advisory (non-binding) vote on the Company's executive compensation;
4. To conduct an advisory (non-binding) vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation;
5. To approve an amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation to implement a reverse stock split, within a range from 1-for-2 to 1-for-100, with the exact ratio of the reverse stock split to be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company; and
6. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the proxy statement accompanying this notice. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on May 1, 2013 will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The Company's Board of Directors has carefully reviewed and considered the foregoing proposals and has concluded that each proposal is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. Therefore, the Company's Board of Directors has approved each proposal and recommends that you vote FOR each nominee and each proposal described in the proxy statement; provided, however, that the Board of Directors is not making a recommendation with respect to proposal 4.

It is very important that your shares be represented at the Annual Meeting, regardless of the size of your holdings. Accordingly, whether or not you expect to attend the Annual Meeting, the Company urges you to vote promptly by completing, dating, signing and returning the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed postage prepaid envelope, or by voting via the telephone or the Internet as instructed in these materials. This will not limit your right to attend or vote at the Annual Meeting. You may revoke your proxy at any time before it has been voted at the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ George F. Tidmarsh

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George F. Tidmarsh, M.D., Ph.D.

President, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary

San Diego, California

May 13, 2013

I M P O R T A N T

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING IN PERSON. WHETHER OR NOT YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE VOTE VIA THE INTERNET OR OVER THE TELEPHONE AS INSTRUCTED IN THE ENCLOSED PROXY STATEMENT OR COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD USING THE ENCLOSED RETURN ENVELOPE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ENSURE YOUR REPRESENTATION AT THE MEETING. EVEN IF YOU HAVE VOTED BY PROXY, YOU MAY STILL VOTE IN PERSON IF YOU ATTEND THE MEETING. PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT IF YOUR SHARES ARE HELD OF RECORD BY A BROKER, BANK OR OTHER NOMINEE AND YOU WISH TO VOTE AT THE MEETING, YOU MUST OBTAIN A PROXY CARD ISSUED IN YOUR NAME FROM THAT INTERMEDIARY. A MAJORITY IN VOTING POWER OF THE OUTSTANDING SHARES OF COMMON STOCK MUST BE REPRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, EITHER IN PERSON OR BY PROXY, TO CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

**PROXY STATEMENT FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

June 5, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., local time

GENERAL INFORMATION

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors (the **Board**) of La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company (the **Company**) for use at the Annual Meeting, to be held on June 5, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., local time. The Annual Meeting will be held at our offices, located at 4660 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 1070, San Diego, California. This proxy statement is being mailed to our stockholders on or about May 14, 2013.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on May 1, 2013 (the **Record Date**) are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. At the close of business on the Record Date, 30,486,228 shares of common stock were issued and outstanding, held by 179 holders of record. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote on each matter to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, except that in connection with the election of directors, each stockholder has the right to cumulate votes. Cumulative voting entitles a stockholder to give one candidate a number of votes equal to the number of directors to be elected multiplied by the number of shares of common stock owned by such stockholder, or to distribute such stockholder's votes on the same principle among as many candidates and in such manner as the stockholder shall desire. Shares cannot be voted at the Annual Meeting unless the holder thereof is present or represented by proxy. The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority in voting power of the outstanding shares of common stock on the Record Date will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Our Board has selected George Tidmarsh to serve as proxy at the Annual Meeting. The shares of common stock represented by each executed and returned proxy will be voted in accordance with the directions indicated on the proxy.

If you are a stockholder of record and wish to exercise cumulative voting rights, you must submit a proxy by mail or attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. Your proxy card or ballot must specify how you want to allocate your votes between the nominees. Telephone and Internet voting facilities do not accommodate cumulative voting. If you hold your shares in street name, contact your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, or other similar organization for direction on how to exercise cumulative voting rights using their voting instruction card, or to request a legal proxy so that you can vote your shares directly. Discretionary authority to cumulate votes is hereby solicited by the Board. If you return a signed proxy card or submit voting instructions in writing without providing instructions about cumulative voting, or if you submit a proxy by telephone or via the Internet, you will confer on the designated proxy holder discretionary authority to exercise cumulative voting. If he elects to do so, he will be authorized, in his discretion, to cast your votes for either or both of the nominees in the manner recommended by the Board or otherwise in his discretion. However, he will not cast any of your votes for a nominee as to whom you have instructed on your proxy card, voting instruction card or otherwise to withhold a vote. If you do not wish to grant the proxy holder authority to cumulate your votes in the election of directors, you must explicitly state that objection on your proxy card or voting instruction card, as applicable.

With respect to the proposals other than the election of directors, if you sign your proxy card without giving specific instructions, the Company will vote your shares **FOR** such proposals. The proxy also confers discretionary authority to vote the shares authorized to be voted thereby on any matter that properly may be presented for action at the Annual Meeting; we currently know of no other business to be presented.

