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NOTICE OF 2023 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To the Stockholders of Redwood Trust, Inc.:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Redwood Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation, to be held on May 23, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., Pacific time, at The Lodge at Tiburon, 1651 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, California 94920, for the following purposes:

- To elect Greg H. Kubicek, Christopher J. Abate, Armando Falcon, Douglas B. Hansen, Debora D. Horvath, George W. Madison, Georganne C. Proctor, Dashiell I. Robinson, and Faith A. Schwartz to serve as directors until the annual meeting of stockholders in 2024 and until their successors are duly elected and qualify;
- 2. To ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2023;
- 3. To vote on a non-binding advisory resolution to approve named executive officer compensation;
- 4. To vote on a non-binding advisory resolution to approve the frequency of holding an advisory vote on named executive officer compensation;
- 5. To vote on an amendment to our Amended and Restated 2014 Incentive Award Plan; and
- 6. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting.

We have elected to use the Internet as our primary means of providing our proxy materials to stockholders. Consequently, stockholders will not receive paper copies of our proxy materials unless they specifically request them. We will send a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") on or about April 13, 2023 to our stockholders of record as of the close of business on March 27, 2023. We are also providing access to our proxy materials over the Internet beginning on or about April 13, 2023. Electronic delivery of our proxy materials will reduce printing and mailing costs, as well as associated waste, relating to our Annual Meeting.

The Notice contains instructions for accessing the proxy materials, including the Proxy Statement and our annual report, and provides information on how stockholders may obtain paper copies free of charge. The Notice also provides the date and time of the Annual Meeting; the matters to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting and the Board of Directors' recommendation with regard to each matter to be acted upon; information about voting procedures; and information on how to attend the Annual Meeting.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.

PLEASE PROMPTLY AUTHORIZE A PROXY TO CAST YOUR VOTES THROUGH THE INTERNET FOLLOWING THE VOTING PROCEDURES DESCRIBED IN THE NOTICE OR, IF YOU HAVE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED PAPER COPIES OF THE PROXY MATERIALS, BY TELEPHONE OR BY SIGNING, DATING AND RETURNING THE PROXY CARD SENT TO YOU.

Our Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 27, 2023 as the record date for determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting.

We would like your shares to be represented at the Annual Meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we respectfully request that you authorize your proxy over the Internet following the voting procedures described in the Notice. In addition, if you have requested or received a paper or email copy of the proxy materials, you can authorize your proxy over the telephone or by signing, dating and returning the proxy card sent to you. We encourage you to authorize your proxy by any of these methods even if you currently plan to attend the Annual Meeting. By doing so, you will ensure that your shares are represented and voted at the Annual Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors, /s/ Andrew P. Stone Secretary

March 30, 2023

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PROXY STATEMENT ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 23, 2023

INTRODUCTION

This Proxy Statement is being furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of Redwood Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation ("Redwood," the "Company," "we," or "us"), for exercise at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") to be held on May 23, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., Pacific time, at The Lodge at Tiburon, 1651 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, California 94920, and at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

We have elected to provide access to our proxy materials over the Internet. Accordingly, we are sending a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") to our stockholders of record, while brokers and other nominees who hold shares on behalf of beneficial owners will be sending their own similar notice of internet availability of proxy materials. All stockholders will have the ability to access proxy materials on the website referred to in the Notice or request to receive a printed set of the proxy materials. Instructions on how to request a printed copy by mail or electronically may be found on the Notice and on the website referred to in the Notice, including an option to request paper copies on an ongoing basis. We intend to make this Proxy Statement available on the Internet on or about April 13, 2023 and to mail the Notice to all stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting on or about April 13, 2023. We intend to mail this Proxy Statement, together with a proxy card, to those stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting who have properly requested paper copies of such materials on or about April 13, 2023 or within three business days of such request.

The address and telephone number of our principal executive office are as set forth above and our website is www.redwoodtrust.com. Information on our website is not a part of this Proxy Statement.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Who May Attend the Annual Meeting

Only stockholders who own our common stock as of the close of business on March 27, 2023, the record date for the Annual Meeting, will be entitled to attend the Annual Meeting. In the discretion of management, we may permit certain other individuals to attend the Annual Meeting, including members of the media and our employees.

Who May Vote

Each share of our common stock outstanding on the record date for the Annual Meeting entitles the holder thereof to one vote. The record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting is the close of business on March 27, 2023. As of March 27, 2023, there were 113,719,555 shares of common stock issued and outstanding. You can vote in person at the Annual Meeting or by proxy. You may authorize your proxy through the Internet by following the voting procedures described in the Notice or, if you have requested and received paper copies of the proxy materials, by telephone or by signing, dating, and returning the proxy card sent to you. To use a particular voting procedure, follow the instructions on the Notice or the proxy card that you request and receive by mail or email.

If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker, or other holder of record, you will receive instructions from the holder of record that you must follow in order for your shares to be voted. If your shares are not registered in your own name and you plan to cast your votes at the Annual Meeting, you should contact your broker or agent to obtain a broker's proxy card and bring it to the Annual Meeting in order to vote.

Voting by Proxy; Board of Directors' Voting Recommendations

You may authorize your proxy over the Internet or, if you request and receive a proxy card by mail or email, over the phone or by signing, dating and returning the proxy card sent to you. If you vote by proxy, the individuals named on the proxy, or their substitutes, will cast your votes in the manner you indicate. If you date, sign, and return a proxy card without marking your voting instructions, your votes will be cast in accordance with the recommendations of Redwood's Board of Directors, as follows:

- For the election of each of the nine nominees to serve as directors until the annual meeting of stockholders in 2024 and until their successors are duly elected and qualify;
- For the ratification of the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2023;
- For the approval of the non-binding advisory resolution approving the compensation of our named executive officers;
- For the approval of the non-binding advisory resolution approving an annual advisory vote on named executive officer compensation;
- For the approval of the amendment to the Amended and Restated 2014 Incentive Award Plan; and
- In the discretion of the proxy holder on any other matter that properly comes before the Annual Meeting.

You may revoke or change your proxy at any time before it is exercised by submitting a new proxy through the Internet or by telephone, delivering to us a signed proxy with a date later than your previously delivered proxy, by voting in person at the Annual Meeting, or by sending a written revocation of your proxy addressed to Redwood's Secretary at our principal executive office.

Why did I receive a one-page notice in the mail regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials instead of a full set of proxy materials?

Under rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), we have elected to provide access to our proxy materials over the Internet. Accordingly, we are sending the Notice to our stockholders. All stockholders will have the ability to access the proxy materials on the website referred to in the Notice or request to receive a printed set of the materials. Instructions on how to access the proxy materials over the Internet or to request a printed copy may be found in the Notice. In addition, stockholders may request to receive proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically by email on an ongoing basis. We encourage stockholders to take advantage of the availability of the proxy materials on the Internet to help reduce printing and mailing costs, as well as associated waste, relating to our Annual Meeting.

Quorum Requirement

The presence, by attendance at the Annual Meeting or by proxy, of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at the Annual Meeting constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present for purposes of establishing a quorum. A broker non-vote occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner has not received instructions from the beneficial owner and does not have discretionary authority to vote the shares.

Other Matters

Our Board of Directors knows of no other matters that may be presented for stockholder action at the Annual Meeting. If other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, however, it is intended that the persons named in the proxies will vote on those matters in their discretion.

Information About the Proxy Statement and the Solicitation of Proxies

Your proxy is solicited by our Board of Directors and we will bear the costs of this solicitation. Proxy solicitations will be made by mail, and also may be made by our directors, officers, and employees in person or by telephone, facsimile transmission, e-mail, or other means of communication. Banks, brokerage houses, nominees, and other fiduciaries will be requested to forward the proxy soliciting material to the beneficial owners of shares of our common stock entitled to be voted at the Annual Meeting and to obtain authorization for the execution of proxies on behalf of beneficial owners. We will, upon request, reimburse those parties for their reasonable expenses in forwarding proxy materials to their beneficial owners.

In addition, we have retained MacKenzie Partners, Inc., 1407 Broadway, 27th Floor, New York, NY 10018, to aid in the solicitation of proxies by mail, telephone, facsimile, e-mail and personal solicitation and to contact brokerage houses and other nominees, fiduciaries and custodians to request that such entities forward soliciting materials to beneficial owners of our common stock. For these services, we will pay MacKenzie Partners, Inc. a fee not expected to exceed \$15,000, plus expenses.

Annual Report

Our 2022 Annual Report, consisting of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, is being made available to stockholders together with this Proxy Statement and contains financial and other information about Redwood, including audited financial statements for our fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. Certain sections of our 2022 Annual Report are incorporated into this Proxy Statement by reference, as described in more detail under "Information Incorporated by Reference" at the end of this Proxy Statement. Our 2022 Annual Report is also available on our website.

Householding

We have adopted a procedure approved by the SEC called "householding." Under this procedure, stockholders who have the same address and last name may receive only one copy of the Notice, unless one or more of these stockholders provide notice that they wish to continue receiving individual copies. This procedure reduces our printing and mailing costs, as well as associated waste.

Householding will not in any way affect dividend check mailings.

If you are eligible for householding, but you and other stockholders of record with whom you share an address currently receive multiple copies of the Notice, or if you hold stock in more than one account, and in either case you wish to receive only a single copy of this document for your household, please contact your bank or broker.

If you participate in householding and wish to receive a separate copy of the Notice, or if you do not wish to participate in householding and prefer to receive separate copies of this document in the future, please contact your bank or broker.

Beneficial owners can request additional information about householding from their banks or brokers.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Corporate Governance Standards

Our Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Standards ("Governance Standards"). Our Governance Standards are available on our website as well as in print at the written request of any stockholder addressed to Redwood's Secretary at our principal executive office. The Governance Standards contain general principles regarding the composition and functions of our Board of Directors and its committees.

Process for Nominating Potential Director Candidates

Identifying and Evaluating Nominees for Directors. Our Board of Directors nominates director candidates for election by stockholders at each annual meeting and elects new directors to fill vacancies on our Board of Directors between annual meetings of the stockholders. Our Board of Directors has delegated the selection and initial evaluation of potential director nominees to the Governance and Nominating Committee with input from the Chief Executive Officer and President. The Governance and Nominating Committee makes the final recommendation of candidates to our Board of Directors for nomination. Our Board of Directors, taking into consideration the assessment of the Governance and Nominating Committee, also determines whether a nominee would be an independent director.

Stockholders' Nominees. Our Bylaws permit stockholders to nominate a candidate for election as a director at an annual meeting of the stockholders subject to compliance with certain notice and informational requirements, as more fully described below in this Proxy Statement under "Stockholder Proposals for the 2024 Annual Meeting." A copy of the full text of our current Bylaws may be obtained by any stockholder upon written request addressed to Redwood's Secretary at our principal executive office. Among other matters required under our Bylaws, any stockholder nominations should include the nominee's name and qualifications for Board membership and should be addressed to Redwood's Secretary at our principal executive office.

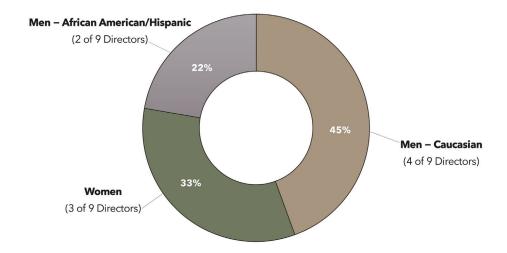
The policy of the Governance and Nominating Committee is to consider properly submitted stockholder nominations for candidates for election to our Board of Directors. The Governance and Nominating Committee evaluates stockholder nominations in connection with its responsibilities set forth in its written charter and applies the qualification and diversity criteria set forth in the Governance Standards.

