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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the

Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 7, 2019.

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting

For holders as of: March 11, 2019

Date: May 7, 2019 **Time:** 9:00 a.m., EDT

Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton Boca Raton

661 NW 53rd Street

Boca Raton, FL 33487

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6600 NORTH MILITARY TRAIL

BOCA RATON, FL 33496

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 or by mail. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy or email 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:

1. NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT

2. ANNUAL REPORT

How to View Online:

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

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

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1) *BY INTERNET*: www.proxyvote.com 2) *BY TELEPHONE*: 1-800-579-1639

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

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 April 23, 2019 to facilitate timely delivery.

How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Should you choose to vote in person, you must meet the attendance requirements set forth in the proxy statement. You will need the admittance pass, which is part of the proxy card, or proof of ownership and form of photo identification. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares. Directions to the meeting may be found by visiting

http://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/florida/embassy-suites-boca-raton-BCTNWES/index.html.

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Voting Items

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS YOU VOTE FOR PROPOSALS 1, 2, 3 AND 4.

1. Proposal to elect eight (8) members of the Office Depot, Inc. board of directors for the term described in the proxy statement.

Nominees:

- 1a. Gerry P. Smith
- 1b. Kristin A. Campbell
- 1c. Cynthia T. Jamison
- 1d. V. James Marino
- 1e. Francesca Ruiz de Luzuriaga
- 1f. David M. Szymanski
- 1g. Nigel Travis
- 1h. Joseph S. Vassalluzzo

- 2. To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Office Depot, Inc. s independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2019.
- 3. To approve the Office Depot, Inc. 2019
 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

4.

To approve, in a non-binding vote, Office Depot, Inc. s executive compensation.

Other Matters: In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

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