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**Annual Meeting Notice**

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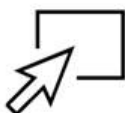
**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Abbott Laboratories Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 24, 2020**

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a paper copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

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 2020 proxy statement and 2019 annual report to shareholders are available at:

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## Annual Meeting Notice

Abbott Laboratories Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at 9:00 a.m. Central Time on April 24, 2020 at the corporation's headquarters, 100 Abbott Park Road, at the intersection of Route 137 and Waukegan Road, Lake County, Illinois.

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

The Board of Directors recommend a vote **FOR** all the nominees listed in Item 1 and **FOR** Items 2 and 3:

1. Election of 14 Directors:
  - 01 - R.J. Alpern
  - 02 - R.S. Austin
  - 03 - S.E. Blount
  - 04 - R.B. Ford
  - 05 - M.A. Kumbier
  - 06 - E.M. Liddy
  - 07 - D.W. McDew
  - 08 - N. McKinstry
  - 09 - P.N. Novakovic
  - 10 - W.A. Osborn
  - 11 - D.J. Starks
  - 12 - J.G. Stratton
  - 13 - G.F. Tilton
  - 14 - M.D. White
2. Ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as auditors
3. Say on Pay - An Advisory Vote to Approve Executive Compensation

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **AGAINST** Item 4, 5, 6 and 7.

4. Shareholder Proposal - Lobbying Disclosure
5. Shareholder Proposal - Non-GAAP Financial Performance Metrics Disclosure
6. Shareholder Proposal - Shareholder Voting on By-Law Amendments
7. Shareholder Proposal - Simple Majority Vote

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Directions to the Abbott Laboratories 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are available in the proxy statement, which can be viewed at [www.investorvote.com/abt](http://www.investorvote.com/abt).



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