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PLEASE VOTE YOUR PROXY TODAY

April 15, 2016

Dear Stockholder:

According to our latest records, we have not yet received your voting instructions for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Ares Capital Corporation to be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016. Your vote is extremely important, no matter how many shares you hold. If we do not receive your vote, we may have to adjourn and continue to request stockholder participation in order to obtain enough votes to approve the proposals.

For the reasons set forth in the proxy statement, dated March 24, 2016, the Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR** all director nominees in Proposal 1 and **FOR** Proposal 2. **Please vote via the internet at www.proxyvote.com as soon as possible or alternatively, please sign, date, and return the enclosed proxy card.**

Please understand that it is critical that we receive your vote so that we may complete the business of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders without additional delay.

If you need assistance voting your shares, please call D.F. King toll-free at (800) 499-8541 or collect at (212) 269-5550. On behalf of your Board of Directors, thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,

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