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Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A  
(Rule 14a-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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MFA Financial, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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**\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right* to Vote \*\*\***  
**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on May 24, 2017.**

**MFA FINANCIAL, INC.**



**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of the close of business on:** March 29, 2017  
**Date:** May 24, 2017      **Time:** 9:00 AM EDT  
**Location:** The Lotte New York Palace Hotel  
455 Madison Avenue (at 51st Street)  
New York, NY 10022

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

This notice also constitutes Notice of the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

— Before You Vote —  
How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

1. Notice & Proxy Statement      2. 2016 Annual Report

**How to View Online:**

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → [XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX] (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:**

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- 1) BY INTERNET: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) BY E-MAIL\*: [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before May 10, 2017 to facilitate timely delivery.

— How To Vote —  
Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → [XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX] (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card or voting instruction form.

### Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees**

- 1a. Stephen R. Blank
- 1b. Laurie Goodman
- 1c. William S. Gorin

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3.

2. Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as MFA's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017.
3. Approval of the advisory (non-binding) resolution to approve MFA's executive compensation.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote 1 YEAR on proposal 4.

4. Advisory (non-binding) vote on the frequency of the advisory vote on MFA's executive compensation.

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

You cannot vote by returning this Notice. To vote the shares, you must authorize your proxy online, by telephone or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card or voting instruction form. You also may attend the meeting and vote in-person.

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