

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/  
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May 23, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
SCHEDULE 14A**

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities  
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**Continental Airlines, Inc.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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**1600 SMITH ST.**  
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**HOUSTON, TX 77002**

**VOTE BY INTERNET - [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 the day before the meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

**ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE STOCKHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS**

If you would like to reduce the environmental impact of the annual meeting and the costs incurred by Continental Airlines, Inc. in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to vote using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access stockholder communications electronically in future years.

**VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903**

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

**VOTE BY MAIL**

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Continental Airlines, Inc., c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

**If you vote by Internet or telephone,  
you do NOT need to mail back your proxy card.**

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS  
BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK  
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KEEP THIS PORTION FOR  
YOUR RECORDS

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PORTION ONLY

**THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.**

**CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.**

**For Withhold**

**For**

To withhold authority to vote for any

**All**

**All**

**Except**

**All** individual  
nominee(s), mark **For All Except** and  
write the  
number(s) of the nominee(s) on the  
line below.

**IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE,  
THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED  
FOR THE ELECTION OF  
DIRECTORS NAMED, FOR  
PROPOSAL 2, AGAINST  
PROPOSAL 3 AND AGAINST  
PROPOSAL 4.**

**Vote on Directors**

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees:**

- |                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 01) Kirbyjon H. Caldwell    | 06) George G. C. Parker   |
| 02) Lawrence W. Kellner     | 07) Jeffery A. Smisek     |
| 03) Douglas H. McCorkindale | 08) Karen Hastie Williams |
| 04) Henry L. Meyer III      | 09) Ronald B. Woodard     |
| 05) Oscar Munoz             | 10) Charles A. Yamarone   |

**For Against Abstain**

**Vote on Proposals**

2. Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm      o      o      o

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE AGAINST PROPOSALS 3 AND 4. PROPOSAL 5 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.**

3. Stockholder Proposal Related to Political Activities      o      o      o
4. Stockholder Proposal Related to Allowing Holders of 10% of the Common Stock to Call Special Meetings      o      o      o
5. (Proposal Withdrawn) Stockholder Proposal Related to Stockholder Approval of Certain Severance Agreements      o      o      o

**Yes No**

For address changes and/or comments, please check this box and write them on the back where indicated.

- U.S. CITIZENSHIP**      o      o
- Please mark **YES** if the stock owned of record or beneficially by you is owned and controlled **ONLY** by U.S. citizens (as defined in the proxy statement), or mark **NO** if such stock is owned or controlled by any person who is **NOT** a U.S. citizen.

**Note:** Please sign exactly as name appears hereon. Joint owners should each sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such.

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX]

Date

Signature (Joint Owners)

Date

**Important Notice Regarding Internet Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:**

The Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and 2007 Annual Report to Stockholders are available on the Internet at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.  
PROXY FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
June 11, 2008**

**This Proxy is Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors**

The undersigned hereby authorizes Lawrence W. Kellner, Jennifer L. Vogel and Lori A. Gobillot, and each of them, with full power of substitution, to represent and vote the stock of the undersigned in Continental Airlines, Inc. as directed and, in their sole discretion, on all other matters that may properly come before the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on June 11, 2008, and at any postponement or adjournment thereof, as if the undersigned were present and voting thereat. The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the notice of annual meeting and proxy statement with respect to such annual meeting and certifies that, to the knowledge of the undersigned, all equity securities of Continental Airlines, Inc. owned of record or beneficially by the undersigned are owned and controlled ONLY by U.S. citizens (as defined in the proxy statement), except as indicated on the reverse side hereof.

**Whether or not you expect to attend the annual meeting, please vote the shares. As explained on the other side of this proxy, you may vote by Internet or by telephone, or you may execute and return this proxy, which may be revoked at any time prior to its use.**

This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed by the undersigned stockholder(s). **IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS NAMED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PROXY (PROPOSAL 1), FOR RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM (PROPOSAL 2), AGAINST STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL RELATED TO POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (PROPOSAL 3) AND AGAINST STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL RELATED TO ALLOWING HOLDERS OF 10% OF THE COMMON STOCK TO CALL SPECIAL MEETINGS (PROPOSAL 4). STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL RELATED TO STOCKHOLDER APPROVAL OF CERTAIN SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS (PROPOSAL 5) HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.**

**Address  
Changes/Comments:**

(If you noted any Address Changes/Comments above, please mark corresponding box on the reverse side.)  
*(Continued and to be signed on other side)*