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## **To Be Held May 10, 2016**

6300 Bee Cave Road, Building Two, Suite 500 Austin, Texas 78746

To Forestar Stockholders:

#### WHEN AND WHERE THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS WILL BE HELD

The 2016 annual meeting of our stockholders will be held at our offices located at 6300 Bee Cave Road, Building Two, Suite 500, Austin, Texas 78746, on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. Austin, Texas time.

#### PURPOSES OF THE MEETING

The meeting will be held for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect the four nominees named in the attached proxy statement as directors to serve on our Board of Directors. These four directors will serve as directors until their terms expire or, if later, until replacement directors are elected who meet all necessary qualifications.
- 2. Advisory approval of the Company's executive compensation.
- 3.

  To re-approve the material terms of our 2007 Stock Incentive Plan for purposes of complying with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- To ratify the Audit Committee's appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year 2016.
- 5. To transact any other business that is properly raised for discussion at the annual meeting or any later meeting if the annual meeting is adjourned or postponed.

#### WHO CAN ATTEND AND VOTE

Our Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 11, 2016 as the record date for determining who is a stockholder entitled to receive notices about the annual meeting and to vote at the annual meeting or any later meeting if the annual meeting is adjourned or postponed. Only stockholders who own stock on the record date are entitled to receive notices about the annual meeting and to vote at the annual meeting.

If you need help voting your shares, please call D. F. King & Co., Inc., our proxy solicitation firm, at (800) 714-3312.

### David M. Grimm

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

March 23, 2016 Austin, Texas

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Your vote is important. You are invited to attend the meeting in person. If you need directions to the meeting location, you may contact our Corporate Secretary by phone at (512) 433-5200 or by mail at our address noted above. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, and no matter how many shares you own, please vote over the internet or by telephone, or, if you received by mail or printed a paper proxy card, you may also vote by signing, dating and returning the proxy card by mail. By voting before the meeting, you will help us ensure that there are enough stockholders voting to hold a meeting and avoid added proxy solicitation costs. If you attend the meeting, you may vote in person, if you wish, even if you have previously submitted a proxy. You may revoke your proxy at any time by following the instructions under "Voting Information How you can change or revoke your vote."

Important Notice Regarding Availability of Proxy Materials for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 10, 2016. The 2016 Proxy Statement, along with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2015, are available at http://investor.forestargroup.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=216546&p=irol-sec.

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#### 6300 Bee Cave Road, Building Two, Suite 500 Austin, Texas 78746

# PROXY STATEMENT FOR 2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

# **VOTING INFORMATION**

#### **GENERAL**

Our Board of Directors seeks your proxy for use in voting at our 2016 annual meeting of stockholders to be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. Austin, Texas time, and at any later meeting if the annual meeting is adjourned or postponed. This Proxy Statement, 2015 Annual Report to Stockholders (which includes our audited financial statements) ("Annual Report") and proxy card or voting instructions were made available to you over the internet on or about March 23, 2016. The Annual Report does not constitute any part of the material for the solicitation of proxies.

#### RECORD DATE

Holders of our common stock as of the close of business on March 11, 2016, the record date, may vote at the 2016 annual meeting, either in person or by proxy. At the close of business on March 11, 2016, there were 33,906,986 shares of our common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the annual meeting. The common stock is our only authorized voting security, and each share of our common stock is entitled to one vote on each matter properly brought before the annual meeting.

#### PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting, the stockholders will be asked to vote on the following proposals:

- Proposal No. 1: Election of the four nominees named in this Proxy Statement as directors to serve on our Board of Directors.
- Proposal No. 2: Advisory approval of the Company's executive compensation.
- *Proposal No. 3:* To re-approve the material terms of our 2007 Stock Incentive Plan for purposes of complying with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- *Proposal No. 4:* Ratification of the Audit Committee's appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year 2016.

### INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS

We are using the rule of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") that allows companies to furnish proxy materials to their stockholders over the internet. In accordance with this rule, on or about March 23, 2016, we sent stockholders of record at the close of business on March 11, 2016, a Notice Regarding the Internet Availability of Proxy Materials ("Notice"). The Notice contains instructions on how to access our Proxy Statement, Annual Report and proxy card via the internet and how to vote. You will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials in the mail. Instead, the Notice instructs you on how to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials. The Notice also instructs you on how you may submit your proxy via the internet. If you received a Notice and would like to receive a copy of our proxy materials, follow the instructions contained in the Notice to request a copy electronically or in paper form on a one-time or

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#### **VOTING INFORMATION**

#### DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOLDING SHARES AS A STOCKHOLDER OF RECORD AND AS A BENEFICIAL OWNER

If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., you are considered the "stockholder of record" with respect to those shares, and the Notice has been sent directly to you.

