

BJs RESTAURANTS INC  
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**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**BJ S RESTAURANTS, INC.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
BJ's Restaurants, Inc. Shareholder Meeting to be Held on June 5, 2019**

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual shareholders meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a 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 proxy statement and annual report to shareholders are available at:**

**Easy Online Access View your proxy materials and vote.**

**Step 1:** Go to [www.investorvote.com/BJRI](http://www.investorvote.com/BJRI).

**Step 2:** Click on the icon on the right to view meeting materials.

**Step 3:** Return to the investorvote.com window and follow the instructions on the screen to log in.

**Step 4:** Make your selections as instructed on each screen for your delivery preferences.

**Step 5:** Vote your shares.

**When you go online, you can also help the environment by consenting to receive electronic delivery of future materials.**

**Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials** If you want to receive a copy of the proxy materials, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request as instructed on the reverse side on or before May 22, 2019 to facilitate timely delivery.

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## Shareholder Meeting Notice

**BJ's Restaurants, Inc. Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at BJ's Restaurants, Inc., 7755 Center Ave., 4th Floor, Huntington Beach, CA 92647, at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time.**

**Proposals 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 and FOR Proposals 2-4:**

1. Election of Directors:
  - 01 - PETER A. BASSI
  - 02 - LARRY D. BOUTS
  - 03 - JAMES A. DAL POZZO
  - 04 - GERALD W. DEITCHLE
  - 05 - NOAH A. ELBOGEN
  - 06 - LEA ANNE S. OTTINGER
  - 07 - JANET M. SHERLOCK
  - 08 - GREGORY A. TROJAN
  - 09 - PATRICK D. WALSH
2. Ratification and approval of the Company's Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (formerly known as the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan), including an amendment to increase number of shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance.
3. Approval, on an advisory and non-binding basis, of the compensation of named executive officers.
4. Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2019.

**PLEASE NOTE YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must go online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice with you.**

**Here's how to order a copy of the proxy materials and select delivery preferences:**

Current and future delivery requests can be submitted using the options below.

If you request an email copy, you will receive an email with a link to the current meeting materials.

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**Internet** Go to [www.investorvote.com/BJRI](http://www.investorvote.com/BJRI).

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To facilitate timely delivery, requests for a paper copy of proxy materials must be received by May 22, 2019.

**\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right* to Vote \*\*\***

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on June 05, 2019**

**Meeting Information**

***BJ S RESTAURANTS, INC.***

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting

**For holders as of:** April 11, 2019

**Date:** June 05, 2019      **Time:** 9:00 AM PDT

**Location:** BJ s Restaurants, Inc.

7755 Center Avenue

4th Floor

Huntington Beach, CA 92647

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).



We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

## Before You Vote

### How to Access the Proxy Materials

#### Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Notice & Proxy Statement
2. Annual Report
3. Form 10-K

#### How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

#### How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

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- 2) *BY TELEPHONE*: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) *BY E-MAIL\**: [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before May 22, 2019 to facilitate timely delivery.

## How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** If you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting, you must request a *legal proxy*. To do so, please follow the instructions at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or request a paper copy of the materials, which will contain the appropriate instructions. Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity

holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to *www.proxyvote.com*. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a voting instruction form.

**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends that you**

**vote FOR the following:**

**1. Election of Directors**

**Nominees**

|                         |                      |                       |                       |                    |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 01 Peter A. Bassi       | 02 Larry D. Bouts    | 03 James A. Dal Pozzo | 04 Gerald W. Deitchle | 05 Noah A. Elbogen |
| 06 Lea Anne S. Ottinger | 07 Janet M. Sherlock | 08 Gregory A. Trojan  | 09 Patrick D. Walsh   |                    |

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s):**

**2.** Ratification and approval of the Company's Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (formerly known as the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan), including an amendment to increase number of shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance.

**3.** Approval, on an advisory and non-binding basis, of the compensation of named executive officers.

**4.** Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2019.

**NOTE:** In their discretion, the Proxy Holder(s) are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting, or any adjournment thereof, to the extent authorized by Rule 14a-4 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

To the extent cumulative voting applies, the undersigned hereby grants to the Proxy Holder(s) discretionary authority to cumulate votes represented by the shares covered by this proxy in the election of directors.

**Reserved for Broadridge Internal Control Information**

**Voting Instructions**

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