

AMERICAN APPAREL, INC  
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING  
OF STOCKHOLDERS

to be held on  
Thursday, June 28, 2012

Dear Stockholder,

The 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of AMERICAN APPAREL, INC. (the "Company") will be held at the Company's headquarters located at 747 Warehouse Street, Los Angeles, California 90021, on Thursday, June 28, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., Pacific Time.

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

- (1) To elect Messrs. Alberto Chehebar and William Mauer to the Board of Directors, each to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is duly elected and qualified, or such director's earlier death, resignation or removal.
- (2) To ratify the appointment of Marcum LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.
- (3) To approve the Lion Warrant Amendments.

A majority of the Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" the election of each nominee for the Board of Directors and "FOR" Items 2 and 3.

\*Stockholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. You may visit <http://americanapparel.net> to obtain directions to the Company's headquarters to be able to attend the Annual Meeting.

You May Vote Your Proxy When You View The Material On The Internet. You Will Be Asked To Follow The Prompts To Vote Your Shares.

Your electronic vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed, dated and returned the proxy card.

Vote Your Proxy on the Internet:

Go to [www.cstproxyvote.com](http://www.cstproxyvote.com)

Have your notice available when you access the above website. Follow the prompts to vote your shares.

COMPANY ID:

PROXY NUMBER:

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

The Proxy Materials are available for review at:  
<http://www.cstproxy.com/americanapparel/2012>

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on June 28, 2012

1. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

2. The following Proxy Materials are available for you to review at: <http://www.cstproxy.com/americanapparel/2012>

- the Company's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011;
- the Company's 2012 Proxy Statement (including the form of proxy card); and
- any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders.

3. If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before June 20, 2012 to facilitate a timely delivery.

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Have this notice available when you request a paper copy of the proxy materials or to vote your proxy electronically. You must reference your company ID, 9-digit proxy number and 10-digit account number.

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