

KROGER CO  
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SCHEDULE 14A

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# The Kroger Co.

1014 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

## Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Kroger Co. to Be Held on Thursday, June 25, 2009.

The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at:  
<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/kr>

***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.***

Dear Shareholder of The Kroger Co.:

The 2009 annual meeting of shareholders of The Kroger Co. will be held at the MUSIC HALL BALLROOM, MUSIC HALL, 1241 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, on June 25, 2009, at 11 A.M., E.T. for the following purposes:

***If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before June 12, 2009 to facilitate timely delivery.***

1. To elect the directors for the ensuing year;
2. To consider and act upon a proposal to ratify the selection of independent auditors for the year 2009;
3. To act upon a shareholder proposal regarding cage-free eggs, if properly presented at the annual meeting;
4. To act upon a shareholder proposal regarding majority vote for directors, if properly presented at the annual meeting; and
5. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

**The Board recommends a vote FOR items 1 and 2.**

**The Board recommends a vote AGAINST items 3 and 4.**

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on April 27, 2009 as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive notice and to vote at the annual meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

**To receive directions to the annual meeting please call 513-762-1220.**

CONTROL NUMBER

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You may vote your proxy when you view the materials on the Internet.

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**You will be asked to enter this 11-digit control**

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Shareholders of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting.

**Meeting Location:**

MUSIC HALL BALLROOM, MUSIC HALL  
1241 Elm Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

**The following Proxy Materials are available for you to review online:**

- the Company's 2009 Proxy Statement (including all attachments thereto);
- the Company's Annual Report for the year ended January 31, 2009; and
- any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to shareholders.

**To request a paper copy of the Proxy Materials,** (you must reference your 11 digit control number)

Telephone: **1-888-313-0164** (outside of the U.S and Canada call 201-680-6688),  
Email: **shrrelations@bnymellon.com**  
Internet: **<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/kr>**

**ACCESSING YOUR PROXY MATERIALS ONLINE**

**YOU MUST REFERENCE YOUR 11-DIGIT CONTROL NUMBER WHEN YOU REQUEST  
A PAPER COPY OF THE PROXY MATERIALS OR TO VOTE YOUR PROXY ELECTRONICALLY.**

**The Proxy Materials for The Kroger Co. are available to review at:**

**<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/kr>**

Have this notice available when you request a PAPER copy of the Proxy Materials,  
when you want to view your proxy materials online  
**OR WHEN YOU WANT TO VOTE YOUR PROXY ELECTRONICALLY.**

**VOTE BY INTERNET**

Use the internet to vote your shares. Have this card in hand when you access the above website.  
On the top right hand side of the website click on **[Vote Now]** to  
access the electronic proxy card and vote your shares.

**ADMISSION TICKET**

**If you plan to attend the annual meeting of shareholders, please bring this notice with you  
as it serves as your admission ticket. This ticket admits only the shareholder(s) listed on the  
reverse side and is not transferable.**

