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1001 Fannin Street

Houston, Texas 77002

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
OF WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.**

Date and Time:

May 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., Central Time

Place:

The Maury Myers Conference Center

Waste Management, Inc.

1021 Main Street

Houston, Texas 77002

Purpose:

To elect ten directors;

To vote on a proposal to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016;

To vote on a proposal to approve our executive compensation;

To vote on a stockholder proposal regarding a policy on acceleration of vesting of equity awards in the event of a change in control, if properly presented at the meeting; and

To conduct other business that is properly raised at the meeting.

Only stockholders of record on March 15, 2016 may vote at the meeting.

Your vote is important. We urge you to promptly vote your shares by telephone, by the Internet or, if this Proxy Statement was mailed to you, by completing, signing, dating and returning your proxy card as soon as possible in the enclosed postage prepaid envelope.

COURTNEY A. TIPPY
Corporate Secretary

March 25, 2016

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 12, 2016: This Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 are available at www.wm.com.

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PROXY STATEMENT
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

1001 Fannin Street

Houston, Texas 77002

Our Board of Directors is soliciting your proxy for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and at any postponement or adjournment of the meeting. We are furnishing proxy materials to our stockholders primarily via the Internet. On March 25, 2016, we sent an electronic notice of how to access our proxy materials, including our Annual Report, to stockholders that have previously signed up to receive their proxy materials via the Internet. On March 25, 2016, we began mailing a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials to those stockholders that previously have not signed up for electronic delivery. The Notice contains instructions on how stockholders can access our proxy materials on the website referred to in the Notice or request that a printed set of the proxy materials be sent to them. Internet distribution of our proxy materials is designed to expedite receipt by stockholders, lower the costs of the annual meeting, and conserve natural resources.

Record Date	March 15, 2016.
Quorum	A majority of shares outstanding on the record date must be present in person or by proxy.
Shares Outstanding	There were 444,639,871 shares of Common Stock outstanding and entitled to vote as of March 15, 2016.
Voting by Proxy	Internet, phone, or mail.
Voting at the Meeting	Stockholders can vote in person during the meeting. Stockholders of record will be on a list held by the inspector of elections. Beneficial holders must obtain a proxy from their brokerage firm, bank, or other stockholder of record and present it to the inspector of elections with their ballot. Voting in person by a stockholder will replace any previous votes submitted by proxy.
Changing Your Vote	Stockholders of record may revoke their proxy at any time before we vote it at the meeting by submitting a later-dated proxy via the Internet, by telephone, by mail, by delivering instructions to our Corporate Secretary before the annual meeting revoking the proxy or by voting in

person at the annual meeting. If you hold shares through a bank or brokerage firm, you may revoke any prior voting instructions by contacting that firm.

Votes Required to Adopt Proposals

Each share of our Common Stock outstanding on the record date is entitled to one vote on each of the ten director nominees and one vote on each other matter. To be elected, a director must receive a majority of the votes cast with respect to that director at the meeting. This means that the number of shares voted for a director must exceed 50% of the votes cast with respect to that director. Each of the other proposals requires the favorable vote of a majority of the shares present, either by proxy or in person, and entitled to vote.

Effect of Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes

Abstentions will have no effect on the election of directors. For each of the other proposals, abstentions will have the same effect as a vote *against* these matters because they are considered present and entitled to vote.

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If your shares are held by a broker, the broker will ask you how you want your shares to be voted. If you give the broker instructions, your shares must be voted as you direct. If you do not give instructions, one of two things can happen depending on the type of proposal. For the proposal to ratify selection of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, the broker may vote your shares at its discretion. But for all other proposals in this Proxy Statement, including the election of directors, the advisory vote on executive compensation, and the stockholder proposal, the broker cannot vote your shares at all. When that happens, it is called a broker non-vote. Broker non-votes are counted in determining the presence of a quorum at the meeting, but they are not counted for purposes of calculating the shares present and entitled to vote on particular proposals at the meeting.

Voting Instructions

You may receive more than one proxy card depending on how you hold your shares. If you hold shares through a broker, your ability to vote by phone or over the Internet depends on your broker's voting process. You should complete and return each proxy or other voting instruction request provided to you.

If you complete and submit your proxy voting instructions, the persons named as proxies will follow your instructions. If you submit your proxy but do not give voting instructions, we will vote your shares as follows:

FOR our director candidates;

FOR the ratification of the independent registered public accounting firm;

FOR approval of our executive compensation; and

AGAINST the stockholder proposal regarding a policy on acceleration of vesting of equity awards in the event of a change in control.

If you give us your proxy, any other matters that may properly come before the meeting will be voted at the discretion of the proxy holders.

Attending in Person

Only stockholders, their proxy holders and our invited guests may attend the meeting. If you plan to attend, please bring identification and, if you hold shares in street name, bring your bank or broker statement showing

your beneficial ownership of Waste Management stock in order to be admitted to the meeting. If you are planning to attend our annual meeting and require directions to the meeting, please contact our Corporate Secretary at 713-512-6200.

The only items that will be discussed at this year's annual meeting will be the items set out in the Notice. There will be no presentations.

Stockholder Proposals and Nominees for the 2017 Annual Meeting Eligible stockholders who wish to submit a proposal for inclusion in the Proxy Statement for our 2017 Annual Meeting should notify our

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Corporate Secretary at Waste Management, Inc., 1001 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas 77002. The written proposal must be received at our offices on or before November 26, 2016, and the stockholder must have been the registered or beneficial owner of (a) at least 1% of our outstanding Common Stock or (b) shares of our Common Stock with a market value of \$2,000 for at least one year before submitting the proposal. The proposal must comply with the requirements set forth in the federal securities laws, including Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), in order to be included in the Company's proxy statement and proxy card for the 2017 Annual Meeting.

In addition, the Company's By-laws establish an advance notice procedure with regard to certain matters to be brought before an annual meeting of stockholders, including stockholder proposals that are not included in the Company's proxy materials and nominations of persons for election as directors. In accordance with our By-laws, for a proposal or nominee not included in our proxy materials to be properly brought before the 2017 Annual Meeting, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received by the Company not less than 120 days nor more than 150 days in advance of the first anniversary of the 2016 Annual Meeting. As a result, any such stockholder's notice for the 2017 Annual Meeting shall be received no earlier than December 13, 2016 and no later than January 12, 2017 and must contain certain information specified in the Company's By-laws. The stockholder's notice should be delivered to our Corporate Secretary at Waste Management, Inc., 1001 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas 77002. A copy of our By-laws may be obtained free of charge by writing to our Corporate Secretary and is available on the Corporate Governance section of the Investor Relations page on our website at www.wm.com.

Expenses of Solicitation

We pay the cost of preparing, assembling and mailing this proxy-soliciting material. In addition to the use of the mail, proxies may be solicited personally, by Internet or telephone, or by Waste Management officers and employees without additional compensation. We pay all costs of solicitation, including certain expenses of brokers and nominees who mail proxy materials to their customers or principals. Also, Innisfree M&A Incorporated has been hired to help in the solicitation of proxies for the 2016 Annual Meeting for a fee of approximately \$15,000 plus associated costs and expenses.

Annual Report

A copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which includes our financial statements for fiscal year 2015, is included with this Proxy Statement. The Annual Report on Form 10-K is not incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement or

deemed to be a part of the materials for the solicitation of proxies.

Householding Information

We have adopted a procedure approved by the SEC called householding. Under this procedure, stockholders of record who have the same address and last name and do not participate in electronic delivery of proxy materials will receive only one copy of

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the Proxy Statement and Annual Report unless we are notified that one or more of these individuals wishes to receive separate copies. This procedure helps reduce our printing costs and postage fees.

If you wish to receive a separate copy of this Proxy Statement and the Annual Report, please contact: Waste Management, Inc., Corporate Secretary, 1001 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas 77002, telephone 713-512-6200.

If you do not wish to participate in householding in the future, and prefer to receive separate copies of the proxy materials, please contact: Broadridge Financial Solutions, Attention Household Department, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717, telephone 1-800-542-1061. If you are currently receiving multiple copies of proxy materials and wish to receive only one copy for your household, please contact Broadridge.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directors currently has ten members. Each member of our Board is elected annually. Mr. Reum is the Non-Executive Chairman of the Board and presides over all meetings of the Board, including executive sessions that only non-employee directors attend.

Stockholders and interested parties wishing to communicate with the Board or the non-employee directors should address their communications to Mr. W. Robert Reum, Non-Executive Chairman of the Board, c/o Waste Management, Inc., P.O. Box 53569, Houston, Texas 77052-3569.

Leadership Structure

We separated the roles of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer at our Company in 2004. We believe that having a Non-Executive Chairman of the Board is in the best interests of the Company and stockholders, due in part to the ever-increasing demands made on boards of directors under federal securities laws, national stock exchange rules and other federal and state regulations. The Non-Executive Chairman's responsibilities include leading full Board meetings and executive sessions and managing the Board function. The Board named Mr. Reum Chairman of the Board effective January 1, 2012, due to his tenure with, and experience and understanding of, the Company, as well as his experience on public company boards of directors.

The separation of the positions allows Mr. Reum to focus on management of Board matters and allows our Chief Executive Officer to focus his attention on managing our business. Additionally, we believe the separation of those roles contributes to the independence of the Board in its oversight role and in assessing the Chief Executive Officer and management generally.

Role in Risk Oversight

Our executive officers have the primary responsibility for risk management within our Company. Our Board of Directors oversees risk management to ensure that the processes designed and implemented by our executives are adapted to and integrated with the Company's strategy and functioning as directed. The primary means by which the Board oversees our risk management structures and policies is through its regular communications with management and our enterprise risk management process. The Company believes that its leadership structure is conducive to comprehensive risk management practices and that the Board's involvement is appropriate to ensure effective oversight.

The Company has an enterprise risk management, or ERM, process that is coordinated by an ERM Committee consisting of our Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Legal Officer and head of Internal Audit. The ERM process begins with identification of the Company's programs and processes related to risk management and the individuals responsible for them through use of a risk assessment conducted by Internal Audit. The risk assessment identifies perceived risks to the Company, with follow-up interviews with members of senior management to review any gaps between their and their direct reports' responses.

For 2016, we interviewed the Company's Senior Leadership team and additional members of senior management to capture their insight on the strategic risks that could affect our ability to execute against our strategy, as well as the more long-term risk landscape and the potential effect of such risks on the viability of the business. As a result of this process, we have grouped our risk focus across the following areas:

Environmental and Regulatory Developments;

Information Security and Technology;

Safety;

People Management; and

Operational Risk Management.

The ERM program and process continue to evolve with enhancements made annually. Board members are polled to collect their thoughts on significant risks facing the Company and how the reporting format should be

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revised to improve management's communication of enterprise risks to the Board. We assign champions across the aforementioned areas that will work with the ERM Committee to establish a more comprehensive risk mitigation strategy. In addition, external stakeholders will continue to be interviewed to gather their views on risks that they perceive could have a significant impact on the Company or the industry. The ERM Committee will review the assessment of the risks in each area and the proposed mitigation strategy and determine what adjustments, additions, or changes are appropriate.

The Board of Directors generally meets seven times a year, five times in person, including one meeting that is dedicated specifically to strategic planning, and regular updates are given to the Board of Directors on all Company risks. At each of these meetings, our President and Chief Executive Officer; Chief Financial Officer; and Chief Legal Officer are asked to report to the Board and, when appropriate, specific committees. Additionally, other members of management and employees are requested to attend meetings and present information, including those responsible for our Internal Audit, Environmental Audit, Business Ethics and Compliance, Human Resources, Government Affairs, Information Technology, Risk Management, Safety and Accounting functions.

One of the purposes of these presentations is to provide direct communication between members of the Board and members of management. The presentations provide members of the Board with the information necessary to understand the risk profile of the Company, including information regarding the specific risk environment, exposures affecting the Company's operations and the Company's plans to address such risks. In addition to information regarding general updates to the Company's operational and financial condition, management reports to the Board on a number of specific issues meant to inform the Board about the Company's outlook and forecasts, and any impediments to meeting those or its pre-defined strategies generally. These direct communications between management and the Board of Directors allow the Board to assess management's evaluation and management of the risks of the Company.

Management is encouraged to communicate with the Board of Directors with respect to extraordinary risk issues or developments that may require more immediate attention between regularly scheduled Board meetings. Mr. Reum, as Non-Executive Chairman, facilitates communications with the Board of Directors as a whole and is integral in initiating the discussions among the independent Board members necessary to ensure management is adequately evaluating and managing the Company's risks. These intra-Board communications are essential to the Board's oversight function. Additionally, all members of the Board are invited to attend all committee meetings, regardless of whether the individual sits on the specific committee, and committee chairs report to the full Board. These practices ensure that all issues affecting the Company are considered in relation to each other; and by doing so, risks that affect one aspect of our Company can be taken into consideration when evaluating other risks.

In addition, the Audit Committee is responsible for ensuring that an effective risk assessment process is in place, and quarterly reports are made to the Audit Committee on all financial and compliance risks in accordance with New York Stock Exchange requirements.

Independence of Board Members

The Board of Directors has determined that each of the following nine non-employee director candidates is independent in accordance with the New York Stock Exchange listing standards:

Bradbury H. Anderson

Frank M. Clark, Jr.

Andrés R. Gluski

Patrick W. Gross

Victoria M. Holt

Kathleen M. Mazzarella

John C. Pope

W. Robert Reum

Thomas H. Weidemeyer

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Mr. Steiner is an employee of the Company and, as such, is not considered an independent director.

To assist the Board in determining independence, the Board of Directors adopted categorical standards of director independence, which meet or exceed the requirements of the New York Stock Exchange. These standards specify certain relationships that are prohibited in order for the non-employee director to be deemed independent. The categorical standards our Board uses in determining independence are included in our Corporate Governance Guidelines, which can be found on our website. In addition to these categorical standards, our Board makes a subjective determination of independence considering relevant facts and circumstances.

The Board reviewed all commercial and non-profit affiliations of each non-employee director and the dollar amount of all transactions between the Company and each entity with which a non-employee director is affiliated to determine independence. These transactions consisted of the Company, through its subsidiaries, providing waste management services in the ordinary course of business and the Company's subsidiaries purchasing goods and services in the ordinary course of business and included commercial dealings with Graybar Electric Company, Inc., The AES Corporation, Amsted Industries Incorporated and Proto Labs, Inc. Ms. Mazzarella, Mr. Gluski, Mr. Reum and Ms. Holt, respectively, are the chief executive officer of these entities. The Board concluded there are no transactions between the Company and any entity with which a non-employee director is affiliated that (a) are prohibited by our categorical standards of independence, (b) are material individually or in the aggregate, or (c) in which any of the Company's non-employee directors have or had a material direct or indirect interest. Accordingly, the Board has determined that each non-employee director candidate meets the categorical standards of independence and that there are no relationships that would affect independence.

Meetings and Board Committees

Last year the Board held seven meetings and each committee of the Board met independently as set forth below. Each director attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board and the committees on which he or she served. In addition, all directors attended the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Although we do not have a formal policy regarding director attendance at annual meetings, it has been longstanding practice that all directors attend unless there are unavoidable schedule conflicts or unforeseen circumstances.

The Board appoints committees to help carry out its duties. Committee members take on greater responsibility for key issues, although all members of the Board are invited to attend all committee meetings and the committee reviews the results of its meetings with the full Board. The Board has three separate standing committees: the Audit Committee; the Management Development and Compensation Committee (the MD&C Committee); and the Nominating and Governance Committee. Additionally, the Board has the power to appoint additional committees, as it deems necessary. In 2006, the Board appointed a Special Committee, as described below.

The Audit Committee

Mr. Gross has been the Chairman of our Audit Committee since May 2010. The other members of our Audit Committee are Ms. Holt and Messrs. Clark, Gluski, Reum and Weidemeyer. Each member of our Audit Committee satisfies the additional New York Stock Exchange independence standards for audit committees set forth in Section 10A of the Exchange Act. Our Audit Committee held nine meetings in 2015.

Our Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Gross and each of Ms. Holt and Messrs. Clark, Gluski and Reum are audit committee financial experts as defined by the SEC based on a thorough review of their education and financial and public company experience.

Mr. Gross was a founder of American Management Systems where he was principal executive officer for over 30 years. Since 2001, he has served as Chairman of The Lovell Group, a private investment and advisory firm. Mr. Gross holds an MBA from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, a master's degree in engineering science from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in engineering science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Ms. Holt has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Proto Labs, Inc. since February 2014 and was President and Chief Executive of Spartech Corporation from September 2010 to March 2013. Prior to

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joining Spartech, she served as Senior Vice President of PPG Industries for over five years. Ms. Holt holds an MBA from Pace University and a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Duke University.

Mr. Clark served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ComEd from November 2005 to February 2012 and President of ComEd from 2001 to 2005. Mr. Clark holds an LLB from DePaul University College of Law and a BBA from DePaul University.

Mr. Gluski has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of The AES Corporation since 2011 and was Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of The AES Corporation from 2007 to 2011. Mr. Gluski is a graduate of Wake Forest University and holds an MA and PhD in Economics from the University of Virginia.

Mr. Reum has served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Amsted Industries Incorporated since March 2001. He also served as Chairman, President and CEO of a public diversified metal products company for many years. Mr. Reum holds an MBA from Harvard University, a JD from The University of Michigan Law School and a bachelor's degree from Yale University.

The Audit Committee's duties are set forth in a written charter that was approved by the Board of Directors. A copy of the charter can be found on our website. The Audit Committee generally is responsible for overseeing all matters relating to our financial statements and reporting, internal audit function and independent auditors. As part of its function, the Audit Committee reports the results of all of its reviews to the full Board. In fulfilling its duties, the Audit Committee, has the following responsibilities:

Administrative Responsibilities

Report to the Board, at least annually, all public company audit committee memberships by members of the Audit Committee;

Perform an annual review of its performance relative to its charter and report the results of its evaluation to the full Board; and

Adopt an orientation program for new Audit Committee members.