Director Qualifications. Our Governance Standards contain Board membership criteria that apply to nominees for our Board of Directors. Each member of our Board of Directors must exhibit high standards of integrity, commitment, and independence of thought and judgment, and must be committed to promoting the best interests of Redwood. In addition, each director must devote the time and effort necessary to be a responsible and productive member of our Board of Directors. This includes developing knowledge about Redwood's business operations and doing the work necessary to participate actively and effectively in Board and committee meetings.

Our Governance Standards also contain criteria that are intended to guide our Governance and Nominating Committee's considerations of diversity in identifying nominees for our Board of Directors. In particular, our Governance Standards provide that the members of our Board of Directors should collectively possess a broad range of talent, skill, expertise, background, and life experience useful to effective oversight of our business and affairs and sufficient to provide sound and prudent guidance with respect to our operations and interests. Our Board of Directors considers diversity as broadly construed to mean a variety of identities, perspectives, personal and professional experiences and backgrounds. This can be represented in characteristics that include but are not limited to race, ethnicity, national origin, gender and sexual orientation. The self-assessments that are conducted each year by our Board of Directors and our Governance and Nominating Committee include an assessment of whether the Board's then current composition represents the broad range of talent, skill, expertise, background, and life experience that is called for by our Governance Standards.

Among our nine nominees for election to the Board, three nominees are women and another two nominees self identify as individuals from an underrepresented community. For this purpose, an "individual from an underrepresented community" means an individual who self-identifies as Black, African American, Hispanic, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Native Hawaiian, or Alaska Native, or who self-identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender.

A profile of the gender, racial and ethnic diversity of the nine nominees to Redwood's Board of Directors is illustrated below:



We believe our directors have a well-rounded variety of diversity, skills, qualifications and experience, and represent an effective mix of deep company knowledge and outside perspectives. Additional information regarding the mix of experience, qualifications, attributes and skills of our directors is included under Item 1—Election of Directors on pages 17 - 22 of this Proxy Statement.

Director Independence

As required under Section 303A of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") Listed Company Manual and our Governance Standards, on February 23, 2023 our Board of Directors affirmatively determined that none of the following directors have a material relationship (either directly or as a partner, shareholder, or officer of an organization that has a relationship) with us and that each of them qualifies as "independent" under Section 303A: Greg H. Kubicek, Armando Falcon, Douglas B. Hansen, Debora D. Horvath, George W. Madison, Georganne C. Proctor, and Faith A. Schwartz. The Board of Directors' determinations were made after consideration of, among other things, the relationships and related party transactions described below under "Additional Information About Directors and Executive Officers — Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions" on page 103 of this Proxy Statement. Two members of our Board of Directors, Mr. Abate and Mr. Robinson, do not qualify as "independent" under Section 303A of the NYSE Listed Company Manual or our Governance Standards because they are Redwood's Chief Executive Officer and President, respectively.

Board Leadership Structure

At Redwood, there is a separation between the Board chair and chief executive officer roles. Redwood's Board Chair presides over meetings of the Board and serves as a liaison between the Board and management of Redwood. In addition, Redwood's Board Chair provides input regarding Board agendas, materials, and areas of focus, and may represent Redwood to external constituencies such as investors, governmental representatives, and business counterparties. The Board Chair is currently Greg H. Kubicek, who was elected Chair in May 2022 and who has served as an independent director of Redwood since 2002.

In addition, under the Governance Standards, each of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and Governance and Nominating Committee of Redwood's Board of Directors is comprised solely of independent directors.

The Board believes this leadership structure is appropriate for Redwood, as it provides for the Board to be led by, and its standing committees to be comprised of, independent directors. As an independent Board Chair, Mr. Kubicek brings two decades of experience of serving on Redwood's Board along with the important perspective of an independent director to this leadership position.

Executive Sessions

Pursuant to our Governance Standards, our non-employee directors (i.e., the seven of our nine current directors who are not Redwood employees) meet in executive session at each regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of our Board of Directors and at such other times as determined by our Chair. In addition, if any non-employee director is not also an independent director, then, under our Governance Standards, our independent directors meet at least annually in executive session without any such non-independent directors.

Board of Directors' Role in Risk Oversight

The Board of Directors takes a primary role in risk oversight. At its regular meetings, the Board of Directors reviews Redwood's business and investment strategies and plans and seeks an understanding of the related risks as well as management's approach to identifying and managing those risks. In carrying out its role in risk oversight, the Board of Directors receives and discusses quarterly reports from the Chief Executive Officer and Audit Committee, which also carries out a risk oversight function delegated by the Board of Directors.

Under its charter, the Audit Committee is specifically charged with (i) inquiring of management and Redwood's independent registered public accounting firm about significant risks or exposures with respect to corporate accounting, reporting practices of Redwood, the quality and integrity of the financial reports and controls of Redwood, regulatory and accounting initiatives, and any off balance sheet structures and (ii) assessing the steps management has taken to minimize such risks. In addition, the Audit Committee is specifically charged with regularly discussing with management Redwood's policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management, including identification of Redwood's major financial and operational risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor or control those exposures. For example, the Audit Committee receives quarterly reports from management regarding various financial risk management topics (such as credit risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, and counterparty risk), and various operational risk management topics (such as cybersecurity, operations and regulatory compliance) and regularly discusses with management Redwood's exposure to, and management of, financial and operational risks.

The Audit Committee carries out this function by, among other things, receiving a quarterly risk management report from Redwood's Chief Executive Officer and other Redwood officers, and a quarterly internal audit report from Redwood's head of internal audit, reviewing these reports, and discussing them by asking questions and providing direction to management. In addition, as noted below under "Audit Committee Matters – Audit Committee Report," the Audit Committee also receives and discusses regular and required communications from Redwood's independent registered public accounting firm regarding, among other things, Redwood's internal controls. In addition to discussion of these reports during Audit Committee meetings, as circumstances merit, the Audit Committee holds separate executive sessions with one or more of the Chief Executive Officer, Redwood's head of internal audit, and representatives of Redwood's independent registered public accounting firm to discuss any matters that the Audit Committee or these persons believe should be discussed in the absence of other members of management Redwood's head of internal audit and the Chair of the Audit Committee also regularly communicate between Audit Committee meetings.

In addition, when appropriate, the Board of Directors may delegate to the Compensation Committee and Governance and Nominating Committee risk oversight responsibilities with respect to certain matters or request that other committees review certain risk oversight matters. For example, the Compensation Committee has been delegated the responsibility for determining, on an annual basis, whether Redwood's compensation policies and practices are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on Redwood. As another example, the Governance and Nominating Committee reports to the Board of Directors the results of its analysis of potential risks related to board leadership and composition, board structure, and executive succession planning.

The Board of Directors believes that this manner of administering the risk oversight function effectively integrates oversight into the Board of Directors' leadership structure, because the risk oversight function is carried out both at the Board level as well as through delegation to the Audit Committee, which consists solely of independent directors, and when appropriate to the Compensation Committee and Governance and Nominating Committee, which also consist solely of independent directors.

Board of Directors' Role in ESG Oversight

Redwood's management, under the oversight of the Board of Directors, formulates Redwood's strategic and operational approach to environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") matters and executes on specific ESG initiatives. The Board of Directors' oversight of management's approach to ESG matters is structured as follows, with the Board's standing Committees playing primary roles and regularly providing reports to the full Board:

- Environmental Matters. As part of its oversight of financial risk, the Audit Committee reviews updates from
 management regarding environmental-related risk management and initiatives, including climate changerelated risk.
- <u>Social Matters</u>. The Compensation Committee reviews updates from management regarding risk and opportunity related to social matters, including, among other things, human capital-related matters such as workforce inclusion and diversity initiatives and employee engagement efforts.
- Governance Matters. The Governance and Nominating Committee is responsible for overseeing corporate governance matters at Redwood, including, among other things, Board structure, Board composition and succession planning, the Board's self-evaluation process, and the receipt, retention, and treatment of reported concerns related to potential violations of Redwood's Code of Ethics.

A further review of ESG at Redwood is set forth on pages 11 - 13 of this Proxy Statement. Additional information about Redwood's corporate responsibility and sustainability programs and initiatives is included on Redwood's corporate website at www.redwoodtrust.com under the heading "Corporate Responsibility."

Board of Directors' Self-Evaluation Process

The Board believes it is important to periodically assess its own performance and effectiveness in carrying out its strategic and oversight role with respect to the Company. The Board evaluates its performance through annual self assessments at the Board and Committee levels, as well as through annual individual director self assessments that include one-on-one meetings conducted by the Board Chair with each of the other directors (with respect to the Board Chair, the Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee). These self assessments include analysis of the effectiveness of the Board, its Committees and its directors, how they are functioning and areas of potential improvement. The results of these performance reviews are also considered, among other things, by the Governance and Nominating Committee and the Board when considering whether to recommend a director for re-election and whether to consider new director candidates.

Board Tenure and Refreshment; Mandatory Retirement Age

Consistent with our Governance Standards, the Board is mindful that the composition of the Board, from a tenure and refreshment perspective, should reflect an appropriate mix of individuals with significant experience as a member of Redwood's Board, together with individuals who are newer to service on Redwood's Board, who bring fresh perspectives and additional diversity of thought. For example, given Redwood's business model, which includes investing in long-term mortgage loan obligations and regularly accessing the mortgage loan finance markets, directors who have served on Redwood's Board through multiple economic and financial market cycles are valued for the continuity and long-term perspectives they provide to other Board members and to management. At the same time, the business environment in which Redwood operates is constantly evolving – including from human capital and technological perspectives – and, therefore, Board refreshment is important to the continued effectiveness of the Board in the oversight of these and other evolving matters of importance to Redwood.



At Redwood, refreshment of the composition of Redwood's Board regularly occurs, for a variety of reasons, including the following:

- <u>Director Retirement / Departure</u>. Director departures and retirements, including in accordance with the mandatory retirement age set forth in our Governance Standards, prompt refreshment.
- <u>Mandatory Retirement Age</u>. Under our Governance Standards, an individual, including an incumbent director, is generally ineligible to stand for election or re-election to the Board after reaching age 75.
 - For example, in 2022, two directors retired from the Board of Directors in accordance with the mandatory retirement provisions of our Governance Standards.
- Board Expansion. Redwood is permitted under its Charter to increase the size of the Board of Directors; expanding the size of the Board when merited enables Redwood to add new Board members to address emerging needs for Board-level expertise.
 - For example, in March 2021, Redwood announced that the size of the Board would be increased, and Mr. Falcon and Ms. Schwartz were elected to serve on the Board.
- <u>Board's Succession Planning / Self-Evaluation Process</u>. The Board's collective and individual self-assessment process (described further above under the heading "*Board of Directors' Self-Evaluation Process*") provides perspectives on Board composition that can prompt refreshment. In addition, Board refreshment results from the Board's ongoing succession planning efforts to attract new directors to replace directors who are expected to retire or otherwise depart from the Board.

Communications with the Board of Directors

Stockholders and other interested parties may communicate with our Board of Directors by e-mail addressed to boardofdirectors@redwoodtrust.com. The Board Chair has access to this e-mail address and provides access to other directors as appropriate. Communications that are intended specifically for non-employee directors should be addressed to the Board Chair.