Any proxy given may be revoked by the person giving it at any time before it is voted at the Annual Meeting. If you have not voted through your broker, there are three ways for you to revoke your proxy and change your vote. First, you may send a written notice to the Company's secretary stating that you would like to revoke your proxy. Second, you may complete and submit a new proxy card, but it must bear a later date than the original proxy, or you may submit new proxy instructions via the telephone or the Internet. Third, you may vote in person at the Annual Meeting. However, your attendance at the Annual Meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy. If you have instructed a broker to vote your shares, you must follow the directions you receive from your broker to change your vote. Your last vote will be the vote that is counted.

We will provide copies of this proxy statement and accompanying materials to brokerage firms, fiduciaries and custodians for forwarding to beneficial owners and will reimburse these persons for their costs of forwarding these materials. Our directors, officers and employees may solicit proxies by telephone, facsimile, or personal solicitation. We will not pay additional compensation for any of these services.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING THIS SOLICITATION AND VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Q. Why am I receiving these proxy materials?

- A. You are receiving these proxy materials from us because you were a stockholder of record at the close of business on the Record Date. As a stockholder of record, you are invited to attend the Annual Meeting and are entitled to and requested to vote on the items of business described in this proxy statement.

Q. Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

- A. Only stockholders who owned our common stock at the close of business on the Record Date are entitled to notice of the Annual Meeting and to vote at the meeting, and at any postponements or adjournments thereof. At the close of business on the Record Date, there were 30,486,228 shares of common stock outstanding held by 179 holders of record.

Q. How many shares must be present to conduct business?

- A. The presence at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority in voting power of the outstanding shares of our common stock at the close of business on the Record Date will constitute a quorum. A quorum is required to conduct business at the meeting.

Q. What will be voted on at the Annual Meeting?

- A. The items of business scheduled to be voted on at the meeting are as follows:
1. Election of two directors to serve until the Company's 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders;
 2. Ratification of the selection of Squar, Milner, Peterson, Miranda & Williamson, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013;
 3. An advisory (non-binding) vote on the Company's executive compensation;
 4. An advisory (non-binding) vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation; and
 5. A proposal to approve an amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation to implement a reverse stock split, within a range from 1-for-2 to 1-for-100, with the exact ratio of the reverse stock split to be determined by the Board.

Q. How does the Board recommend that I vote?

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- A. Our Board recommends that you vote your shares **FOR** each director nominee, ratification of the selection of Squar, Milner, Peterson, Miranda & Williamson, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, the Company's executive compensation and the amendment of the Company's Articles of Incorporation to implement a reverse stock split. Our Board is not making a recommendation with respect to the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation.

Q. What shares can I vote at the Annual Meeting?

- A. You may vote all shares of common stock owned by you as of the Record Date, including (1) shares held directly in your name as the stockholder of record, and (2) shares held for you as the beneficial owner through a broker, trustee or other nominee such as a bank.

Q. What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?

- A. Most of our stockholders hold their shares of common stock through a broker or other nominee rather than directly in their own name. As summarized below, there are some distinctions between shares held of record and those owned beneficially.

Stockholders of Record. If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, you are considered to be, with respect to those shares, the stockholder of record, and these proxy materials are being sent directly to you by us. As the stockholder of record, you have the right to vote in person at the Annual Meeting, vote by proxy using the enclosed proxy card, vote by proxy via the telephone, or vote by proxy on the Internet. We have enclosed a proxy card for you to use, which also contains instructions on how to vote via the telephone or on the Internet.

Beneficial Owner. If your shares are held in a brokerage account or by another nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in street name, and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you from that organization together with a voting instruction card. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, trustee or nominee how to vote and are also invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Please note that since a beneficial owner is not the stockholder of record, you may not vote these shares in person at the meeting unless you obtain a legal proxy from the broker, trustee or nominee that holds your shares, giving you the right to vote the shares at the meeting. Your broker, trustee or nominee has enclosed or provided voting instructions for you to use in directing the broker, trustee or nominee how to vote your shares.

Q. How can I vote my shares without attending the Annual Meeting?

- A. Whether you hold shares directly as the stockholder of record or beneficially in street name, you may direct how your shares are voted without attending the Annual Meeting. Stockholders of record of our common stock may vote by proxy using the enclosed proxy card, or vote over the telephone or Internet. Stockholders who hold shares beneficially in street name may cause their shares to be voted by proxy using the proxy card provided by the broker, trustee or nominee and mailing them in the accompanying pre-addressed envelope, or vote via the telephone, or on the Internet.

Q. How can I vote my shares in person at the Annual Meeting?

- A. Shares held in your name as the stockholder of record may be voted in person at the Annual Meeting. Shares held beneficially in street name may be voted in person only if you obtain a legal proxy from the broker, trustee or nominee that holds your shares giving you the right to vote the shares. *Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we recommend that you also submit your proxy card or voting instructions as described above so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to, or are unable to, attend the meeting.*

Q. Is my vote confidential?

- A. Proxy instructions, ballots and voting tabulations that identify individual stockholders are handled in a manner that protects your voting privacy. Your vote will not be disclosed either within the Company or to third parties, except: (1) as necessary to meet applicable legal requirements, (2) to allow for the tabulation of votes and certification of the vote, and (3) to facilitate a successful proxy solicitation. Occasionally, stockholders provide written comments on their proxy card, which are then forwarded to the Company's management.