Independent Auditor

Engage an independent auditor, determine the auditor's compensation and replace the auditor if necessary;

Review the independence of the independent auditor and establish our policies for hiring current or former employees of the independent auditor;

Evaluate the lead partner of our independent audit team and review a report, at least annually, describing the independent auditor's internal control procedures; and

Pre-approve all services, including non-audit engagements, provided by the independent auditor.

Internal Audit

Review the plans, staffing, reports and activities of the internal auditors; and

Review and establish procedures for receiving, retaining and handling complaints, including anonymous complaints by our employees, regarding accounting, internal controls and auditing matters.

Financial Statements

Review financial statements and Forms 10-K and 10-Q with management and the independent auditor;

Review all earnings press releases and discuss with management the type of earnings guidance that we provide to analysts and rating agencies;

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Discuss with the independent auditor any material changes to our accounting principles and matters required to be communicated by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) Auditing Standard No. 16 *Communications with Audit Committees*;

Review our financial reporting, accounting and auditing practices with management, the independent auditor and our internal auditors;

Review management's and the independent auditor's assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting; and

Review executive officer certifications related to our reports and filings.

Audit Committee Report

The role of the Audit Committee is, among other things, to oversee the Company's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors, to recommend to the Board whether the Company's financial statements should be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and to select the independent auditor for ratification by stockholders. Company management is responsible for the Company's financial statements as well as for its financial reporting process, accounting principles and internal controls. The Company's independent auditors are responsible for performing an audit of the Company's financial statements and expressing an opinion as to the conformity of such financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the Company's audited financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 with management and the independent registered public accounting firm, and has taken the following steps in making its recommendation that the Company's financial statements be included in its annual report:

First, the Audit Committee discussed with Ernst & Young, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2015, those matters required to be discussed by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) Auditing Standard No. 16 *Communications with Audit Committees*, including information regarding the scope and results of the audit. These communications and discussions are intended to assist the Audit Committee in overseeing the financial reporting and disclosure process.

Second, the Audit Committee discussed with Ernst & Young its independence and received from Ernst & Young a letter concerning independence as required under applicable independence standards for auditors of public companies. This discussion and disclosure helped the Audit Committee in evaluating such independence. The Audit Committee also considered whether the provision of other non-audit services to the Company is compatible with the auditor's independence.

Third, the Audit Committee met periodically with members of management, the internal auditors and Ernst & Young to review and discuss internal controls over financial reporting. Further, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed management's report on internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, as well as Ernst & Young's report regarding the effectiveness of internal control over

financial reporting.

Finally, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed, with the Company's management and Ernst & Young, the Company's audited consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2015, and consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, cash flows and equity for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, including the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant judgments and the clarity of the disclosure.

The Committee has also discussed with the Company's internal auditors and independent registered public accounting firm the overall scope and plans of their respective audits. The Committee meets periodically with both the internal auditors and independent registered public accounting firm, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examinations and their evaluations of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

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The members of the Audit Committee are not engaged in the accounting or auditing profession and, consequently, are not experts in matters involving auditing or accounting. In the performance of their oversight function, the members of the Audit Committee necessarily relied upon the information, opinions, reports and statements presented to them by Company management and by the independent registered public accounting firm.

Based on the reviews and discussions explained above (and without other independent verification), the Audit Committee recommended to the Board (and the Board approved) that the Company's financial statements be included in its annual report for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. The Committee has also approved the selection of Ernst & Young as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2016.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors

Patrick W. Gross, *Chairman*

Frank M. Clark, Jr.

Andrés R. Gluski

Victoria M. Holt

W. Robert Reum

Thomas H. Weidemeyer

The Management Development and Compensation Committee

Mr. Clark has served as the Chairman of our MD&C Committee since May 2011. The other members of the Committee are Ms. Holt, Ms. Mazzarella and Messrs. Anderson, Gluski, Pope and Reum. Each member of our MD&C Committee is independent in accordance with the rules and regulations of the New York Stock Exchange. The MD&C Committee met five times in 2015.

Our MD&C Committee is responsible for overseeing all of our executive officer compensation, as well as developing the Company's compensation philosophy generally. The MD&C Committee's written charter, which was approved by the Board of Directors, can be found on our website. In fulfilling its duties, the MD&C Committee has the following responsibilities:

Review and establish policies governing the compensation and benefits of all of our executives;

Approve the compensation of our executive officers and senior leadership team and set the bonus plan goals for those individuals;

Conduct an annual evaluation of our Chief Executive Officer by all independent directors to set his compensation;

Oversee the administration of all of our equity-based incentive plans;

Review the results of the stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation and consider any implications of such voting results on the Company's compensation programs;

Recommend to the full Board new Company compensation and benefit plans or changes to our existing plans;

Evaluate and recommend to the Board the compensation paid to our non-employee directors;

Review the independence of the MD&C Committee's compensation consultant annually; and

Perform an annual review of its performance relative to its charter and report the results of its evaluation to the full Board.

In overseeing compensation matters, the MD&C Committee may delegate authority for day-to-day administration and interpretation of the Company's plans, including selection of participants, determination of award levels within plan parameters, and approval of award documents, to Company employees. However, the MD&C Committee may not delegate any authority under those plans for matters affecting the compensation and

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benefits of the executive officers. For additional information on the MD&C Committee, see the *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* beginning on page 24.

Compensation Committee Report

The MD&C Committee has reviewed and discussed the *Compensation Discussion and Analysis*, beginning on page 24, with management. Based on the review and discussions, the MD&C Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* be included in the Company's Proxy Statement.

The Management Development and Compensation

Committee of the Board of Directors

Frank M. Clark, Jr., *Chairman*

Bradbury H. Anderson

Andrés R. Gluski

Victoria M. Holt

Kathleen M. Mazzarella

John C. Pope

W. Robert Reum

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

During 2015, Ms. Holt, Ms. Mazzarella and Messrs. Anderson, Clark, Gluski, Pope and Reum served on the MD&C Committee. No member of the MD&C Committee was an officer or employee of the Company during 2015; no member of the MD&C Committee is a former officer of the Company; and during 2015, none of our executive officers served as a member of a board of directors or compensation committee of any entity that has one or more executive officers who serve on our Board of Directors or MD&C Committee.

The Nominating and Governance Committee

Mr. Weidemeyer has served as the Chairman of our Nominating and Governance Committee since May 2011. The other members of the Committee include Ms. Mazzarella and Messrs. Anderson, Gross, Pope and Reum. Each member of our Nominating and Governance Committee is independent in accordance with the rules and regulations of the New York Stock Exchange. In 2015, the Nominating and Governance Committee met five times.

The Nominating and Governance Committee has a written charter that has been approved by the Board of Directors and can be found on our website. It is the duty of the Nominating and Governance Committee to oversee matters regarding corporate governance. In fulfilling its duties, the Nominating and Governance Committee has the following responsibilities:

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Review and recommend the composition of our Board, including the nature and duties of each of our committees, in accordance with our Corporate Governance Guidelines;

Evaluate the charters of each of the committees and recommend directors to serve as committee chairs;

Review individual director s performance in consultation with the Chairman of the Board and review the overall effectiveness of the Board;

Recommend retirement policies for the Board, the terms for directors and the proper ratio of employee directors to outside directors;

Perform an annual review of its performance relative to its charter and report the results of its evaluation to the full Board;

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Review stockholder proposals received for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement and recommend action to be taken with regard to the proposals to the Board; and

Identify and recommend to the Board candidates to fill director vacancies.

Potential director candidates are identified through various methods; the Nominating and Governance Committee welcomes suggestions from directors, members of management, and stockholders. From time to time, the Nominating and Governance Committee uses outside consultants to assist it with identifying potential director candidates. In 2015, the Nominating and Governance Committee retained an outside consultant who identified Ms. Kathleen M. Mazzarella as a potential director candidate. Our Board of Directors elected Ms. Mazzarella as a member of the Board effective October 1, 2015, and she was appointed to the MD&C Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee. She is a nominee for re-election at the annual meeting.

For all potential candidates, the Nominating and Governance Committee considers all factors it deems relevant, such as a candidate's personal and professional integrity and sound judgment, business and professional skills and experience, independence, possible conflicts of interest, diversity, and the potential for effectiveness, in conjunction with the other directors, to serve the long-term interests of the stockholders. While there is no formal policy with regard to consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees, the Committee considers diversity in business experience, professional expertise, gender and ethnic background, along with various other factors when evaluating director nominees. The Committee uses a matrix of functional and industry experiences to develop criteria to select candidates. Before being nominated by the Nominating and Governance Committee, director candidates are interviewed by the Chief Executive Officer and a minimum of two members of the Nominating and Governance Committee, including the Non-Executive Chairman of the Board. Additional interviews may include other members of the Board, representatives from senior levels of management and an outside consultant.

The Nominating and Governance Committee will consider all potential nominees on their merits without regard to the source of recommendation. The Nominating and Governance Committee believes that the nominating process will and should continue to involve significant subjective judgments. To suggest a nominee for consideration by the Nominating and Governance Committee, you should submit your candidate's name, together with biographical information and his or her written consent to nomination to the Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee, Waste Management, Inc., 1001 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas 77002, between October 27, 2016 and November 26, 2016.

Related Party Transactions

The Board of Directors has adopted a written Related Party Transactions Policy for the review and approval or ratification of related party transactions. Our policy generally defines related party transactions as current or proposed transactions in excess of \$120,000 in which (i) the Company is a participant and (ii) any director, executive officer or immediate family member of any director or executive officer has a direct or indirect material interest. In addition, the policy sets forth certain transactions that will not be considered related party transactions, including (i) executive officer compensation and benefit arrangements; (ii) director compensation arrangements; (iii) business travel and expenses, advances and reimbursements in the ordinary course of business; (iv) indemnification payments and advancement of expenses, and payments under directors' and officers' indemnification insurance policies; (v) any transaction between the Company and any entity in which a related party has a relationship solely as a director, a less than 5% equity holder, or an employee (other than an executive officer); and (vi) purchases of Company debt securities, provided that the related party has a passive ownership of no more than 2% of the principal amount of any outstanding series. The Nominating and Governance Committee is responsible for overseeing the policy.

All executive officers and directors are required to notify the Chief Legal Officer or the Corporate Secretary as soon as practicable of any proposed transaction that they or their family members are considering entering into that involves the Company. The Chief Legal Officer will determine whether potential transactions or relationships constitute related party transactions that must be referred to the Nominating and Governance Committee.

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The Nominating and Governance Committee will review a detailed description of the transaction, including:

the terms of the transaction;

the business purpose of the transaction;

the benefits to the Company and to the relevant related party; and

whether the transaction would require a waiver of the Company's Code of Conduct.

In determining whether to approve a related party transaction, the Nominating and Governance Committee will consider, among other things, whether:

the terms of the related party transaction are fair to the Company and such terms would be reasonable in an arms-length transaction;

there are business reasons for the Company to enter into the related party transaction;

the related party transaction would impair the independence of any non-employee director;

the related party transaction would present an improper conflict of interest for any director or executive officer of the Company; and

the related party transaction is material to the Company or the individual.

Any member of the Nominating and Governance Committee who has an interest in a transaction presented for consideration will abstain from voting on the related party transaction.

The Nominating and Governance Committee's consideration of related party transactions and its determination of whether to approve such a transaction are reflected in the minutes of the Nominating and Governance Committee's meetings. As discussed above under "Independence of Board Members," the Company reviewed all transactions between the Company and each entity with which a non-employee director is affiliated, as well as all transactions between the Company and each entity with which an executive officer is affiliated, and the Company is not aware of any transactions that are required to be disclosed.

Special Committee

The Board of Directors appointed a Special Committee in November 2006 to make determinations regarding the Company's obligation to provide indemnification when and as may be necessary. The Special Committee consists of

Mr. Gross and Mr. Weidemeyer. The Special Committee held no meetings in 2015.

Board of Directors Governing Documents

Stockholders may obtain copies of our Corporate Governance Guidelines, the charters of the Audit Committee, the MD&C Committee, and the Nominating and Governance Committee, and our Code of Conduct free of charge by contacting the Corporate Secretary, c/o Waste Management, Inc., 1001 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas 77002 or by accessing the Corporate Governance section of the Investor Relations page on our website at www.wm.com.

Non-Employee Director Compensation

Our non-employee director compensation program consists of equity awards and cash consideration. Director compensation is recommended annually by the MD&C Committee, with the assistance of an independent third-party consultant, and set by action of the Board of Directors. Our non-employee director compensation was last increased in February 2014. The Board's goal in designing directors' compensation is to provide a competitive package that will enable the Company to attract and retain highly skilled individuals with relevant experience. The compensation is also designed to reward the time and talent required to serve on the board of a company of our size and complexity. The Board seeks to provide sufficient flexibility in the form of compensation delivered to meet the needs of different individuals while ensuring that a substantial portion of directors' compensation is linked to the long-term success of the Company.

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Non-employee directors receive an annual grant of shares of Common Stock under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan. The shares are fully vested at the time of grant; however, non-employee directors are subject to ownership guidelines discussed below. The grant of shares is generally made in two equal installments, and the number of shares issued is based on the market value of our Common Stock on the dates of grant, which historically have been January 15 and July 15 of each year. The current value of the annual stock award granted to non-employee directors is \$140,000. Accordingly, each non-employee director received a grant of Common Stock valued at \$70,000 on January 15, 2015 and July 15, 2015 under the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan. Mr. Reum received an additional grant of Common Stock valued at \$100,000 for his service as Non-Executive Chairman of the Board in 2015, which was also made in two equal installments on January 15 and July 15.

Cash Compensation

All non-employee directors receive an annual cash retainer for Board service and additional cash retainers for serving as a committee chair. Directors do not receive meeting fees in addition to the retainers. The annual cash retainer is generally paid in advance in two equal installments in January and July of each year. The table below sets forth the cash retainers for 2015:

Annual Retainer	\$110,000
Annual Chair Retainers	\$100,000 for Non-Executive Chairman \$25,000 for Audit Committee Chair \$20,000 for MD&C Committee Chair \$15,000 for Nominating and Governance Committee Chair
Other Annual Retainers	\$10,000 for Special Committee (Paid only in years when convened; the Special Committee was not convened in 2015.)

Stock Ownership Guidelines for Non-Employee Directors

Our non-employee directors are subject to ownership guidelines that establish a minimum ownership level and require that all net shares received in connection with a stock award, after selling shares to pay all applicable taxes, be held during their tenure as a director and for one year following termination of Board service. The guidelines require each director to hold Common Stock or share-based instruments valued at approximately five times the annual cash retainer for non-employee directors based on a \$40 stock price. As a result, non-employee directors currently are required to hold 13,500 shares. There is no deadline set for non-employee directors to reach their ownership guideline; however, the MD&C Committee performs regular reviews to confirm all non-employee directors are in compliance or are showing sustained progress toward achievement of their ownership guideline. Each of Messrs. Anderson, Clark, Gross, Pope, Reum and Weidemeyer have reached their ownership guideline. Our three newest directors, Ms. Mazzarella, Mr. Gluski and Ms. Holt, are making appropriate progress toward their ownership guideline. Additionally, our insider trading policy provides that directors are not permitted to hedge their ownership of Company securities, including trading in options, warrants, puts and calls or similar derivative instruments on any security of the Company or selling any security of the Company short.

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The table below shows the aggregate cash paid, and stock awards issued, to the non-employee directors in 2015 in accordance with the descriptions set forth above:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)¹	Total (\$)
Bradbury H. Anderson	110,000	140,000	250,000
Frank M. Clark, Jr.	130,000	140,000	270,000
Andrés R. Gluski	110,000	140,000	250,000
Patrick W. Gross	135,000	140,000	275,000
Victoria M. Holt	110,000	140,000	250,000
Kathleen M. Mazzarella ²	27,500	35,000	62,500
John C. Pope	110,000	140,000	250,000
W. Robert Reum	210,000	240,000	450,000
Thomas H. Weidemeyer	125,000	140,000	265,000

- (1) Amounts in this column represent the grant date fair value of stock awards granted in 2015, in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718. The grant date fair value of the awards is equal to the number of shares issued multiplied by the average of the high and low market price of our Common Stock on each date of grant; there are no assumptions used in the valuation of shares.
- (2) Prorated compensation for the period from Ms. Mazzarella's election on October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

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The first proposal on the agenda is the election of ten directors to serve until the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualified. The Board has nominated the ten director candidates named below, and recommends that you vote **FOR** their election. If any nominee is unable or unwilling to serve as a director, which we do not anticipate, the Board, by resolution, may reduce the number of directors that constitute the Board or may choose a substitute. To be elected, a director must receive a majority of the votes cast with respect to that director at the meeting. Our By-laws provide that if the number of shares voted for any director nominee does not exceed 50% of the votes cast with respect to that director, he or she will tender his or her resignation to the Board of Directors. The Nominating and Governance Committee will then make a recommendation to the Board on whether to accept or reject the resignation, or whether other action should be taken.

The table below shows all of our director nominees; their ages, terms of office on our Board; experience within the past five years; and their qualifications we considered when inviting them to join our Board as well as nominating them for re-election. We believe that, as a general matter, our directors' past five years of experience gives an indication of the wealth of knowledge and experience these individuals have and that we considered; however, we have also indicated the specific skills and areas of expertise we believe makes each of these individuals a valuable member of our Board.

Director Nominees

Director	Qualifications
<p>Bradbury H. Anderson, 66</p> <p>Director since August 2011</p> <p>Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Best Buy Co., Inc. (multinational retailer of technology and entertainment products and services) from 2002 to 2009; President and Chief Operating Officer of Best Buy from 1991 to 2002.</p> <p>Director of Best Buy Co., Inc. since June 2013 (retiring June 2016).</p> <p>Director of General Mills, Inc. since 2007.</p>	<p>Mr. Anderson served in the positions of chief executive officer and chief operating officer of a large public retail company for several years, during a customer segmentation transformation, which provided him with extensive knowledge of management and operations of large public companies, including experience implementing customer focused strategies. He also has over 19 years of experience as a member of a public company board of directors.</p>

Director of Carlson Companies, a private company, since 2009.

Frank M. Clark, Jr., 70

Director since 2002

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer ComEd (energy services company and subsidiary of Exelon Corporation) from November 2005 to February 2012; President ComEd from 2001 to November 2005.

