

Wendy's Co  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**THE WENDY S COMPANY**

**Name of the Registrant as Specified In Its Charter**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Annual Meeting of Stockholders to Be Held on May 23, 2017.**

**THE WENDY S COMPANY**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** 2017 Annual Meeting of  
Stockholders

**For holders as of:** March 27, 2017

**Date:** May 23, 2017      **Time:** 10:00 a.m. (EDT)

**Location:** The Wendy s Company  
Thomas Conference Center  
One Dave Thomas Boulevard  
Dublin, Ohio 43017

You are receiving this Notice because you hold shares of stock in The Wendy s Company.

*THE WENDY S COMPANY*  
*ONE DAVE THOMAS BOULEVARD*  
*DUBLIN, OHIO 43017*

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this Notice to vote these shares. This Notice presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet or by mail. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper or e-mail copy at no charge (see reverse side for details).

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:**

**Admission Ticket**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, PROXY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

### How to View Online:

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- 1) *BY INTERNET:*                      [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
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Please make the request as instructed above on or before May 9, 2017 to facilitate timely delivery.

## How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote By Internet:** To vote by Internet, go to *www.proxyvote.com*. Have the control number that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Telephone:** You can vote by telephone by requesting a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials, which will include a proxy card that contains instructions on how to transmit your voting instructions by telephone.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the proxy materials, which will include a proxy card and a postage-paid return envelope.

**Vote In Person:** Ballots will be available to stockholders who attend the meeting in person. Admission to the meeting will be by ticket only. Please review the proxy materials for the Company's admission policy. You may vote the shares by proxy prior to the meeting, even if you plan to attend the meeting in person. Directions to the meeting are available on the Company's website at *www.aboutwendys.com*.

## Voting Items

Notice is hereby given that the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of The Wendy's Company will be held at the Thomas Conference Center located at the Company's corporate offices, One Dave Thomas Boulevard, Dublin, Ohio 43017, on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT), for the following purposes:

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote

**FOR** the election of each of the director nominees

named below:

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR** proposals 2 and 3:

1. Election of Directors

2. Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2017.

### Nominees:

1a. Nelson Peltz

3. Advisory resolution to approve executive compensation.

1b. Peter W. May

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote **1 YEAR** on proposal 4:

1c. Emil J. Brolick

4. Advisory resolution to approve the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation.

1d. Kenneth W. Gilbert

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote **AGAINST** proposal 5:

1e. Dennis M. Kass

5. Stockholder proposal regarding an independent board chairman, if properly presented at the meeting.

1f. Joseph A. Levato

1g. Michelle J. Mathews-Spradlin

If any other matter properly comes before the meeting, shares represented by properly submitted proxies will be voted on such matter in the

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discretion of the persons named as proxies in the Company's proxy card for the meeting.

1h. Matthew H. Peltz

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 27, 2017, the record date for the meeting, are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the meeting.

1i. Todd A. Penegor

1j. Peter H. Rothschild

1k. Arthur B. Winkleblack