Q. How are votes counted?

- A. If you provide specific instructions with regard to an item, your shares will be voted as you instruct on such item. If you are a stockholder of record and wish to exercise cumulative voting rights with respect to the election of directors, you must submit a proxy by mail or attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. Your proxy card or ballot must specify how you want to allocate your votes between the nominees. Telephone and Internet voting facilities do not accommodate cumulative voting. If you hold your shares in street name, contact your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, or other similar organization for direction on how to exercise cumulative voting rights using their voting instruction card, or to request a legal proxy so that you can vote your shares directly.

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If you sign your proxy card without giving specific instructions, your shares will be voted in accordance with the recommendations of the Board (FOR the nominees identified herein, FOR proposals 2, 3 and 5 and in

the discretion of the proxy holders on any other matters that properly come before the Annual Meeting). If you return a signed proxy card or submit voting instructions in writing without providing instructions about cumulative voting, or if you submit a proxy by telephone or via the Internet, you will confer on the designated proxy holder discretionary authority to exercise cumulative voting. If the proxy holder elects to do so, he will be authorized, in his discretion, to cast your votes for either or both of the nominees in the manner recommended by the Board or otherwise in his discretion. However, he will not cast any of your votes for a nominee as to whom you have instructed on your proxy card, voting instruction card or otherwise to withhold a vote. If you do not wish to grant the proxy holder authority to cumulate your votes in the election of directors, you must explicitly state that objection on your proxy card or voting instruction card, as applicable.

Q. What is cumulative voting?

- A. In the election of directors, stockholders are entitled to cumulate their votes, which means that each holder of record of shares of common stock is entitled to cast as many votes as such holder would be entitled to cast for the election of directors with respect to its shares of common stock multiplied by the number of directors to be elected at such election and that such holder may cast all such votes for a single director or may distribute them among the director nominees as such holder determines appropriate. Therefore, each share you own is entitled to two votes in the election of directors at the Annual Meeting. You may cumulate your votes and cast all your votes FOR one nominee or you may distribute your votes between the nominees in any manner you deem appropriate. The person named as proxy on the proxy card also may cumulate votes and cast such votes in favor of the election of some or all of the director nominees in his sole discretion, except that a stockholder's votes will not be cast for a nominee as to whom such stockholder instructs that such votes be withheld; however, the person named as proxy on the proxy card will not exercise discretion to cumulate votes unless another stockholder cumulates its shares when voting for directors.

Q. What is a broker non-vote ?

- A. A broker non-vote occurs when a beneficial owner of shares held in street name does not give instructions to the broker or nominee holding the shares as to how to vote on matters deemed non-routine. Generally, if shares are held in street name, the beneficial owner of the shares is entitled to give voting instructions to the broker or nominee holding the shares. If the beneficial owner does not provide voting instructions, the broker or nominee can still vote the shares with respect to matters that are considered to be routine, but not with respect to non-routine matters. Under the rules and interpretations of the New York Stock Exchange, non-routine matters are generally those involving a contest or a matter that may substantially affect the rights or privileges of stockholders, such as mergers, dissolutions or stockholder proposals. *Your broker will NOT be able to vote your shares with respect to the election of directors if you have not provided directions to your broker. We strongly encourage you to submit your voting instruction card and exercise your right to vote as a stockholder.*

Broker non-votes will have no effect on proposals 1 through 4, but will have the same effect as a negative vote with respect to proposal 5.

Q. How are abstentions counted?

- A. If you return a proxy card that indicates an abstention from voting on all matters, the shares represented will be counted for the purpose of determining the presence of a quorum, but they will not be voted on any matter at the Annual Meeting.

With regard to the election of directors, votes may be cast in favor of a director nominee or withheld. Because directors are elected by plurality, abstentions will be entirely excluded from the vote and will have no effect on its outcome.

With regard to ratification of the selection of Squar, Milner, Peterson, Miranda & Williamson, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2013 and an

advisory (non-binding) vote on the Company's executive compensation, the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on such proposals is required for approval. Because abstentions are not considered votes cast under California law, abstentions will have no effect on such proposals.

With regard to an advisory (non-binding) vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation, the frequency period that receives the most votes (every one, two or three years) will be deemed to be the recommendation of the stockholders. As a result, abstentions will not affect the outcome of this proposal, except to the extent that the failure to vote for a particular frequency period may result in another frequency period receiving a larger proportion of the votes cast.

With regard to approval of an amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation to implement a reverse stock split, the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote is required for approval. Because abstentions are considered entitled to vote under California law, abstentions will have the same effect as a negative vote on this proposal.

Q. What should I do if I receive more than one proxy?

A. You may receive more than one set of these proxy solicitation materials, including multiple copies of this proxy statement and multiple proxy cards or voting instruction cards. For example, if you hold your shares in more than one brokerage account, you may receive a separate voting instruction card for each brokerage account in which you hold shares. In addition, if you are a stockholder of record and your shares are registered in more than one name, you may receive more than one proxy card. Please complete, sign, date and return each proxy card and voting instruction card that you receive to ensure that all your shares are voted.