Mr. Clark served in executive positions at a large public utility company for over a decade, providing him with extensive experience and knowledge of large company management, operations and business critical functions. He also brings over 13 years of experience as a member of a public company board of directors.

Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff Exelon Corporation (public utility holding company) from 2004 to 2005; Senior Vice President Exelon Corporation from 2001 to 2004.

Director of Aetna, Inc. since 2006.

Director of BMO Financial Corp., a private company, since 2005.

Table of Contents**Director****Qualifications****Andrés R. Gluski, 58****Director since January 2015**

President and Chief Executive Officer The AES Corporation (global power company) since September 2011;

Chief Operating Officer The AES Corporation from 2007 to September 2011.

Director of The AES Corporation since September 2011.

Director of Cliffs Natural Resources from 2011 to July 2014.

Patrick W. Gross, 71**Director since 2006**

Chairman The Lovell Group (private investment and advisory firm) since 2001.

Director of Capital One Financial Corporation since 1995.

Director of Liquidity Services, Inc. since 2001.

Director of Career Education Corporation since 2005.

Director of Rosetta Stone, Inc. since 2009.

Director of Taleo Corporation from 2006 to February 2012.

Victoria M. Holt, 58

During his tenure as President and CEO of the AES Corporation, a Fortune 200 company in the energy business, Mr. Gluski has led a major reorganization and cost savings program and construction program. Over the past twenty years, Mr. Gluski has served in executive positions in the electricity, telecoms and banking sectors and has been involved in many aspects of acquisitions, sales, financings and debt restructuring. He has served on boards of major corporations, currently serves on President Obama's Export Council and is the Chairman of the Council of the Americas/Americas Society.

Mr. Gross was a founder of American Management Systems, Inc., a global business and information technology firm, where he was a principal executive officer for over 30 years. Mr. Gross built and supervised the AMS financial services business that provided IT-based applications to major banks. As a result, he has extensive experience in applying information technology, advanced data analytics and risk management analytics in global companies. His background, education and board service also provide him with expertise in finance, accounting and cybersecurity. He also brings over 30 years of experience serving on the board of directors for public companies.

Director since January 2013

President and Chief Executive Officer Proto Labs, Inc. (online and technology-enabled quick-turn manufacturer) since February 2014.

President and Chief Executive Officer Spartech Corporation (a leading producer of plastic sheet, compounds and packaging products) from 2010 to March 2013.

Senior Vice President, Glass and Fiber Glass, PPG Industries, Inc. (a leading coatings and specialty products company) from 2005 to 2010.

Director of Watlow Electric Manufacturing Company, a private company, since December 2012.

Director of Spartech Corporation from 2005 to March 2013.

Ms. Holt has served in executive positions at public companies for many years, providing her with extensive knowledge about operations, management, logistical requirements and measuring financial performance of large public companies. Her background and education provide her with expertise in applying environmental solutions critical to our Company's strategy. She also has many years of experience serving on a public company board of directors.

Table of Contents**Director****Qualifications****Kathleen M. Mazzarella, 56****Director since October 2015**

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Graybar Electric Company, Inc. (distributor of electrical, communications and data networking products and provider of related supply chain management and logistics services) since January 2013; President and Chief Executive Officer Graybar Electric Company, Inc. from June 2012 to January 2013; Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Graybar Electric Company, Inc. from 2010 to June 2012.

Ms. Mazzarella has experience serving as the chief executive of a large corporation, developing expertise in the areas of logistics and supply chain management. During her 36-year tenure at Graybar, Ms. Mazzarella has held executive-level positions in sales, human resources, strategic planning and marketing. This diverse background combined with her deep and valuable experience leading various aspects of a customer-focused business will help the Company achieve its strategy to know and service its customers better than anyone in the industry. She also has experience serving on private and non-profit boards.

Director of Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis since January 2015.

John C. Pope, 66**Non-Executive Chairman of the Board from 2004 through 2011;****Director since 1997**

Chairman of the Board PFI Group (private investment firm) since 1994.

Prior to his service on the boards of multiple major corporations, Mr. Pope served in executive operational and financial positions at large airline companies for almost 20 years, providing him with extensive experience and knowledge of management of large public companies with large-scale logistical challenges, high fixed-cost structure and significant capital requirements. His background, education and board service also provide him with expertise in finance and accounting. Mr. Pope has served on the board of directors for many public companies for over 30 years.

Chairman of the Board R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company since May 2014; Director of R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company, or predecessor companies, since 1996.

Director of The Kraft Heinz Company, or predecessor companies including Kraft Foods Group, Inc., since 2001.

Director of Talgo S.A. since May 2015.

Former Directorships: Con-way, Inc., or predecessor companies, from 2003 to October 2015; Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group, Inc. from 1997 to November 2012; and Navistar International Corporation from October 2012 to July 2013.

W. Robert Reum, 73

Non-Executive Chairman of the Board since January 2012;

Director since 2003

Chairman, President and CEO Amsted Industries Incorporated (diversified manufacturer for the railroad, vehicular and construction industries) since 2001.

Mr. Reum has served as the chief executive of a private diversified manufacturing company for 15 years. He also served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Interlake Corporation, a public diversified metal products company, from 1991 to 1999. As a result, he has extensive management experience within a wide range of business functions. Mr. Reum also brings over 20 years of experience serving on the board of directors for public companies.

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Director

Qualifications

David P. Steiner, 55

Chief Executive Officer and Director since 2004;

President since 2010

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from 2003 to 2004.

Director of FedEx Corporation since 2009.

Director of TE Connectivity Ltd. (formerly Tyco Electronics Corporation) from 2007 to March 2016.

Mr. Steiner is our President and Chief Executive Officer and, in that capacity, brings extensive knowledge of the details of our Company and its employees, as well as the front-line experiences of running our Company, to his service as a member of our Board. Mr. Steiner also brings his experience serving on the board of directors of other major public companies.

Thomas H. Weidemeyer, 68

Director since 2005

Chief Operating Officer United Parcel Service, Inc. (package delivery and supply chain services company) from 2001 to 2003; Senior Vice President United Parcel Service, Inc. from 1994 to 2003.

President, UPS Airlines (UPS owned airline) from 1994 to 2003.

Director of NRG Energy, Inc. since 2003.

Director of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company since 2004.

Mr. Weidemeyer served in executive positions at a large public company for several years. His roles encompassed significant operational management responsibility, providing him knowledge and experience in an array of functional areas critical to large public companies, including supply chain and logistics management. Mr. Weidemeyer also has over 13 years of experience serving on the board of directors for public companies.

Director of Amsted Industries Incorporated since 2007.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE TEN NOMINEE DIRECTORS.

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Our Board of Directors has adopted stock ownership guidelines for our non-employee directors based on the recommendation of the MD&C Committee, as described in Non-Employee Director Compensation on page 14 of this Proxy Statement. Our executive officers, including Mr. Steiner, are also subject to stock ownership guidelines, as described in the *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* on page 38 of this Proxy Statement.

The Security Ownership of Management table below shows the number of shares of Common Stock each director nominee and each executive officer named in the Summary Compensation Table on page 41 beneficially owned as of March 15, 2016, our record date for the annual meeting, as well as the number owned by all directors and executive officers as a group. These individuals, both individually and in the aggregate, own less than 1% of our outstanding shares as of the record date.

Security Ownership of Management

Name	Shares of Common Stock Owned ¹	Shares of Common Stock Covered	
		by Exercisable Options ²	Phantom Stock ³
Bradbury H. Anderson ⁴	17,613	0	0
Frank M. Clark, Jr.	28,049	0	0
Andrés R. Gluski	4,147	0	0
Patrick W. Gross	21,090	0	0
Victoria M. Holt	10,249	0	0
Kathleen M. Mazzarella ⁵	2,059	0	0
John C. Pope ⁶	49,707	0	0
W. Robert Reum	33,420	0	0
Thomas H. Weidemeyer	23,348	0	0
David P. Steiner ⁷	1,000,323	1,615,551	116,089
James E. Trevathan, Jr.	297,374	78,270	0
James C. Fish, Jr.	110,658	48,813	0
Jeff M. Harris ⁸	88,240	89,862	0
John J. Morris, Jr.	44,483	46,523	2,224
All directors and executive officers as a group (19 persons) ⁹	1,878,071	2,020,093	125,157

- (1) The table reports beneficial ownership in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act. The amounts reported above include 12,149 stock equivalents attributed to Mr. Steiner, 3,644 stock equivalents attributed to Mr. Fish, and 2,049 stock equivalents attributable to Mr. Morris, based on their holdings in the Company's 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan stock fund. The amounts reported above also include 506,302 shares of Common Stock deferred by Mr. Steiner, 2,709 shares of Common Stock deferred by Mr. Trevathan, and 42,992 shares of Common Stock deferred by Mr. Fish. Deferred shares were earned on account of vested equity awards and pay out in shares of Common Stock after the executive's departure from the Company pursuant to the Company's

409A Deferral Plan.

- (2) Includes the number of options currently exercisable and options that will become exercisable within 60 days of our record date.

- (3) Executive officers may choose a Waste Management stock fund as an investment option for deferred cash compensation under the Company's 409A Deferral Plan. Interests in the fund are considered phantom stock because they are equal in value to shares of our Common Stock. Phantom stock receives dividend equivalents, in the form of additional phantom stock, at the same time that holders of shares of Common Stock receive dividends. The value of the phantom stock is paid out, in cash, after the executive's departure from the Company. Phantom stock is not considered as equity ownership for SEC disclosure purposes; we have provided supplemental disclosure of phantom stock in this table because it represents an investment risk based on the performance of our Common Stock.

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- (4) The number of shares owned by Mr. Anderson includes 100 shares held by his wife.
- (5) Shares are held by the Mazzarella Living Trust, a joint revocable trust for which Ms. Mazzarella and her husband serve as trustees.
- (6) The number of shares owned by Mr. Pope includes 435 shares held in trusts for the benefit of his children.
- (7) The number of shares owned by Mr. Steiner includes 343,294 shares held by Steiner Family Holdings, LLC. Mr. Steiner is the sole manager of this company. All of the shares held by Steiner Family Holdings, LLC are pledged as security for a loan.
- (8) Includes 64,410 shares held by the Jeff Harris Revocable Trust, for which Mr. Harris serves as trustee.
- (9) Included in the All directors and executive officers as a group are 17,842 stock equivalents attributable to the executive officers collective holdings in the Company s 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan stock fund and 552,003 shares of Common Stock deferred on account of vested equity awards pursuant to the Company s 409A Deferral Plan.

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The table below shows information for persons known to us to beneficially own more than 5% of our Common Stock based on their filings with the SEC through March 15, 2016.

Name and Address	Shares Beneficially Owned	
	Number	Percent ¹
William H. Gates III One Microsoft Way Redmond, WA 98052	31,894,679 ²	7.2
Capital World Investors 333 South Hope Street Los Angeles, CA 90071	28,081,128 ³	6.3
BlackRock, Inc. 55 East 52nd Street New York, NY 10055	27,800,715 ⁴	6.3
The Vanguard Group 100 Vanguard Boulevard Malvern, PA 19355	24,980,290 ⁵	5.6

(1) Percentage is calculated using the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of March 15, 2016.

(2) This information is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 12, 2016. Mr. Gates reports that he has sole voting and dispositive power over 13,261,007 shares of Common Stock held by Cascade Investment, L.L.C., as the sole member of such entity. Additionally, the Schedule 13G/A reports that Mr. Gates and Melinda French Gates share voting and dispositive power over 18,633,672 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust.

(3) This information is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 16, 2016. Capital World Investors reports that it is deemed to be the beneficial owner of 28,081,128 shares of Common Stock as a result

of acting as investment adviser to various investment companies. Capital World Investors disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares.

- (4) This information is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 10, 2016. BlackRock, Inc. reports that it has sole voting power over 23,990,645 shares of Common Stock and sole dispositive power over 27,800,715 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned.
- (5) This information is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 11, 2016. The Vanguard Group reports that it has sole or shared voting power over 834,954 shares of Common Stock and sole or shared dispositive power over 24,980,290 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned.

SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

The federal securities laws require our executive officers and directors to file reports of their holdings and transactions in our Common Stock with the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange. Based on a review of the forms and written representations from our executive officers and directors, we believe that all applicable requirements were complied with in 2015, except that, due to administrative errors, (a) Mr. Mark Schwartz, Senior Vice President Human Resources, was late in filing one Form 4 following a vesting of restricted stock units and related sale of shares to cover taxes and (b) Mr. John Morris, Senior Vice President Operations, was late in filing one Form 4 following an exercise of stock options and sale of shares to cover option costs and taxes.

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The following is a listing of our current executive officers, other than Mr. Steiner, whose personal information is included in the Director Nominees section of this Proxy Statement on page 19, their ages and business experience for the past five years.

Name	Age	Positions Held and Business Experience for Past Five Years
Puneet Bhasin	53	<p>Executive Vice President, Corporate Operations and Recycling since November 2015.</p> <p>Senior Vice President, Corporate Operations from November 2014 to November 2015.</p> <p>Chief Information Officer and Senior Vice President, Technology, Logistics and Customer Service from August 2012 to November 2014.</p> <p>Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer from December 2009 to August 2012.</p>
Barry H. Caldwell	55	<p>Senior Vice President Corporate Affairs and Chief Legal Officer since November 2014.</p> <p>Senior Vice President Government Affairs and Corporate Communications from September 2002 to November 2014.</p>
Don P. Carpenter	55	<p>Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer since August 2012.</p> <p>Vice President Tax from May 2002 to August 2012.</p>
James C. Fish, Jr.	53	<p>Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since August 2012.</p> <p>Senior Vice President Eastern Group from June 2011 to August 2012.</p> <p>Area Vice President Pennsylvania and West Virginia Area from January 2009 to June 2011.</p>
Jeff M. Harris	61	<p>Senior Vice President Operations since July 2012.</p> <p>Senior Vice President Midwest Group from April 2006 to July 2012.</p> <p>Area Vice President Michigan Market Area from April 2000 to April 2006.</p>
John J. Morris, Jr.	46	<p>Senior Vice President Operations since July 2012.</p> <p>Chief Strategy Officer from March 2012 to July 2012.</p>

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		Area Vice President Greater Mid-Atlantic Area from July 2011 to March 2012.
		Area Vice President Waste Management of New Jersey from February 2007 to July 2011.
Devina A. Rankin	40	Vice President and Treasurer since August 2012.
		Assistant Treasurer from June 2010 to August 2012.
Mark E. Schwartz	58	Senior Vice President Human Resources since May 2012.
		Vice President and Assistant General Counsel Labor and Employment from December 2000 to May 2012.
James E. Trevathan, Jr.	63	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since July 2012.
		Executive Vice President Growth, Innovation and Field Support from June 2011 to July 2012.
		Senior Vice President Southern Group from July 2007 to June 2011.

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EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Introduction

The Company's Compensation Discussion and Analysis provides information about the Company's executive compensation philosophy and the components of its compensation programs. This includes information about how compensation of the Company's named executive officers for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 aligned with the Company's 2015 financial goals and performance. The Compensation Discussion and Analysis helps readers better understand the information found in the Summary Compensation Table and other accompanying tables located in this Proxy Statement.

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis focuses on our executive pay program as it relates to the following executive officers, whom we refer to as the named executive officers or named executives :

Mr. David Steiner Chief Executive Officer since 2004 and President since June 2010.

Mr. James Trevathan Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since July 2012.

Mr. James Fish Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since August 2012.

Mr. Jeff Harris Senior Vice President Operations since July 2012.

Mr. John Morris Senior Vice President Operations since July 2012.

Executive Summary

The objective of our executive compensation program is to attract, retain, reward and incentivize exceptional, talented employees who will lead the Company in the successful execution of our strategy. The Company seeks to accomplish this goal by designing a compensation program that is supportive of and aligns with the strategy of the Company and the creation of stockholder value, while discouraging excessive risk-taking. The following key structural elements and policies further the objective of our executive compensation program:

a substantial portion of executive compensation is linked to Company performance, through annual cash incentive performance criteria and long-term equity-based incentive awards. As a result, our executive compensation program provides for a significant difference in total compensation in periods of above-target Company performance as compared to periods of below-target Company performance. In 2015, our performance-based annual cash incentive and long-term equity-based incentive awards comprised

approximately 87% of total target compensation for our President and Chief Executive Officer and approximately 77% of total target compensation for our other named executives;

at target, approximately 58% of total compensation of our named executives (and approximately 70% in the case of our President and Chief Executive Officer) results from long-term equity awards, which aligns executives' interests with those of stockholders;

our total direct compensation opportunities for named executive officers are targeted to fall in a range around the competitive median;

performance-based awards include threshold, target and maximum payouts correlating to a range of performance goals and are based on a variety of indicators of performance, which limits risk-taking behavior;

performance stock units with a three-year performance period, as well as stock options that vest over a three-year period, link executives' interests with long-term performance and reduce incentives to maximize performance in any one year;

all of our named executive officers are subject to stock ownership requirements, which we believe demonstrates a commitment to, and confidence in, the Company's long-term prospects;

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the Company has clawback provisions in its equity award agreements and recent employment agreements, and has adopted a clawback policy applicable to annual incentive compensation, designed to recoup compensation when cause and/or misconduct are found;

our executive officer severance policy implemented a limitation on the amount of benefits the Company may provide to its executive officers under severance agreements entered into after the date of such policy; and

the Company has adopted a policy that prohibits it from entering into new agreements with executive officers that provide for certain death benefits or tax gross-up payments.

2015 Company Performance and Compensation Results

We recognize that the waste industry is changing, and we believe we are uniquely equipped to meet the challenges of our industry and our customers' waste management needs, both today and as we work together to envision and create a more sustainable future. As the waste industry leader, we have the expertise necessary to collect and handle our customers' waste efficiently and responsibly by delivering environmental performance—maximizing resource value, while minimizing environmental impact—so that both our economy and our environment can thrive. Drawing on our resources and experience, we also pursue projects and initiatives that benefit the waste industry, the customers and communities we serve and the environment.

