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1 Altera Corporation (ALTR)
Voting will not be accurate at 2010 annual meeting

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The attachment is evidence that the voting will not be accurate at the 2010 annual meeting. The attached ballot has a nonsense description of the topic of rule 14a-8 proposal 6.

Sincerely,



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2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Meeting Material(s)

Thursday, May 6, 2010

• [Proxy Statement](#)

For holders as of: 03/08/2010

• [Annual Report](#)

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If you plan to attend the meeting, [click here](#).

As your vote is very important, we recommend that all voting instructions be received at least one business day prior to the voting cut-off time stated in the proxy materials. Scroll down for proxy instructions and voting.

To vote via telephone, call 1-800-454-8683.

PROXY BALLOT

ALTERA CORPORATION

2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

To be held on 05/06/2010 for holders of record as of 03/08/2010

Recommendations of the Board of Directors:

Choose this option if you would like to vote your shares with the recommendations of the Board of Directors. See below or refer to the proxy statement for details on the recommendations.

Vote with the Board's Recommendations

| | Proposal(s) | Recommendations of the Board of Directors | Vote Options |
|----|--|---|---|
| 1A | ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: JOHN P. DAANE | For | <input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against <input type="radio"/> Abstain |
| 1B | ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: ROBERT J. FINOCCHIO, JR. | For | <input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against <input type="radio"/> Abstain |
| 1C | ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: KEVIN MCGARITY | For | <input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against <input type="radio"/> Abstain |
| 1D | ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: T. MICHAEL NEVENS | For | <input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against <input type="radio"/> Abstain |
| 1E | ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: KRISH A. PRABHU | For | <input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against <input type="radio"/> Abstain |
| 1F | ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: JOHN SHOEMAKER | For | <input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against <input type="radio"/> Abstain |

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|----|---|---------|---|
| 1G | ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: SUSAN WANG | For | <input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against <input type="radio"/> Abstain |
| 02 | TO REAPPROVE THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 162(M) PROVISIONS OF THE 2005 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN. | For | <input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against <input type="radio"/> Abstain |
| 03 | TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2005 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN TO INCREASE BY 5,000,000 THE NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK. | For | <input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against <input type="radio"/> Abstain |
| 04 | TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE 1987 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN TO INCREASE BY 1,000,000 THE NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK. | For | <input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against <input type="radio"/> Abstain |
| 05 | TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL YEAR. | For | <input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against <input type="radio"/> Abstain |
| 06 | TO CONSIDER A STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL REQUESTING THAT BOARD TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY SO THAT EACH STOCKHOLDER VOTING REQUIREMENT IN ALTERA'S CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION. | Against | <input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against <input type="radio"/> Abstain |

Legal Proxy

Choose this option only if you plan to attend and vote your shares at the meeting.

IMPORTANT: By choosing this option, we are precluded from voting your shares on your behalf. A Legal Proxy covering your securities will be issued to you. Your Legal Proxy must be presented at the meeting for your shares to be represented. Do not make any other marks on this ballot.

I plan to attend the meeting

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