

MICROSOFT CORP  
Form DEFA14A  
October 19, 2015

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

## SCHEDULE 14A

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### MICROSOFT CORPORATION

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Annual Shareholders Meeting to Be Held on December 2, 2015.**

C/O PROXY SERVICES  
P.O. BOX 9163  
FARMINGDALE, NY 11735

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting

**For holders as of:** October 2, 2015

**Date:** December 2, 2015      **Time:** 8:00 a.m. PT

**Location:** Meydenbauer Center  
11100 NE 6th Street  
Bellevue, Washington  
Meeting live via the Internet-please visit  
[microsoft.onlineshareholdermeeting.com](http://microsoft.onlineshareholdermeeting.com).

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

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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.**

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## Before You Vote

### *How to Access the Proxy Materials*

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

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT      ANNUAL REPORT

#### **How to View Online:**

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| 2) BY TELEPHONE: | 1-800-579-1639   |
| 3) BY E-MAIL*:   | <a href="mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com">sendmaterial@proxyvote.com</a> |

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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 November 19, 2015 to facilitate timely delivery.

## How To Vote

### *Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods*

**Vote In Person:** 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. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

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**During The Meeting:** Go to [microsoft.onlineshareholdermeeting.com](http://microsoft.onlineshareholdermeeting.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) 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 proxy card.

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**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" EACH OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES, "FOR" PROPOSAL 2, and "FOR" PROPOSAL 3.**

1. Election of Directors: (The Board recommends a vote FOR each nominee)

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|-----|----------------------|
| 01. | William H. Gates III |
| 02. | Teri L. List-Stoll   |
| 03. | G. Mason Morfit      |
| 04. | Satya Nadella        |
| 05. | Charles H. Noski     |
| 06. | Helmut Panke         |
| 07. | Sandra E. Peterson   |
| 08. | Charles W. Scharf    |
| 09. | John W. Stanton      |
| 10. | John W. Thompson     |
| 11. | Padmasree Warrior    |

2. Advisory vote on executive compensation  
(The Board recommends a vote FOR this proposal)

3. Ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent auditor for fiscal year 2016  
(The Board recommends a vote FOR this proposal)





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## SCAN TO

VIEW MATERIALS & VOTE

**MICROSOFT CORPORATION**  
**SHAREHOLDERS OF RECORD AS OF OCTOBER 2, 2015**  
**ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 2, 2015**

**Your vote is important. Thank you for voting.**

Read the Proxy Statement and have the voting instruction form below at hand. Please note that the telephone and Internet voting turns off at 11:59 pm ET the night before the meeting or cutoff date.

**To vote by Internet**

- 1) *Before The Meeting*  
Go to website [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or scan the QR Barcode above.
- 2) Follow the instructions provided on the website.
- 1) *During The Meeting*  
Go to website [microsoft.onlineshareholdermeeting.com](http://microsoft.onlineshareholdermeeting.com).
- 2) Follow the instructions provided on the website.

**To vote by Telephone**

- 1) Call 1-800-454-8683.

**To vote by Mail**

- 1) Complete and return your voting instruction form in the envelope provided.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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**The board of directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:**

1.	Election of Directors: (The Board recommends a vote FOR each nominee)	For	Against	Abstain
01.	William H. Gates III			
02.	Teri L. List-Stoll			
03.	G. Mason Morfit			
04.	Satya Nadella			
05.	Charles H. Noski			
06.	Helmut Panke			
07.	Sandra E. Peterson			
08.	Charles W. Scharf			
09.	John W. Stanton			
10.	John W. Thompson			
11.	Padmasree Warrior			

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For Against Abstain

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(The Board recommends a vote FOR this proposal)
3. Ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent auditor for fiscal  
year 2016  
(The Board recommends a vote FOR this proposal)

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

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX]      Date

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