Q. Who is soliciting my vote and who is paying the costs?

A. Your vote is being solicited on behalf of the Board, and the Company will pay the costs associated with the solicitation of proxies, including preparation, assembly, printing and mailing of this proxy statement.

Q. How can I find out the results of the voting?

A. We intend to announce preliminary voting results at the meeting and publish final results in a Current Report on Form 8-K within four business days following the meeting.

Q. Whom should I contact if I have questions?

A. If you have any additional questions about the Annual Meeting or the proposals presented in this proxy statement, you should contact:
George Tidmarsh

President, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary

La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company

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San Diego, CA 92122

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PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directors

Our Articles of Incorporation (*Charter*) provide for a Board with a single class of directors until the Corporation becomes a listed corporation (as defined in Section 301.5(d) of the California Corporations Code). Our Charter provides that our Board must consist of at least three directors, but not more than five directors. Currently, there are two directors, Saiid Zarrabian and George F. Tidmarsh, M.D., Ph.D. (whose terms expire at the Annual Meeting), and one vacancy. Directors elected at the Annual Meeting will hold office until the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders, and in each case until their successors are elected and qualified, unless they resign or their seats become vacant due to death, removal, or other cause in accordance with our Charter.

Both nominees for election as directors at the Annual Meeting are incumbent directors and have indicated their willingness to serve if elected. Unless authority to vote for either of the nominees is withheld in a proxy, shares represented by proxies will be voted FOR both nominees. In the event that either of the nominees for director becomes unavailable for re-election as a result of an unexpected occurrence, such shares will be voted for the election of such substitute nominee, if any, as the Board may propose. Proxies cannot be voted for more than two directors, the number of nominees identified herein.

The biographies of our directors and their ages as of May 1, 2013 are set forth below.

Nominees for Director

The people listed below are nominated for election to the Board, to serve a one-year term ending at the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders and until his successor is elected and qualified. Our Board recommends that you vote FOR the following nominees:

George F. Tidmarsh, M.D., Ph.D., 53, has been our President, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary and a Director since January 2012. Prior to joining the Company, Dr. Tidmarsh was the Chief Executive Officer of Solana Therapeutics, Inc. since August 2011. Dr. Tidmarsh served as Senior Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from July 2010 to July 2011. He has been an Associate Professor of Neonatology at Stanford University School of Medicine since October 2010, founded and was the Chief Executive Officer of Metronome Therapeutics, Inc. from March 2006 to July 2010 and founded and was the Chief Executive Officer of Horizon Pharma, Inc. from September 2005 to July 2008. Dr. Tidmarsh currently serves on the board of directors of Citizens Oncology Foundation, a non-profit organization. Dr. Tidmarsh received his M.D. and Ph.D. from Stanford University, where he also completed fellowship training in Pediatric Oncology and remains a Consulting Professor of Pediatrics and Neonatology. The Board has concluded that Dr. Tidmarsh should serve on our Board based on his positions as President and Chief Executive Officer of our company, as well as his substantial experience in the pharmaceutical industry.

Saiid Zarrabian, 60, has over 35 years of operational experience in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, informatics, software & instrumentation/hardware industries. Mr. Zarrabian currently serves as President of the Protein Production Division and Senior Vice President of Intrexon, Inc. Previously, Mr. Zarrabian served as President and Chief Executive Officer of CynTellect, Inc. from March 2010 through May 2012. Prior to CynTellect, Mr. Zarrabian served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Senomyx, Inc. from May 2001 through January 2002, a public biotechnology company focused on the discovery and commercialization of new flavor ingredients, as Chief Operating Officer of publicly held Pharmacopeia, Inc. from August 1998 through December 2000, a leading provider of combinatorial chemistry discovery services and compounds, and President and Chief Operating of Molecular Simulations Inc. from October 1994 through December 2000, a provider of discovery and development software tools for the pharmaceutical and chemical industries. Mr. Zarrabian has performed executive consulting services for a variety of companies including BioBlocks, Inc., eMolecules, Inc., Invitrogen Corporation, and SciTegic, Inc., where he served as executive consultant and acting Chief Operating

Officer until the company was acquired by Accelrys, Inc. Mr. Zarrabian has previously served on the Boards of: Ambit Biosciences, Penwest Pharmaceuticals, e-Molecules, Inc., Exemplar Pharma LLC, and Cyntellect Inc. The Board has determined that Mr. Zarrabian should serve on our Board in light of his substantial experience in the pharmaceutical industry.

Vote Required

The nominees for directors who receive the greatest number of affirmative votes of the shares present in person or by proxy will be elected as directors. Any shares that are not voted, whether by abstention, broker non-votes or otherwise, will not affect the election of directors, except to the extent that the failure to vote for an individual will result in another individual receiving a larger proportion of the votes cast. Proxies solicited by the Board will be voted for both nominees unless you specify otherwise in your proxy.

