VECTOR GROUP LTD Form 8-K April 28, 2016

**UNITED STATES** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT** 

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 28, 2016

VECTOR GROUP LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**DELAWARE** 

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-5759 65-0949535

(Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4400 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami Florida 33137 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(305) 579-8000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Not Applicable)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

On April 28, 2016, Vector Group Ltd. held its 2016 annual meeting of stockholders, where stockholders considered and voted upon the following proposals:

Proposal 1: Election of Directors.

By vote reflected below, each of the directors nominated was elected.

Broker

Nominee For Withheld Non-Votes

(1)

Bennett S. LeBow85,934,3631,149,47328,153,950Howard M. Lorber84,080,7413,003,09528,153,950Ronald J. Bernstein83,217,9473,865,88928,153,950Stanley S. Arkin64,639,77022,444,06628,153,950Henry C. Beinstein62,391,01824,692,81828,153,950Jeffrey S. Podell55,318,68231,765,15428,153,950Jean E. Sharpe56,061,80831,022,02828,153,950

(1) Under the Company's governing documents, broker non-votes have no effect on the outcome of the matter acted on.

Proposal 2: Advisory approval of executive compensation (say on pay).

By vote reflected below, the Company's stockholders approved, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

Broker

For Against Abstain Non-Votes

(1)

47,720,463 38,869,888 493,725 28,153,710

(1) Under the Company's governing documents, broker non-votes have no effect on the outcome of the matter acted on.

Proposal 3: Approval of ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2016.

By vote reflected below, the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm was ratified.

Broker

For Against Abstain Non-Votes

(1)

114,228,415 690,768 318,332 271

<sup>(1)</sup> Under the Company's governing documents, broker non-votes have no effect on the outcome of the matter acted on.

Proposal 4: Approval of "proxy access bylaw"

By vote reflected below, the Company's stockholders did not approve a stockholder proposal entitled "Shareholder Proxy Access".

Broker

For Against Abstain Non-Votes

39,228,404 46,956,336 899,057 28,153,989

<sup>(1)</sup> Under the Company's governing documents, broker non-votes have no effect on the outcome of the matter acted on.

## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

VECTOR GROUP LTD.

By: /s/ J. Bryant Kirkland III J. Bryant Kirkland III Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 28, 2016