Director Attendance at Annual Meetings of Stockholders

Pursuant to our Governance Standards, Redwood's directors are expected to attend annual meetings of stockholders. All of Redwood's directors attended our 2022 annual meeting of stockholders, which was conducted solely as a "virtual" meeting, via a live webcast. We currently expect all directors nominated for election to attend this year's Annual Meeting.

Code of Ethics

The Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Ethics that applies to all of Redwood's directors, officers, and employees. The Code of Ethics is available on our website as well as in print at the written request of any stockholder addressed to Redwood's Secretary at our principal executive office.

We intend to post on our website and disclose in a Current Report on Form 8-K, to the extent required by applicable regulations, any change to the provisions of Redwood's Code of Ethics and any waiver of a provision of the Code of Ethics.

ESG AT REDWOOD



Our corporate vision is to be the leading operator and strategic capital provider for sustainable innovation in housing finance. The support we provide to the housing market is critical to the long-term growth and health of the economy and our nation. Throughout our Operating Businesses as well as our Investment Portfolio, we play an active role in supporting various areas of the residential housing market, including by enhancing liquidity in the residential real estate markets and, in turn, facilitating home ownership and access to housing across the United States.

ESG practices are important to achieving our corporate vision, support our ability to grow and deliver attractive risk adjusted returns to stockholders and integrated into our overall long-term strategy. We believe that the sustainability of Redwood's business depends on a broad array of factors, including a continuing focus on investments in our people, ethics and integrity, and corporate responsibility. Strong corporate governance, coupled with sound financial and operational risk management, are also essential pillars that support Redwood's growth and sustainability.

ESG Report

In 2022, Redwood published our inaugural ESG report which included disclosure on our ESG efforts and metrics relevant to our businesses, as well as selected metrics included in accordance with the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board ("SASB") standards for the Financials Sector Mortgage Finance and Asset Management & Custody Activities industries. More information related to our ESG efforts and practices can be found in this ESG report which can be accessed on our corporate website, www.redwoodtrust.com, under the heading "Corporate Responsibility." The information on our website, including our ESG report, is not incorporated by reference in this Proxy Statement.



ESG Oversight

FULL BOARD

Our Board of Directors oversees management's approach to ESG matters, with standing Board Committees playing a primary role in overseeing different aspects of ESG. Management regularly reports to the Board and its committees regarding ESG matters.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

As part of its oversight of financial risk, the Audit Committee reviews updates from management regarding environmental related risk management and initiatives, including climate change-related risk.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

The Compensation Committee reviews updates from management regarding risk and opportunity related to social matters, including, among other things, human capital related matters such as workforce inclusion and diversity initiatives and employee engagement efforts.

GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Governance and Nominating
Committee is responsible for overseeing
corporate governance matters at
Redwood, including, among other things,
Board structure, Board composition
and succession planning, the Board's
self-evaluation process, and the receipt,
retention, and treatment of reported
concerns related to potential violations
of Redwood's Code of Ethics.

Redwood company data as of December 31, 2022.

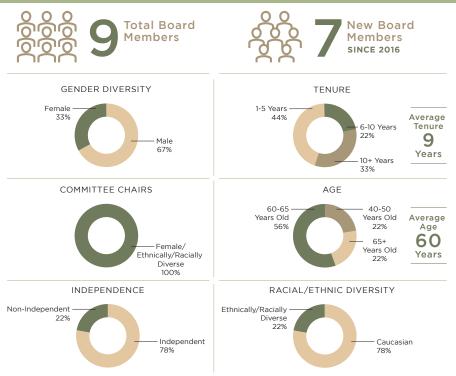
ESG Management-Level Steering Committee

Management-Level Steering Committee

In 2021, Redwood formed a cross functional ESG Management Advisory Committee ("ESG Committee") to support our ongoing efforts and initiatives related to sustainability, human capital, environmental, social and corporate governance issues, and other policy matters that are relevant to Redwood and our stakeholders. The ESG Committee is broadly responsible for charting Redwood's strategy relating to ESG, as well as developing, implementing, and monitoring initiatives, policies and procedures at Redwood to carry out that strategy. In addition, the ESG Committee is responsible for coordinating and overseeing communications relating to ESG matters with Redwood's shareholders, workforce, customers and business counterparties, communities and other stakeholders. The ESG Committee is comprised of our Chief Executive Officer (Chair) and President (Vice Chair), as well as officers across finance, legal, risk, human resources, and other departments. The ESG Committee meets on a regular basis, with the Chair providing regular updates to the Board's committees and the full Board.

ESG at A Glance

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



GOVERNANCE



Redwood company data as of December 31, 2022.

ESG at A Glance

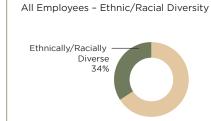
2022-2023 SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT⁽¹⁾

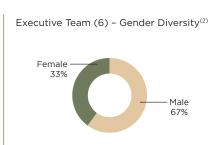
84% of institutional investors included in 2022-2023 outreach efforts 69% of institutional investors responded to outreach efforts Direct engagement with 49% of institutional investors

2022 EMPLOYEE COMPOSITION—ALL EMPLOYEES (347)



All Employees - Gender Diversity







Employee Engagement:

20+ Learning and Engagement Activities

3 Employee Resource Groups

10.2% Voluntary Turnover in 2022



- ▶ Employee Diversity Council
- ▶ TogetHER
- Employee Foundation

SOCIAL

Redwood's mission is to make quality housing, whether rented or owned, accessible to all American households



\$500K+	Total charitable donations since inception
DOUNT	through Employee Foundation

\$316MM Capital invested in HEI since inception

MOSSER Investment in minority and women owned organization focused on acquiring, renovating and enhancing distressed properties in California

86% of 2022 bridge loan funding was in support of sponsors seeking to purchase and renovate rental housing units

of units in rental properties that Redwood provided long-term financing to in 2022 are considered affordable housing

(2) Executive Team gender diversity as of February 28, 2023.

Redwood company data as of December 31, 2022.

58%

⁽¹⁾ Based upon shares held by institutional shareholders as of December 31, 2022 13F filing data. Engagement represents engagement from June 2022 through February 2023.

STOCK OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Required Stock Ownership by Directors

Pursuant to our Governance Standards, non-employee directors are required to purchase from their own funds at least \$50,000 of our common stock within three years from the date of commencement of their Board membership. Vested deferred stock units ("DSUs") acquired by a director through the voluntary deferral of cash compensation that otherwise would have been paid to that director are counted towards this requirement. Any director whose status has changed from being an employee director to being a non-employee director is not subject to this requirement if that director held at least \$50,000 of our common stock at the time of that change in status.

Additionally, non-employee directors are required to own common stock, including vested DSUs acquired through both voluntary and involuntary deferred compensation, equal to at least five times the annual cash retainer payable to non-employee directors (i.e., at least \$450,000 in common stock based on the current annual cash retainer in effect) within five years from the date of commencement of their Board membership. Stock and DSUs acquired with respect to the \$50,000 stock purchase requirement count toward the attainment of this additional stock ownership requirement. Compliance with these ownership requirements is measured on a purchase/acquisition cost basis.

As of the date of this Proxy Statement, all of our non-employee directors were in compliance with these requirements either due to ownership of the requisite number of shares and vested DSUs, or because the director was within the time period permitted to attain the required level of ownership.

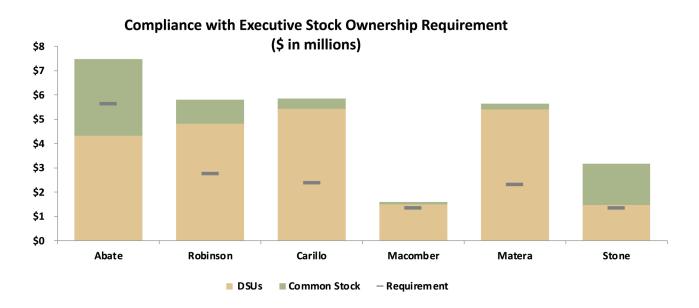
Required Stock Ownership by Executive Officers

The Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors has set the following executive stock ownership requirements with respect to our executive officers:

- Each executive officer is required to own stock with a value at least equal to (i) 6.25 times current salary for the Chief Executive Officer, (ii) 3.25 times current salary for the President, and (iii) three times current salary for the other executive officers;
- Five years are allowed to initially attain the required level of ownership and five years are allowed to acquire additional incremental shares if promoted to a position with a higher requirement or when a salary increase results in a higher requirement (if not in compliance at the indicated times, then the executive officer is required to retain net after-tax shares delivered as compensation or from the 2014 Incentive Plan or the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan until compliance is achieved):
- All shares owned outright are counted, including those held in trust for the executive officer and his
 or her immediate family, as well as vested and unvested DSUs and any other vested shares held
 pursuant to other employee plans; and
- Compliance with these requirements is measured on a purchase/acquisition cost basis for shares of common stock, and on grant date value for vested and unvested DSUs.

As described further within the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement, which begins on page 46, the executive stock ownership requirements set forth above reflect an update to these requirements that was made by the Compensation Committee in December 2022, which update increased stock ownership requirements and aligned other aspects of these requirements with broader market practice, including with respect to compliance timeframes, as well as treatment of vested and unvested DSUs.

Redwood's executive officers are currently the following individuals: Chief Executive Officer – Christopher J. Abate; President – Dashiell I. Robinson; Chief Financial Officer – Brooke E. Carillo; Chief Human Resource Officer – Sasha G. Macomber; Chief Investment Officer – Fred J. Matera; and Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary – Andrew P. Stone. All of Redwood's executive officers were in compliance with these updated requirements either due to ownership of the requisite number of shares and vested and unvested DSUs, or because he or she was within the time period permitted to attain the required level of ownership. The chart below illustrates compliance relative to the applicable requirement for each of our executive officers as of March 27, 2023.



Further information about each of Redwood's executive officers is included within "Information About Our Executive Officers" on pages 28 - 29 of this Proxy Statement.

ITEM 1 — ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The nominees for the nine director positions are set forth below. In the event we are advised prior to the Annual Meeting that any nominee will be unable to serve or for good cause will not serve as a director if elected at the Annual Meeting, the proxies will cast votes for any person who shall be nominated by the present Board of Directors to fill such directorship. The nominees listed below currently are serving as directors of Redwood.

Vote Required

If a quorum is present, the election of each nominee as a director requires a majority of the votes cast with respect to such nominee at the Annual Meeting. For purposes of the election of directors, a majority of the votes cast means that the number of votes cast "for" a nominee for election as a director exceeds the number of votes cast "against" that nominee. Cumulative voting in the election of directors is not permitted. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted as votes cast and will have no effect on the results of the vote in the election of directors. In accordance with Redwood's Bylaws and its Policy Regarding Majority Voting, any incumbent nominee for director must offer to resign from the Board if he or she fails to receive the required number of votes for re-election.

Nominees to Board of Directors

Name	Current Position with Redwood
Greg H. Kubicek	Chair of the Board
Christopher J. Abate	Director and Chief Executive Officer
Armando Falcon	Director
Douglas B. Hansen	Director
Debora D. Horvath	Director
George W. Madison	Director
Georganne C. Proctor	Director
Dashiell I. Robinson	Director and President
Faith A. Schwartz	Director

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE NOMINEES IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

Set forth below are summaries of the self-identified diversity characteristics, and the experience, qualifications, attributes and skills, of each of the nominees for election at the Annual Meeting, as well as certain biographical information regarding each of these individuals.

