

COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO  
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March 25, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**Colgate-Palmolive Company**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE** Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials

**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**

COLGATE PALMOLIVE COMPANY  
300 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK NY 10022-7499

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** March 9, 2009  
**Date:** May 8, 2009 **Time:** 10:00 A.M.  
**Location:** Marriott Marquis Hotel  
Broadway Ballroom  
1535 Broadway (between 45th and 46th Streets)  
New York, NY 10036

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](http://www.proxyvote.com) or 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.

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## Before You Vote

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Notice of 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement                      2008 Annual Report

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To facilitate timely delivery, please make the request as instructed above on or before April 24, 2009.

## How To Vote

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**Vote By Telephone:** To vote by telephone, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Use the telephone number provided on the website to vote up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time on May 7, 2009. Have the 12-Digit Control Number available and follow the instructions.

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**Vote In Person:** If you wish to vote at the Annual Meeting, written ballots will be available from the ushers at the meeting. If the shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other holder of record, you must obtain a proxy, executed in your favor, from the holder of record to be able to vote at the meeting. Please contact Colgate's Investor Relations department at [investor\\_relations@colpal.com](mailto:investor_relations@colpal.com) or 212-310-2575 for information regarding attending the meeting.

**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees for director and FOR proposals 2 and 3.**

1. Election of directors  
Nominees:
  - 1a. John T. Cahill
  - 1b. Jill K. Conway
  - 1c. Ian Cook
  - 1d. Ellen M. Hancock
  - 1e. David W. Johnson
  - 1f. Richard J. Kogan
  - 1g. Delano E. Lewis
  - 1h. J. Pedro Reinhard
  - 1i. Stephen I. Sadove
2. Ratify selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Colgate's independent registered public accounting firm.
3. Approval of the Colgate-Palmolive Company 2009 Executive Incentive Compensation Plan.

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote AGAINST proposal 4.**

4. Stockholder Proposal on Executive Compensation Advisory Vote.
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