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THE WHY AND HOW OF SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

## Do Vote Results Suggest Need for Engagement?

<u>Say-on-Pay</u>: Significant year-over year change, or opposition among top holders?

• Don't rest comfortably just because you're above the ISS (70%) and Glass Lewis (75%) triggers for increased scrutiny, and potential director Withhold recommendations

#### <u>Shareholder Proposals</u>: Meaningful support despite Board opposition?

- Majority support is a red flag; so too are trends, and support from significant holders
- Do multiple proposals cohere around a theme?
  - Increasing shareholders' ability to hold directors accountable outside the AGM (special meetings, written consent, etc.)?
  - The quality of board oversight (independent chair, director tenure, etc)?

<u>Top or Strategic Holders</u>: How solid is their "support" – do you know, or merely guess, (a) how they voted and (b) why?



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#### **Votes Against Management (Top 10 Holders)**

			Say	on Pay	Shareholde	er Proposals	
			•	_	Sep. Chair,	Written	
		% O/S	Last	This	<b>CEO</b> roles	Consent	
	Institution	Shares	Year	Year	(2016)	(2016)	
	Pct of votes cast against man	5.5%	9.5%	34.0%	41.0%		
1	Index Fund	7.7%			Supported	Supported	
2	Index Fund	5.1%			Supported		
3	Actively Managed Fund	3.5%		Against			
4	Actively Managed Fund	3.2%				Supported	
5	Index Fund	3.2%				Supported	
6	Pension Fund	2.7%				Supported	
7	Broker - Managed Accounts	2.1%					
8	Actively Managed Fund	2.0%		Against			
9	Actively Managed Fund	1.8%					
10	Insurance Firm	1.6%			Supported	Supported	
		32.9%	0%	20%	50%	50%	



# Key Considerations in the Campaign...

#### Two Strategic Objectives:

- 1. Provide the Board an early warning system for potential problems
  - How do issues at other firms affect their view of the Board and governance?
  - How firm is their conviction and commitment on public stances?
  - Are there alternative resolutions to issues that seem more confrontational?
- 2. Address current or emerging points of shareholder disaffection, to preclude an activist leveraging them
  - · Demonstrate sense of accountability
  - Impart first-hand experience of board's credibility
  - Identify and resolve easily-addressed points of friction

#### Target Shareholders with

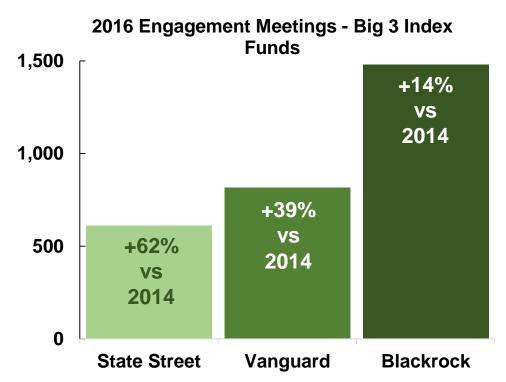
- Ownership positions potentially significant in an activist campaign
- Existing stewardship groups interested in (or requesting) engagement
- Less strict reliance on proxy advisor recommendations



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### Plus One Extra Consideration, for Context

The institutions are actively asking for it, and staffing up accordingly





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# Illustrative Campaign Timing

	October			November			December						
week beginning:	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30	11/6	11/13	11/20	11/27	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/25
Off-Season engagement campaign													
Develop targeted shareholder list													
Schedule calls													
Develop engagement materials													
Director/Team prep, rehearsals													
Investor calls													
Follow-up with shareholders as necessar	ry												
Report back to board w/ recommendation	ons												



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