

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.
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Shareholder Meeting Notice

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Altria Group, Inc. 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be Held on May 17, 2018

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.

The Proxy Statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 are available at:

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When you go online, you can also help the environment by consenting to receive electronic delivery of future meeting materials.

Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials – If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side on or before May 7, 2018 to facilitate timely delivery.

Shareholder Meeting Notice

The Altria Group, Inc. 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 North 3rd Street, Richmond, Virginia, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Time.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR** the following proposals:

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| 1. | Election of Directors: | 01 - John T. Casteen III | 07 - George Muñoz |
| | | 02 - Dinyar S. Devitre | 08 - Mark E. Newman |
| | | 03 - Thomas F. Farrell II | 09 - Nabil Y. Sakkab |
| | | 04 - Debra J. Kelly-Ennis | 10 - Virginia E. Shanks |
| | | 05 - W. Leo Kiely III | 11 - Howard A. Willard III |
| | | 06 - Kathryn B. McQuade | |
| 2. | Ratification of the Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm | | |
| 3. | Non-Binding Advisory Vote to Approve the Compensation of Altria's Named Executive Officers | | |

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote **AGAINST** the following proposal:

4. Shareholder Proposal - Reducing and Disclosing Nicotine Levels in Cigarette Brands

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Admission and Directions to the Altria Group, Inc. 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Admission

In order to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, you must submit a written request for an admission ticket. To request an admission ticket, please follow the instructions set forth in the Proxy Statement in response to Question 16.

Directions

Directions to the Altria Group, Inc. 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be included in your admission packet. Directions also can be found at www.richmondcenter.com/parking-directions.html

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