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SCHEDULE 14A

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

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Preliminary Proxy Statement

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SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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You invested in SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. and it's time to vote! You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy material for the stockholder meeting to be held on April 27, 2022.

Get informed before you vote

View the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and the 2021 Annual Report to Stockholders online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to April 13, 2022. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future stockholder meetings, you may (1) visit www.ProxyVote.com, (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com. If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.

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This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming stockholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

oting Items	Recommen
Election of Directors	
Nominees:	
a. O. Bruton Smith	Sec. 1
b. David Bruton Smith	For
c. Jeff Dyke	Sec. 1
d. William I. Belk	Ser 🕑 For
e. William R. Brooks	Sec. 1
f. John W. Harris III	For
g. Michael Hodge	🕑 For
h. Keri A. Kaiser	Sec. 1
. Marcus G. Smith	Ser 🕑 For
R. Eugene Taylor	Sec. 1
. Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP to serve as Sonic's independent registered public accounting f fiscal 2022.	firm for OFor
Advisory vote to approve Sonic's named executive officer compensation in fiscal 2021.	For

INUTE: In their discretion, the proxy holders are authorized to vote on such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. EACH OF PROPOSALS 1, 2 AND 3 HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

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