

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS INC  
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**UNITED STATES**  
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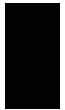
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## Stockholder Meeting Notice

Dear Stockholder:

The 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Cadence Design Systems, Inc. ( Cadence ) will be held at the offices of Cadence located at 2655 Seely Avenue, Building 10, San Jose, California 95134, on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

- (1) To elect the nine directors named in the proxy statement to serve until the 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors are elected and qualified, or until the directors' earlier death, resignation or removal.
- (2) To approve the amendment of the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.
- (3) To approve the amendment of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate supermajority vote requirements for specified corporate actions.
- (4) To vote on an advisory resolution to approve named executive officer compensation.
- (5) To ratify the selection of KPMG LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of Cadence for its fiscal year ending December 28, 2019.
- (6) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The Board of Directors of Cadence recommends a vote FOR each of the nine director nominees for election, and a vote FOR proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5.

The Board of Directors of Cadence has fixed the close of business on March 4, 2019 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

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