Summary of Director Nominees' Self-Identified Diversity Characteristics

	Kubicek	Abate	Falcon	Hansen	Horvath	Madison	Proctor	Robinson	Schwartz
Gender									
Male	•	•	•	•		•		•	
Female					•		•		±
Ethnicity or Race	'		'		<u>'</u>	'			
White/Caucasian	•	•		•	•		•	•	•
Black or African American						•			
Hispanic or Latino			•						

Summary of Director Nominees' Experience, Qualifications, Attributes and Skills

	Kubicek	Abate	Falcon	Hansen	Horvath	Madison	Proctor	Robinson	Schwartz
Leadership	.	•	±	.	±	.	•	•	±
Real Estate Industry	-	-	-	-				-	-
Accounting / Finance	-	-		-	-		•		
Insurance Industry					±	.	•		
Government			±			-			
Capital Markets		-		±		•	•	-	±
Corporate / Institutional Governance	-		±		±	-			
Banking / Investment Management			±		-	-	*	-	±
Technology / Cybersecurity					•				±
Climate / Environmental	•				•				

For each nominee for election as a director, set forth on the following pages is biographical information regarding the nominee, as well as factors supporting the Board of Directors' conclusion to nominate the nominee for election to continue to serve as a director.



Greg H. Kubicek, age 66, is Chair of the Board, having previously served as Vice Chair of the Board from December 2020 to May 2022. Mr. Kubicek has been a director of Redwood since 2002. Mr. Kubicek is President of The Holt Group, Inc., a real estate company and associated funds that purchase, develop, own, and manage real estate properties. Mr. Kubicek has also served as Chair of the Board of Cascade Corporation, an international manufacturing corporation. Mr.

Kubicek holds an A.B. in Economics from Harvard College.

The Board of Directors concluded that Mr. Kubicek should be nominated to continue to serve as a director on account of, among other things, the following experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills:

- Leadership attributes
- Management and entrepreneurial experience
- Expertise and experience in the real estate development industry
- Experience and expertise in the property management business
- Professional and educational background



Christopher J. Abate, age 43, has served as Chief Executive Officer since May 2018 and as a director since December 2017. Mr. Abate has been employed with Redwood since April 2006, previously serving as Redwood's President from July 2016 to May 2018, Chief Financial Officer from March 2012 to August 2017, and Controller from January 2009 to March 2013. From October 2019 to December 2021, Mr. Abate served as Chair of the Board of Structured Finance

Association. Before joining Redwood, Mr. Abate was employed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. He holds a B.A. in accounting and finance from Western Michigan University, an M.B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley and Columbia University.

The Board of Directors concluded that Mr. Abate should be nominated to continue to serve as a director on account of, among other things, the following experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills:

- Leadership attributes and management experience, including experience as Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Financial Officer, and Controller of Redwood
- Skill and experience in managing balance sheet exposures and managing risks
- Skill and experience in executing capital markets transactions
- Finance and accounting expertise and experience
- Professional and educational background



Armando Falcon, age 62, has been a director of Redwood since March 2021. Mr. Falcon is CEO of Falcon Capital Advisors LLC, a management consulting firm based in Washington, DC, that provides strategic advice and technical assistance to financial services companies, mortgage industry companies, and government agencies on matters involving process reengineering, project management, regulatory compliance, and data analytics, which he founded in 2007. He previously

served as the Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, and as the General Counsel for the Committee on Banking and Financial Services of the U.S. House of Representatives. Mr. Falcon currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American Stock Transfer and Trust Company and of the Structured Finance Association. Mr. Falcon also serves as an advisor to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals. Mr. Falcon holds a B.A. from St. Mary's University, an M.P.P. from Harvard University, and a J.D. from the University of Texas.

The Board of Directors concluded that Mr. Falcon should be nominated to continue to serve as a director on account of, among other things, the following experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills:

- Leadership attributes and management experience
- Experience in government service and financial regulation
- Expertise and experience in the real estate finance and financial services industries
- Expertise and experience relating to corporate and institutional governance
- Professional and educational background



Douglas B. Hansen, age 65, is a founder of Redwood, and served as Redwood's President from 1994 through 2008. Mr. Hansen retired from his position as President of Redwood at the end of 2008. Mr. Hansen has been a director of Redwood since 1994. Mr. Hansen serves on the Board of Directors of Four Corners Property Trust, Inc., a publicly traded real estate investment trust. Mr. Hansen also serves on the board of River of Knowledge, a not-for-profit institution. Mr. Hansen

holds an A.B. in Economics from Harvard College and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

The Board of Directors concluded that Mr. Hansen should be nominated to continue to serve as a director on

account of, among other things, the following experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills:

- Leadership attributes and management experience, including experience as President of Redwood Trust since its founding in 1994 through 2008
- Skill and experience in investing in real estate-related assets and managing portfolios of such investments
- Skill and experience in managing balance sheet exposures and managing risks
- Skill and experience in executing capital markets transactions
- Experience in finance and accounting matters
- Professional and educational background



Debora D. Horvath, age 68, has been a director of Redwood since 2016. Ms. Horvath is Principal of Horvath Consulting LLC, which she founded in 2010. Ms. Horvath served as an Executive Vice President for JP Morgan Chase & Co. from 2008 to 2010. Ms. Horvath served as an Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Washington Mutual, Inc. ("WaMu") from 2004 to 2008. In addition to being the technology leader at WaMu, Ms. Horvath was responsible for the

Enterprise Project Office and was Chair of WaMu's Environmental Council. Ms. Horvath, a 25-year veteran from General Electric Company ("GE"), served 12 years as a Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for the GE insurance businesses. Ms. Horvath has been a Director of StanCorp Financial Group, Inc. since 2013. She was a director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle from 2012 to January 2014. Ms. Horvath holds a B.A. in Business Administration from Baldwin Wallace University and is a graduate of GE's Financial Management Program (FMP).

The Board of Directors concluded that Ms. Horvath should be nominated to continue to serve as a director on account of, among other things, the following experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills:

- Leadership attributes and management experience
- Experience as a chief information officer
- Expertise and experience relating to information technology and technology risk management
- Accounting and finance experience
- Expertise and experience relating to institutional governance
- Professional and educational background



George W. Madison, age 69, has been a director of Redwood since July 2020. Mr. Madison is currently the sole member of Madison Governance Advisors LLC, a private corporate governance advisory business. Mr. Madison also currently serves on the Boards of Directors of HSBC North America Holdings Inc. (HNAH), an intermediate bank holding company of HSBC Holdings plc, and of HSBC Bank USA, N.A. (HBUS) of where he serves on the Risk Committee, and will be an

Audit Committee member (as of April 24, 2023) and Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee (as of November 1, 2023). Mr. Madison retired in March 2020, after serving as a partner at Sidley Austin LLP for six years, where he focused on financial institutions regulation and corporate governance issues on behalf of domestic and foreign financial firms and technology companies. Between April 2009 and June 2012, Mr. Madison served as the 30th General Counsel and chief law officer of the US Department of the Treasury and as a senior policy advisor and senior counselor to Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner. Prior to April 2009, Mr. Madison served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of TIAA-CREF and Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary at Comerica Incorporated. Before working at TIAA and Comerica, Mr. Madison was a partner at Mayer Brown, LLP, and was the first African-American partner in the then 120-year history of the firm. Earlier in his career, Mr. Madison was associated with the law firm of Shearman & Sterling LLP in New York and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati. Mr. Madison holds a B.S. from New York University's Stern School of Business, an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School, and a J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was the 2011 keynote commencement speaker.

The Board of Directors concluded that Mr. Madison should be nominated to continue to serve as a director on account of, among other things, the following experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills:

- Leadership attributes and management experience
- Experience in government service and financial regulation
- Expertise and experience relating to corporate and institutional governance
- Expertise and experience in the banking, insurance, and investment management industries
- Professional and educational background



Georganne C. Proctor, age 66, has been a director of Redwood since March 2006. Ms. Proctor is the former Chief Financial Officer of TIAA-CREF, and served in that position from June 2006 to July 2010. Additionally, Ms. Proctor served jointly as Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President for Enterprise Integration at TIAA-CREF from January 2010 to July 2010. From July 2010 to October 2010, she continued to serve as Executive Vice President for Enterprise

Integration at TIAA-CREF. From 2003 to 2005, Ms. Proctor was Executive Vice President of Golden West Financial Corporation, a thrift institution. From 1994 to 1997, Ms. Proctor was Vice President of Bechtel Group, a global engineering firm, and also served as its Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from 1997 to 2002 and as a director from 1999 to 2002. From 1991 to 1994, Ms. Proctor served as finance director of certain divisions of The Walt Disney Company, a diversified worldwide entertainment company. Ms. Proctor currently serves on the Board of Directors of Avantax, Inc., serving as Avantax's Board Chair. Ms. Proctor previously served on the Board of Directors of Sculptor Capital Management, Inc. from 2011-2021, Kaiser Aluminum Corporation from 2006 to 2009 and SunEdison, Inc. from 2013 to 2017. Ms. Proctor holds a B.S. in Business Management from the University of South Dakota and an M.B.A. from California State University East Bay.

The Board of Directors concluded that Ms. Proctor should be nominated to continue to serve as a director on account of, among other things, the following experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills:

- Management experience
- Experience as a chief financial officer
- Expertise and experience in the banking, insurance, and investment management industries
- Professional and educational background



Dashiell I. Robinson, age 43, has served as Redwood's President since December 2017 and as a director since August 2021. Prior to joining Redwood in September 2017, Mr. Robinson was employed at Wells Fargo Securities, serving as the Head of Mortgage Finance within the Asset-Backed Finance Group. In that role, Mr. Robinson led a team of banking professionals responsible for financing and distributing an array of residential mortgage products, and serving a broad suite

of the firm's operating and investing clients. Prior to his employment at Wells Fargo, Mr. Robinson was employed within the Structured Credit Products Group at Wachovia Capital Markets from 2001 to 2008, serving in banking, structuring and risk mitigation roles. Mr. Robinson also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco. Mr. Robinson holds a B.A. in English from Georgetown University.

The Board of Directors concluded that Mr. Robinson should be nominated to continue to serve as a director on account of, among other things, the following experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills:

- Leadership attributes and management experience, including experience as President and Executive Vice President of Redwood
- Expertise and experience in the real estate finance and financial services industries
- Skill and experience investing in mortgages and other real estate-related assets and managing portfolios of such investments
- Skill and experience in executing capital markets and structured finance transactions
- Professional and educational background



Faith A. Schwartz, age 62, has been a director of Redwood since March 2021. Ms. Schwartz is the President of Housing Finance Strategies, LLC, a professional services and advisory practice focusing on capital markets, rating agencies, and mortgage modernization and innovation, which she founded in 2016. Ms. Schwartz currently serves on the Board of Directors of Gateway First Bank, as well as on the boards of several other privately held mortgage industry-focused

companies, including Class Valuation LLC. From 2013 to 2016, Ms. Schwartz served as Senior Vice President of Federal Practice of CoreLogic, Inc., a provider of property information, insight, analytics and data-enabled solutions. She is also the founder of HOPE NOW Alliance, a public-private initiative launched in 2007 to seek solutions for American families facing foreclosure during the Great Recession. Ms. Schwartz also previously served as Senior Vice President of Government, Housing, and Industry at Option One Mortgage Corporation, a subsidiary of H&R Block, from 2003 to 2007 and as Director of Alternative Markets and Director of National Sales at Freddie Mac between 1997 and 2003. As of October 2021, Ms. Schwartz serves on the Consumer Advisory Board for the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB). She previously served on the Federal Reserve Board's Consumer Advisory Council and in 2010 she founded HOPE LoanPort, a technology non-profit organization that helps families reach and sustain their goal of homeownership. She started her career at Dominion Bancshares Mortgage Company as Vice President of Capital Markets and Wholesale Lending. Ms. Schwartz holds a B.S. from Shippensburg State College and an M.B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh.

