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Spartan Stores, Inc.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Spartan Stores, Inc. Annual Shareholder Meeting to be Held on August 10, 2011**

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual shareholders' 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 annual report to shareholders are available at:**

**Easy Online Access – A Convenient Way to View Proxy Materials and Vote**

**When you go online to view materials, you can also vote your shares.**

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**Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials – If you want to receive a copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side on or before August 1, 2011 to facilitate timely delivery.**

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The Spartan Stores, Inc. Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on August 10, 2011 at the JW Marriott Hotel, 235 Louis Street NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, beginning at 9:00 a.m., local time.

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, **FOR** Proposals 2 and 4 and **1 YR** (every year) for Proposal 3:

1. Election of three Directors:  
-Wendy A. Beck

-Yvonne R. Jackson

-Elizabeth A. Nickels

2. Advisory vote on executive compensation.

3. Advisory vote on the frequency of shareholder votes on executive compensation.

4. Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche, LLP as independent auditors for the current fiscal year.

**PLEASE NOTE YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must vote online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice and photo ID with you.**

#### **Directions to the Spartan Stores, Inc. 2011 Annual Meeting**

##### **From North or South of Grand Rapids**

Take US-131 to exit 85B for Pearl Street; travel east on Pearl Street toward downtown and turn right on Campau Avenue NW. The JW Marriott hotel is at the corner of Louis Street and Campau Avenue.

##### **From East or West of Grand Rapids**

Take I-196 to Exit 77C for Ottawa Avenue/Downtown. Follow Ottawa Avenue south to Pearl Street. Turn right on Pearl, then left on Campau Avenue. The JW Marriott hotel is at the corner of Louis and Campau.

**Here's how to order a copy of the proxy materials and select a future delivery preference:**

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To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received by August 1, 2011.

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