We remain dedicated to providing long-term value to our stockholders by successfully executing our strategy: to know and service our customers better than anyone in our industry, to extract more value from the materials we manage, and to innovate and optimize our business. We plan to accomplish our strategic goals through competitive advantages derived from operational improvements and focused differentiation in our industry, driven by capitalizing on our extensive, well-placed network of assets. While we will continue to monitor emerging diversion technologies that may generate additional value, our current attention will be on improving existing diversion technologies such as our recycling operations. We believe that execution of our strategy will drive continued performance and leadership in a dynamic industry.

In 2015, we generated strong earnings and cash flow growth from our solid waste business by continuing a disciplined focus on revenue growth and cost control. These results were driven by strong core pricing in each line of business; controlling costs of both our operations and corporate functions; improving customer experience by differentiating our service offerings to reduce customer churn; maintaining discipline around capital spending; and implementing a more rational and sustainable framework for recycling operations as an integrated component of solid waste services. Another priority we successfully pursued in 2015 was the investment of cash proceeds from the divestiture of our Wheelabrator business in late 2014 to support our strategic growth plans. As we look forward to 2016, our key priorities will remain the same—driving revenue growth from yield, maintaining our commitment to provide excellent customer service and improving our productivity while managing our costs. We believe that continued execution of these objectives will translate into earnings and cash flow growth, leaving us well positioned to continue investing in our business, pay dividends and repurchase shares, while continuing our commitment to maintain a strong balance sheet.

In line with the Company's financial results, the following is a summary of the 2015 compensation program results:

the Company granted increases to the base salaries of named executive officers consistent with our compensation philosophy and driven by competitive market data, internal pay equity considerations and individual performance;

Company performance on annual cash incentive performance measures for named executive officers exceeded the target level for one of the three performance measures, was at target for one of the three performance measures and was below target but above threshold for the third performance measure. As a result, each of the named executives received an annual cash incentive payment for fiscal year 2015 equal to 108.5% of target;

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the Company generated a return on invested capital, for purposes of performance goals associated with half of our performance share units (PSUs) granted in 2013, of 17.5%, significantly exceeding the target of 16.0% and approaching the maximum of 17.6% for the three-year performance period ended December 31, 2015. This performance resulted in a 196.15% payout on these PSUs in shares of Common Stock; and

with respect to the remaining half of the PSUs granted in 2013 with a performance period ended December 31, 2015 that was subject to total shareholder return relative to the S&P 500, the performance of the Company's Common Stock on this measure exceeded the target of the 50th percentile, resulting in a 132.88% payout on these PSUs in shares of Common Stock. This performance directly benefited our stockholders, delivering total shareholder return of 73.47% over the three-year performance period, placing the Company in the 66th percentile.

The 2015 results continue to reinforce our emphasis on performance-based compensation, as we believe the performance criteria underlying our incentive compensation successfully drove the results we were seeking and correlated with total shareholder return. The MD&C Committee strives to establish performance goals that are challenging, but attainable, and the MD&C Committee remains dedicated to the principle that executive compensation should be substantially linked to Company performance. Accordingly, the compensation of the Company's executive officers set forth in the Summary Compensation Table of this Proxy Statement evidences our commitment to pay for performance.

Consideration of Stockholder Advisory Vote

When establishing 2015 compensation for the named executives, the MD&C Committee noted the results of the advisory stockholder votes on executive compensation in May 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011, with 97%, 97%, 96% and 97%, respectively, of shares present and entitled to vote at the annual meeting voting in favor of the Company's executive compensation. The MD&C Committee has also since noted the results of the May 2015 advisory stockholder vote, with 97% of shares present and entitled to vote at the annual meeting voting in favor of the Company's executive compensation. Accordingly, the results of the stockholder advisory vote have not caused the MD&C Committee to recommend any changes to our compensation practices.

2016 Compensation Program Preview

The MD&C Committee continually reviews our compensation program to ensure that it is clearly aligned with the business strategy and best supports the accomplishment of our goals. The MD&C Committee is pleased with the results that were delivered under the 2014 and 2015 compensation program design, which recognized the need to improve the Company's financial results while continuing our focus on pricing, capital allocation and cost control. As a result, the MD&C Committee has approved keeping the 2016 annual cash and long-term incentive compensation program design consistent with the 2014 and 2015 compensation program design, with an adjustment only to equally weight the respective annual cash incentive performance metrics. This consistency reinforces the MD&C Committee's efforts to maintain a compensation program that is straightforward and easy to communicate and understand.

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Our Compensation Philosophy for Named Executive Officers

The Company's compensation philosophy is designed to:

Attract and retain exceptional employees through competitive compensation opportunities;

Encourage and reward performance through substantial at-risk performance-based compensation, while discouraging excessive risk-taking behavior; and

Align our decision makers' long-term interests with those of our stockholders through emphasis on equity ownership.

Additionally, our compensation philosophy is intended to encourage executives to embrace the Company's strategy and to lead the Company in setting aspirations that will continue to drive exemplary performance.

With respect to our named executive officers, the MD&C Committee believes that total direct compensation at target should be in a range around the competitive median according to the following:

Base salaries should be paid within a range of plus or minus 10% around the competitive median, but attention must be given to individual circumstances, including strategic importance of the named executive's role, the executive's experience and individual performance;

Target short-term and long-term incentive opportunities should generally be set at the competitive median; and

Total direct compensation opportunities should generally be within a range of plus or minus 20% around the competitive median.

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Timing	Component	Purpose	Key Features
Current	Base Salary	To attract and retain executives with a competitive level of regular income	Adjustments to base salary primarily consider competitive market data and the executive's individual performance and responsibilities.
Short-Term Performance Incentive	Annual Cash Incentive	To encourage and reward contributions to our annual financial objectives through performance-based compensation subject to challenging, yet attainable, objective and transparent metrics	<p>Cash incentives are targeted at a percentage of base salary and range from zero to 200% of target based on the following performance measures:</p> <p>Income from Operations Margin defined as Income from Operations as a percentage of Revenue motivates executives to control costs and operate efficiently while focusing on yield weighted 25%;</p> <p>Income from Operations, excluding Depreciation and Amortization designed to encourage balanced growth and profitability weighted 25%; and</p> <p>Cost defined as Operating Expense, less depreciation, depletion and amortization, as a percentage of Net Revenue designed to support cost control and innovation initiatives weighted 50%.</p> <p>The MD&C Committee has discretion to increase or decrease an individual's payment by up to 25% based on individual performance, but such modifier has never been used to increase a payment to a named executive.</p>
Long-Term Performance Incentives	Performance Share Units	To encourage and reward building long-term stockholder value through successful strategy execution;	Number of shares delivered range from zero to 200% of the initial target grant based on performance over a three-year performance period.

	<p>To retain executives; and</p>	<p>Payout on half of each executive's PSUs granted in 2015 is dependent on cash flow generation, defined as cash provided by operating activities with certain exclusions, which continues our focus on capital discipline, while also aligning the Company with stockholders' free cash flow expectations.</p>
	<p>To increase stockholder alignment through executives' stock ownership</p>	<p>Payout on the remaining half of the PSUs granted in 2015 is dependent on total shareholder return (TSR) relative to other companies in the S&P 500 over the three-year performance period.</p>
		<p>PSUs earn dividend equivalents that are paid at the end of the performance period based on the number of shares actually awarded.</p>
<p>Stock Options</p>	<p>To support the growth element of the Company's strategy and encourage and reward stock price appreciation over the long-term;</p>	<p>Recipients can defer the receipt of shares, which are paid out in shares of Common Stock, without interest, at the end of the deferral period. Stock options vest in 25% increments on the first two anniversaries of the date of grant and the remaining 50% vest on the third anniversary.</p>
		<p>Exercise price is the average of the high and low market price of our Common Stock on the date of grant.</p>
	<p>To retain executives; and</p>	
	<p>To increase stockholder alignment through executives' stock ownership</p>	<p>Stock options have a term of ten years.</p>

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Post-Employment and Change in Control Compensation. The post-employment compensation our named executives receive is based on provisions included in individual equity award agreements, retirement plan documents and employment agreements. Our equity award agreements generally provide that an executive forfeits unvested awards if he or she voluntarily terminates employment. We enter into employment agreements with our named executive officers to provide a form of protection for the Company through restrictive covenant provisions. Employment agreements also aid in retention of senior leadership by providing the individual with comfort that he will be treated fairly in the event of a termination not for cause or under a change in control situation. The change in control provision included in each named executive officer's agreement requires a double trigger in order to receive any payment in the event of a change in control situation. First, a change in control must occur, and second, the individual must terminate employment for good reason or the Company must terminate employment without cause within six months prior to or two years following the change in control event. Our stock option awards are also subject to double trigger vesting in the event of a change in control situation. Performance share units are paid out in cash on a prorated basis based on actual results achieved through the end of the fiscal quarter prior to a change in control. Thereafter, the executive would typically receive a replacement award of restricted stock units in the successor entity. We believe providing change in control protection encourages our named executives to pursue and facilitate transactions that are in the best interests of stockholders while not granting executives an undeserved windfall.

Deferral Plan. Each of our named executive officers is eligible to participate in our 409A Deferral Savings Plan and may elect to defer receipt of portions of their base salary and cash incentives in excess of the annual compensation limit established under Section 402(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1985, as amended, the Limit. As of 2015, the Limit was \$265,000. The plan provides that eligible employees may defer for payment at a future date (i) up to 25% of base salary and up to 100% of annual cash incentives payable after the aggregate of such compensation components reaches the Limit; (ii) receipt of any restricted stock units (RSUs, which are not currently a component of our named executives' compensation); and (iii) receipt of any PSUs. The Company match provided under the 409A Deferral Plan is dollar for dollar on the employee's deferrals, up to 3% of the employee's aggregate base salary and cash incentives in excess of the Limit, and fifty cents on the dollar on the employee's deferrals, up to 6% of the employee's aggregate base salary and cash incentives in excess of the Limit. Additional deferral contributions will not be matched but will be tax-deferred. Amounts deferred under this plan are allocated into accounts that mirror selected investment funds in our 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan, although the amounts deferred are not actually invested in the funds. There is no Company match on deferred RSUs or PSUs, but the Company makes a cash payment to eligible employees equal to dividends that would have been payable on the shares deferred. Participating employees generally can elect to receive distributions commencing six months after the employee leaves the Company in the form of annual installments or a lump sum payment. We believe that providing a program that allows and encourages planning for retirement is a key factor in our ability to attract and retain talent. Additional details on the plan can be found in the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation table and the footnotes to the table beginning on page 45.

Perquisites. The Company permits the President and Chief Executive Officer to use the Company's aircraft for business and personal travel whenever reasonably possible; provided, however, that personal use of the Company aircraft attributed to him that results in incremental cost to the Company shall not exceed 90 hours during any calendar year without approval from the Chairman of the MD&C Committee. Use of the Company's aircraft is permitted for other employees' personal use only with Chief Executive Officer approval in special circumstances, which seldom occurs. The value of our named executives' personal use of the Company's airplanes is treated as taxable income to the respective executive in accordance with IRS regulations using the Standard Industry Fare Level formula. This is a different amount than we disclose in the Summary Compensation Table, which is based on the SEC requirement to report the incremental cost to us of their use. We also reimburse the cost of physical examinations for our senior executives, as we believe it is beneficial to the Company to facilitate its executives receiving preventive healthcare. Other than as described in this section, we have eliminated all perquisites for our named executive officers.

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How Named Executive Officer Compensation Decisions are Made

The MD&C Committee meets several times each year to perform its responsibilities as delegated by the Board of Directors and as set forth in the MD&C Committee's charter. These responsibilities include evaluating and approving the Company's compensation philosophy, policies, plans and programs for our named executive officers.

In the performance of its duties, the MD&C Committee regularly reviews the total compensation, including the base salary, target annual cash incentive award opportunities, long-term incentive award opportunities and other benefits, including potential severance payments for each of our named executive officers. At a regularly scheduled meeting each year, the MD&C Committee reviews our named executives' total compensation and compares that compensation to the competitive market, as discussed below. In the first quarter of each year, the MD&C Committee meets to determine salary increases, if any, for the named executive officers; verifies the results of the Company's performance for annual cash incentive and performance share unit calculations; reviews the individual annual cash incentive targets for the current year as a percent of base salary for each of the named executive officers; and makes decisions on granting long-term equity awards.

Compensation Consultant. The MD&C Committee uses several resources in its analysis of the appropriate compensation for the named executive officers. The MD&C Committee selects and employs an independent consultant to provide advice relating to market and general compensation trends. The MD&C Committee also uses the services of its independent consultant for data gathering and analyses. The MD&C Committee has retained Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc. as its independent consultant since 2002. The Company makes regular payments to Frederic W. Cook for its services around executive compensation, including meeting preparation and attendance, advice, and best practice information, as well as competitive data. Information about such payments is submitted to the chair of the MD&C Committee.

In addition to services related to executive compensation, Frederic W. Cook also provides the MD&C Committee information and advice with respect to compensation of the independent directors. Frederic W. Cook has no other business relationships with the Company and receives no other payments from the Company. The MD&C Committee adopted a charter provision requiring that it consider the independence of any compensation consultants it uses for executive compensation matters. The MD&C Committee has considered the independence of Frederic W. Cook in light of SEC rules and New York Stock Exchange listing standards. In connection with this process, the MD&C Committee has reviewed, among other items, a letter from Frederic W. Cook addressing the independence of Frederic W. Cook and the members of the consulting team serving the MD&C Committee, including the following factors: (i) other services provided to us by Frederic W. Cook; (ii) fees paid by us as a percentage of Frederic W. Cook's total revenue; (iii) policies or procedures of Frederic W. Cook that are designed to prevent conflicts of interest; (iv) any business or personal relationships between the senior advisor of the consulting team with a member of the MD&C Committee; (v) any Company stock owned by the senior advisor or any member of his immediate family; and (vi) any business or personal relationships between our executive officers and the senior advisor. The MD&C Committee discussed these considerations and concluded that the work performed by Frederic W. Cook and its senior advisor involved in the engagement did not raise any conflict of interest.

Role of CEO and Human Resources. Mr. Steiner contributes to compensation determinations by assessing the performance of the other named executive officers and providing these assessments with recommendations to the MD&C Committee. Personnel within the Company's Human Resources Department assist the MD&C Committee by working with the independent consultant to provide information requested by the MD&C Committee and assisting it in designing and administering the Company's incentive programs.

Peer Company Comparisons. The MD&C Committee uses compensation information of comparison groups of companies to gauge the competitive market, which is relevant for attracting and retaining key talent and for ensuring that the Company's compensation practices are aligned with prevalent practices. For purposes of establishing the 2015 executive compensation program, the MD&C Committee considered a competitive analysis of total direct compensation levels and compensation mixes for our executive officers during the second half of 2014, using information from:

Size-adjusted median compensation data from two general industry surveys in which management annually participates; the Aon Hewitt 2014 Total Compensation Measurement (TCM) survey and the

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Towers Watson 2014 Compensation Data Bank (CDB) survey. The AonHewitt TCM survey includes 489 companies ranging in size from \$100 million to over \$100 billion in annual revenue. The Towers Watson CDB survey includes 446 organizations ranging in size from \$100 million to over \$100 billion in annual revenue. Data selected from these surveys is scoped based on Company revenue; and

Median compensation data from a comparison group of 19 publicly traded U.S. companies, described below. The comparison group of companies is initially recommended by the independent consultant prior to the actual data gathering process, with input from management and the MD&C Committee. The composition of the group is evaluated and a final comparison group of companies is approved by the MD&C Committee each year. The selection process for the comparison group begins with all companies in the Standard & Poor's North American database that are publicly traded U.S. companies in 15 different Global Industry Classifications. These industry classifications are meant to provide a collection of companies in industries that share similar characteristics with Waste Management. The companies are then limited to those with at least \$5 billion in annual revenue to ensure appropriate comparisons, and further narrowed by choosing those with asset intensive domestic operations, as well as those focusing on transportation and logistics. Companies with these characteristics are chosen because the MD&C Committee believes that it is appropriate to compare our executives' compensation with executives that have similar responsibilities and challenges at other companies. Prior to establishing compensation for 2015, the MD&C Committee received a statistical analysis of the growth profile, profitability profile, size and shareholder return of all companies in the comparison group to verify that the Company is appropriately positioned versus the comparison group. The comparison group used for consideration of 2015 compensation follows, including the Company's composite percentile ranking among the companies in the comparison group based on statistical measures. For purposes of this table, size is based on numerous factors as of December 31, 2013; profitability and growth are based on numerous factors measured over a one-year period and three-year period ended December 31, 2013; and TSR is based on the companies' average TSR percentile ranking for a one-year period and three year-period as of December 31, 2013. This table is provided to reflect how the MD&C Committee confirmed that the Company was appropriately positioned within its peer group for purposes of establishing 2015 compensation during 2014; as a result, the information that follows does not reflect the Company's performance for 2014 or 2015.

Company Name	Size	Composite Percentile Rank		
		Profitability	Growth	TSR
American Electric Power	56%	39%	45%	33%
Avis Budget	14%	36%	55%	100%
Baker Hughes	66%	36%	71%	28%
C.H. Robinson WW	11%	59%	41%	0%
CSX	57%	72%	36%	53%
Entergy	38%	23%	24%	11%
FedEx	80%	46%	48%	72%
Grainger (WW)	20%	66%	72%	64%
Halliburton	76%	70%	58%	44%
Hertz	31%	47%	86%	92%
NextEra Energy	67%	43%	45%	56%
Norfolk Southern	54%	65%	41%	75%
Republic Services	32%	36%	31%	19%
Ryder System	9%	12%	52%	64%
Southern	73%	57%	38%	14%

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Southwest Airlines	43%	26%	60%	69%
Sysco	51%	53%	33%	31%
Union Pacific	87%	85%	71%	64%
UPS	83%	81%	46%	61%
Waste Management	46%	52%	29%	42%

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For purposes of each of the named executives, the general industry data and the comparison group data are blended when composing the competitive analysis, when possible, such that the combined general industry data and the comparison group are each weighted 50%. Competitive compensation analysis for the other executive officers consists only of an average of size-adjusted median general industry survey data. The competitive analysis showed that 2015 total direct compensation opportunities were near the median for our President and Chief Executive Officer and did not exceed the median for our other named executive officers. For competitive comparisons, the MD&C Committee has determined that total direct compensation packages for our named executive officers within a range of plus or minus 20% of the median total compensation of the competitive analysis is appropriate. In making these determinations, total direct compensation consists of base salary, target annual cash incentive, and the annualized grant date fair value of long-term equity incentive awards.