In the election of directors, stockholders are entitled to cumulative voting, which means that each holder of record of shares of common stock is entitled to cast as many votes as such holder would be entitled to cast for the election of directors with respect to its shares of common stock multiplied by the number of directors to be elected at such election and that such holder may cast all such votes for a single director or may distribute them among the director nominees as such holder determines appropriate. Therefore, each share you own is entitled to two votes in the election of directors at the Annual Meeting. You may cumulate your votes and cast all your votes FOR one nominee or you may distribute your votes between the nominees in any manner you deem appropriate. The person named as proxy on the proxy card also may cumulate votes and cast such votes in favor of the election of some or all of the director nominees in his sole discretion, except that a stockholder's votes will not be cast for a nominee as to whom such stockholder instructs that such votes be withheld; however, the person named as proxy on the proxy card will not exercise discretion to cumulate votes unless another stockholder cumulates its shares when voting for directors.

Your broker will NOT be able to vote your shares with respect to the election of directors if you have not provided directions to your broker. We strongly encourage you to submit your voting instruction card and exercise your right to vote as a stockholder.

Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the nominees identified above.

PROPOSAL 2: RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Our Board has selected Squar, Milner, Peterson, Miranda & Williamson, LLP (*Squar Milner*) to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. Squar Milner has served as our independent registered public accounting firm since January 2013. Representatives of Squar Milner are expected to be at the Annual Meeting (either in person or via telephone), will have an opportunity to make a statement if they so desire, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions. The dismissal of BDO USA, LLP (*BDO*) as our independent registered public accounting firm and the appointment of Squar Milner was approved on January 8, 2013, and Squar Milner commenced auditing our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012.

The selection of our independent registered public accounting firm is not required to be submitted for stockholder approval. Nonetheless, the Board is seeking ratification of its selection of Squar Milner as a matter of further involving our stockholders in our corporate affairs. If the stockholders do not ratify this selection, the Board will reconsider its selection of Squar Milner and will either continue to retain the firm or appoint a new

independent registered public accounting firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the Board may, in its sole discretion, determine to appoint a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in our and our stockholders' best interests.

Change in Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

On January 8, 2013, the Board approved the engagement of Squar Milner as the Company's independent registered public accountant to audit the Company's financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012. Also on January 8, 2013 the Board dismissed BDO as the Company's independent registered public accountant.

The reports of BDO on the Company's financial statements, as of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, did not contain any adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, nor were such reports qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles, except that each of these reports contained an explanatory paragraph expressing substantial doubt as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern as a result of recurring losses and a large accumulated deficit.

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, and from January 1, 2013 through January 8, 2013: (1) the Company had no disagreements with BDO on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, for which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of BDO, would have caused BDO to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its reports; and (2) there have been no reportable events (as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, and from January 1, 2013 through January 8, 2013, the Company did not consult with Squar Milner regarding: (1) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either proposed or completed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's financial statements; or (2) any matter or reportable event set forth in Item 304(a)(2)(i) or (ii) of Regulation S-K.

AUDIT FEES

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm and Fees

The following table presents the aggregate fees agreed to by the Company for the annual and statutory audit for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, and all other fees paid by us for services rendered by BDO USA, LLP during 2012 and 2011, as well as the aggregate fees agreed to by the Company for the annual and statutory audit for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 for services rendered by Squar, Milner, Peterson, Miranda & Williamson, LLP:

	2012	2011
Audit Fees BDO USA LLP	\$ 34,000	\$ 90,781
Audit Fees Squar, Milner, Peterson, Miranda & Williamson, LLP	41,000	
Audit Related Fees E&Y LLP		10,000
Audit Related Fees BDO USA LLP	11,000	3,000
Tax Fees BDO USA LLP		8,259
Tax Fees Squar, Milner, Peterson, Miranda & Williamson, LLP	5,000	
All Other Fees		
Total	\$ 91,000	\$ 112,040

BDO was our independent registered public accounting firm through January 8, 2013, at which time Squar Milner was appointed as our new independent registered public accounting firm.

Audit Fees. The fees identified under this caption were for professional services rendered by BDO or Squar Milner for the audit of our annual financial statements. The fees identified under this caption also include fees for professional services rendered by BDO USA, LLP for the review of the financial statements included in our quarterly reports on Forms 10-Q. In addition, the amounts include fees for services that are normally provided by the auditor in connection with regulatory filings and engagements for the years identified. Audit fees in 2012 include an aggregate of \$5,000 in fees paid in connection with our filing of a registration statement on Form S-8.

Audit Related Fees. Audit related fees in 2012 consist of an aggregate of \$11,000 in fees paid to BDO in connection with their consent and the transition of the audit engagement to Squar Milner. Audit related fees in 2011 consist of an aggregate of \$10,000 in fees paid to Ernst & Young LLP in connection with their consent and the transition of the audit engagement to BDO. Additionally, \$3,000 in audit related fees were paid to BDO in connection with their review of certain derivative valuation reports in 2011.

Tax Fees. Tax fees consist principally of assistance related to tax compliance and reporting.

All Other Fees. These fees consist primarily of accounting consultation fees related to potential collaborative agreements. There were no such fees in 2012 or 2011.

