

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
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AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

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AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

ATTN: SUITE 919

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CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Shareholder Meeting to be held on 05/14/09

Proxy Materials Available

- Notice and Proxy Statement
- Annual Report
- Form 10-K

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Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual  
Meeting Date: 05/14/09  
Meeting Time: 11:30 A.M.  
For holders as of: 03/17/09

Meeting Location:

The Cincinnati Hotel  
Second Floor - Filson Room  
601 Vine Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

How To Vote

Vote In Person

Many shareholder 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). Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time either on (i) May 11, 2009 for shares in employee benefit plans, or (ii) May 13, 2009 for all other shares. Have your notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the following Nominees:

1. Proposal to Elect Directors

Nominees:

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 01) Carl H. Lindner      | 06) James E. Evans     |
| 02) Carl H. Lindner      | 07) Terry S. Jacobs    |
| III                      |                        |
| 03) S. Craig Lindner     | 08) Gregory G. Joseph  |
| 04) Kenneth C. Ambrecht  | 09) William W. Verity  |
| 05) Theodore H. Emmerich | 10) John I. Von Lehman |

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the following Proposal:

2. Proposal to ratify the Audit Committee's appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's Independent Public Accountants for 2009.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the following Proposal:

3. Proposal to Approve the Annual Co-CEO Equity Bonus Plan.