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DURECT Corporation

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2023 Annual Stockholder Meeting Notice

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
DURECT Corporation Stockholder Meeting to be Held on June 21, 2023**

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual stockholders' meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

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. The 2023 proxy statement and annual report and 10-K to stockholders are available at:

www.investorvote.com/drrx**Easy Online Access – View your proxy materials and vote.**

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2023 Annual Stockholder Meeting Notice

DURECT Corporation's Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. Pacific Time virtually via the internet at www.meetnow.global/M5TGR5V. To access the virtual meeting, you must have the information that is printed in the shaded bar located on the reverse side of this form.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board recommends a vote FOR ALL the nominees to the Board (Proposal 1) and Proposals 2, 3 and 5, and for One Year on Proposal 4:

1. The Election of two Class I directors of our Board of Directors to serve until the 2026 annual meeting of stockholders:
01 - Peter S Garcia
02 - Judith J. Robertson
2. Approve the amendment and restatement of the 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan to increase the number of shares of the Company's Common Stock available for issuance by 40,000 shares and extend the plan's term for ten years from the date of the 2023 Annual Meeting;
3. Hold a non-binding advisory vote to approve executive compensation;
4. Hold an advisory vote on the frequency of advisory stockholder votes on executive compensation;
5. Ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the current fiscal year.

PLEASE NOTE – YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must go online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card.



Here's how to order a copy of the proxy materials and select delivery preferences:

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