Allocation of Compensation Elements and Tally Sheets. The MD&C Committee considers the forms in which total compensation will be paid to executive officers and seeks to achieve an appropriate balance between base salary, annual cash incentive compensation and long-term incentive compensation. The MD&C Committee determines the size of each element based primarily on comparison group data and individual and Company performance. The percentage of compensation that is contingent on achievement of performance criteria typically increases in correlation to an executive officer's responsibilities within the Company, with performance-based incentive compensation making up a greater percentage of total compensation for our most senior executive officers. Additionally, as an executive becomes more senior, a greater percentage of the executive's compensation shifts away from short-term to long-term incentive awards.

The MD&C Committee uses tally sheets to review the compensation of our named executive officers, which show the cumulative impact of all elements of compensation. These tally sheets include detailed information and dollar amounts for each component of compensation, the value of all equity held by each named executive, and the value of welfare and retirement benefits and severance payments. Tally sheets provide the MD&C Committee with the relevant information necessary to determine whether the balance between long-term and short-term compensation, as well as fixed and variable compensation, is consistent with the overall compensation philosophy of the Company. This information is also useful in the MD&C Committee's analysis of whether total direct compensation provides a compensation package that is appropriate and competitive. Tally sheets are provided annually to the full Board of Directors.

The following charts display the allocation of total 2015 compensation among base salary, annual cash incentive at target and long-term incentives at target for (a) our President and Chief Executive Officer and (b) our other named executives, on average. These charts reflect the MD&C Committee's 2015 desired total mix of target compensation for named executives, which includes approximately 58% of total compensation derived from long-term equity awards, while long-term equity awards comprise approximately 70% of Mr. Steiner's total compensation. These charts also reflect that approximately 87% of Mr. Steiner's target total compensation opportunities awarded in 2015 were performance-based, while approximately 77% of the target total compensation for the other named executives was performance-based. We consider stock options granted under our long-term incentive plan to be performance-based because their value will increase as the market value of our Common Stock increases.

President and Chief Executive Officer

Other Named Executives (on average)

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Internal Pay Equity. The MD&C Committee considers the differentials between compensation of the named executive officers. The MD&C Committee also reviews compensation comparisons between the President and Chief Executive Officer and the other executive officers, while recognizing the additional responsibilities of the President and Chief Executive Officer and that such differentials will increase in periods of above-target performance and decrease in times of below-target performance. Based on these considerations, the MD&C Committee confirms that the compensation paid to the President and Chief Executive Officer is reasonable compared to that of the other executive officers.

Policy on Calculation Adjustments. In 2014, the MD&C Committee adopted a policy on calculation adjustments that affect payouts under annual and long-term incentive awards. Consistent with past practice, the MD&C Committee reserves the right to adjust the results on performance measures used to determine annual and long-term incentive plan payouts in order to eliminate the distorting effect of certain items. Such adjustments are intended to align award payments with the underlying performance of the business; avoid volatile, artificial inflation or deflation of awards due to unusual items in either the award year or the previous comparator year; and eliminate counterproductive incentives to pursue short-term gains and protect current incentive opportunities. To ensure the integrity of the adjustments, the MD&C Committee has adopted guidelines that are generally consistent with the Company's guidelines for reporting adjusted non-GAAP earnings to the investment community, while retaining discretion to evaluate all adjustments, both income and expense, as circumstances warrant. Additionally, the MD&C Committee has determined that potential adjustments arising from a single transaction or event generally should be disregarded unless, taken together, they change the calculated award payout by at least five percent.

Tax and Accounting Matters. Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1985, as amended (Code Section 162(m)), denies a compensation deduction for federal income tax purposes for certain compensation in excess of \$1 million per person paid in any year to our President and Chief Executive Officer and our other three highest paid executives. Performance-based compensation meeting specified standards is deductible without regard to the \$1 million cap. We design our compensation plans to be tax efficient for the Company where possible. However, our MD&C Committee reserves the right to structure the compensation of our executive officers without regard for whether the compensation is fully deductible if, in the MD&C Committee's judgment, it is in the best interests of the Company and stockholders to do so.

The annual cash incentive plan is intended to comply with the performance-based compensation exemption under Code Section 162(m) by allowing the MD&C Committee to set performance criteria for payments, which may not exceed the predetermined amount of 0.5% of the Company's pre-tax income from operations per participant. Our performance share unit awards are also intended to meet the qualified performance-based compensation exception under Code Section 162(m).

Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Code Section 409A), generally provides that any deferred compensation arrangement which does not meet specific requirements will result in immediate taxation of any amounts deferred to the extent not subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture. In general, to avoid a Code Section 409A violation, amounts deferred may only be paid out on separation from service, disability, death, a specified time or fixed schedule, a change in control or an unforeseen emergency. Furthermore, the election to defer generally must be made in the calendar year prior to performance of services. We intend to structure all of our compensation arrangements, including our 409A Deferral Plan, in a manner that complies with or is exempt from Code Section 409A.

We account for stock-based payments, including stock options and PSUs, in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Stock Compensation. The MD&C Committee takes into consideration the accounting treatment under ASC Topic 718 when determining the form and amount of annual

long-term equity incentive awards. However, because our long-term equity incentive awards are based on a target dollar value established prior to grant (described in further detail under [Named Executives 2015 Compensation Program and Results - Long-Term Equity Incentives](#)), this value will differ from the grant date fair value of awards calculated pursuant to ASC Topic 718.

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Risk Assessment. The MD&C Committee uses the structural elements set forth in the Executive Summary earlier to establish compensation that will provide sufficient incentives for named executive officers to drive results while avoiding unnecessary or excessive risk taking that could harm the long-term value of the Company. During 2015, the MD&C Committee reviewed the Company's compensation policies and practices and the assessment and analysis of related risk conducted by the independent compensation consultant. Based on this review and analysis, the MD&C Committee and the independent compensation consultant concluded that our compensation policies and practices do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

Consideration of Stockholder Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation. The MD&C Committee reviews the results of the stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation and considers any implications of such voting results on the Company's compensation programs. In light of the very high percentage of shares present and entitled to vote at the annual meeting voting in favor of the Company's executive compensation the past five years, the results of the stockholder advisory votes have not caused the MD&C Committee to recommend any changes to our compensation practices.

Named Executives 2015 Compensation Program and Results**Base Salary**

In the Spring of 2015, the Company granted increases to the base salaries of named executive officers consistent with our compensation philosophy and driven by competitive market data, internal pay equity considerations and individual performance relative to the executive's responsibilities and contributions. The table below shows 2014 base salary, percent increase and 2015 base salary for each of our named executive officers.

Named Executive Officer	2014 Base Salary	Percent Increase	2015 Base Salary
Mr. Steiner	\$ 1,196,165	3.7%	\$ 1,240,000
Mr. Trevathan	\$ 630,000	5.0%	\$ 661,500
Mr. Fish	\$ 566,500	10.0%	\$ 623,150
Mr. Harris	\$ 566,175	5.1%	\$ 595,000
Mr. Morris	\$ 522,500	11.0%	\$ 580,000

Annual Cash Incentive

Annual cash incentives were dependent on the following performance measures: Income from Operations as a percentage of Revenue, or Income from Operations Margin (25%); Income from Operations, excluding Depreciation and Amortization (25%); and Operating Expense, less depreciation, depletion and amortization, as a percentage of Net Revenue, or Cost Measure (50%).

Each of the named executives received an annual cash incentive payment in March 2016 for fiscal year 2015 equal to 108.5% of target.

The MD&C Committee develops financial performance measures for annual cash incentive awards to drive improvements in business operations, as well as support and fund the long-term strategy of the Company. The MD&C

Committee found that the Income from Operations Margin performance measure continues to keep the Company focused on cost control, operational improvements and yield, while the Income from Operations, excluding Depreciation and Amortization, performance measure encourages balanced focus on growth and profitability. Finally, the MD&C Committee maintained the Cost Measure in 2015 and its focus on operating cost control, after successfully driving reductions in operating cost the prior year. When setting threshold, target and maximum performance measure levels each year, the MD&C Committee looks to the Company's historical results of operations and analyses and forecasts for the coming year. Specifically, the MD&C Committee considers expected revenue based on analyses of pricing and volume trends, as affected by operational and general economic factors and expected costs. The MD&C Committee believes these financial performance measures support and align with the strategy of the Company and are appropriate indicators of our progress toward the Company's goals.

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The table below details the performance measures set by the MD&C Committee for purposes of the named executive officers' annual cash incentive for 2015.

	Threshold Performance (60% Payment)	Target Performance (100% Payment)	Maximum Performance (200% Payment)
Income from Operations Margin	15.8%	16.5%	17.2%
Income from Operations excluding Depreciation & Amortization	\$3.349 billion	\$3.57 billion	\$3.77 billion
Cost Measure	61.4%	60.5% - 60.9%	59.9%

The following table sets forth the Company's performance achieved on each of the annual cash incentive performance measures and the payout earned on account of such performance.

Income from Operations Margin (weighted 25%)		Income from Operations, excluding Depreciation & Amortization (weighted 25%)		Cost Measure (weighted 50%)		Total Payout Earned (as a percentage of Target)
Actual	Payout Earned	Actual	Payout Earned	Actual	Payout Earned	
16.9%	158.17%	\$ 3.436 billion	75.83%	60.55%	100.0%	108.5%

As discussed above, the MD&C Committee has discretion to make adjustments to the performance calculations for unusual or otherwise non-operational matters in line with its policy on calculation adjustments. The calculation of 2015 annual cash incentive performance measures was made on a basis consistent with the Company's reporting of its 2015 financial results, including exclusion of asset impairments and unusual items, restructuring charges and settlement payments in connection with withdrawal from multiemployer pension plans. The 2015 cash incentive performance calculations were not otherwise adjusted.

Target annual cash incentives are a specified percentage of the executives' base salary. The following table shows each named executive's target percentage of base salary for 2015 and annual cash incentive for 2015 paid in March 2016.

Named Executive Officer	Target Percentage of Base Salary	Annual Cash Incentive For 2015¹
Mr. Steiner	135	\$ 1,800,986
Mr. Trevathan	90	\$ 638,623
Mr. Fish	90	\$ 595,320
Mr. Harris ²	80	\$ 510,496
Mr. Morris ²	80	\$ 491,544

(1)

Base salary increases for 2015 were not implemented until Spring of 2015; accordingly, the calculations of annual cash incentive payouts, as a percentage of base salary, were made using the named executive's actual base salary for 2015.

- (2) For 2015, the target percentage of base salary was increased from 75% to 80% for Messrs. Harris and Morris. These changes were made to better position the executives around the competitive median and to reflect their contributions.

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Long-Term Equity Incentives Our equity awards are designed to hold individuals accountable for long-term decisions by rewarding the success of those decisions. The MD&C Committee continuously evaluates the components of its programs. In determining which forms of equity compensation are appropriate, the MD&C Committee considers whether the awards granted are achieving their purpose; the competitive market; and accounting, tax or other regulatory issues, among others. In determining the appropriate awards for the named executives' 2015 annual long-term incentive grant, the MD&C Committee decided to grant both PSUs comprising 80% of each named executive's award and stock options comprising 20% of each named executive's award. Payout on half of each named executive's PSUs granted in 2015 is dependent on cash flow generation. Payout on the remaining half of PSUs granted in 2015 is dependent on total shareholder return relative to the S&P 500. Meanwhile, stock options encourage focus on increasing the market value of our stock. Before determining the actual number of PSUs and stock options that were granted to each of the named executives in 2015, the MD&C Committee established a target dollar amount for each named executive's annual total long-term equity incentive award. The values chosen were based primarily on the comparison information for the competitive market and an analysis of the named executives' responsibility for meeting the Company's strategic objectives. Target dollar amounts for equity incentive awards will vary from grant date fair values calculated for accounting purposes.

Named Executive Officer	Dollar Values of Annual Long-Term Equity Incentives Set by the Committee (at Target)
Mr. Steiner	\$ 6,750,000
Mr. Trevathan	\$ 1,725,000
Mr. Fish	\$ 1,725,000
Mr. Harris	\$ 1,440,000
Mr. Morris	\$ 1,440,000

Performance Share Units

Named executives were granted new PSUs with a three-year performance period ending December 31, 2017.

Payout on half of each named executives' PSUs granted in 2015 is dependent on cash flow generation, and payout on the remaining half of PSUs granted in 2015 is dependent on total shareholder return relative to the S&P 500.

Named executives received a 196.15% payout in shares of Common Stock with respect to the half of the PSUs granted in 2013 with a performance period ended December 31, 2015 that were subject to a return on invested capital performance measure.

Named executives received a 132.88% payout in shares of Common Stock with respect to the half of the PSUs granted in 2013 with a performance period ended December 31, 2015 that were subject to total shareholder return relative to the S&P 500.

PSUs Granted in 2015. Performance share units are granted to our named executive officers annually to align compensation with the achievement of our long-term financial goals and to build stock ownership. Performance share units provide an immediate retention value to the Company because there is unvested potential value at the date of grant. The number of PSUs granted to our named executive officers corresponds to an equal number of shares of Common Stock. At the end of the three-year performance period for each grant, the Company will deliver a number of shares ranging from 0% to 200% of the initial number of PSUs granted, depending on the Company's three-year performance against pre-established targets.

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The MD&C Committee determined the number of PSUs that were granted to each of the named executives in 2015 by taking the targeted dollar amounts established for total long-term equity incentives (set forth in the table above) and multiplying by 80%. Those values were then divided by the average of the high and low price of our Common Stock over the 30 trading days preceding the MD&C Committee meeting at which the grants were approved to determine the target number of PSUs granted. The number of PSUs granted in 2015 are shown in the table below.

Named Executive Officer	Number of Performance Share Units
Mr. Steiner	101,886
Mr. Trevathan	26,038
Mr. Fish	26,038
Mr. Harris	21,736
Mr. Morris	21,736

Half of each named executive's PSUs included in the table set forth above are subject to a cash flow performance measure; the cash flow measure requires focus on capital discipline and strengthens alignment with stockholders' free cash flow expectations. For purposes of these PSUs, we generally define cash flow as cash provided by operating activities, with the following exclusions: capital expenditures for purposes of internal growth; costs associated with labor disruptions; and strategic acquisition, restructuring, and transformation and reorganization costs. The MD&C Committee retains the right to make additional adjustments to the calculation of cash flow, as discussed previously with regard to its policy on calculation adjustments.

The table below shows the required achievement of the cash flow performance measure and the corresponding potential payouts under our PSUs granted in 2015.

	Threshold		Target		Maximum	
	Performance	Payout	Performance	Payout	Performance	Payout
Cash Flow	\$ 3.533 billion	60%	\$ 3.833 billion	100%	\$ 4.133 billion	200%

The remaining half of each named executive's PSUs are subject to total shareholder return relative to the S&P 500. This measure directly correlates executive compensation with creation of shareholder value. Total shareholder return is calculated as follows: (Common Stock price at end of performance period + dividends during performance period) / Common Stock price at beginning of performance period. The table below shows the required achievement of the total shareholder return performance measure and the corresponding potential payouts under our PSUs granted in 2015.

Total Shareholder Return Relative to the S&P 500	
Performance	Payout
75 th percentile (Maximum)	200%
50 th percentile (Target)	100%
25 th percentile (Threshold)	50%

If actual performance falls between performance levels for either of the PSU performance measures, then the number of PSUs earned will be interpolated between the two performance levels, rounded to the nearest 0.1%.

The different performance measure levels are determined based on an analysis of historical performance and current projections and trends. The MD&C Committee uses this analysis and modeling of different scenarios related to items that affect the Company's performance such as yield, volumes and capital to set the performance measures. As with the consideration of targets for the annual cash incentives, when the MD&C Committee established the cash flow targets, the MD&C Committee carefully considered several material factors affecting the Company for 2015 and beyond, including general economic and market conditions and economic indicators for future periods, to ensure that the cash flow targets align with the Company's long-range strategic plan.

Payout on PSUs for the Performance Period Ended December 31, 2015. Half of the PSUs granted in 2013 with the performance period ended December 31, 2015 were subject to a return on invested capital (ROIC)

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performance measure, and the remaining half of the PSUs granted in 2013 were subject to total shareholder return relative to the S&P 500. For the performance period ended December 31, 2015, the Company delivered ROIC of 17.5%, which was significantly above target performance of 16.0% and approaching the maximum of 17.6%; the performance level achieved yielded a 196.15% payout in shares of Common Stock that were issued in February 2016. For purposes of this performance measure, ROIC is generally defined as net operating profit after taxes divided by capital, and this measure has reinforced the need for capital discipline. With respect to the PSUs with a performance period ended December 31, 2015 that were subject to total shareholder return relative to the S&P 500, the performance of the Company's Common Stock on this measure translated into a percentile rank relative to the S&P 500 of 66.44%, resulting in a 132.88% payout in shares of Common Stock that were issued in February 2016.

As discussed above, the MD&C Committee has discretion to make adjustments to the performance calculations for unusual or otherwise non-operational matters. In February 2016, the MD&C Committee ratified and approved adjustments to the calculation of ROIC results for 2013 that had been approved in prior years, as follows: net operating profit after taxes used in the calculation of results was adjusted to exclude the effects of charges related to acquisition and integration, and earnings on account of, the acquired Greenstar and RCI businesses; capital used in the calculation of results was adjusted to exclude the impact of the purchase price for each of Greenstar and RCI, less associated goodwill; and stockholders' equity used in the calculation of capital excludes the impact of prior year tax audit settlements. In line with the MD&C Committee's policy on calculation adjustments adopted in 2014, no adjustments were made to the calculation of ROIC results for 2014 or 2015.