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, those shares are held in "street name" and you are considered the "beneficial owner" of the shares, and a notice of internet availability of proxy materials has been forwarded to you by your broker, bank or other nominee, who is the stockholder of record. You will receive separate instructions from your broker, bank or other holder of record describing how to vote your shares.

#### **VOTING YOUR SHARES**

If you hold shares in your own name as a stockholder of record, you may cast your vote in one of the four ways:

By Submitting a Proxy by Internet. Go to the following website: www.proxyvote.com. You may submit a proxy by internet 24 hours a day. To be valid, your proxy by internet must be received by 11:59 p.m., Austin, Texas time, on May 10, 2016. Please have your Notice in hand when you access the website and follow the instructions to create an electronic voting instruction form.

By Submitting a Proxy by Telephone. To submit a proxy using the telephone, call 1-800-690-6903 any time on a touch-tone telephone. You may submit a proxy by telephone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Follow the simple instructions provided by the recorded message. To be valid, your proxy by telephone must be received by 11:59 p.m., Austin Texas time, on May 10, 2016.

By Submitting a Proxy by Mail. If you have printed the proxy card from the website or received, upon request, a hard copy of the proxy card and wish to submit your proxy by mail, you must mark your proxy card, sign and date it, and return it in the prepaid envelope that has been provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way,Edgewood, NY 11717. To be valid, your proxy by mail must be received prior to the Annual Meeting.

At the Annual Meeting. You can vote your shares at the Annual Meeting.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name, your broker, bank or other nominee will provide you with materials and instructions for voting your shares. The availability of telephone or internet voting will depend on the bank's or broker's voting process. Please check with your bank or broker and follow the voting procedures your bank or broker provides to vote your shares.

If you properly submit your proxy by one of these methods, and you do not subsequently revoke your proxy, your shares will be voted in accordance with your instructions.

If your shares are held in your own name as a stockholder of record and you return your signed proxy card or vote by telephone or internet but do not specify a voting choice, your shares will be voted as follows:

FOR election of the director nominees under the caption "Election of Directors."

FOR advisory approval of the Company's executive compensation.

FOR re-approval of the material terms of our 2007 Stock Incentive Plan for purposes of complying with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

FOR ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for the year 2016.

#### BROKER DISCRETIONARY VOTING IF YOU DO NOT INSTRUCT YOUR BROKER ON HOW TO VOTE YOUR SHARES

Brokers do not have discretionary authority to vote on the proposals to elect directors, to hold an advisory vote on executive compensation and to re-approve the material terms of our 2007 Stock Incentive Plan for Section 162(m) purposes if they do not receive instructions from a beneficial owner. Accordingly, if you are a beneficial owner, you must instruct your broker on how you want your shares to be voted on these proposals in order for your votes to be counted on these proposals. Brokers have discretionary authority to vote on the ratification of selection of auditors if they do not receive instructions from a beneficial owner.

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#### VOTING IN PERSON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

If you hold shares in your own name as a stockholder of record, you are invited to attend the annual meeting and cast your vote at the meeting by properly completing and submitting a ballot at the meeting. If you are the beneficial owner of shares held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee, you are invited to attend the meeting in person, but in order to vote at the meeting you must first obtain a legal proxy from your broker, bank or other nominee giving you the right to vote those shares and submit that proxy along with a properly completed ballot at the meeting.

#### HOW YOU CAN CHANGE OR REVOKE YOUR VOTE

If you hold shares in your own name as a stockholder of record, you may change your vote or revoke your proxy at any time before voting begins at the Annual Meeting by:

giving written notice of revocation to our Corporate Secretary at any time before the voting begins;

signing and delivering a proxy that is dated after the proxy you wish to revoke;

attending the annual meeting and voting in person by properly completing and submitting a ballot; or

if you submitted a proxy by telephone or internet, by submitting a subsequent proxy by telephone or internet.

Attendance at the meeting, in and of itself, will not cause your previously granted proxy to be revoked unless you vote at the meeting.

We must receive your notice of revocation or later-dated proxy at or prior to voting at the annual meeting for it to be effective. It should be delivered to:

Forestar Group Inc. 6300 Bee Cave Road Building Two, Suite 500 Austin, Texas 78746

Attention: David M. Grimm, Corporate Secretary

Alternatively, you may hand deliver a written revocation notice, or a later-dated proxy, to the Corporate Secretary at the annual meeting before the voting begins.

If you are the beneficial owner of your shares held in street name, please check with your bank or broker and follow the procedures your bank or broker provides if you wish to change your vote.

