

LILLY ELI & CO  
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March 29, 2017  
UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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ELI LILLY AND COMPANY

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Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual

For holders as of: February 24, 2017

Date: May 1, 2017 Time: 11:00 a.m. EDT

Location: Lilly Corporate Center

Indianapolis, IN 46285

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Voting Items

The board of directors recommends you vote FOR items 1-2 and 4-5 and for "1 Year" on item 3: The board of directors recommends you vote AGAINST shareholder proposal 6:

1. Election of directors, each for a three-year term.

1a. M. L. Eskew          6. Consideration of a shareholder proposal seeking a report regarding direct and indirect political contributions.

1b. W. G. Kaelin, Jr.

1c. J. C. Lechleiter

1d. D. A. Ricks

1e. M. S. Runge

2. Advisory vote on compensation paid to the company's named executive officers.

3. Advisory vote regarding the frequency of advisory votes on compensation paid to the company's named executive officers.

4. Ratification of the appointment by the audit committee of the board of directors of Ernst & Young LLP as principal independent auditor for 2017.

5. Approve amendment to the Lilly Directors' Deferral Plan.

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