Stock Options The MD&C Committee believes use of stock options is appropriate to support the growth element of the Company's strategy. The grant of options made to the named executive officers in the first quarter of 2015 in connection with the annual grant of long-term equity awards was based on the targeted dollar amounts established for total long-term equity incentives (set forth in the table above) and multiplied by 20%. The actual number of stock options granted was determined by assigning a value to the options using an option pricing model, and dividing the dollar value of target compensation by the value of an option. The resulting number of stock options are shown in the table below.

Named Executive Officer	Number of Options
Mr. Steiner	236,427
Mr. Trevathan	60,420
Mr. Fish	60,420
Mr. Harris	50,438
Mr. Morris	50,438

The stock options will vest in 25% increments on the first two anniversaries of the date of grant and the remaining 50% will vest on the third anniversary. The exercise price of the options granted in 2015 is \$54.635, which is the average of the high and low market price of our Common Stock on the date of grant, and the options have a term of 10 years. We account for our employee stock options under the fair value method of accounting using a Black-Scholes methodology to measure stock option expense at the date of grant. The fair value of the stock options at the date of grant is amortized to expense over the vesting period less expected forfeitures, except for stock options granted to retirement-eligible employees, for which expense is accelerated over the period that the recipient becomes retirement eligible.

Other Compensation Policies and Practices

Stock Ownership Guidelines and Holding Requirements All of our named executive officers are subject to stock ownership guidelines. We instituted stock ownership guidelines because we believe that ownership of Company stock demonstrates a commitment to, and confidence in, the Company's long-term prospects and further aligns employees interests with those of our stockholders. We believe that the requirement that these individuals maintain a portion of their individual wealth in the form of Company stock deters actions that would not benefit stockholders generally. Although there is no deadline set for executives to reach their ownership

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requirements, the MD&C Committee monitors ownership levels to confirm that executives are making sustained progress toward achievement of their ownership guidelines.

Additionally, our stock ownership guidelines contains holding requirements. Executives with a title of Senior Vice President or higher, which includes all of our named executives, must hold 100% of all net shares acquired through the Company's long-term incentive plans for at least one year, and those individuals must continue to hold 100% of all such net shares until the individual's ownership guideline requirement is achieved. Designated Vice Presidents must hold 50% of all net shares acquired through the Company's long-term incentive plans for at least one year, and those individuals must continue to hold 50% of all such net shares until the individual's ownership guideline requirement is achieved. Once achieved, the requisite stock ownership level must continue to be retained throughout the executive's employment with the Company. Our MD&C Committee believes these holding periods discourage executives from taking actions in an effort to gain from short-term or otherwise fleeting increases in the market value of our stock.

The MD&C Committee regularly reviews its ownership guidelines to ensure that the appropriate share ownership requirements are in place. Guidelines are expressed as a fixed number of shares and were last revised in May 2014 to account for the Company's recent sustained Common Stock market value. The ownership requirement of our Chief Executive Officer and President is approximately 5.6 times base salary, using his 2015 base salary and a \$40 per share stock price. Using the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on March 15, 2016, the ownership requirement of our Chief Executive Officer and President is approximately eight and a half times his 2015 base salary. Shares owned outright, vested RSUs and PSUs that have been deferred, stock equivalents based on holdings in the Company's 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan and phantom stock held in the Company's 409A Deferral Plan count toward meeting the targeted ownership requirements. PSUs, RSUs and restricted stock, if any, do not count toward meeting the requirement until they are vested or earned.

The following table outlines the ownership requirements and attainment of those requirements for the named executive officers.

Named Executive Officer	Ownership Requirement (number of shares)	Attainment as of March 15, 2016
Mr. Steiner ¹	179,500	431%
Mr. Trevathan	47,500	626%
Mr. Fish	42,500	260%
Mr. Harris	23,000	384%
Mr. Morris	23,000	203%

- (1) The table above does not include 343,294 shares held in the name of Steiner Family Holdings, LLC that are pledged as security for a loan. Since such pledge was made, the Company has adopted a policy prohibiting future pledges of Company securities by executive officers without board-level approval and requiring that such pledged shares are not required to meet the executive's ownership requirement under the ownership guidelines. As discussed under Director and Officer Stock Ownership, the MD&C Committee also establishes ownership guidelines for the independent directors and performs regular reviews to ensure all independent directors are in compliance or are showing sustained progress toward achievement of their ownership guideline.

Policy Limiting Severance Benefits The MD&C Committee has approved an Executive Officer Severance Policy that generally provides that the Company may not enter into new severance arrangements with its executive officers, as defined in the federal securities laws, that provide for benefits, less the value of vested equity awards and benefits provided to employees generally, in an amount that exceeds 2.99 times the executive officer's then current base salary and target annual cash incentive, unless such future severance arrangement receives stockholder approval.

Policy Limiting Death Benefits and Gross-up Payments The Company has adopted a Policy Limiting Certain Compensation Practices, which generally provides that the Company will not enter into new compensation arrangements that would obligate the Company to pay a death benefit or gross-up payment to an

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executive officer unless such arrangement receives stockholder approval. The policy is subject to certain exceptions, including benefits generally available to management-level employees and any payment in reasonable settlement of a legal claim. Additionally, Death Benefits under the policy does not include deferred compensation, retirement benefits or accelerated vesting or continuation of equity-based awards pursuant to generally-applicable equity award plan provisions.

Insider Trading The Company maintains an insider trading policy that prohibits directors, executive officers and other designated insiders from engaging in most transactions involving the Company's Common Stock during periods, determined by the Company, that those individuals are most likely to be aware of material, non-public information.

Designated insiders are employees who have been designated as such for purposes of the Company's insider trading policy because they are likely to have access to material non-public information; this group currently includes approximately 125 employees, primarily in a wide range of financial, accounting and managerial positions. Directors, executive officers and other designated insiders must clear all of their transactions in our Common Stock with the Company's office of the Chief Legal Officer in advance. Additionally, it is our policy that directors, executive officers and designated insiders are not permitted to hedge their ownership of Company securities, including (a) trading in options, warrants, puts and calls or similar derivative instruments on any security of the Company, (b) selling any security of the Company short and (c) purchasing any financial instruments (including prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars and exchange funds) or otherwise engaging in transactions that are designed to or have the effect of offsetting any decrease in the market value of any security of the Company granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by the director, executive officer or designated insider. Further, as noted above, the Company has adopted a policy prohibiting future pledges of Company securities by executive officers without board-level approval and requiring that such pledged shares are not required to meet the executive's ownership requirement under the ownership guidelines.

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We are required to present compensation information in the tabular format prescribed by the SEC. This format, including the tables' column headings, may be different from the way we describe or consider elements and components of compensation internally. The Compensation Discussion and Analysis contains a discussion that should be read in conjunction with these tables to gain a complete understanding of our executive compensation philosophy, programs and decisions.

Summary Compensation Table

Year	Salary Bonus		Stock Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Non-Equity		Total (\$)
	(\$)	(\$)		Option Awards (\$) ⁽²⁾	Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) ⁽³⁾	
David P. Steiner						
President and Chief Executive Officer						
2015	1,275,891		6,760,136	1,307,441	1,800,986	11,573,375
2014	1,186,785		5,328,822	1,233,147	2,626,505	10,770,856
2013	1,149,616		5,692,630	1,201,794	2,387,194	10,726,582
James E. Trevathan, Jr.						
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer						
2015	678,462		1,727,621	334,123	638,623	3,456,197
2014	621,923		1,278,954	295,956	918,083	3,175,877
2013	588,334		1,185,964	250,372	769,756	2,807,058
James C. Fish, Jr.						
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer						
2015	631,865		1,727,621	334,123	595,320	3,337,989
2014	552,635		1,278,954	295,956	816,830	2,980,694
2013	509,808		1,107,205	233,750	666,540	2,610,621
Jeff M. Harris						
Senior Vice President Operations						
2015	610,124		1,442,184	278,922	510,496	2,904,512
2014	562,458		1,023,145	236,766	691,457	2,546,245

2013	546,798	1,012,324	213,720	630,795	36,175	2,439,812
John J. Morris, Jr.						
Senior Vice President Operations						
2015	586,827	1,442,184	278,922	491,544	64,356	2,863,833
2014	509,711	1,023,145	236,766	627,822	47,315	2,444,759
2013	449,038	822,601	173,659	519,843	26,121	1,991,262

(1) Amounts in this column represent the grant date fair value of performance share units granted to all named executives in 2013, 2014 and 2015. The grant date fair values are calculated in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 718, as further described in Note 16 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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For purposes of calculating the grant date fair value of performance share awards, we have assumed that the Company will achieve target performance levels. The table below shows the aggregate grant date fair value of performance share units if we had assumed that the Company will achieve the highest level of performance criteria and maximum payouts will be earned.

		Aggregate Grant Date Fair Value of Award
		Assuming Highest Level of Performance
	Year	Achieved (\$)
Mr. Steiner	2015	13,520,272
	2014	10,657,644
	2013	11,385,260
Mr. Trevathan	2015	3,455,242
	2014	2,557,908
	2013	2,371,928
Mr. Fish	2015	3,455,242
	2014	2,557,908
	2013	2,214,410
Mr. Harris	2015	2,884,368
	2014	2,046,290
	2013	2,024,648
Mr. Morris	2015	2,884,368
	2014	2,046,290
	2013	1,645,202

- (2) Amounts in this column represent the grant date fair value of stock options granted in 2013, 2014 and 2015, in accordance with ASC Topic 718. The grant date fair value of the options was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The assumptions made in determining the grant date fair values of options are disclosed in Note 16 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.
- (3) Amounts in this column represent cash incentive awards earned and paid based on the achievement of performance criteria. Please see Compensation Discussion and Analysis Named Executive's 2015 Compensation Program and Results Annual Cash Incentive for additional information.
- (4) The amounts included in All Other Compensation for 2015 are shown below (in dollars):

	Personal Use of Company 401(k) Plan Matching Aircraft ^(a) Contributions	Deferral Plan Matching Contributions	Life Insurance Premiums
Mr. Steiner	247,413	11,925	167,126

Mr. Trevathan	3,200	11,925	60,950	1,293
Mr. Fish		11,925	35,963	1,172
Mr. Harris		11,925	49,691	1,170
Mr. Morris	2,784	11,925	48,564	1,083

- (a) Please see Compensation Discussion and Analysis Overview of Elements of Our 2015 Compensation Program Perquisites for additional information regarding personal use of Company aircraft. We calculated these amounts based on the incremental cost to us, which includes fuel, crew travel expenses, on-board catering, landing fees, trip related hangar/parking costs and other variable costs. We own or operate our aircraft primarily for business use; therefore, we do not include the fixed costs associated with the ownership or operation such as pilots salaries, purchase costs and non-trip related maintenance.

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Grant Date	Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards ⁽¹⁾			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards ⁽²⁾			All other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#) ⁽³⁾	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/sh) ⁽⁴⁾	Closing Market Price on Date of Grant (\$)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$) ⁽⁵⁾
	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)				
David P. Steiner										
	995,937	1,659,895	3,319,790							
02/25/15				61,132	101,886	203,772				6,760,136
02/25/15							236,427	54.635	54.53	1,307,441
James E. Trevathan, Jr.										
	353,156	588,593	1,177,186							
02/25/15				15,623	26,038	52,076				1,727,621
02/25/15							60,420	54.635	54.53	334,123
James C. Fish, Jr.										
	329,209	548,682	1,097,364							
02/25/15				15,623	26,038	52,076				1,727,621
02/25/15							60,420	54.635	54.53	334,123
Jeff M. Harris										
	282,302	470,504	941,008							
02/25/15				13,042	21,736	43,472				1,442,184
02/25/15							50,438	54.635	54.53	278,922
John J. Morris, Jr.										
	271,822	453,036	906,072							
02/25/15				13,042	21,736	43,472				1,442,184
02/25/15							50,438	54.635	54.53	278,922

(1) Actual payouts of cash incentive awards for 2015 performance are shown in the Summary Compensation Table under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation. The named executives' annual cash incentives are a percentage of base salary approved by the MD&C Committee. The threshold levels represent the bonus amounts that would have been payable if the minimum performance requirements were met for each performance measure. Please see Compensation Discussion and Analysis - Named Executive's 2015 Compensation Program and Results - Annual Cash Incentive for additional information about these awards, including performance criteria.

(2) Represents the number of shares of Common Stock potentially issuable based on the achievement of performance criteria under performance share unit awards granted under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan. Please see Compensation Discussion and Analysis - Named Executive's 2015 Compensation Program and Results - Long-Term

Equity Incentives Performance Share Units for additional information about these awards, including performance criteria. The performance period for these awards ends December 31, 2017. Performance share units earn dividend equivalents, which are paid out based on the number of shares actually earned, if any, at the end of the performance period.

- (3) Represents the number of shares of Common Stock potentially issuable upon the exercise of options granted under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan. Please see Compensation Discussion and Analysis Named Executive s 2015 Compensation Program and Results Long-Term Equity Incentives Stock Options for additional information about these awards. The stock options will vest in 25% increments on the first two anniversaries of the date of grant and the remaining 50% will vest on the third anniversary. Although we consider all of our equity awards to be a form of incentive compensation because their value will increase as the market value of our Common Stock increases, only awards with performance criteria are considered equity incentive plan awards for SEC disclosure purposes. As a result, option awards are not included as Equity Incentive Plan Awards in the table above or the Outstanding Equity Awards at December 31, 2015 table.
- (4) The exercise price represents the average of the high and low market price on the date of the grant, in accordance with our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (5) These amounts represent grant date fair value of the awards as calculated under ASC Topic 718, as further described in Note 16 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards ⁽¹⁾			
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#) ⁽²⁾	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (#) ⁽⁶⁾	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (\$) ⁽⁶⁾
David P. Steiner		236,427 ⁽³⁾	54.635	2/25/2025			218,166	23,287,039
	70,244	210,675 ⁽⁴⁾	41.37	3/7/2024				
	141,386	141,389 ⁽⁵⁾	36.885	3/8/2023				
	218,881		34.935	3/9/2022				
	583,333		37.185	3/9/2021				
	331,008		33.49	3/9/2020				
James E. Trevathan, Jr.		60,420 ⁽³⁾	54.635	2/25/2025			53,946	5,758,196
	16,854	50,562 ⁽⁴⁾	41.37	3/7/2024				
		29,457 ⁽⁵⁾	36.885	3/8/2023				
James C. Fish, Jr.		60,420 ⁽³⁾	54.635	2/25/2025			53,946	5,758,196
	16,854	50,562 ⁽⁴⁾	41.37	3/7/2024				
	27,500	27,500 ⁽⁵⁾	36.885	3/8/2023				
Jeff M. Harris		50,438 ⁽³⁾	54.635	2/25/2025			44,062	4,703,178
	13,483	40,450 ⁽⁴⁾	41.37	3/7/2024				
	25,142	25,145 ⁽⁵⁾	36.885	3/8/2023				
John J. Morris, Jr.		50,438 ⁽³⁾	54.635	2/25/2025			44,062	4,703,178
		40,450 ⁽⁴⁾	41.37	3/7/2024				
		20,431 ⁽⁵⁾	36.885	3/8/2023				

(1) Values are based on the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on December 31, 2015 of \$53.37.

- (2) Represents vested stock options granted on March 9, 2010, March 9, 2011, March 9, 2012, March 8, 2013 and March 7, 2014 pursuant to our 2009 Stock Incentive Plan.

- (3) Represents stock options granted on February 25, 2015 that vest 25% on the first and second anniversary of the date of grant and 50% on the third anniversary of the date of grant pursuant to our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan.

- (4) Represents stock options granted on March 7, 2014 that vested 25% on the first anniversary of the date of grant. An additional 25% will vest on the second anniversary of the date of grant and 50% will vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

- (5) Represents stock options granted on March 8, 2013 that vested 25% on the first and second anniversary of the date of grant. The remaining 50% will vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

- (6) Includes performance share units with three-year performance periods ending December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2017. Payouts on performance share units are made after the Company's financial results for the entire performance period are reported and the MD&C

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Committee determines achievement of performance results and corresponding vesting, typically in mid to late February of the succeeding year. The performance share units for the performance period ended on December 31, 2015 are not included in the table as they are considered earned as of December 31, 2015 for proxy disclosure purposes; instead, such performance share units are included in the Option Exercises and Stock Vested table below. Pursuant to SEC disclosure instructions, because the Company's performance on the metrics governing our performance share units with the performance period ended on December 31, 2015 exceeded target, the payout value of unearned awards is calculated assuming maximum performance criteria is achieved. The following number of performance share units, assuming target performance, have a performance period ending on December 31, 2016: Mr. Steiner 116,280; Mr. Trevathan 27,908; Mr. Fish 27,908; Mr. Harris 22,326, and Mr. Morris 22,326. The following number of performance share units, assuming target performance, have a performance period ending December 31, 2017: Mr. Steiner 101,886; Mr. Trevathan 26,038; Mr. Fish 26,038; Mr. Harris 21,736; and Mr. Morris 21,736.

Option Exercises and Stock Vested

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#) ⁽¹⁾	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)
David P. Steiner			216,063(2)	11,871,582
James E. Trevathan, Jr.	379,130(3)	6,524,405	45,013	2,473,239
James C. Fish, Jr.	151,255(4)	2,619,621	46,435(2)(7)	2,533,282
Jeff M. Harris	31,300(5)	471,744	44,483(7)	2,439,648
John J. Morris, Jr.	79,470(6)	1,386,442	43,343(7)	2,372,542

(1) Includes shares of the Company's Common Stock issued on account of performance share units granted in 2013 with a performance period ended December 31, 2015. The determination of achievement of performance results and corresponding vesting of such performance share units was performed by the MD&C Committee in February 2016. Following such determination, shares of the Company's Common Stock earned under this award were issued on February 18, 2016, based on the average of the high and low market price of the Company's Common Stock on that date.

(2) Mr. Steiner deferred receipt of 216,063 shares of Common Stock valued at \$11,871,582, and Mr. Fish deferred receipt of 42,023 shares of Common Stock valued at \$2,308,954, in each case, earned on account of performance share units with the performance period ended December 31, 2015. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Overview of Elements of Our 2015 Compensation Program Deferral Plan and footnote (4) to the Nonqualified Deferral Compensation in 2015 table below for additional information.

