

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**SCHEDULE 14A**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF LOCATION  
OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON APRIL 29, 2020

Dear Stockholder,

April 14, 2020

This notice (this "Notice") provides updated information with respect to the 2020 annual meeting of stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Sonic Automotive, Inc. ("Sonic") to be held on April 29, 2020. On March 18, 2020, Sonic commenced distribution to its stockholders of its Notice of 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Proxy Statement"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission that same day. This Notice should be read in conjunction with the Proxy Statement.

On April 14, 2020, Sonic issued a press release announcing that due to the public health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and to prioritize the health and well-being of its stockholders, employees and other meeting participants, the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, will be held in virtual format only. Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting will be held virtually by webcast.

Stockholders of record as of the close of business on March 9, 2020 are entitled to participate in and vote at the Annual Meeting by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SAH2020](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SAH2020). Stockholders participating in the Annual Meeting will be able to vote their shares electronically and submit questions during the event using the directions on the meeting website that day. None of the other agenda items presented in the Proxy Statement are affected by this Notice, and shares represented by proxy voting forms returned before the Annual Meeting will be voted with respect to all matters properly brought before the Annual Meeting as instructed on the forms. If you have already voted or submitted your proxy, no additional action is required.

To participate in the Annual Meeting, you will need the 16-digit control number found on your proxy card, voting instruction form or notice previously sent. Sonic's proxy card will not be updated to reflect the change from an in-person meeting to a virtual meeting by means of remote communication only. If you hold your shares in the name of a broker, bank, trustee or other nominee, you will need to contact your broker, bank, trustee or other nominee for assistance with your 16-digit control number. If you encounter any difficulties accessing the Annual Meeting during the check-in or meeting time, please call the technical support number that will be posted on the Annual Meeting log in page located at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SAH2020](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SAH2020).

Sonic has designed the format of the Annual Meeting to ensure that stockholders are afforded the same rights and opportunities to participate as they would have at an in-person meeting, using online tools to ensure stockholder access and participation. We encourage all of our stockholders to visit our pre-meeting forum at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com), where you can access copies of the proxy materials and vote.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ Stephen K. Coss

Stephen K. Coss  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary