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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on May 3, 2018.**

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.
P.O. BOX 68947
SEATTLE, WA 98168

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting
For holders as of: March 9, 2018
Date: May 3, 2018 **Time:** 1:30 PM Pacific Time
Location: Meeting live via the Internet-please visit
alk.onlineshareholdermeeting.com.

The company will host the meeting live via the Internet. To attend the meeting via the Internet please visit alk.onlineshareholdermeeting.com and be sure to have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page).

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PROXY STATEMENT AND FORM 10-K

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During The Meeting:

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Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** all the nominees listed, a vote **FOR** Proposals 2 and 3, and a vote **AGAINST** Proposal 4.

1. Election of Directors

Nominees:

- 1a. Patricia M. Bedient
- 1b. James A. Beer
- 1c. Marion C. Blakey
- 1d. Phyllis J. Campbell
- 1e. Raymond L. Conner
- 1f. Dhiren R. Fonseca
- 1g. Susan J. Li
- 1h. Helvi K. Sandvik
- 1i. J. Kenneth Thompson
- 1j. Bradley D. Tilden
- 1k. Eric K. Yeaman

- 2. Advisory vote to approve the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers.
- 3. Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year 2018.
- 4. Consider a stockholder proposal regarding changes to the Company's proxy access bylaw.

NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