(3) Mr. Trevathan received 70,147 net shares, after payment of option costs and tax withholding.

(4) Mr. Fish received 28,289 net shares, after payment of option costs and tax withholding.

(5) Mr. Harris received 5,041 net shares, after payment of option costs and tax withholding.

(6) Mr. Morris received 14,698 net shares, after payment of option costs and tax withholding.

(7) Includes the following number of restricted stock units granted in 2012 in connection with certain promotions and increased responsibilities that vested on the third anniversary of the date of grant: Mr. Fish 4,412; Mr. Harris 6,061; and Mr. Morris 12,121. The value of the RSUs realized on vesting was calculated using the average of the high and low market price of the Company's Common Stock of the date of vesting.

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation in 2015

Name	Executive Contributions in Last Fiscal Year (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Registrant Contributions in Last Fiscal Year (\$) ⁽²⁾	Aggregate Earnings in Last Fiscal Year (\$) ⁽³⁾	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	Aggregate Balance at Last Fiscal Year End (\$) ⁽⁵⁾
David P. Steiner	7,509,787	167,126	1,544,558	446,968	22,084,621
James E. Trevathan, Jr.	78,366	60,950	60,609	4,172	3,358,702
James C. Fish, Jr.	51,825	35,963	5,318	1,492	483,627
Jeff M. Harris	124,743	49,691	1,566		531,137
John J. Morris, Jr.	74,976	48,564	12,549		672,015

(1) Contributions are made pursuant to the Company's 409A Deferral Plan, described in Compensation Discussion and Analysis Overview of Elements of Our 2015 Compensation Program Deferral Plan. Executive contributions of base salary and annual cash

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incentive compensation is included in the Base Salary column and the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column, respectively, of the Summary Compensation Table. In the case of Mr. Steiner, contributions in the last fiscal year include deferral of 133,836 shares of Common Stock earned on account of performance share units with the performance period ended December 31, 2014 that were paid out in February 2015. The value of such deferred shares was included in the Option Exercises and Stock Vested table for 2014, and the grant date fair value of the underlying performance share unit award was included in the Stock Awards column of the Summary Compensation Table for 2012.

- (2) Company contributions to the executives' 409A Deferral Plan accounts are included in the All Other Compensation column in the Summary Compensation Table.
- (3) Earnings on these accounts are not included in any other amounts in the tables included in this Proxy Statement, as the amounts of the named executives' earnings on deferred cash compensation represent the general market gains (or losses) on investments, rather than amounts or rates set by the Company for the benefit of the named executives. In case of Messrs. Steiner, Trevathan and Fish, who have deferred receipt of 290,239 shares, 2,709 shares and 969 shares, respectively, earnings also includes the change in the closing price per share of the Company's Common Stock from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2015, plus \$1.54 of dividends paid per share of Common Stock in 2015, multiplied by the number of shares deferred.
- (4) Amounts in the table above consist of dividend equivalents paid out on deferred shares. Dividend equivalents are paid out at the same time and at the same rate as dividends on the Company's Common Stock.

Participating employees can generally elect to receive distributions commencing six months after the employee leaves the Company in the form of annual installments or a lump sum payment. Special circumstances may allow for a modified or accelerated distribution, such as the employee's death, an unforeseen emergency, or upon termination of the plan. In the event of death, distribution will be made to the designated beneficiary in a single lump sum in the following calendar year. In the event of an unforeseen emergency, the plan administrator may allow an early payment in the amount necessary to satisfy the emergency. All participants are immediately 100% vested in all of their contributions, Company matching contributions, and gains and/or losses related to their investment choices.

- (5) Amounts shown in this column include the following amounts that were reported as compensation to the named executive in the Summary Compensation Table for 2013-2015: Mr. Steiner \$1,265,615; Mr. Trevathan \$190,080; Mr. Fish \$142,011; Mr. Harris \$411,818; and Mr. Morris \$295,918. In prior year proxy statements, the table above inadvertently omitted the following number of shares of Common Stock earned on account of vested RSUs and PSUs: 156,403 shares that were deferred by Mr. Steiner between 2004 and 2014; 2,709 shares that were deferred by Mr. Trevathan in 2006; and 969 shares that were deferred by Mr. Fish in 2014. The value of all such deferred shares was included in the Option Exercises and Stock Vested table for the year of vesting (or equivalent disclosure in the case of Mr. Steiner's 2004 deferral) and is now included in the table above, based on the closing price of a share of Common Stock on December 31, 2015.

Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

The payments our named executives receive upon termination or change in control are based on provisions included in employment agreements and individual equity award agreements. We enter into employment agreements with our named executive officers to provide a form of protection for the Company through restrictive covenant provisions; each of the agreements contains post-termination restrictive covenants, including a covenant not to compete, non-solicitation covenants, and a non-disparagement covenant, each of which lasts for two years after termination. Employment agreements also aid in retention of senior leadership by providing the individual with comfort that he will be treated fairly in the event of a termination not for cause or under a change in control situation. The change in control provision included in each named executive officer's agreement requires a double trigger in order to receive any payment in the event of a change in control situation. First, a change in control must occur, and second, the individual must terminate his employment for good reason or the Company must terminate his employment without cause within six months prior to or two years following the change in control event. We believe providing change in control protection encourages our named executives to pursue and facilitate transactions that are in the best interests of stockholders while not granting executives an undeserved windfall.

Employment agreements entered into with named executive officers after February 2004 (which includes all named executives except Mr. Steiner) contain (a) a requirement that the individual execute a general release prior to receiving post-termination benefits and (b) a clawback feature that allows for the suspension and refund of termination benefits for subsequently discovered cause. The clawback feature in the agreements generally allows the Company to cancel any remaining payments due and obligates the named executive to refund to the Company severance payments already made if, within one year of termination of employment of the named executive by the Company for any reason other than for cause, the Company determines that the named executive could have been terminated for cause.

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Our current form of award agreements for equity awards also contain provisions regarding termination and change in control. Our stock option awards are also subject to double trigger vesting in the event of a change in control situation. Award agreements applicable to performance share units provide that awards will be paid out in cash on a prorated basis based on actual results achieved through the end of the fiscal quarter prior to a change in control. Thereafter, the executive would be compensated for the lost opportunity from the date of the change in control to the end of the original performance period by receiving a replacement award of restricted stock units in the successor entity, provided that the successor entity is publicly traded. If the successor is not publicly traded, the executive will be entitled to a replacement award of cash. However, if the employee is thereafter involuntarily terminated other than for cause within the change in control window referenced, he would vest in full in the replacement award.

Our current equity award agreements also include a requirement that, in order to be eligible to vest in any portion of the award, the employee must enter into an agreement containing restrictive covenants applicable to the employee's behavior following termination. Additionally, our performance share unit and stock option award agreements include compensation clawback provisions that provide, if the MD&C Committee determines that an employee either engaged in or benefited from misconduct, then the employee will refund any amounts received under the equity award agreements. Misconduct generally includes any act or failure to act that caused or was intended to cause a violation of the Company's policies, generally accepted accounting principles or applicable laws and that materially increased the value of the equity award. Further, our MD&C Committee has adopted a clawback policy applicable to our annual cash incentive awards that is designed to recoup annual cash incentive payments when the recipient's personal misconduct affects the payout calculations for the awards. Clawback terms applicable to our incentive awards allow recovery within the earlier to occur of one year after discovery of misconduct and the second anniversary of the employee's termination of employment.

The terms "Cause," "Good Reason," and "Change in Control" as used in the table below are defined in the executives' employment agreements and/or the applicable equity award agreement and have the meanings generally described below. You should refer to the individual agreements for the actual definitions.

"Cause" generally means the named executive has: deliberately refused to perform his duties; breached his duty of loyalty to the Company; been convicted of a felony; intentionally and materially harmed the Company; or breached the covenants contained in his agreement.

"Good Reason" generally means that, without the named executive's consent: his duties or responsibilities have been substantially changed; he has been removed from his position; the Company has breached his employment agreement; any successor to the Company has not assumed the obligations under his employment agreement; or he has been reassigned to a location more than 50 miles away.

"Change in Control" generally means that: at least 25% of the Company's Common Stock has been acquired by one person or persons acting as a group; the majority of the Board of Directors consists of individuals other than those serving as of the date of the named executive's employment agreement or those that were not elected by at least two-thirds of those directors; there has been a merger of the Company in which at least 50% of the combined post-merger voting power of the surviving entity does not consist of the Company's pre-merger voting power, or a merger to effect a recapitalization that resulted in a person or persons acting as a group acquired 25% or more of the Company's voting securities; or the Company is liquidating or selling all or substantially all of its assets.

The following tables represent potential payouts to our named executives upon termination of employment in the circumstances indicated pursuant to the terms of their employment agreements and outstanding incentive awards. In the event a named executive is terminated for cause, he is entitled to any accrued but unpaid salary only. Please see the Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation table above for aggregate balances payable to the named executives under

our 409A Deferral Plan pursuant to the executive s distribution election.

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The payouts set forth below assume the triggering event indicated occurred on December 31, 2015, when the closing price of our Common Stock was \$53.37 per share. These payouts are calculated for SEC disclosure purposes and are not necessarily indicative of the actual amounts the named executive would receive. Please note the following when reviewing the payouts set forth below:

The compensation component set forth below for accelerated vesting of stock options is comprised of the unvested stock options granted in 2013, 2014, and 2015, which vest 25% on the first and second anniversary of the date of grant and 50% on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

For purposes of calculating the payout of performance share unit awards outstanding at December 31, 2015, we have assumed that target performance was achieved; any actual performance share unit payouts will be based on actual performance of the Company during the performance period.

For purposes of calculating the payout upon the double trigger of change in control and subsequent involuntary termination not for cause, the value of the performance share unit replacement award is equal to the number of performance share units that would be forfeited based on the prorated acceleration of the performance share units, multiplied by the closing price of our Common Stock on December 31, 2015.

The payout for continuation of benefits is an estimate of the cost the Company would incur to continue those benefits.

Waste Management's practice is to provide all benefits eligible employees with life insurance that pays one times annual base salary upon death. The insurance benefit is a payment by an insurance company, not the Company, and is payable under the terms of the insurance policy.

Potential Consideration upon Termination of Employment:*David P. Steiner*

Triggering Event	Compensation Component	Payout (\$)
<i>Death or Disability</i>	<i>Severance Benefits</i>	
	Accelerated vesting of stock options	4,858,898
	Payment of performance share units (contingent on actual performance at end of performance period)	11,643,519
	Two times base salary as of date of termination (payable in bi-weekly installments over a two-year period) ⁽¹⁾	2,480,000
	Life insurance benefit paid by insurance company (in the case of death)	1,197,000
	Total	20,179,417

<i>Termination Without Cause by the Company or For Good Reason by the Employee</i>	Severance Benefits	
	Two times base salary plus target annual cash bonus (one-half payable in lump sum; one-half payable in bi-weekly installments over a two-year period)	5,828,000
	Continued coverage under health and welfare benefit plans for two years	25,320
	Prorated payment of performance share units (contingent on actual performance at end of performance period)	5,944,351
	Total	11,797,671

<i>Termination Without Cause by the Company or For Good Reason by the Employee Six Months Prior to or Two Years Following a Change in Control (Double Trigger)</i>	Severance Benefits	
	Three times base salary plus target annual cash bonus, paid in lump sum ⁽¹⁾	8,742,000
	Continued coverage under health and welfare benefit plans for three years	37,980
	Accelerated vesting of stock options	4,858,898
	Prorated accelerated payment of performance share units	5,944,351
	Accelerated payment of performance share units replacement grant	5,699,168
	Prorated maximum annual cash bonus	3,348,000
Gross-up payment for any excise taxes ⁽²⁾	7,744,277	
	Total	36,374,674

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Triggering Event	Compensation Component	Payout (\$)
<i>Death or Disability</i>	Severance Benefits	
	Accelerated vesting of stock options	1,092,343
	Payment of performance share units (contingent on actual performance at end of performance period)	2,879,098
	Two times base salary as of the date of termination (payable in bi-weekly installments over a two-year period) ⁽¹⁾	1,323,000
	Life insurance benefit paid by insurance company (in the case of death)	630,000
	Total	5,924,441

<i>Termination Without Cause by the Company or For Good Reason by the Employee</i>	Severance Benefits	
	Two times base salary plus target annual cash bonus (one-half payable in lump sum; one-half payable in bi-weekly installments over a two-year period)	2,513,700
	Continued coverage under benefit plans for two years	
	Health and welfare benefit plans	25,320
	401(k) Retirement Savings Plan contributions	23,850
	Prorated payment of performance share units (contingent on actual performance at end of performance period)	1,454,813
Total	4,017,683	

<i>Termination Without Cause by the Company or For Good Reason by the Employee Six Months Prior to or Two Years Following a Change in Control (Double Trigger)</i>	Severance Benefits	
	Two times base salary plus target annual cash bonus, paid in lump sum	2,513,700
	Continued coverage under benefit plans for two years	
	Health and welfare benefit plans	25,320
	401(k) Retirement Savings Plan contributions	23,850
	Accelerated vesting of stock options	1,092,343
	Prorated accelerated payment of performance share units	1,454,813
	Accelerated payment of performance share units replacement grant	1,424,285
	Prorated maximum annual cash bonus	1,190,700
Gross-up payment for any excise taxes ⁽³⁾		
Total	7,725,011	

James C. Fish, Jr.

Triggering Event	Compensation Component	Payout (\$)
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<i>Death or Disability</i>	<i>Severance Benefits</i>	
	Accelerated vesting of stock options	1,060,082
	Payment of performance share units (contingent on actual performance at end of performance period)	2,879,098
	Life insurance benefit paid by insurance company (in the case of death)	567,000
	Total	4,506,180

<i>Termination Without Cause by the Company or For Good Reason by the Employee</i>	<i>Severance Benefits</i>	
	Two times base salary plus target annual cash bonus (one-half payable in lump sum; one-half payable in bi-weekly installments over a two-year period)	2,367,970
	Continued coverage under health and welfare benefit plans for two years	25,320
	Prorated payment of performance share units (contingent on actual performance at end of performance period)	1,454,813
	Total	3,848,103

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Triggering Event	Compensation Component	Payout (\$)
<i>Termination Without Cause by the Company or For Good Reason by the Employee Six Months Prior to or Two Years Following a Change in Control (Double Trigger)</i>	Severance Benefits	
	Two times base salary plus target annual cash bonus (one-half payable in lump sum; one-half payable in bi-weekly installments over a two-year period)	2,367,970
	Continued coverage under health and welfare benefit plans for two years	25,320
	Accelerated vesting of stock options	1,060,082
	Prorated accelerated payment of performance share units	1,454,813
	Accelerated payment of performance share units replacement grant	1,424,285
	Prorated maximum annual cash bonus	1,121,670
	Total	7,454,140

Jeff M. Harris

Triggering Event	Compensation Component	Payout (\$)
<i>Death or Disability</i>	Severance Benefits	
	Accelerated vesting of stock options	899,915
	Payment of performance share units (contingent on actual performance at end of performance period)	2,351,589
	Life insurance benefit paid by insurance company (in the case of death)	567,000
	Total	3,818,504

<i>Termination Without Cause by the Company or For Good Reason by the Employee</i>	Severance Benefits	
	Two times base salary plus target annual cash bonus (one-half payable in lump sum; one-half payable in bi-weekly installments over a two-year period)	2,142,000
	Continued coverage under health and welfare benefit plans for two years	25,320
	Prorated payment of performance share units (contingent on actual performance at end of performance period)	1,179,957
	Total	3,347,277

<i>Termination Without Cause by the Company or For Good Reason by the Employee Six Months Prior to or Two Years Following a Change-in-Control (Double Trigger)</i>	Severance Benefits	
	Three times base salary plus target annual cash bonus, paid in lump sum ⁽¹⁾	3,213,000
	Continued coverage under health and welfare benefit plans for three years	37,980
	Accelerated vesting of stock options	899,915
	Prorated accelerated payment of performance share units	1,179,957

Accelerated payment of performance share units replacement grant	1,171,632
Prorated maximum annual cash bonus	952,000
Total	7,454,484

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Triggering Event	Compensation Component	Payout (\$)
<i>Death or Disability</i>	<i>Severance Benefits</i>	
	Accelerated vesting of stock options	822,205
	Payment of performance share units (contingent on actual performance at end of performance period)	2,351,589
	Life insurance benefit paid by insurance company (in the case of death)	523,000
	Total	3,696,794
<i>Termination Without Cause by the Company or For Good Reason by the Employee</i>	<i>Severance Benefits</i>	
	Two times base salary plus target annual cash bonus (one-half payable in lump sum; one-half payable in bi-weekly installments over a two-year period)	2,088,000
	Continued coverage under health and welfare benefit plans for two years	25,320
	Prorated payment of performance share units (contingent on actual performance at end of performance period)	1,179,957
	Total	3,293,277
<i>Termination Without Cause by the Company or For Good Reason by the Employee Six Months Prior to or Two Years Following a Change in Control (Double Trigger)</i>	<i>Severance Benefits</i>	
	Two times base salary plus target annual cash bonus (one half payable in lump sum; one half payable in bi-weekly installments over a two year period)	2,088,000
	Continued coverage under health and welfare benefit plans for two years	25,320
	Accelerated vesting of stock options	822,205
	Prorated accelerated payment of performance share units	1,179,957
	Accelerated payment of performance share units replacement grant	1,171,632
	Prorated maximum annual cash bonus	928,000
Total	6,215,114	

(1) In the past, such provisions have been included in certain named executives' employment agreements. However, the Company's compensation policy now provides that it will not enter into any future compensation arrangements that obligate the Company to provide increased payments in the event of death or to make tax gross up payments, subject to certain exceptions. Additionally, our Executive Officer Severance Policy generally provides that the Company may not enter into new severance arrangements with its executive officers that provide for benefits, less the value of vested equity awards and benefits provided to employees generally, in an amount that exceeds 2.99 times the executive officer's then current base salary and target bonus. For additional details, see Compensation

Discussion and Analysis Other Compensation Policies and Practices.

