

RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL INC

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Raymond James Financial, Inc.

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## HOW TO VOTE AND VOTING DEADLINES

In general, you may vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting or by proxy. There are three ways to vote by proxy:

### IF YOU ARE A RECORD HOLDER

**By Mail:** If you have received your proxy materials by mail, you can vote by marking, dating and signing your proxy card and returning it by mail in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. If you hold your shares in an account with a bank or broker (i.e., in “street name”), you can vote by following the instructions on the voting instruction card provided to you by your bank or broker. Proxy cards returned by mail must be received no later than the close of business on February 17, 2016.

**Via the Internet:** You can submit a proxy via the Internet until 1:00 a.m. Central Time on February 18, 2016, by accessing the web site at [investorvote.com/RJF](http://investorvote.com/RJF) and following the instructions you will find on the web site. Internet proxy submission is available 24 hours a day. You will be given the opportunity to confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded.

**By Telephone:** You can submit a proxy by telephone until 1:00 a.m. Central Time on February 18, 2016, by calling toll-free 1-800-652-VOTE (8683) (from the U.S. and Canada) and following the instructions.

### IF YOU ARE A BENEFICIAL OWNER WITH A RAYMOND JAMES ACCOUNT

If you previously elected to receive electronic shareholder communications through Investor Access, vote your shares by logging in to [raymondjames.com/investoraccess](http://raymondjames.com/investoraccess):

- Go to the Documents screen
- Click the Shareholder Documents tab
- Expand the January 2016 button
- Click the Annual Meeting link in the RJF row
- Follow [proxyvote.com](http://proxyvote.com) voting instructions

### IF YOUR SHARES ARE HELD IN THE RAYMOND JAMES ESOP

For participants in the Raymond James Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), your shares will be voted as you instruct the trustee of the ESOP.

There are three ways to vote: by returning your proxy card, via the Internet or by telephone. Please follow the instructions included on your proxy card on how to vote using one of the three methods. Your vote will serve as voting instructions to the trustee of the ESOP for shares allocated to your account. If you do not vote shares allocated to your account held in the ESOP, your shares will nevertheless be voted by the trustee in the same proportion as it votes the shares of ESOP participants who have instructed the trustee on how to vote. You cannot vote your ESOP shares in person at the meeting. To allow sufficient time for voting by the trustee of the ESOP, our transfer agent must

receive your vote by no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 15, 2016.

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Even if you plan to be present at the Annual Meeting, we encourage you to vote your shares by proxy using one of the methods described above. Raymond James shareholders of record who attend the meeting, and beneficial owners who have obtained a proxy from their record holder, may vote their shares in person, even though they have sent in proxies.

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