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Whitestone REIT Form DEFA14A February 12, 2018 **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549 **SCHEDULE 14A** (RULE 14a-101) PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE SECURITIES **EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** Filed by the Registrant ý Filed by a Party other than the Registrant o Check the appropriate box: o Preliminary Proxy Statement o Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2)) o Definitive Proxy Statement o Definitive Additional Materials ý Soliciting Material Pursuant to Rule 14a-11(c) or Rule 14a-12

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