

BIG LOTS INC  
Form DEFA14A  
April 14, 2009

SCHEDULE 14A

(Rule 14a-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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Big Lots, Inc.

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to be held on 05/28/09. 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 following materials are available for view:

**The Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Proxy Statement, Annual Report to Shareholders and Form of Proxy are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)**

To view this material, have the 12-digit Control #(s) available and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)

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*ATTN: GENERAL COUNSEL  
300 PHILLIPI ROAD  
COLUMBUS, OH 43228*

**BIG LOTS, INC.**

**Vote In Person**

Please check the proxy materials for requirements for Annual Meeting attendance. At the Annual Meeting you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet**

To vote **n o w** by Internet, go to **WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM**. Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time on May 27, 2009. Have your notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

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**Voting items**

**Notice is hereby given that the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Big Lots, Inc. will be held at our corporate offices located at 300 Phillipi Road, Columbus, Ohio, on May 28, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m., EDT, for the following purposes:**

1. **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.** The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** each of the nominees named below.  

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 01) Jeffrey P. Berger    | 06) Philip E. Mallott  |
| 02) Steven S. Fishman    | 07) Russell Solt       |
| 03) Peter J. Hayes       | 08) James R. Tener     |
| 04) David T. Kollat      | 09) Dennis B. Tishkoff |
| 05) Brenda J. Lauderback |                        |
  
2. **RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP AS THE INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL 2009.** The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Big Lots' independent registered public accounting firm for the 2009 fiscal year.
  
3. **SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL REGARDING MAJORITY VOTING IN UNCONTESTED DIRECTOR ELECTIONS.** The Board of Directors recommends a vote **AGAINST** the shareholder proposal regarding majority voting in uncontested director elections.

If any other matter properly comes before the Annual Meeting, common shares represented by proxies will be voted in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors on such matter.

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on the record date, March 30, 2009, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any postponement or adjournment thereof.

Directions to the location of the Annual Meeting are available in the Investor Relations section of our website located at: **[www.biglots.com](http://www.biglots.com)**

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