#### **QUORUM**

The presence at the annual meeting, in person or by proxy, of holders of 16,953,494 shares (a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the stockholders entitled to vote as of the record date) is required to constitute a quorum to transact business at the meeting. Proxies marked "abstain" and broker "non-votes" (each of which are explained below) will be counted in determining the presence of a quorum.

If the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting are not sufficient to constitute a quorum, the stockholders by a vote of the holders of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the stockholders, present in person or by proxy at the meeting (which may be voted by the proxyholders at the meeting), may, without further notice to any stockholder (unless a new record date is set or the adjournment is for more than 30 days), adjourn the meeting to a different time and place to permit further solicitations of proxies sufficient to constitute a quorum. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum may be present, any business may be transacted that might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.

#### ABSTENTIONS

An abstention occurs when a stockholder sends in a proxy with explicit instructions to decline to vote regarding a particular proposal. An abstention with respect to any proposal for the annual meeting will not be counted as a vote "cast" for or against the proposal. Consequently, an abstention with respect to any of the proposals scheduled for a vote at the annual meeting will not affect the outcome of the vote.

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#### **VOTING INFORMATION**

#### **BROKER NON-VOTES**

Broker "non-votes" are shares held by brokers or nominees for which voting instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or the persons entitled to vote those shares and the broker or nominee does not have discretionary voting power under rules applicable to broker-dealers so the broker is unable to vote those uninstructed shares. A broker "non-vote" with respect to a proposal will not be counted as a vote "cast" for or against the proposal. Consequently, a broker "non-vote" will not affect the outcome of the vote.

#### REQUIRED VOTES

#### Election of Directors

To elect a director nominee, the votes cast "for" that nominee must exceed the votes cast "against" that nominee. In accordance with our corporate governance guidelines, each incumbent nominee who does not receive the required vote for election must tender his or her resignation to our Non-Executive Chairman for consideration by the Nominating and Governance Committee of our Board of Directors. For more information on the operation of our majority voting standard, see the section on "Election of Directors." Stockholders may not cumulate votes in the election of directors.

#### Advisory Approval of the Company's Executive Compensation

To approve the non-binding resolution regarding approval of executive compensation, the "for" votes cast in favor of the matter must exceed the "against" votes cast against the matter.

#### Re-Approval of Material Terms of 2007 Stock Incentive Plan for Section 162(m) Purposes

To re-approve the material terms of our 2007 Stock Incentive Plan for Section 162(m) purposes, the "for" votes cast in favor of the matter must exceed the "against" votes cast against the matter.

#### Ratification of Auditors

To ratify appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm, the "for" votes cast in favor of the matter must exceed the "against" votes cast against the matter.

#### PROXY SOLICITATION; COUNTING THE VOTES

We are soliciting your proxy for the annual meeting and will pay all the costs of the proxy solicitation process. We have retained D.F. King & Co., Inc., a professional proxy solicitation firm, to assist in the solicitation of proxies. D.F. King's employees and our directors, officers and employees may solicit the return of proxies by personal contact, mail, electronic mail, facsimile, telephone or the internet. We may also issue press releases asking for your vote or post letters or notices to you on our website, www.forestargroup.com. Our directors, officers and employees will not receive additional compensation, but will be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses. D.F. King will be reimbursed for its expenses in soliciting proxies and, in addition, will receive a proxy solicitation fee not to exceed \$7,500. We will request brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward solicitation material to the beneficial owners of our common stock. We will reimburse them for costs they incur in the solicitation.

Representatives of Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. will tabulate the votes and act as inspectors of election to certify the results.

#### CONFIDENTIAL VOTING POLICY

We have adopted a confidential voting policy, which provides that stockholder proxies, ballots, and voting tabulations that identify your vote will not be disclosed to our directors, officers, or employees. There are a few exceptions to this policy, such as when you make a comment on your proxy vote or when we must determine the legality of a vote.

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# **VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS**

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The name, address and stock ownership of each person or group of persons known by us to own beneficially more than five percent of the outstanding shares of our common stock as of the close of business on March 11, 2016 follows.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER	AMOUNT AND NATURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP	PERCENT OF CLASS(1)	
BlackRock, Inc.(2)	5,451,600	16.1%	
55 East 52nd Street			
New York, New York 10022			
NWQ Investment Management Company, LLC(3)	5,219,477	15.4%	
2049 Century Park East, 16th Floor			
Los Angeles, California 90067			
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.(4)	3,184,040	9.4%	
100 E. Pratt Street			
Baltimore, Maryland 21202			
Cove Street Capital, LLC(5)	3,170,000	9.3%	
2101 East El Segundo Boulevard, Suite 302			
El Segundo, California 90245			
Carlson Capital, L.P. and related entities(6)	2,894,781	8.5%	