Pre-approval Policy. Our Board currently functions as our audit committee and approves in advance all services provided by our independent registered public accounting firms. All engagements of our independent registered public accounting firm for 2012 and 2011 were pre-approved by the Board.

Vote Required

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting, at which a quorum is present, is required to approve this proposal. Proxies solicited by the Board will be voted for this proposal unless you specify otherwise in your proxy.

Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the ratification of the selection of Squar, Milner, Peterson, Miranda & Williamson, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

PROPOSAL NO. 3: ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Background

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the *Dodd-Frank Act*) requires that stockholders have the opportunity to cast an advisory (non-binding) vote on executive compensation commencing with our 2013 annual meeting (a so-called "say-on-pay" vote), as well as an advisory vote with respect to whether future say-on-pay votes will be held every one, two or three years, which is the subject of Proposal No. 4.

The advisory vote on executive compensation is a non-binding vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as described in the tabular disclosure regarding such compensation under the caption "Executive Compensation" and the accompanying narrative disclosure set forth in this proxy statement. The advisory vote on executive compensation is not a vote on the Company's general compensation policies,

compensation of the Company's Board of Directors, or the Company's compensation policies as they relate to risk management. The Dodd-Frank Act requires the Company to hold the advisory vote on executive compensation at least once every three years.

Our philosophy in setting compensation policies for executive officers has two fundamental objectives: (1) to attract and retain a highly skilled team of executives and (2) to align our executives' interests with those of our stockholders by rewarding short-term and long-term performance and tying compensation to increases in stockholder value. The Compensation Committee believes that executive compensation should be directly linked both to continuous improvements in corporate performance (so-called "pay for performance") and accomplishments that are expected to increase stockholder value.

The vote under this Proposal No. 3 is advisory, and therefore not binding on the Company or the Board. However, our Board values the opinions of our stockholders and, to the extent there is any significant vote against the executive officer compensation as disclosed in this proxy statement, we will consider our stockholders' concerns and evaluate what actions may be appropriate to address those concerns.

Stockholders will be asked at the Annual Meeting to approve the following resolution pursuant to this Proposal No. 3:

RESOLVED, that the stockholders of La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers (as defined in the Proxy Statement), as such compensation is described in the tabular disclosure regarding such compensation under the caption "Executive Compensation" and the accompanying narrative disclosure, set forth in the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "*Proxy Statement*").

Vote Required

Approval of this resolution requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting, at which a quorum is present.

Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote FOR approval of the foregoing resolution.

PROPOSAL NO. 4: ADVISORY VOTE ON FREQUENCY OF SAY-ON-PAY VOTE

Background

We are also required by the Dodd-Frank Act to provide stockholders with a separate advisory (non-binding) vote for the purpose of asking stockholders to express their preference for the frequency of future say-on-pay votes. Stockholders may indicate whether they would prefer an advisory vote on executive compensation once every one, two or three years. We are required to solicit stockholder votes on the frequency of future say-on-pay proposals at least once every six years, although we may seek stockholder input more frequently.

Vote Required

The frequency period that receives the most votes (every one, two or three years) will be deemed to be the recommendation of the stockholders. However, because this vote is advisory and not binding on the Board of Directors or the Company, the Board may decide that it is in the best interests of our stockholders and the Company to hold an advisory vote on executive compensation more or less frequently than the option selected by a plurality of our stockholders.

Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board has not made a recommendation on this Proposal No. 4 because it has decided to first consider the views of the Company's stockholders before making a determination.

PROPOSAL NO. 5: APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANY'S ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO EFFECT A REVERSE STOCK SPLIT

General

Our Board is proposing that our stockholders approve a proposal to authorize our Board to effect a reverse stock split of all outstanding shares of our Common Stock, at any ratio at its discretion, from 1-for-2 up to 1-for-100 and to grant the Board discretionary authority, within twelve months from the date of the Annual Meeting, to determine whether to effect the split and the exact whole number ratio within the range at which the split will be effected. Please note, however, that any specific ratio set by our Board will require, pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 24, 2010, by and among the Company and the investors named therein, the prior approval of the holders (the *Requisite Holders*) holding at least 80% of the then outstanding shares of our Series C-Convertible Preferred Stock, Series C-2² Convertible Preferred Stock and Series D-1² Convertible Preferred Stock (collectively, the *Preferred Stock*). If this proposal is approved, our Board will have the authority to effect a reverse stock split at any time within twelve months from the date of the Annual Meeting; *provided, however*, that the Requisite Holders must approve the date upon which the reverse stock split shall be effective. Our Board believes that approval of a proposal providing the Board with this generalized grant of authority with respect to setting the split ratio, rather than mere approval of a pre-defined reverse stock split, will give the Board flexibility to set the ratio in accordance with current market conditions and therefore allow the Board to act in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders.

