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Voting Items The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following: 1. Election of Directors Nominees: 1a. Mark J. Bolus 1b. Jeffrey L. Davis 1c. Eric E. Stickels The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3: 2. Advisory vote on executive compensation. 3. Ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2019. NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. E70679-P19627-Z74431