The Board of Directors concluded that Ms. Schwartz should be nominated to continue to serve as a director on account of, among other things, the following experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills:

- Leadership attributes and management experience
- Expertise and experience in the real estate finance industry and the use of technology within this industry
- Expertise and experience in the banking and financial services industries
- Professional and educational background

MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directors currently consists of nine directors. Our Board of Directors has established three standing committees of the Board: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Governance and Nominating Committee. The membership of each Committee and the function of each Committee are described below. Each of the Committees has adopted a charter and the charters of all Committees are available on our website and in print at the written request of any stockholder addressed to Redwood's Secretary at our principal executive office.

Our Board of Directors held a total of 13 meetings during 2022. The non-employee directors of Redwood met in executive session at four meetings during 2022. Mr. Kubicek presided at executive sessions of the non-employee directors during 2022, all of whom qualified as "independent" under Rule 303A of the NYSE Listed Company Manual. No director attended fewer than 75% of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Committees on which he or she served and all of our directors attended last year's annual meeting of stockholders, which was conducted solely as a "virtual" meeting, via a live webcast.

Audit Committee. Redwood has a separately designated Audit Committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Audit Committee's function includes providing oversight regarding accounting, auditing, risk management, and financial reporting practices of Redwood. The Audit Committee consists solely of non-employee directors, all of whom our Board of Directors has determined are independent within the meaning of the listing standards of the NYSE and the rules of the SEC. Our Board of Directors has determined that all members of the Audit Committee are "financially literate" within the meaning of the applicable regulations and standards and has designated each of Ms. Horvath and Ms. Proctor as an "audit committee financial expert" within the meaning of the applicable regulations and standards. The Audit Committee met eight times in 2022 in order to carry out its responsibilities, as discussed below under "Audit Committee Matters — Audit Committee Report."

Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee's function includes reviewing and approving Redwood's compensation philosophy, reviewing the competitiveness of Redwood's compensation practices, as well as risks that may arise from those practices, determining and approving the annual base salaries and incentive compensation paid to our executive officers, approving the terms and conditions of proposed incentive plans applicable to our executive officers and other employees, approving and overseeing the administration of Redwood's employee benefit plans, and reviewing and approving hiring and severance arrangements for our executive officers. The Compensation Committee also oversees risk and opportunity related to social matters, which at Redwood includes, among other things, human capital-related matters such as workforce inclusion and diversity initiatives and employee engagement efforts. The Compensation Committee consists solely of non-employee directors, each of whom our Board of Directors has determined is independent within the meaning of the listing standards of the NYSE and are "non-employee directors" within the meaning of the rules of the SEC. The Compensation Committee met seven times in 2022 in order to carry out its responsibilities, as discussed below under "Executive Compensation — Compensation Discussion and Analysis."

Governance and Nominating Committee. The Governance and Nominating Committee's function includes reviewing and considering corporate governance guidelines and principles, evaluating potential director candidates and recommending qualified candidates to the full Board, reviewing executive succession planning, and evaluating executives in connection with succession planning, and overseeing the self-evaluation of the Board of Directors. The Governance and Nominating Committee also carries out responsibilities related to the receipt, retention, and treatment of reported concerns related to potential violations of Redwood's Code of Ethics. The Governance and Nominating Committee consists solely of non-employee directors, each of whom our Board of Directors has determined is independent within the meaning of the listing standards of the NYSE. The Governance and Nominating Committee met four times in 2022 in order to carry out its responsibilities.

Committee Members

The current members of each of the three standing committees are listed below, with the Chair appearing first.

Audit	Compensation	Governance and Nominating
Debora D. Horvath	Georganne C. Proctor	Armando Falcon
George W. Madison	Armando Falcon	Greg H. Kubicek
Georganne C. Proctor	Debora D. Horvath	George W. Madison
Faith A. Schwartz	Greg H. Kubicek	Faith A. Schwartz

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Information on our non-employee director cash compensation paid (or currently scheduled to be paid) during the annual periods commencing in May 2021, May 2022, and May 2023, is set forth in the tables below. Non-employee director cash compensation is paid quarterly, in arrears.

Non-Employee Director Cash Compensation			
	Annual P	eriod Commencing May 1,	
	2021, 2022, and 2023		
Annual Retainer *	\$	90,000	
Retainer for Service as a Committee Member (per Committee)**	\$	12,500	

^{*} The Chairs of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Governance and Nominating Committee each currently receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$20,000, and the additional annual cash retainer payable to the Chair of the Board of the Directors is currently \$120,000.

After submission of appropriate documentation on a timely basis, non-employee directors are also reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending Board and committee meetings, as well as for their and, in some cases, their guests' attendance at other Redwood-related meetings or events. Non-employee directors may also be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending conferences or educational seminars that relate to their Board service and are approved by the Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee.

Non-employee directors are also granted deferred stock units ("DSUs"), or comparable equity-based awards, each year at the time of the annual meeting of stockholders. The number of DSUs granted is determined by dividing the dollar value of the grant by the closing price of Redwood's common stock on the NYSE on the day of grant (and rounding to the nearest whole share amount). In May 2022, non-employee directors received an annual DSU award valued at \$125,000.

On the 2023 Annual Meeting date, non-employee directors who are re-elected will receive an annual grant of vested DSUs for the May 2023 to May 2024 annual period determined by dividing \$125,000 by the closing price of Redwood's common stock on the meeting date. Non-employee directors may also be granted equity-based awards upon their initial election to the Board. These initial and annual DSU grants are fully vested upon grant, and they are generally subject to a mandatory three-year holding period. Dividend equivalent rights on DSUs are generally paid in cash to directors on each dividend distribution date.

^{**}Non-employee directors who are members of Board Committees receive a retainer for their service on each Committee and do not receive committee meeting attendance fees. In cases where a non-employee director is formally invited to participate in a committee meeting of which he or she is not a member, he or she will be paid \$2,000 per meeting for in-person attendance and \$1,000 per meeting for telephonic attendance.

In November 2022, following a review of director compensation by the Compensation Committee and Governance and Nominating Committee, with the assistance of the Compensation Committee's independent compensation consultant, Semler Brossy Consulting Group, LLC ("Semler Brossy"), the Board of Directors reviewed the compensation program for non-employee directors and determined to maintain the current compensation program with no changes. In connection with this review, Semler Brossy conducted an independent review of Redwood's non-employee director compensation program at the request of the Compensation Committee. The review conducted by Semler Brossy included a comparison against non-employee director compensation at the companies that comprise Redwood's executive compensation peer group. The non-employee director compensation program is intended to maintain Redwood's total average annual compensation for non-employee directors at or near the compensation peer group median. Further detail regarding the executive compensation peer group is provided on pages 58 - 59 of this Proxy Statement under the heading "Executive Compensation — Compensation Peer Group for 2022." In particular, the Board approved the existing compensation program: an annual cash retainer for Board service of \$90,000; an annual equity retainer for Board service of \$125,000; an annual cash retainer for service as a Committee member of \$12,500 (per Committee); an annual cash retainer for service as a Committee Chair of \$20,000; and an annual cash retainer for service as Board Chair of \$120,000.

Each director may elect to defer receipt of cash compensation or dividend equivalent rights through Redwood's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan. Cash balances in the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan are unsecured liabilities of Redwood and are utilized by Redwood as available capital to fund investments and operations. Based on each director's election, deferred compensation can either be deferred into a cash account and earn a rate of return that is equivalent to 120% of the applicable long-term federal rate published by the IRS compounded monthly or be deferred into deferred stock units which will, among other things, entitle them to receive dividend equivalent rights related to those units.

Each year the Compensation Committee and Governance and Nominating Committee review Redwood's compensation of non-employee directors with the assistance of the Compensation Committee's independent compensation consultant. Any changes to non-employee director compensation recommended by these Committees are subject to review and approval by the Board. These Committees intend to complete their annual review of Redwood's non-employee director compensation prior to year-end in 2023, when updated comparative compensation data will be available. Any changes to non-employee director compensation that are approved by the Board following this 2023 review may increase or decrease non-employee director compensation for the May 2023 to May 2024 annual period from the amounts set forth in the "Non-Employee Director Cash Compensation" table on the preceding page.

Non-Employee Director Compensation — 2022

The following table provides information on non-employee director compensation for the 2022 calendar year. Director compensation is set by the Board and is subject to change. Directors who are employed by Redwood do not receive any compensation for their Board activities.

Current Directors	es Earned or aid in Cash (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Sto	ock Awards (\$) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Armando Falcon	\$ 127,033	\$	125,000	_	\$ 252,033
Douglas B. Hansen	\$ 99,000	\$	125,000	_	\$ 224,000
Debora D. Horvath	\$ 127,033	\$	125,000	_	\$ 252,033
Greg H. Kubicek	\$ 195,165	\$	125,000	_	\$ 320,165
George W. Madison	\$ 115,000	\$	125,000	_	\$ 240,000
Georganne C. Proctor	\$ 135,000	\$	125,000	_	\$ 260,000
Faith A. Schwartz	\$ 115,000	\$	125,000	_	\$ 240,000
Directors Retired During 2022					
Richard D. Baum ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 93,613		_	_	\$ 93,613
Jeffrey T. Pero ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 53,777		_		\$ 53,777

⁽¹⁾ Fees earned are based on the non-employee director compensation policy in place for 2022: (i) annual cash retainer of \$90,000; (ii) additional annual retainer for the Chair of the Board of \$120,000; (iii) additional annual retainer for Audit Committee Chair, Compensation Committee Chair, and Governance and Nominating Committee Chair of \$20,000; (iv) invitational committee fees of \$2,000 (in person) and \$1,000 (telephonic); and (v) an annual committee retainer of \$12,500 per committee.

⁽²⁾ Stock awards consisted of grants of vested DSUs. The value of DSUs awarded was determined in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718. The value of dividend equivalent rights associated with DSUs was taken into account in establishing the value of these DSUs and previously granted DSUs. Therefore, dividend equivalent rights payments made during 2022 to non-employee directors are not considered compensation or other amounts reported in the table above.

⁽³⁾ As of December 31, 2022, the aggregate number of stock awards outstanding for each then-serving non-employee director was as follows: Armando Falcon had 31,822 vested DSUs, Douglas B. Hansen had 36,497 vested DSUs; Debora D. Horvath had 53,971 vested DSUs; Greg H. Kubicek had 344,777 vested DSUs; George W. Madison had 75,366 vested DSUs; Georganne C. Proctor had 165,862 vested DSUs; and Faith A. Schwartz had 31,833 vested DSUs.

⁽⁴⁾ Mr. Baum and Mr. Pero retired from Redwood's Board effective May 24, 2022.

The following table provides information on stock unit distributions in common stock to non-employee directors from our Executive Deferred Compensation Plan in 2022. Stock units distributed represent compensation previously granted in prior years and were reported as director compensation in those prior years.