If our stockholders grant the Board the authority to effect a reverse stock split, we would have the ability to file a Certificate of Amendment to the Company's Charter with the California Secretary of State to effect the proposed reverse stock split. The form of Certificate of Amendment is attached to this proxy statement as [Appendix A](#), the text of which may be altered for any changes required by the California Secretary of State and changes deemed necessary or advisable by the Board. Our Board has approved and declared advisable the proposed Certificate of Amendment. If the proposed reverse stock split is implemented, then the number of issued and outstanding shares of our Common Stock would be reduced in accordance with the ratio selected by the Board.

Purpose of Proposed Reverse Stock Split

The Board's primary objective in asking for the authority to effect a reverse split is to raise the per share trading price of our Common Stock. The Board believes that a reverse stock split would put the Company in a better position to have its shares listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market, facilitate higher levels of institutional stock ownership (as investment policies generally prohibit investments in lower-priced securities) and better enable the Company to raise funds to finance development and operations.

Our Common Stock is currently quoted on the FINRA's OTCBB and OTC Markets Group, Inc.'s OTCQB tier. Although the OTCBB and OTCQB do not have any listing standards with respect to trading price of our Common Stock, we anticipate seeking to have our shares of Common Stock listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market (*Nasdaq*) and Nasdaq does have minimum listing standards. To have our shares of Common Stock listed on Nasdaq, Nasdaq requires that we, among other things, have a minimum bid price of \$4 per share.

The Board also believes that a higher per share trading price of our Common Stock would improve the perception of our Common Stock as an investment security, reset our stock price to more normalized trading levels in the face of potentially extended market dislocation and reduce stockholder transaction costs because

investors would pay lower commission to trade a fixed dollar amount of our stock if our stock price were higher than they would if our stock price were lower. Additionally, the Board believes that a higher per share trading price of our Common Stock may encourage investor interest and improve the marketability of our Common Stock to a broader range of investors, and thus improve liquidity. Because of the trading volatility often associated with low-priced stocks, many brokerage firms and institutional investors have internal policies and practices that either prohibit them from investing in low-priced stocks or tend to discourage individual brokers from recommending low-priced stocks to their customers. The Board believes that the anticipated higher market price resulting from a reverse stock split may enable institutional investors and brokerage firms with policies and practices such as those described above to invest in our Common Stock.

In addition to increasing the per share trading price of our Common Stock, a reverse stock split would also result in a decrease in the number of issued and outstanding shares of our Common Stock. A decrease in the number of issued and outstanding shares of our Common Stock would be beneficial for us because we would have more shares available for future issuance. Specifically, as we are required to reserve for future issuance any shares underlying the conversion of the Preferred Stock into Common Stock, effecting the proposed reverse stock split will reduce the number of issued and outstanding shares without affecting the number of authorized shares, thereby increasing the number of shares available for future issuance upon conversion of the Preferred Stock. Other than reserving shares of Common Stock for issuance upon conversion of outstanding Preferred Stock, we do not currently have plans with respect to the increase in shares available for future issuance.

The purpose of seeking stockholder approval of a range of whole number exchange ratios from 1-for-2 to 1-for-100 (rather than a fixed exchange ratio) is to provide the Company with the flexibility to achieve the desired results of the reverse stock split. If the stockholders approve this proposal, the Company would effect a reverse stock split only upon the Board determination that a reverse stock split would be in the best interests of the Company at that time. If the Company were to effect a reverse stock split, the Board would set the timing for such a split and select the specific ratio within the permitted range. No further action on the part of stockholders would be required to either implement or abandon the reverse stock split; *provided, however*, that the Requisite Holders must approve the specific exchange ratio and the date upon which the reverse stock split shall be effective. If the stockholders approve the proposal, and the Board determines to effect the reverse stock split, we would communicate to the public, prior to the Effective Date, additional details regarding the reverse split, including the specific ratio selected by the Board. If the Board does not decide to implement the reverse stock split within twelve months from the Annual Meeting, the authority granted in this proposal to implement the reverse stock split will terminate. The Board reserves its right to elect not to proceed with the reverse stock split if it determines, in its sole discretion, that this proposal is no longer in the best interests of the Company.

You should consider that, although our Board believes that a reverse stock split will in fact increase the price of our Common Stock, in many cases, because of variables outside of a company's control (such as market volatility, investor response to the news of a proposed reverse stock split and the general economic environment), the market price of a company's shares of common stock may in fact decline in value after a reverse stock split. You should also keep in mind that the implementation of a reverse stock split does not have an effect on the actual or intrinsic value of our business or a stockholder's proportional ownership in our Company. However, should the overall value of our Common Stock decline after the proposed reverse stock split, then the actual or intrinsic value of the shares of our Common Stock held by you will also proportionately decrease as a result of the overall decline in value.

Potential Effects of the Proposed Reverse Stock Split

The immediate effect of a reverse stock split would be to reduce the number of shares of our Common Stock outstanding and to increase the trading price of our Common Stock. Notwithstanding the decrease in the number of outstanding shares following the proposed reverse stock split, our Board does not intend for this transaction to be the first step in a going private transaction within the meaning of Rule 13e-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the *Exchange Act*).

