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This proxy statement is dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 and is first being mailed to Courtside stockholders on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

COURTSIDE ACQUISITION CORP.  
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New York, New York 10019

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING IN LIEU OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON MAY \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

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TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF COURTSIDE ACQUISITION CORP.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting in lieu of annual meeting of stockholders of Courtside Acquisition Corp. (“Courtside”), a Delaware corporation, will be held at 10:00 a.m. eastern time, on May \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, at the offices of Graubard Miller, Courtside’s counsel, at The Chrysler Building, 405 Lexington Avenue, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10174. You are cordially invited to attend the meeting, which will be held for the following purposes:

- (1) to consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of January 24, 2007, among Courtside, American Community Newspapers LLC (“ACN”), and, solely for the purposes of Section 2.22 thereof, ACN Holding LLC, which, among other things, provides for the acquisition of substantially all of the assets, and the assumption of certain liabilities, of ACN – we refer to this proposal as the acquisition proposal;
- (2) to consider and vote upon a proposal to approve an amendment to the certificate of incorporation of Courtside to change the name of Courtside from “Courtside Acquisition Corp.” to “American Community Newspapers Inc.” – we refer to this proposal as the name change amendment;
- (3) to consider and vote upon a proposal to approve an amendment to the certificate of incorporation of Courtside to remove the preamble and sections A through D, inclusive, of Article Sixth from the certificate of incorporation from and after the closing of the acquisition, as these provisions will no longer be applicable to Courtside, and to redesignate section E of Article Sixth as Article Sixth – we refer to this proposal as the Article Sixth amendment;

(4) to consider and vote upon a proposal to approve Courtside's 2007 Long-Term Incentive Equity Plan (an equity-based incentive compensation plan for directors, officers, employees, consultants and others) – we refer to this proposal as the incentive compensation plan proposal;

(5) to elect seven directors to Courtside's board of directors, of whom two will serve until the annual meeting to be held in 2008, three will serve until the annual meeting to be held in 2009 and two will serve until the annual meeting to be held in 2010 and, in each case, until their successors are elected and qualified – we refer to this proposal as the director election proposal; and

(6) to consider and vote upon a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event that, based upon the tabulated vote at the time of the special meeting, Courtside would not have been authorized to consummate the acquisition – we refer to this proposal as the adjournment proposal.

These items of business are described in the attached proxy statement, which we encourage you to read in its entirety before voting. Only holders of record of Courtside common stock at the close of business on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 are entitled to notice of the special meeting and to vote and have their votes counted at the special meeting and any adjournments or postponements of the special meeting. An adjournment or postponement of the special meeting may occur to solicit additional votes. Courtside will not transact any other business at the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement of it.

The acquisition proposal must be approved by the holders of a majority of the Courtside common stock sold in its initial public offering ("IPO"), present in person or represented by proxy and entitled

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to vote at the special meeting. The name change amendment and Article Sixth amendment proposals must each be approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Courtside common stock. The incentive compensation plan proposal must be approved by the holders of a majority of the shares of Courtside common stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting. Those directors who receive a plurality of votes cast for the respective positions will be elected. If the acquisition proposal is not approved, the other proposals, including the election of directors, will not be presented to the stockholders for a vote.

Each Courtside stockholder who holds shares of common stock issued in Courtside's IPO has the right to vote against the acquisition proposal and at the same time demand that Courtside convert such stockholder's shares into cash equal to a pro rata portion of the funds held in the trust account into which a substantial portion of the net proceeds of Courtside's IPO was deposited. See the section entitled "Special Meeting of Courtside Stockholders – Conversion Rights" for the procedures to be followed if you wish to convert your shares into cash. The exact conversion price will be determined as of a date which is two business days prior to the consummation of the acquisition. On \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, the record date for the meeting of stockholders, the conversion price would have been approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in cash for each share of Courtside common stock issued in Courtside's IPO. Shares owned by Courtside stockholders who validly exercise their conversion rights will be converted into cash only if the acquisition is consummated. If, however, the holders of 20% or more shares (2,760,000) of common stock issued in Courtside's IPO vote against the acquisition proposal and demand conversion of their shares, Courtside will not consummate the acquisition. Prior to exercising conversion rights, Courtside stockholders should verify the market price of Courtside's common stock as they may receive higher proceeds from the sale of their common stock in the public market than from exercising their conversion rights. Shares of Courtside's common stock are listed on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol CRB. On \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, the record date, the last sale price of Courtside common stock was \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Courtside's initial stockholders, who purchased their shares of common stock prior to its IPO and presently own an aggregate of approximately 17.9% of the outstanding shares of Courtside common stock, have agreed to vote all of the shares they purchased prior to the IPO on the acquisition proposal in accordance with the vote of the majority of the votes cast by the holders of shares issued in the IPO. The initial stockholders have also indicated that they will vote such shares "FOR" the approval of the name change amendment, the Article Sixth amendment and the incentive compensation plan proposal and in favor of the director nominees and will vote any shares they acquired after the IPO for all of the proposals and the director nominees.

After careful consideration, Courtside's board of directors has determined that the acquisition is fair to and in the best interests of Courtside and its stockholders. Courtside's board of directors has also determined that the name change amendment, the Article Sixth amendment, the incentive compensation plan proposal and the adjournment proposal are in the best interests of Courtside's stockholders. Courtside's board of directors unanimously recommends that you vote or give instruction to vote "FOR" the approval of the acquisition proposal, the name change amendment proposal, the Article Sixth amendment proposal, the incentive compensation plan proposal and the adjournment proposal and the persons nominated by Courtside's management for election as directors.

All Courtside stockholders are cordially invited to attend the special meeting in person. To ensure your representation at the special meeting, however, you are urged to complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card as soon as possible. If you are a stockholder of record of Courtside common stock, you may also cast your vote in person at the special meeting. If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm or bank, you must instruct your broker or bank on how to vote your shares or, if you wish to attend the meeting and vote in person, obtain a proxy from your broker or bank. If you do not vote or do not instruct your broker or bank how to vote, it will have the same effect as voting against the name change amendment and the Article Sixth amendment.

A complete list of Courtside stockholders of record entitled to vote at the special meeting will be available for 10 days before the special meeting at the principal executive offices of Courtside for inspection by stockholders during ordinary business hours for any purpose germane to the special meeting.

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Your vote is important regardless of the number of shares you own. Whether you plan to attend the special meeting or not, please sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card as soon as possible in the envelope provided.

Thank you for your participation. We look forward to your continued support.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
Richard D. Goldstein  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

, 2007

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has determined if this proxy statement is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

SEE "RISK FACTORS" FOR A DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS FACTORS THAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION.

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