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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**SCHEDULE 14A**

(Rule 14a-101)

Information Required in Proxy Statement

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

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

Filed by the Registrant

Filed by a Party other than the Registrant

Check the appropriate box:

- Preliminary Proxy Statement
- Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))
- Definitive Proxy Statement
- Definitive Additional Materials
- Soliciting Material Pursuant to §240.14a-12

**MFA FINANCIAL, INC.**

(Name of registrant as specified in its charter)

(Name of person(s) filing proxy statement, if other than the registrant)

Payment of Filing Fee (Check the appropriate box):

- No fee required.
  - Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.
  - Fee computed on table in exhibit required by Item 25(b) per Exchange Act Rules 14a-6(i)(1) and 0-11
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# Your **Vote** Counts!

**MFA FINANCIAL, INC.**

2023 Annual Meeting

Vote by June 5, 2023

11:59 PM ET



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## You invested in MFA FINANCIAL, INC. and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy material for the stockholder meeting to be held on June 6, 2023.**

### Get informed before you vote

View the Notice and Proxy Statement and 2022 Annual Report online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to May 23, 2023. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future stockholder meetings, you may (1) visit [www.ProxyVote.com](http://www.ProxyVote.com), (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com). If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



For complete information and to vote, visit [www.ProxyVote.com](http://www.ProxyVote.com)

Control #

#### Smartphone users

Point your camera here and  
vote without entering a  
control number



#### Vote Virtually at the Meeting\*

Date and Time of Meeting:

June 6, 2023  
2:00 PM ET

You must have the Control # from the box above to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting.

Virtually at:

[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/MFA2023](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/MFA2023)

\*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

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## THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming stockholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. Election of Directors <b>Nominees:</b>	
1a. Laurie S. Goodman	✓ For
1b. Richard C. Wald	✓ For
2. Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.	✓ For
3. Approval of the advisory (non-binding) resolution to approve the Company's executive compensation.	✓ For
4. Approval of the Company's Equity Compensation Plan, which is an amendment and restatement of the Company's existing Equity Compensation Plan.	✓ For
5. Advisory (non-binding) vote on the frequency of the advisory vote on the Company's executive compensation.	1 Year

**NOTE:** The proxies are authorized to vote in their discretion upon any other business that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof.

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