

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC
Form DEFA14A
April 19, 2017

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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Williams-Sonoma, Inc.

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 31, 2017**

WILLIAMS-SONOMA, INC.

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting

For holders as of: April 03, 2017

Date: May 31, 2017 **Time:** 9:00 AM PDT

Location: Williams-Sonoma, Inc.

3250 Van Ness Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94109

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

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 are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

Before You Vote

How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Annual Report to Stockholders and Proxy Statement

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:

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- 1) *BY INTERNET:* www.proxyvote.com
- 2) *BY TELEPHONE:* 1-800-579-1639
- 3) *BY E-MAIL*:* sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

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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 17, 2017 to facilitate timely delivery.

How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: If you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting, you must request a *legal proxy*. To do so, please follow the instructions at www.proxyvote.com or request a paper copy of the materials, which will contain the appropriate instructions. 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.

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 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 voting instruction form.



Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s):

1. Election of Directors

Nominees

1A Laura J. Alber

1B Adrian D.P. Bellamy

1C Rose Marie Bravo

1D Anthony A. Greener

1E Grace Puma

1F Christiana Smith Shi

1G Sabrina Simmons

1H Jerry D. Stritzke

1I Frits D. van Paasschen

The Board of Directors recommends you vote 1 YEAR on the following proposal:

3 An advisory vote on the frequency of holding an advisory vote to approve executive compensation

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s):

4 Ratification of the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending January 28, 2018

5 The amendment and restatement of the company's bylaws to provide for proxy access

The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST the following proposal(s):

6 Stockholder proposal regarding proxy access

**The Board of Directors
recommends you vote FOR
the following proposal(s):**

- 2** An advisory vote to approve executive compensation

Voting items Continued

NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Voting Instructions