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AtriCure, 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 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to Be Held on May 20, 2020.

ATRICURE, INC.

AtriCure

ATTN: ALLIE WALKER

MASON, OH 45040

7555 INNOVATION WAY

Meeting Information

 Meeting Type:
 Annual Meeting

 For holders as of:
 March 23, 2020

 Date:
 May 20, 2020
 Time: 9:00 AM EDT

 Location:
 Meeting live via the Internet-please visit www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/ATRC2020.

The company will be hosting the meeting live via the Internet this year. To attend the meeting via the Internet please visit www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/ATRC2020 and be sure to have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow \rightarrow [XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX] (located on the following page).

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* 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.

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:

I. NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT

2. ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K

How to View Online:

following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

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

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

I) BY INTERNET: www.proxyvote.com

2) BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-579-1639

3) BY E-MAIL*: sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow \rightarrow XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) in the subject line.

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 6, 2020 to facilitate timely delivery.

How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote By Internet:

Before The Meeting:

Go to www.proxyvote.com. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow \rightarrow XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

During The Meeting:

Go to www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/ATRC2020. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow \rightarrow 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.

Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote "FOR" each of the following nominees:

- 1. Election of Directors
 - 1a. Michael H. Carrel
 - 1b. Mark A. Collar
 - 1c. Scott W. Drake
 - 1d. Daniel P. Florin
 - 1e. Regina E. Groves
 - 1f. B. Kristine Johnson
 - 1g. Mark R. Lanning
 - 1h. Karen N. Prange
 - 1i. Sven A. Wehrwein
 - 1j. Robert S. White

The Board of Directors recommends you vote "FOR" the following proposals:

- Proposal to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.
- Proposal to amend the AtriCure, Inc. 2014 Stock Incentive Plan to increase the number of authorized shares by 900,000.
- Advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in the proxy statement for the 2020 Annual Meeting.

NOTE: THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED OR, IF NO CONTRARY DIRECTION IS INDICATED, WILL BE VOTED AS FOLLOWS: (1) FOR THE ELECTION OF THE 10 NOMINATED DIRECTORS; (2) FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP AS INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020; (3) FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE ATRICURE, INC. 2014 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN; (4) FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AS DISCLOSED IN THE PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING; AND (5) IN THE DISCRETION OF THE PROXY HOLDERS ON SUCH MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING. PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND PROMPTLY RETURN THIS PROXY IN THE ENCLOSED RETURN ENVELOPE, WHICH IS POSTAGE PREPAID IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES.

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AtriCure ATRICLEE INC

ATTN: ALLE WALKER 7555 NN OVATION WAY MASON, OH 45040

VOTE BY INTERNET Before The Meeting - Go to www.proxyvote.com

Use the internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information. Vote by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 19, 2020. 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.

During The Meeting - Go to www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/ATRC2020

You may attend the meeting via the internet and vote during the meeting. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions.

VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions. Vote by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 19, 2020. 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 Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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	1a.	Michael H. Carrel	O	0	0	For Against Abs	talı
	1b.	Mark A. Collar	0	O	0	3. Proposal to amend the AtriCure, Inc. 2014 Stock Incentive O O (D
	1c.	Scott W. Drake	0	O	0	900,000.	
	1d.	Daniel P. Florin	0	0	0	 Advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in the proxy statement for the 2020 Annual Meeting. 	D
	1e.	Regina E. Groves	0	0	0	NOTE: THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED OR, IF NO	
	1f.	B. Kristine Johnson	O	0	O	CONTRARY DIRECTION IS INDICATED, WILL BE VOTED AS FOLLOWS: (1) FOR THE ELECTION OF THE 10 NOMINATED DIRECTORS: (2) FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT	
	1g.	Mark R. Lanning	0	0	0	OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP AS INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING	
	1h.	Karen N. Prange	0	0	0	DECEMBER 31, 2020; (3) FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE ATRICURE, INC. 2014 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN: (4) FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COMPENSATION OF OUR	
	11.	Sven A. Wehrwein	0	0	0	NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AS DISCUSSED IN THE PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING; AND (5) IN THE	
	1].	Robert S. White	0	0	0	DISCRETION OF THE PROXY HOLDERS ON SUCH MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING. PLEASE SIGN,	
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Z.	as in	osal to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP dependent registered public accounting firm for the pany for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.	0	0	0	For address changes and/or comments, please check this box and write them on the back where indicated.	D
Plea	se sian	exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When slop	ind as a	ttorney	executor a	administrator or other fiductary please give full title as such. Joint	
own	ers sho	ould each sign personally. All holders must sign. If a cor	poration	or partn	ership, plea	administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Joint ase sign in full corporate or partnership name by authorized officer.	
Clan	ature I	PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX] Date				Signature (Joint Owners) Date	

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF

ATRICURE, INC.

May 20, 2020 at 9:00 AM EDT

Access to this year's Virtual Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be available at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/ATRC2020 IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY

MATERIALS

FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 20, 2020:

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

and the materials you should review before you cast your vote are now available.

The Proxy Statement and Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K are available at:

www.proxyvote.com

Please sign, date and mail your proxy card in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting: The Form 10-K and Notice and Proxy Statement are available at www.proxyvote.com.

↓ Please detach along perforated line and mail in the envelope provided. ↓

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ndersigned stockholder of AtriCure, Inc., a Delaware corporation, hereby acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Annual Meetin ockholders and Proxy Statement, each dated April 8, 2020, and hereby appoints Michael H. Carrel and M. Andrew Wad ther of them, as proxy and attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, on behalf and in the name of the rsigned to represent the undersigned at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of AtriCure, Inc. to be held of 20, 2020 at 9:00 AM EDT online at <u>www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/ATRC2020</u> and at any postponement or adjournme of, and to vote all shares of common stock which the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then and there persona nt, hereby revoking any proxies heretofore given, on the matters set forth on the reverse side and in their discretion wi ct to such other business as may properly come before such Annual Meeting or at any postponement or adjournme of in accordance with and as described in the Notice and Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting.					
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