

# Corporate Governance

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Office of Chief Counsel  
Division of Corporation Finance  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20549

Via email to: [shareholderproposals@sec.gov](mailto:shareholderproposals@sec.gov)

This is to request that the current QUALCOMM proxy ballot be invalidated. The proxy ballot (see attached pdf) describes my proxy access proposal as “A Stockholder Proposal, if Properly presented at the Annual Meeting.”

SEC Rule 14a-4(a)(3) requires the form of proxy “Shall identify clearly and impartially each separate matter intended to be acted upon.” QUALCOMM’s description cannot reasonably be considered as a clear and impartial description of the matter to be acted upon.

The description of my proposal obfuscates the matter to be vote on. It is a veiled attempt to get retail and small institutional shareholders, who don’t want to be bothered reading the text of proposal in the proxy materials, to simply leave their vote item blank. If that happens, their vote will be counted as voted in accordance with the board’s recommended -- “against.”

An accurate description of the topic to be voted is critically important. Proposals on proxy access have been winning majority votes at a most companies where they are voted. Trying to hide or disguise proposals runs counter to the intent of Rule 14a-4(a)(3). I hereby request the SEC invalidate QUALCOMM’s proxy.

I am familiar with the argument that Voter Information Forms (VIFs) do not have to meet the requirements of the SEC’s regulations because they are not “legal proxies.” I sincerely hope this is a misinterpretation of law. If it is not, the SEC should immediately initiate a rulemaking to clarify the rule to ensure it protects the bulk of shareholders.

According to Broadridge,

Currently, we estimate that about 98% of all shares of U.S. public companies are held by institutions or retail brokerage accounts in “street name,” leaving just 2% registered through transfer agents. Over

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approximately the next two decades, we can project that registered shares will fall below 1% as registered shareholders pass away, sell, or move their accounts to brokerage platforms. (*Registered Shareholders: How to Manage the Millennial Challenge* at <http://go.broadridge.com/Registered-Shareholders-How-to-Manage-the-Millennial-Challenge>)

If 98% of shares are voted through VIFs and the SEC finds that Rule 14a-4(a)(3) protections do not apply to VIFs, then what is the point of the regulation? If the only shareholders protected are those holding the 2% of shares held through registered transfer agents, there is little reason to have the rule. Shareowners getting VIFs should have the same rights as registered owners.

Sincerely,



James McRitchie

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# QUALCOMM INCORPORATED

## 2016 Annual Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

### Active - Not Voted

Vote by March 7, 2016 11:59 p.m. EST

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### Proposal(s)

**1A.** ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED: BARBARA T. ALEXANDER

#### BOARD RECOMMENDATION: FOR

FOR

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**1B.** ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED: RAYMOND V. DITTAMORE

#### BOARD RECOMMENDATION: FOR

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**1C.** ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED: JEFFREY W. HENDERSON

#### BOARD RECOMMENDATION: FOR

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**1D.** ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED: THOMAS W. HORTON

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION: FOR**

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**1E.** ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED: PAUL E. JACOBS

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION: FOR**

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**1F.** ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED: HARISH MANWANI

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION: FOR**

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**1G.** ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED: MARK D. MCLAUGHLIN

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION: FOR**

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**1H.** ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED: STEVE MOLLENKOPF

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION: FOR**

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**1I.** ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED: CLARK T. RANDT, JR.

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION: FOR**

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**1J.** ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED: FRANCISCO ROS

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION: FOR**

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**1K.** ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED: JONATHAN J. RUBINSTEIN

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION: FOR**

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**1L.** ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND QUALIFIED: ANTHONY J. VINCIQUERRA

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION: FOR**

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**2.** TO RATIFY THE SELECTION OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR OUR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 2016.

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**3.** TO APPROVE THE 2016 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN.

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4. TO APPROVE OUR EXECUTIVE  
COMPENSATION.

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5. A STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL, IF PROPERLY  
PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

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