Current Directors	DSUs Distributed (#) ⁽¹⁾	of D Distri	te Value SUs buted
Douglas B. Hansen	6,802	\$	67,476
Debora Horvath	6,802	\$	67,476
<u>Directors Retired During 2022</u>			
Richard D. Baum ⁽³⁾	30,518	\$	299,418
Jeffrey T. Pero ⁽³⁾	46,985	\$	460,464

⁽¹⁾ DSUs distributed in 2022 were generally originally granted in 2019. Mr. Baum's 2022 DSU distribution also included annual director's grants awarded from 2020 and 2021. Mr. Pero's 2022 DSU distribution included annual director grants from 2017 to 2021 as well as certain DERs earned from 2019 to 2022, which he elected to defer into additional DSUs under Redwood's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

- (2) The aggregate value of DSUs distributed is calculated by multiplying the number of DSUs distributed by the fair market value of Redwood common stock on the date of distribution.
- (3) Mr. Baum and Mr. Pero retired from Redwood's Board effective May 24, 2022.

INFORMATION ABOUT OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Executive officers of Redwood as of March 27, 2023 are listed in the table below.

Name	Position	Age
Christopher J. Abate	Chief Executive Officer	43
Dashiell I. Robinson	President	43
Brooke E. Carillo	Chief Financial Officer	36
Sasha G. Macomber	Chief Human Resource Officer	54
Fred J. Matera	Chief Investment Officer	59
Andrew P. Stone	Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary	51

For purposes of this Proxy Statement, each of Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Ms. Macomber, Mr. Matera, and Mr. Stone are Named Executive Officers ("NEOs"). Biographical information regarding these executive officers is set forth below.

Christopher J. Abate, age 43, serves as Chief Executive Officer and as a director of Redwood. Mr. Abate has been employed with Redwood since April 2006, previously serving as Redwood's President from July 2016 to May 2018, Chief Financial Officer from March 2012 to August 2017, and Controller from January 2009 to March 2013. From October 2019 to December 2021, Mr. Abate served as Chair of the Board of the Structured Finance Association. Before joining Redwood, Mr. Abate was employed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. He holds a B.A. in accounting and finance from Western Michigan University, and an M.B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley and Columbia University.

Dashiell I. Robinson, age 43, serves as President of Redwood and as a director of Redwood. He joined the Company as Executive Vice President in September 2017. Prior to joining Redwood in September 2017, Mr. Robinson was employed at Wells Fargo Securities, serving as the Head of Mortgage Finance within the Asset-Backed Finance Group. In that role, Mr. Robinson led a team of banking professionals responsible for financing and distributing an array of residential mortgage products and serving a broad suite of the firm's operating and investing clients. Prior to his employment at Wells Fargo, Mr. Robinson was employed within the Structured Credit Products Group at Wachovia Capital Markets from 2001 to 2008, serving in banking, structuring and risk mitigation roles. Mr. Robinson holds a B.A. in English from Georgetown University.

Brooke E. Carillo, age 36, serves as Chief Financial Officer of Redwood. Prior to joining Redwood in May 2021, Ms. Carillo was employed at Annaly Capital Management, Inc., most recently serving as the Head of Corporate Development and Strategy. In that role, Ms. Carillo led the corporate strategy, capital markets and investor relations departments, and served on the firm's Operating Committee. Prior to joining Annaly in 2010, Ms. Carillo worked in investment banking within the Financial Institutions Group at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Ms. Carillo holds a B.S. in Economics from Duke University.

Sasha G. Macomber, age 54, serves as Chief Human Resource Officer of Redwood. Prior to joining Redwood in April 2018, Ms. Macomber spent 11 years with Peet's Coffee in the San Francisco Bay Area, leading various aspects of human resources including talent acquisition, talent management, HR business partnerships, employee engagement, and leadership communications. Ms. Macomber has also held HR leadership roles within consumer goods and technology companies, including The North Face, Room & Board, and QRS Corporation. Ms. Macomber has a B.A. degree in English Literature from Mills College and an M.S. in Organizational Development from the University of San Francisco.

Fred J. Matera, age 59, serves as Chief Investment Officer of Redwood. Prior to being named Chief Investment Officer, Mr. Matera held the role of Head of Redwood Residential from December 2020 to September 2022. Mr. Matera also previously served as a Redwood board member from March 2019 to December 2020. Prior to that, Mr. Matera was co-founder of MoVi Partners, an advisory firm focused on promoting innovation through diversity in the fintech industry. During 2008-2016, Mr. Matera held several leadership positions with Redwood, including Chief Investment Officer and Head of Commercial. He has more than 30 years' experience at top financial and mortgage banking firms, serving in senior-level positions. Mr. Matera has a bachelor's degree in Economics from Tufts University, and an M.B.A. in finance from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Andrew P. Stone, age 51, serves as Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of Redwood. Mr. Stone has been employed by Redwood since December 2008. Prior to joining Redwood, he served as Deputy General Counsel of Thomas Weisel Partners Group, Inc. from 2006 to 2008 and, between 1996 and 2006, he practiced corporate and securities law at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP and Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP. Mr. Stone holds a B.A. in mathematics and history from Kenyon College and a J.D. from New York University School of Law.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table sets forth information, as of March 27, 2023, about the beneficial ownership of our common stock by our current directors and executive officers, our NEOs and by all of our current directors, executive officers, and NEOs as a group. As indicated in the notes, the table includes certain common stock equivalents held by these individuals through Redwood-sponsored plans and benefits programs. Except as otherwise indicated and for such power that may be shared with a spouse, each person has sole investment and voting power with respect to the shares shown to be beneficially owned. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC.

Executive Officers and NEOs	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned ⁽¹⁾	Percent of Class ⁽²⁾
Christopher J. Abate ⁽³⁾	429,719	*
Dashiell I. Robinson ⁽⁴⁾	262,045	*
Brooke E. Carillo ⁽⁵⁾	58,073	*
Sasha G. Macomber ⁽⁶⁾	62,262	*
Fred J. Matera ⁽⁷⁾	321,930	*
Andrew P. Stone ⁽⁸⁾	158,402	*
Non-Employee Directors		
Armando Falcon ⁽⁹⁾	31,822	*
Douglas B. Hansen ⁽¹⁰⁾	399,973	*
Debora D. Horvath ⁽¹¹⁾	86,944	*
Greg H. Kubicek ⁽¹²⁾	453,145	*
George W. Madison ⁽¹³⁾	75,336	*
Georganne C. Proctor ⁽¹⁴⁾	165,862	*
Faith A. Schwartz ⁽¹⁵⁾	31,822	*
All directors, executive officers, and NEOs as a group (13 persons) ⁽¹⁶⁾	2,537,335	2.2%

^{*} Less than 1%.

- (1) Represents shares of common stock outstanding and common stock underlying performance stock units and deferred stock units that have vested or will vest within 60 days of March 27, 2023.
- (2) Based on 113,719,555 shares of our common stock outstanding as of March 27, 2023. All references to vested Deferred Stock Units ("DSUs") in the footnotes below include DSUs scheduled to vest within 60 days of March 27, 2023.
- (3) Includes 241,693 shares of common stock and 188,026 DSUs.
- (4) Includes 84,490 shares of common stock and 177,555 DSUs.
- (5) Includes 41,772 shares of common stock and 16,301 DSUs.
- (6) Includes 13,019 shares of common stock, and 49,243 DSUs.
- (7) Includes 25,792 shares of common stock, and 296,138 DSUs.
- (8) Includes 106,821 shares of common stock, and 51,581 DSUs.
- (9) Includes 31,822 DSUs.
- (10) Includes 363,476 shares of common stock and 36,497 DSUs.
- (11) Includes 32,973 shares of common stock and 53,971 DSUs.
- (12) Includes 106,455 shares of common stock held in direct ownership, living trusts and through an unaffiliated pension plan, 1,913 shares held of record by Mr. Kubicek's spouse, and 344,777 vested DSUs.
- (13) Includes 75,336 DSUs.
- (14) Includes 165,862 DSUs.
- (15) Includes 31,822 DSUs.
- (16) Includes 1,018,404 shares of common stock and 1,518,931 DSUs.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table sets forth information as of the dates noted below, with respect to shares of our common stock owned by each person or entity known by us to be the beneficial owner of approximately 5% or more of our common stock.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percent of Class ⁽¹⁾
BlackRock, Inc. (2)	20,266,566	17.8 %
The Vanguard Group ⁽³⁾	12,701,741	11.2 %

- (1) Based on 113,719,555 shares of our common stock outstanding as of March 27, 2023.
- (2) Address: 55 East 52nd Street, New York, New York 10055. The information in the above table and this footnote concerning the shares of common stock beneficially owned by BlackRock, Inc. (BlackRock) is based on the amended Schedule 13G filed by BlackRock with the SEC on January 23, 2023, which indicates that BlackRock and certain other subsidiary entities make aggregate reports on Schedule 13G and that such entities, in the aggregate as of December 31, 2022, had sole dispositive power with respect to 20,266,566 shares and sole voting power with respect to 19,905,326 shares.
- (3) Address: 100 Vanguard Boulevard, Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355. The information in the above table and this footnote concerning the shares of common stock beneficially owned by The Vanguard Group (Vanguard) is based on the amended Schedule 13G filed by Vanguard with the SEC on February 9, 2023, which indicates that Vanguard and certain other subsidiary entities make aggregate reports on Schedule 13G and that such entities, in the aggregate as of December 31, 2022, had sole dispositive power with respect to 12,500,177 shares, shared dispositive power with respect to 201,564 shares, and shared voting power with respect to 78,284 shares.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

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COMPENSATION DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS (CD&A) - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

> Introductory Remarks of the Compensation Committee Chair

Redwood's executive compensation program has always been grounded in a pay-for-performance philosophy and structure that is aligned with stockholders and designed to support achievement of the Company's short-and long-term strategic and operational objectives. Although the program has historically received a high level of stockholder support, last year (at Redwood's May 2022 annual meeting) our "Say-on-Pay" proposal received a low level of support, prompting the Compensation Committee (the Committee) to closely re-evaluate how the program responded to the Company's 2021 performance and re-double our efforts relating to outreach and engagement, with a focus on hearing detailed and specific feedback from stockholders about the executive compensation-related concerns that drove their "Say-on-Pay" voting decisions.

As the Committee Chair, I led this process – with listening to stockholders being the first and most important step – as the full Committee embarked on gathering a broad array of stakeholders' perspectives, analyzing the in-place executive compensation program, and considering potential changes that would be both responsive to feedback and ensure that the program continues to support Redwood's business goals and sustainable long-term value creation. The pages that follow summarize our response to three key questions that we expect stockholders will be focused on as they cast their "Say-on-Pay" votes at Redwood's 2023 Annual Meeting:

- 1. After the May 2022 "Say-on-Pay" vote, what was the stockholder feedback we heard, and how have we responded to it?
- 2. How did the executive compensation program respond to Redwood's full-year 2022 performance?
- 3. What are the key components of the executive compensation program that are now in place as we go forward into 2023?

Importantly, and consistent with the feedback we heard from stockholders, our underlying compensation philosophy has not changed and remains focused on the following key principals:

- Incentivize attainment of short- and long-term business and stockholder return objectives
- Align the interests of executives with those of long-term stockholders in achieving strong stockholder returns, in absolute terms and relative to other mortgage REITs and small-cap financial services firms
- Enable Redwood to hire and retain executives with needed mortgage, investment and financial services expertise in a competitive marketplace
- Avoid incentivizing inappropriate risk taking

In closing, I want to thank all of the stockholders who took time to engage and provide feedback since last year's annual meeting – we greatly value this communication and ongoing dialogue. And, on behalf of the full Committee, we appreciate your review of this CD&A in advance of the 2023 Annual Meeting.

