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Avid Technology, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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*** Exercise Your *Right* to Vote *** Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on May 8, 2018

AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.



 Meeting Information

 Meeting Type:
 Annual Meeting

 For holders as of:
 March 7, 2018

 Date:
 May 8, 2018
 Time: 8:30 a.m. ED

Date: May 8, 2018 Time: 8:30 a.m. EDT Location: 75 Network Drive Burlington, MA 01803

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

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:

 NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT
 ANNUAL REPORT

 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.

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 1) BY INTERNET:
 www.proxyvote.com

 2) BY TELEPHONE:
 1-800-579-1639

 3) BY E-MAIL*:
 sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

 * If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → (xxxx xxxx xxxx) (located on the following page) in the subject line.

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 April 24, 2018 to facilitate timely delivery.

- How To Vote -

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many stockholder 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. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting Items

- The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:
- To elect all of the nominees listed below as Class I Directors to serve for three-year terms.

Nominees:

1a. Nancy Hawthorne

1b. John H. Park

- 1c. Peter M. Westley
- 2. To ratify the selection of BDO USA, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the current fiscal year.
- 3. To approve an amendment to the Company's 2014 Stock Incentive Plan.
- 4. To approve an amendment to the Company's Second Amended and Restated 1996 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- 5. To approve, by a non-binding vote, executive compensation.

NOTE: If any other matters properly come before the meeting, the persons named by Avid as proxies will vote in their discretion.

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