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## Section 1: DEFA14A (DEFA14A)

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

### SCHEDULE 14A

(Rule 14a-101)

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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**\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right* to Vote \*\*\***  
**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on June 20, 2019.**

**EQUITY COMMONWEALTH**

EQUITY COMMONWEALTH  
TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA  
SUITE 2100  
CHICAGO, IL 60606

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** April 15, 2019  
**Date:** June 20, 2019      **Time:** 8:00 a.m. Central Time  
**Location:** Two North Riverside Plaza  
Chicago, IL 60606

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.**

— Before You Vote —  
How to Access the Proxy Materials

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

ANNUAL REPORT      PROXY STATEMENT

**How to View Online:**

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → [XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX] (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

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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 June 6, 2019 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.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.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.

## Voting Items

**Our Board of Trustees Recommends You Vote "FOR" the Nominees for Trustee in Proposal 1 and "FOR" Proposals 2, 3 and 4.**

1. To elect the nominees named in our proxy statement to our Board of Trustees
  - 01) Sam Zell
  - 02) James S. Corl
  - 03) Martin L. Edelman
  - 04) Edward A. Glickman
  - 05) David Helfand
  - 06) Peter Linneman
  - 07) James L. Lozier, Jr.
  - 08) Mary Jane Robertson
  - 09) Kenneth Shea
  - 10) Gerald A. Spector
  - 11) James A. Star

**Our Board recommends you vote "FOR" Proposal 1.**

2. To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers.

**Our Board recommends you vote "FOR" Proposal 2.**

3. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

**Our Board recommends you vote "FOR" Proposal 3.**

4. To approve the amendment to our 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

**Our Board recommends you vote "FOR" Proposal 4.**

**TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE PROXIES, IN THEIR DISCRETION, ARE AUTHORIZED TO VOTE UPON SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING OR AT ANY POSTPONEMENT OR ADJOURNMENT THEREOF.**

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