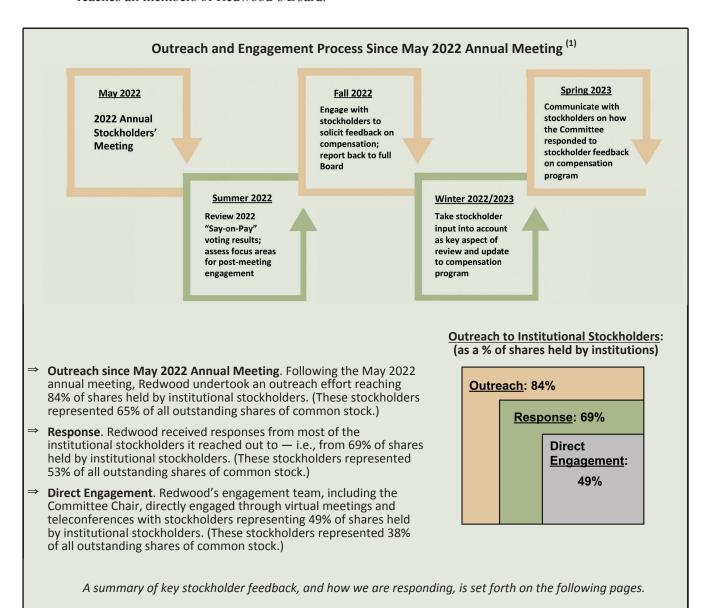
Georganne C. Proctor, Chair – Compensation Committee

SHAREHOLDER OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Redwood's Stockholder Outreach and Engagement

Ongoing outreach to stockholders regarding executive compensation has been a consistent practice at Redwood, led by the Chair of the Committee and conducted through in-person meetings, as well as virtual meetings and conference calls with institutional stockholders. Together with the Committee Chair, Redwood's outreach team includes key members of the Company's Investor Relations, Human Resources, Finance and Corporate Secretary departments.

• This outreach team meets and engages with a broad base of investors throughout the year to discuss not only executive compensation, but also other key topics of stockholder focus, including corporate governance and social and environmental matters that are highly relevant to the Company's business. Following each stockholder engagement, a summary of the dialogue is circulated to the full Committee, as well as to all other Directors, ensuring that feedback from stockholders on these topics reaches all members of Redwood's Board.



Endnotes are set forth on page 43, following the conclusion of this Executive Summary.

STOCKHOLDER FEEDBACK - WHAT WE HEARD AND HOW WE ARE RESPONDING

> Stockholder Feedback — What We Heard and How We Are Responding

Following Redwood's May 2022 annual meeting and our subsequent engagement with stockholders, the Committee analyzed all of the stockholder dialogues that took place and identified and closely examined common feedback and themes that emerged. This process, coupled with a review of peer practices and input from the Committee's independent compensation consultant, informed the evaluation and implementation of changes to the design and structure of the executive compensation program, as well as specific compensation determinations, with respect to both year-end 2022 and future compensation beginning in 2023. The grid below and on the following pages summarizes the key stockholder feedback and themes and how the Committee is responding, with a focus on compensation of the Company's CEO. Further details are reviewed both within subsequent pages of this Executive Summary and in the full CD&A that follows.

What We Heard from Stockholders:

⇒ Financial Performance Target for 2021 Annual Bonus

Many stockholders asked about the rigor of the financial performance target used in 2021 for determining realization of the CEO's annual bonus opportunity and whether it should be increased as macro-economic conditions change.

How We Are Responding:

Increased Financial Performance Target for 2022 Annual Bonus. As part of its annual process, at the beginning of 2022 the Committee increased the financial performance target used in 2022 for determining realization of the CEO's (and other executives') annual bonus to 11.5% Adjusted ROE (non-GAAP)⁽²⁾, an increase of 28% from the 2021 target of 9% Adjusted ROE, reflecting the evolving business and market environment.

⇒ Above-Target Annual Bonus Realization and Maximum Annual Bonus Opportunity In addition, a consistent theme raised by stockholders was concern about above-target annual bonus realization levels and the CEO's maximum annual bonus opportunity, with feedback stating that these aspects of the executive compensation program may be misaligned with market practice and allow for the program to be overly focused on short-term performance.

Updated Annual Bonus Methodology. The Committee analyzed stockholder feedback, reviewed competitor and peer practice, and re-assessed maximum annual bonus opportunities and the methodology for determining realization of annual bonuses.

- Lowered Maximum Bonus Opportunity. Goingforward into 2023, the CEO's maximum annual bonus opportunity (bonus cap) was reduced to 3.5x of target annual bonus (from 4.4x of target annual bonus in 2021). Annual bonus caps for other executives were also lowered to 3.5x of their target annual bonuses.
- Reduced Above-Target "Leverage" in Annual Bonus Methodology; Added Secondary Performance Metric. In conjunction with lowering maximum bonus opportunities, going-forward into 2023 the Committee introduced an additional financial performance metric into the determination of annual bonus realization and reduced the "leverage" factor used for determining realization of above-target annual bonuses – i.e., formulaically reduced the percentage of above target annual bonus realized for above-target performance.

Impacts of Updated Annual Bonus Methodology. Impacts of these changes include:

- Meaningfully higher level of above-target financial performance required to achieve significantly above-target and/or maximum annual bonus realization;
- Overall moderation of bonus payouts that would be realized in strong short-term performance scenarios; and
- Strengthened alignment with fundamental Company performance and the key metrics that drive stockholder value creation.

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STOCKHOLDER FEEDBACK - WHAT WE HEARD AND HOW WE ARE RESPONDING (cont.)

What We Heard from Stockholders:

⇒ PSU
Performance
Measurement
Periods

Stockholders consistently commented that the use of three linked 1-year performance measurement periods in one aspect of the program's Performance Stock Units (PSUs) undermined the stated intention that PSUs result in long-term alignment between stockholders and executives – and could result in the program being overly focused on short-term performance.

How We Are Responding:

Switched to Exclusively Using 3-Year Performance Measurement Periods. Beginning with grants made at year-end 2022, the PSU structure has been updated to provide for all performance-based vesting to be measured over three-year performance periods, and with vesting to now be based on a direct weighting between the two performance measures: book value TSR (67%) and relative TSR (33%). (3)

Increase in Vesting Driven by Relative TSR. This updated structure shifted the use of relative TSR from a vesting modifier to a discrete performance vesting metric, which is aligned with market practice and simplifies the PSU structure, enhancing line-of-sight.

Added Above-Median Relative TSR Performance
Target. With respect to this portion of vesting driven
by the relative TSR performance metric, this updated
structure requires above-median performance
relative to a comparator group of companies (i.e.,
55th percentile) for target-level vesting. Similarly,
maximum-level vesting for this portion of PSU
vesting requires greater than 75th percentile
performance relative to a comparator group of
companies (i.e., 82.5th percentile).

⇒ Other
 Compensation
 Program
 Components
 and
 Determinations

As the Committee considered the totality of stockholder feedback and conducted its holistic review of Redwood's executive compensation program, the Committee made other key determinations and changes, including to respond to the Company's financial performance in 2022.

Engaged New Independent Compensation Consultant. The Committee's holistic review of Redwood's executive compensation program was conducted with a new independent compensation consultant, Semler Brossy, who was retained following the "Say-on-Pay" vote at the May 2022 annual meeting.

Increased Stock Ownership Requirements. Redwood's executive stock ownership requirements were updated to increase stock ownership requirements and to align other aspects of these requirements with broader market practice.

Updated Executive Stock Ownership Requirements⁽⁴⁾

- The CEO's ownership requirement was increased to 6.25x of base salary, above the 5.0x of base salary level established at a broad array of public companies.
- Compliance timeframes, as well as treatment of: vested and unvested deferred stock units (DSUs), were also aligned with broader market practices.

Executive	Prior Requirement	Updated Requirement
CEO	6.0x Base Salary	6.25x Base Salary
President	3.0x Base Salary	3.25x Base Salary
Other Executives	2.0x Base Salary	3.0x Base Salary

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STOCKHOLDER FEEDBACK - WHAT WE HEARD AND HOW WE ARE RESPONDING (cont.)

What We Heard from Stockholders:

→ Other Compensation Program Determinations (cont.)

As the Committee considered the totality of stockholder feedback and Components and conducted its holistic review of Redwood's executive compensation program, the Committee made other key determinations and changes, including to respond to the Company's financial performance in 2022.



How We Are Responding:

Reduced Incentives Awarded to CEO for 2022 by 65% Compared to 2021. As described and illustrated below, incentives awarded to the CEO for 2022 (i.e., annual bonus realization and value of long-term incentive (LTI) awards granted) were meaningfully reduced from 2021, in accordance with the Committee's pay-for-performance philosophy.

- Reduced CEO's 2022 Annual Bonus Realization. Under the Committee's in-place annual bonus methodology for 2022, 0% of the portion of the CEO's 2022 target bonus linked to Redwood's annual financial performance was realized and, overall, the Committee determined that only 25% of the CEO's total 2022 target bonus would be paid.
- Reduced Value of CEO's 2022 Year-End Equity Awards. The aggregate value of 2022 year-end longterm equity awards to executives was reduced relative to year-end 2021 grants – in particular, the value of the 2022 year-end long-term equity award to the CEO was reduced by 33%.
 - All of CEO's 2022 Year-End Equity Award Was in the Form of PSUs. For Redwood's CEO, 100% of his 2022 year-end long-term equity award was granted in the form of PSUs to further enhance pay-for-performance alignment with stockholders going forward.

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REVIEW OF REDWOOD'S 2022 ANNUAL PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE OUTCOME

Key Financial Performance and Return Metrics

Redwood's business includes two mortgage banking platforms - Residential and Business Purpose - that originate and/or transact in mortgage loans. These operating platforms generate mortgage banking revenue and create investments to hold as portfolio assets. Investments that Redwood creates, together with other mortgage- and housing-related assets Redwood invests in, comprise the investment portfolio that Redwood manages and generates interest income and gains through.

Based on this business model, the Committee has viewed return-on-equity metrics as highly relevant to measuring annual performance and driving annual bonus realization for executives, while shareholder return metrics, including book value TSR (bvTSR), as well as absolute TSR and relative TSR (rTSR), measured over three- and four-periods, are drivers of vesting and value realization from executives' long-term equity-based incentive compensation.

As described on the following pages and in the full CD&A that follows, measurement of Redwood's performance using these metrics is structurally incorporated into Redwood's executive compensation program, along with consideration of operational metrics and satisfaction of other business and strategic objectives, including ESG-related goals.

REVIEW OF REDWOOD'S 2022 ANNUAL PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE OUTCOME (cont.)