However, we cannot predict the effect of the reverse stock split upon the market price of our Common Stock over an extended period, and in many cases, the market value of a company's common stock following a reverse stock split declines. We cannot assure you that the trading price of our Common Stock after the reverse stock split will rise in inverse proportion to the reduction in the number of shares of our Common Stock outstanding as a result of such reverse stock split. Also, we cannot assure you that a reverse stock split would lead to a sustained increase in the trading price of our Common Stock. The trading price of our Common Stock may change due to a variety of other factors, including our operating results and other factors related to our business and general market conditions.

Examples of Potential Reverse Stock Split at Various Ratios. The table below provides examples of a reverse stock split at various ratios up to 1-for-100:

Shares Outstanding at May 1, 2013	Reverse Stock Split Ratio	Shares Outstanding After Reverse Stock Split	Reduction in Shares Outstanding
30,486,228	1-for-2	15,243,114	15,243,114
30,486,228	1-for-10	3,048,622	27,437,606
30,486,228	1-for-25	1,219,449	29,266,779
30,486,228	1-for-50	609,724	29,876,504
30,486,228	1-for-100	304,862	30,181,366

The resulting decrease in the number of shares of our Common Stock outstanding could potentially adversely affect the liquidity of our Common Stock, especially in the case of larger block trades.

Effects on Ownership by Individual Stockholders. If we implement a reverse stock split, the number of shares of our Common Stock held by each stockholder would be reduced by multiplying the number of shares held immediately before the reverse stock split by the appropriate ratio and then rounding down to the nearest whole share. We would either pay cash to each stockholder in lieu of any fractional interest in a share to which each stockholder would otherwise be entitled as a result of the reverse stock split, as described in further detail below, or round up to the nearest whole share. The reverse stock split would not affect any stockholder's percentage ownership interest in our Company or proportionate voting power, except to the extent that interests in fractional shares would be paid in cash.

Effect on Options, Warrants and Preferred Stock. In addition to adjusting the number of shares of our Common Stock, we would adjust all outstanding shares of any options, warrants and Preferred Stock entitling the holders to purchase shares of our Common Stock as a result of the reverse stock split, as required by the terms of these securities. In particular, we would reduce the conversion ratio for each instrument, and would increase the exercise price in accordance with the terms of each instrument and based on the 1-for-2 up to 1-for-100 exchange ratio of the reverse stock split (i.e., the number of shares issuable under such securities would decrease by 50%, up to 100%, respectively, and the exercise price per share would be multiplied by 2, up to 100, respectively). However, please note that any exchange ratio set by our Board will require the prior approval of the Requisite Holders. Also, we would reduce the number of shares reserved for issuance under our existing stock option plans proportionately based on the exchange ratio of the reverse stock split. A reverse stock split would not otherwise affect any of the rights currently accruing to holders of our Common Stock, options or warrants exercisable for, or Preferred Stock convertible into, our Common Stock.

Other Effects on Outstanding Shares. If we implement a reverse stock split, the rights pertaining to the outstanding shares of our Common Stock would be unchanged after the reverse stock split. Each share of our Common Stock issued following a reverse stock split would be fully paid and non-assessable.

Any reverse stock split would result in some stockholders owning odd-lots of less than 100 shares of our Common Stock. Brokerage commissions and other costs of transactions in odd-lots are generally higher than the costs of transactions in round-lots of even multiples of 100 shares.

Our Common Stock is currently registered under the Exchange Act. As a result, we are subject to the periodic reporting and other requirements of the Exchange Act. The proposed reverse stock split would not affect the registration of our Common Stock under the Exchange Act.

Authorized Shares of Stock

The proposed reverse stock split would affect all issued and outstanding shares of our Common Stock and outstanding rights to acquire Common Stock. We will not change the number of shares of Common Stock authorized for issuance under our Charter in connection with the reverse stock split. However, upon the effectiveness of the reverse stock split, the number of authorized shares of Common Stock that are not issued or outstanding would increase due to the reduction in the number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as a result of such reverse stock split. As of May 1, 2013, we had: (i) 12,000,000,000 shares of authorized Common Stock, of which 30,486,228 shares of Common Stock were issued and outstanding; (ii) 11,000 shares of authorized Series C-1² Convertible Preferred Stock par value \$0.0001 per share, of which 5,780 were issued and outstanding; (iii) 22,000 shares of authorized Series C-2² Convertible Preferred Stock par value \$0.0001 per share, of which 500 were issued and outstanding; (iv) 5,134 shares of authorized Series D-1² Convertible Preferred Stock par value \$0.0001 per share, of which 4,567 were issued and outstanding; (v) 10,868 shares of authorized Series D-2² Convertible Preferred Stock par value \$0.0001 per share, of which no shares were issued and outstanding; and (vi) warrants to purchase approximately 10,146 shares of Series C-2² Convertible Preferred Stock. Our Preferred Stock is convertible into shares of Common Stock at a conversion rate of approximately 213,083 shares of Common Stock for each share of Preferred Stock. Authorized but unissued shares will be available for issuance, and we may issue such shares in the future. If we issue additional shares, the ownership interest of holders of Common Stock will be diluted.

We will reserve for issuance any authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock that would be made available as a resu