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The following table provides information as of December 31, 2015 about the number of shares to be issued upon vesting or exercise of equity awards and the number of shares remaining available for issuance under our equity compensation plans.

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders ⁽¹⁾	10,216,047 ⁽²⁾	\$ 40.80 ⁽³⁾	27,570,724 ⁽⁴⁾

(1) Includes our 2009 Stock Incentive Plan, 2014 Stock Incentive Plan and Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP). No additional awards may be granted under our 2009 Stock Incentive Plan.

(2) Includes: options outstanding for 7,506,995 shares of Common Stock; 422,850 shares of Common Stock to be issued in connection with deferred compensation obligations; 523,866 shares underlying unvested restricted stock units and 1,762,336 shares of Common Stock that would be issued under outstanding performance share units if the target performance level is achieved. Assuming, instead, that the maximum performance level was achieved on such performance share units, the number of shares of Common Stock subject to outstanding awards would increase by 1,762,336 shares.

The total number of shares subject to outstanding awards in the table above includes 664,142 shares on account of performance share units with the performance period ended December 31, 2015. The determination of achievement of performance results on such performance share units was performed by the MD&C Committee in February 2016, and the Company exceeded target performance criteria. A total of 546,482 shares of Common Stock were issued on account of such performance share units in February 2016, net of units deferred, and 162,335 shares of Common Stock included in the table above as subject to outstanding awards are now available for future issuance.

Excludes purchase rights that accrue under the ESPP. Purchase rights under the ESPP are considered equity compensation for accounting purposes; however, the number of shares to be purchased is indeterminable until the

time shares are actually issued, as automatic employee contributions may be terminated before the end of an offering period and, due to the look-back pricing feature, the purchase price and corresponding number of shares to be purchased is unknown.

- (3) Excludes performance share units and restricted stock units because those awards do not have exercise prices associated with them. Also excludes purchase rights under the ESPP for the reasons described in (2) above.

- (4) The shares remaining available include 3,167,264 shares under our ESPP and 24,403,460 shares under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan, based on payout of performance share units at maximum. Assuming payout of performance share units at target, the number of shares remaining available for issuance under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan would be 26,165,796.

Table of Contents**RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC****ACCOUNTING FIRM****(ITEM 2 ON THE PROXY CARD)**

Our Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, has ratified the selection of Ernst & Young LLP to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2016, subject to ratification by our stockholders.

Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP will be at the annual meeting. They will be able to make a statement if they want, and will be available to answer any appropriate questions stockholders may have.

Although ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young is not required by our By-laws or otherwise, we are submitting the selection to stockholders for ratification because we value our stockholders' views on our independent registered public accounting firm and as a matter of good governance. If our stockholders do not ratify our selection, it will be considered a direction to our Board and Audit Committee to consider selecting another firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee may, in its discretion, select a different independent registered public accounting firm, subject to ratification by the Board, at any time during the year if it determines that such a change is in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016.

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Fee Information

Fees for professional services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm in each of the last two fiscal years, in each of the following categories, were as follows:

	2015	2014
	(In millions)	
Audit Fees	\$ 5.1	\$ 5.3
Audit-Related Fees	0.6	2.0
Tax Fees	0.1	
All Other Fees		
Total	\$ 5.8	\$ 7.3

Audit fees includes fees for the annual audit, reviews of the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, work performed to support the Company's debt issuances, accounting consultations, and separate subsidiary audits required by statute or regulation, both domestically and internationally. Audit-related fees principally include financial due diligence services relating to certain potential acquisitions and separate subsidiary audits not required by statute or regulation included in 2014.

The Audit Committee has adopted procedures for the approval of Ernst & Young's services and related fees. At the beginning of each year, all audit and audit-related services, tax fees and other fees for the upcoming audit are provided to the Audit Committee for approval. The services are grouped into significant categories and provided to the Audit Committee in the format shown above. All projects that have the potential to exceed \$100,000 are separately identified and reported to the Committee for approval. The Audit Committee Chairman has the authority to approve additional services, not previously approved, between Committee meetings. Any additional services approved by the Audit Committee Chairman between Committee meetings are ratified by the full Audit Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The Audit Committee is updated on the status of all services and related fees at every regular meeting. In 2015 and 2014, the Audit Committee pre-approved all audit and audit-related services performed by Ernst & Young.

As set forth in the Audit Committee Report on page 9, the Audit Committee has considered whether the provision of these audit-related services is compatible with maintaining auditor independence and has determined that it is.

Vote Required for Approval

Approval of this proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present at the meeting, in person or represented by proxy, and entitled to vote.

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ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

(ITEM 3 ON THE PROXY CARD)

Pursuant to Section 14A of the Exchange Act, stockholders are entitled to an advisory (non-binding) vote on compensation programs for our named executive officers (sometimes referred to as "say on pay"). The Board of Directors has determined that it will include say on pay votes in the Company's proxy materials annually until the next stockholder vote on the frequency of the say on pay vote.

We encourage stockholders to review the *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* on pages 24 to 40 of this Proxy Statement. The Company has designed its executive compensation program to be supportive of, and align with, the strategy of the Company and the creation of stockholder value, while discouraging excessive risk-taking. The following key structural elements and policies, discussed in more detail in the *Compensation Discussion and Analysis*, further the objective of our executive compensation program and evidence our dedication to competitive and reasonable compensation practices that are in the best interests of stockholders:

a substantial portion of executive compensation is linked to Company performance, through annual cash incentive performance criteria and long-term equity-based incentive awards. As a result, our executive compensation program provides for a significant difference in total compensation in periods of above-target Company performance as compared to periods of below-target Company performance. In 2015, our performance-based annual cash incentive and long-term equity-based incentive awards comprised approximately 87% of total target compensation for our President and Chief Executive Officer and approximately 77% of total target compensation for our other named executives;

at target, approximately 58% of total compensation of our named executives (and approximately 70% in the case of our President and Chief Executive Officer) results from long-term equity awards, which aligns executives' interests with those of stockholders;

our total direct compensation opportunities for named executive officers are targeted to fall in a range around the competitive median;

performance-based awards include threshold, target and maximum payouts correlating to a range of performance goals and are based on a variety of indicators of performance, which limits risk-taking behavior;

performance stock units with a three-year performance period, as well as stock options that vest over a three-year period, link executives' interests with long-term performance and reduce incentives to maximize performance in any one year;

all of our named executive officers are subject to stock ownership requirements, which we believe demonstrates a commitment to, and confidence in, the Company's long-term prospects;

the Company has clawback provisions in its equity award agreements and recent employment agreements, and has adopted a clawback policy applicable to annual incentive compensation, designed to recoup compensation when cause and/or misconduct are found;

our executive officer severance policy implemented a limitation on the amount of benefits the Company may provide to its executive officers under severance agreements entered into after the date of such policy; and

the Company has adopted a policy that prohibits it from entering into new agreements with executive officers that provide for certain death benefits or tax gross-up payments.

The Board strongly endorses the Company's executive compensation program and recommends that the stockholders vote in favor of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as described in this Proxy Statement under Executive Compensation, including the *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* and the tabular and narrative disclosure contained in this Proxy Statement, is hereby APPROVED.

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Vote Required for Approval

Approval of this proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present at the meeting, in person or represented by proxy, and entitled to vote. Because the vote is advisory, it will not be binding upon the Board or the MD&C Committee and neither the Board nor the MD&C Committee will be required to take any action as a result of the outcome of the vote on this proposal. The MD&C Committee will carefully consider the outcome of the vote in connection with future executive compensation arrangements.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COMPANY'S EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

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STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL

(ITEM 4 ON THE PROXY CARD)

Waste Management is not responsible for the content of this stockholder proposal or supporting statement.

The following proposal was submitted by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters General Fund, 25 Louisiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001, which owns 143 shares of Waste Management Common Stock. The proposal has been included verbatim as we received it.

Stockholder Proposal

RESOLVED: The shareholders ask the board of directors to adopt a policy that in the event of a change in control (as defined under any applicable employment agreement, equity incentive plan or other plan), there shall be no acceleration of vesting of any equity award granted to any named executive officer, provided, however, that the Board's Compensation Committee may provide in an applicable grant or purchase agreement that any unvested award will vest on a partial, *pro rata* basis up to the time of the named executive officer's termination, with such qualifications for an award as the Committee may determine.

For purposes of this Policy, "equity award" means an award granted under an equity incentive plan as defined in Item 402 of the SEC's Regulation S-K, which addresses elements of executive compensation to be disclosed to shareholders. This resolution shall be implemented so as not to affect any contractual rights in existence on the date this proposal is adopted, and it shall apply only to equity awards made under equity incentive plans or plan amendments the shareholders approve after the date of the 2016 annual meeting.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT:

Waste Management ("Company") allows executives to receive an accelerated award of unearned equity under certain conditions after a change of control of the Company. We do not question that some form of severance payments may be appropriate in that situation. We are concerned, however, that current practices at the Company may permit windfall awards that have nothing to do with an executive's performance.

Accordingly to last year's proxy statement, a termination and change in control as of December 31, 2014, could have accelerated the vesting of \$37 million worth of long-term equity and grants to the Company's five senior executives, with the CEO entitled to \$20 million. In the event of a change in control and termination, Waste Management's performance share units vest pro-rata but the provision is meaningless because the Company compensates the executives through a replacement grant for any lost earnings due to proration.

We are unpersuaded by the argument that executives somehow "deserve" to receive unvested awards. To accelerate the vesting of unearned equity on the theory that an executive was denied the opportunity to earn those shares seems inconsistent with a "pay for performance" philosophy worthy of the name.

We do believe, however, that an affected executive should be eligible to receive an accelerated vesting of equity awards on a *pro rata* basis as of his or her termination date, with the details of any *pro rata* award to be determined by the Compensation Committee.

Other major corporations, including Apple, Chevron, Dell, Exxon Mobil, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, and Occidental Petroleum, have limitations on accelerated vesting of unearned equity, such as providing pro rata awards or simply forfeiting unearned awards. Research from James Reda & Associates found that over one third of the largest 200 companies now pro rate, forfeit, or only partially vest performance shares upon a change of control.

We urge you to vote **FOR** this proposal.

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Waste Management Response to Stockholder Proposal on Policy Regarding Accelerated Vesting and Requiring Partial Forfeiture of Equity Awards to Named Executive Officers upon a Change in Control

The Board recommends that stockholders vote AGAINST this proposal.

The Board does not believe that adoption of a rigid policy restricting the acceleration of vesting and requiring partial forfeiture of named executive officers' equity awards is in the best interests of the Company or our stockholders. Such a policy could put the Company at a competitive disadvantage in attracting and retaining key executives, it would disrupt the alignment of interests between our management and our stockholders by discouraging pursuit of any transaction that could result in a change in control, and it would unduly restrict our MD&C Committee from designing and administering appropriate compensation arrangements.

Competitive disadvantage in attracting and retaining executives

The proponent's supporting statement asserts that over a third of the largest 200 companies now pro rata, forfeit, or only partially vest performance shares upon a change in control. Waste Management is among those companies, as the proponent notes that we only vest performance share units on a *pro rata* basis upon a change in control, and only based on actual performance to date.

However, a very substantial majority of the companies with which we compete for executive talent are not restricted in their ability to attract and retain key executives through the use of change in control equity vesting triggers, and in fact, routinely provide for accelerated vesting of equity-based awards upon a change in control. As a result, the proposed policy could significantly jeopardize the objective of our compensation program to attract, retain, reward and incentivize exceptional, talented employees who will lead the Company in the successful execution of its strategy.

Additionally, the proposed policy would permit *pro rata* vesting of equity-based awards following both a change in control and termination of a named executive officer. Yet, vesting of equity-based awards, even on a *pro rata* basis, would not be permitted with respect to named executives that continue employment at the post-change in control successor entity. As noted above, our current award agreements for performance share units provide for accelerated vesting on a *pro rata* basis, based on actual performance achieved, upon a change in control event, as it is likely not to be feasible to carry forward the performance metrics of the outstanding awards to the successor entity. Under the proposed policy, named executives leaving the Company could have more certainty regarding the value of their outstanding performance share units than named executives that remain, who would have to forfeit their awards or rely on the successor entity to grant replacement awards. Such a result is clearly contrary to the retention objective of our compensation program and fails to appreciate the practical realities of change in control scenarios where the successor is a materially different entity.

The proposed policy may also make it particularly difficult for us to retain key executives during the pendency of a potential change in control, which could be disruptive to the transaction. Allowing executives to retain the value of their awards encourages our executives to remain with us through consummation of a merger or similar change in control transaction, reinforcing the retention value of those awards. Accelerated vesting provisions therefore help provide stability and ensure continuity of executive management during the critical stages of a potential change in control transaction.

Disruption of alignment between management and our stockholders

The Board believes that executives should not be discouraged from pursuing and facilitating change in control transactions when they are in the best interests of stockholders. Putting executives' compensation at risk in the event of

a change in control could create a conflict of interest if the Board believed a potential change in control transaction was in the best interests of our stockholders. One of the essential purposes of providing executives with equity-based awards is to align their interests with those of our stockholders. As described in our *Compensation Discussion & Analysis*, a significant percentage of each named executive officer's compensation opportunity is in the form of equity-based awards, and at any time, our named executives' unvested equity awards represent a significant portion of their total compensation. The proposal would eliminate our ability to

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provide reasonable assurance to named executives that they can realize the expected value of their equity-based awards and would penalize named executives that consummate a change in control transaction, particularly those that remain with the Company afterwards, with the loss of their incentive compensation.

Undue restriction on the MD&C Committee's structuring of executive compensation

Our Board believes that stockholders' interests are best served by recognizing that the MD&C Committee, comprised of seven independent, non-management directors, is in the best position to set the terms of executive compensation arrangements. Our stockholders have evidenced their overwhelming support of the MD&C Committee's actions, with 97%, 97%, 97%, 96% and 97% of shares present and entitled to vote casting votes in favor of our Company's executive compensation at the last five annual meetings of stockholders, respectively. The Board believes that the Company's treatment of equity-based awards upon a change in control, as summarized in our *Compensation Discussion & Analysis*, is already prudent and appropriately balances the interests of all parties, while not granting executives an undeserved windfall.

The MD&C Committee should continue to retain the flexibility to design and administer competitive compensation programs that reflect market conditions. Permitting the MD&C Committee to accelerate vesting of equity awards can incentivize management to maximize stockholder value, further aligning the interests of management with our stockholders. Conversely, adopting the rigid policy advanced by the proponent would frustrate the purpose of the MD&C Committee and interfere with the objective of our compensation program. The Board recommends that you vote against this proposal.

Vote Required for Approval

If this proposal is properly presented at the meeting, approval requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present at the meeting, in person or represented by proxy, and entitled to vote.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE AGAINST THE ADOPTION OF THIS PROPOSAL.

OTHER MATTERS

We do not intend to bring any other matters before the annual meeting, nor do we have any present knowledge that any other matters will be presented by others for action at the meeting. If any other matters are properly presented, your proxy card authorizes the people named as proxy holders to vote using their judgment.

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HOUSTON, TX 77002

VOTE BY INTERNET - www.proxyvote.com

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time on May 11, 2016. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE STOCKHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

If you would like to reduce the costs incurred by Waste Management, Inc. in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to vote using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access stockholder communications electronically in future years.

VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time on May 11, 2016. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

VOTE BY MAIL

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Waste Management, Inc., c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

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**THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY
WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.**

**WASTE
MANAGEMENT, INC.**

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR each

of the nominees in item 1 and FOR proposals 2 and 3:

1. Election of
Directors

Nominees:

For Against Abstain

	For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain
1a. Bradbury H. Anderson		For	Against	Abstain
1b. Frank M. Clark, Jr.				
1c. Andrés R. Gluski	2. Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for 2016.
1d. Patrick W. Gross				
1e. Victoria M. Holt	3. Approval of our executive compensation.
1f. Kathleen M. Mazzarella	The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST proposal 4:			
				
1g. John C. Pope							
1h. W. Robert Reum	4. Stockholder proposal regarding a policy on accelerated vesting of equity awards, if properly presented at the meeting.
1i. David P. Steiner				

1j. Thomas H. Weidemeyer

NOTE: In their discretion, upon such other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

For address changes and/or comments, please check this box and write them on the back where indicated.

Please indicate if you plan to attend this meeting.

Yes No

The shares represented by this proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned stockholder(s). If no direction is made, this proxy will be voted FOR each of the nominees in item 1, FOR proposals 2 and 3, and AGAINST proposal 4. If any other matters properly come before the meeting, the persons named in this proxy will vote in their discretion.

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX] Date

Signature (Joint Owners) Date

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:

The Combined Proxy Statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 is available at www.wm.com.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders - May 12, 2016 at 11:00 A.M.

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned stockholder(s) of Waste Management, Inc., a Delaware corporation, hereby acknowledge(s) receipt of the Proxy Statement dated March 25, 2016, and hereby appoint(s) David P. Steiner and Barry H. Caldwell, and each of them, proxies and attorneys-in-fact, with full power to each of substitution, on behalf and in the name of the undersigned, to represent the undersigned at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Waste Management, Inc., to be held May 12, 2016, at 11:00 A.M., Central Time, at The Maury Myers Conference Center, Waste Management, Inc., 1021 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, and at any adjournment(s) thereof, and to vote all shares of Common Stock which the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then and there personally present, on all matters set forth on the reverse side.

Attention participants in 401(k) plans: If you have an interest in the Common Stock of Waste Management, Inc. through participation in the Waste Management Retirement Savings Plan, you may confidentially instruct the Trustee(s) of the plan on how to vote the shares representing your proportionate interest in such plan's assets. The Trustee(s) shall vote shares in accordance with any instructions received. Any shares for which the Trustee(s) has/have not received timely voting instructions shall be voted by the Trustee(s), pursuant to the direction of the State Street Bank and Trust Company, as Investment Manager for the Common Stock held through the plan. **The voting deadline for 401(k) plan participants is 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time on May 10, 2016.**

Address Changes/Comments: _____

(If you noted any Address Changes/Comments above, please mark corresponding box on the reverse side.)