

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A  
(RULE 14A-101)

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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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**SIGMA-ALDRICH CORPORATION**  
(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 5, 2015.**

**SIGMA-ALDRICH CORPORATION**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** March 6, 2015

**Date:** May 5, 2015    **Time:** 10:00 AM CDT

**Location:** Sigma-Aldrich Corporation  
Life Science and Technology Center  
2909 Laclede Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63103



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\_\_\_\_\_ **Before You Vote** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Voting Items

This proxy will be voted FOR all of the director nominees listed in item 1 and FOR items 2 and 3 unless otherwise directed, and in the discretion of the proxies on whatever other business may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the director nominees and FOR proposals 2 and 3.

1. Election of Directors:

**Nominees:**

1a. Rebecca M. Bergman

1b. George M. Church

1c. Michael L. Marberry

1d. W. Lee McCollum

1e. Avi M. Nash

1f. Steven M. Paul

1g. J. Pedro Reinhard

1h. Rakesh Sachdev

1i. D. Dean Spatz

1j. Barrett A. Toan

2. Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2015

3. Advisory vote to approve named executive officer compensation

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