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**LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED**

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### Stockholder Meeting Notice

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### Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated Stockholder Meeting to be Held on Friday, June 10, 2022

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual stockholders' meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The proxy statement and the Company's annual report for the year ended December 31, 2021 are available at:

<http://www.envisionreports.com/LGND>

### Easy Online Access – View your proxy materials and vote.



- Step 1: Go to [www.envisionreports.com/LGND](http://www.envisionreports.com/LGND).
- Step 2: Click on **Cast Your Vote** or **Request Materials**.
- Step 3: Follow the instructions on the screen to log in.
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- Step 5: Vote your shares.

When you go online, you can also help the environment by consenting to receive electronic delivery of future materials.



**Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials** – If you want to receive a copy of the proxy materials, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request as instructed on the reverse side on or before May 31, 2022 to facilitate timely delivery.

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## Stockholder Meeting Notice

The 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Ligand Pharmaceuticals, Inc. will be held on Friday, June 10, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. Pacific Time, virtually via the internet at [www.meetnow.global/MZWG79](http://www.meetnow.global/MZWG79). To access the virtual meeting, you must have the information that is printed in the shaded bar located on the reverse side of this form.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** all nominees and **FOR** Proposals 2, 3 and 4.

1. Election of Directors:
  - 01 - Jason M. Aryeh
  - 02 - Sarah Boyce
  - 03 - Jennifer Cochran
  - 04 - Todd C. Davis
  - 05 - Nancy R. Gray
  - 06 - John L. Higgins
  - 07 - John W. Kozarich
  - 08 - John L. LaMattina
  - 09 - Sunil Patel
  - 10 - Stephen L. Sabba
2. Ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as Ligand's independent registered accounting firm
3. Approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of the named executive officers
4. Approval of an amendment and restatement of Ligand's 2002 Stock Incentive Plan

**PLEASE NOTE - YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE.** To vote your shares you must go online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card.



### Here's how to order a copy of the proxy materials and select delivery preferences:

Current and future delivery requests can be submitted using the options below.

If you request an email copy, you will receive an email with a link to the current meeting materials.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must use the number in the shaded bar on the reverse side when requesting a copy of the proxy materials.

- **Internet** - Go to [www.envisionreports.com/LGND](http://www.envisionreports.com/LGND). Click Cast Your Vote or Request Materials.
- **Phone** - Call us free of charge at 1-866-641-4276.
- **Email** - Send an email to [investorvote@computershare.com](mailto:investorvote@computershare.com) with "Proxy Materials Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated" in the subject line. Include your full name and address, plus the number located in the shaded bar on the reverse side, and state that you want a paper copy of the meeting materials.

To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of proxy materials must be received by May 31, 2022.