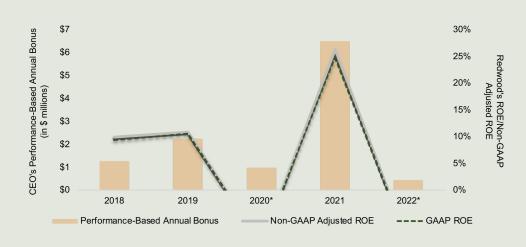


- Challenging Market and Operating Environment. Rapid increases in benchmark interest rates coupled with extreme credit spread widening and overall market volatility over the course of 2022 had a negative overall impact on the fair value of Redwood's portfolio investments resulting in losses, most of which were unrealized. Similar conditions led to operating losses within Redwood's mortgage banking platforms for 2022.
 - 2022 ROE. As a result of these factors, Redwood, as well as many companies in the FTSE Nareit Mortgage REITs index and Redwood's mREIT Peer group, reported negative ROEs for 2022.
 - 2022 bvTSR. The same factors impacting ROE also impacted Redwood's 2022 bvTSR, which represents the change in book value plus cash dividends on common stock. Many companies in the mREIT NAREIT index and Redwood's mREIT Peer group also experienced negative bvTSR in 2022.
- Potential Upside to Portfolio. The underlying fundamental credit performance of Redwood's portfolio remained strong during 2022, supported by seasoning of the assets, thick equity cushion from years of home price growth, stability in cash flows and stable levels of delinquencies. As a result, over time, there is the potential to recover unrealized portfolio losses recorded in 2022. (8)

CEO's 2022 Annual Bonus Realization

- In line with 2022 financial performance, the CEO's annual bonus for 2022 decreased by more than 90% from 2021, to \$450,000 — representing only 25% of the CEO's target amount for 2022.
- The CEO's 2022 annual bonus was rewarded in recognition of achievement of certain strategic, operational and risk management objectives, and took into account Company performance relative to peers.

CEO's Annual Bonus vs. ROE Performance Measures⁽⁹⁾



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REVIEW OF REDWOOD'S 2022 LONG-TERM PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE OUTCOME

Long-Term Total Shareholder Return (TSR)

Multi-year TSR is a key measure for assessing long-term performance. For Redwood and most companies in the mREIT NAREIT index and the mREIT Peer group, both three-year and four-year TSR, as measured through year-end 2022, were similarly and negatively impacted by:

- The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the related financing market disruptions in March 2020; and
- Market volatility, credit-spread widening, rapidly rising benchmark interest rates and overall challenging macro-economic conditions in 2022.

Performance-Based Pay Realization. In accordance with this long-term performance, under Redwood's pay-for-performance program structure, the CEO's year-end realization of value from long-term equity-based compensation awards was less than 25% of the originally awarded amount, as detailed below.



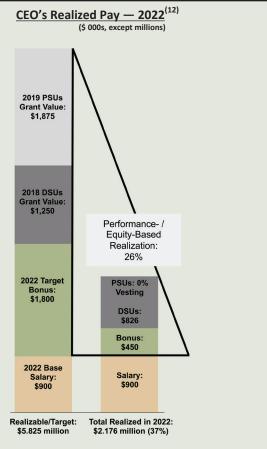
CEO's Overall 2022 Pay Realization

In addition to base salary, at year-end 2022 Redwood's CEO had the opportunity to realize value from three different performance-based and/or equity-based components of compensation:

- 2022 annual bonus;
- Performance-based vesting of PSUs awarded at year-end 2019 (i.e., at the conclusion of their three-year performance measurement/vesting period): and
- Final vesting and delivery of DSUs awarded at year-end 2018 (i.e., at the conclusion of their four-year vesting period).

As illustrated in the graph to the right, in alignment with both short- and long-term performance over the corresponding annual, 3-year and 4-year periods, the CEO's overall 2022 pay realization was only 37% of target/awarded amount.

Performance-Based Pay Realization.
 Redwood's CEO had a low overall level of value realization from performance- and equity-based components of compensation. For these components, the compensation program's payfor-performance structure reduced overall awarded/target value by 74%, a more negative result, by design, than Redwood's long-term TSR over the same period.



Endnotes are set forth on pages 44 - 45, following the conclusion of this Executive Summary.

KEY COMPONENTS OF CEO'S COMPENSATION GOING FORWARD INTO 2023

> Redwood's Go-Forward Executive Compensation Program — Focus on CEO

Going forward into 2023, the Committee structured the CEO's target compensation and above-target 2023 annual bonus methodology as illustrated below, after a process of considering the totality of stockholder feedback and conducting a holistic review of Redwood's executive compensation program.

CEO's Target Compensation Going Forward into 2023:

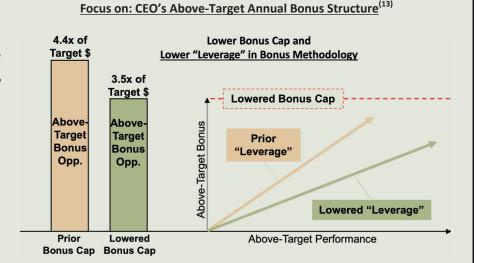
- Going forward into 2023, longterm equity incentive (LTI) awards continued to be the predominant element of target compensation for the CEO – with 100% of LTI awards granted at year-end 2022 in the form of PSUs with a 3-year performance measurement/vesting period.
- Performance-based elements comprise approximately 86% of the CEO's target compensation going forward into 2023 – with 2023 bonus realization predominantly driven by 2023 financial performance, and with long-term PSU value realization driven by book value TSR and relative TSR over the 2023-2025 three-year period.
- Fixed elements (salary and standard benefits) represent less than 15% of the CEO's target compensation going forward into 2023.



* The CEO's target compensation going forward into 2023 is comprised of the following elements: base salary of \$900,000; target 2023 annual bonus of \$1.8 million; estimated \$55,000 value of standard benefits; and PSUs awarded on December 15, 2022 with a grant date value \$4 million. Consistent with the Committee's current practice, the CEO's annual LTI award in 2023 is expected to be determined and granted in December 2023.

CEO's 2023 Above-Target Annual Bonus Structure:

- In response to stockholder feedback, the CEO's 2023 maximum annual bonus opportunity (bonus cap) was lowered and "leverage" in the bonus methodology was reduced.
- As a result, compared to the prior program that was the subject of the May 2022 "Say-on-Pay" vote, above-target performance scenarios result in lower annual bonus realization.



- As compared to the prior program, the combined impact of these structural updates, together with an
 increased financial performance target, has the result that significantly higher Company financial performance
 would have to be obtained to reach the CEO's maximum annual bonus opportunity. (14)
- In setting the updated bonus cap, the Committee took into account that, consistent with its compensation philosophy, a maximum bonus outcome for Redwood's CEO would require exceptional Company financial performance and could be expected to only occur infrequently (and noted that the CEO's maximum had only been achieved one time in the 17 years since Redwood established the cap).

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STRUCTURAL UPDATES TO COMPENSATION PROGRAM - FOCUS ON PSUs

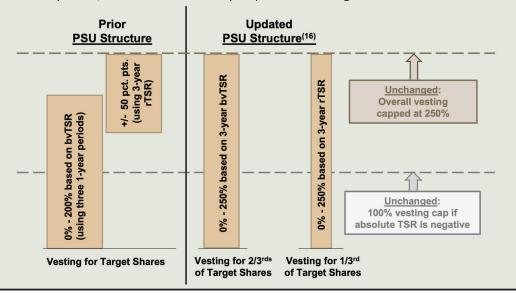
> Updated PSU Structure / Focus on CEO's Year-End 2022 Long-Term Incentive Award

As noted above, during engagement dialogues some stockholders were critical of an aspect of Redwood's prior PSU structure – namely, the use of three linked 1-year performance periods to measure book value TSR (bvTSR) over the PSUs three-year performance measurement period. After considering this feedback and conducting a fulsome review of Redwood's PSU structure, the Committee updated this structure, beginning with grants made at year-end 2022, as illustrated by the below comparison of the updated structure to the prior structure.

- Focus on CEO's Year-End 2022 LTI Award. In addition, as part of this compensation review process, the Committee made these key determinations regarding the CEO's 2022 year-end long-term equity (LTI) award:
 - 100% PSUs. 100% of the CEO's year-end 2022 LTI award was granted in the form of PSUs to further enhance pay-for-performance alignment with stockholders going forward (in prior years the CEO's year-end LTI award has been comprised of 50% PSUs and 50% deferred stock units).
 - **Reduced Quantum**. The value, or quantum, of the CEO's 2022 year-end LTI award was reduced by 33% from his year-end 2021 award, to reflect Company financial performance in 2022.

Key Aspects of Updated PSU Structure:

- **Updated Structure Exclusively Uses 3-Year Performance Measurement Periods**. All performance-based vesting whether based on bvTSR, relative TSR, or absolute TSR is measured over the same three-year performance period. The structure <u>no longer uses linked 1-year performance periods</u> for measuring bvTSR beginning with PSU grants made in 2022.
- **Updated Structure Increases Vesting Based on Relative TSR**. Beginning with PSU grants made in 2022, the updated structure shifts the use of rTSR from a vesting modifier to a discrete performance vesting metric, which is aligned with market practice, increases vesting driven by rTSR, and simplifies the PSU structure enhancing line-of-sight.
 - Implemented Above-Median Relative TSR Performance Target. For the portion of PSU vesting driven by rTSR, the updated structure requires above-target performance relative to a comparator group of mortgage REITs (i.e., 55th percentile rTSR) for target-level vesting.⁽¹⁵⁾ For the portion of PSU vesting driven by bvTSR, the Committee set a 3-year performance target of 25% cumulative bvTSR.



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COMPENSATION PROGRAM - BEST PRACTICES AND RISK MITIGANTS

Best Practices and Risk Mitigants

The Committee continually seeks to incorporate best practices into Redwood's executive compensation program, including by retaining a nationally recognized independent compensation consultant (Semler Brossy) to advise it. A summary of key best practices and risk mitigants that are part of the executive compensation program are set forth below.

Executive Compensation – Key Practices & Risk Mitigants

What Redwood Does

- ✓ Directly links annual bonuses to Redwood's financial and operating performance, as well as to ESG and risk-management goals
- ✓ Uses profitability- and return-based financial metrics, including TSR, to support alignment with stockholders
- ✓ Imposes three- or four-year performance/vesting/ holding periods on equity awards to executives – i.e., on PSUs and DSUs
- ✓ Provides the Compensation Committee discretion to reduce annual bonus amounts
- ✓ Maintains robust stock ownership requirements for executives
- Subjects incentive compensation to a "clawback" policy if fraud or misconduct results in a financial restatement

What Redwood <u>Does Not</u> Do

- No uncapped annual bonuses, with individual performance component and total bonus amounts each subject to caps
- No revenue- or volume-based financial metrics are used in a manner that could incentivize inappropriate risk taking
- No above-target vesting of PSUs if TSR over the three-year performance measurement period is negative
- No "single-trigger" change-in-control severance or equity award acceleration
- No excise tax gross-ups for any change-in-control related payments
- No margin, pledging, or hedging transactions permitted with respect to Redwood common stock

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Endnotes to Executive Summary of CD&A:

The following endnotes accompany the foregoing Executive Summary, organized by section heading and title of subsection or graphic element that corresponds to endnote:

STOCKHOLDER OUTREACH AND ENAGEGEMENT:

(1) Percentages of outstanding shares referred to in discussion of outreach, response and direct engagement are based on available data regarding percentages of shares held by specific stockholders as of December 31, 2022. Shares held by institutions is based on available data regarding percentage of shares held by institutional stockholders as of December 31, 2022. Source: IPreo.

STOCKHOLDER FEEDBACK – WHAT WE HEARD AND HOW WE ARE RESPONDING:

- (2) Adjusted ROE is a non-GAAP financial performance metric. Non-GAAP Adjusted ROE is further described on page 61 within the main body of CD&A and is reconciled to ROE based on GAAP financial results in Annex A to this Proxy Statement
- (3) Book value TSR (also referred to as book value total shareholder return, or "bvTSR") for a designated period represents the period change in GAAP book value per common share plus dividends declared per common share in the period. Relative TSR (also referred to as relative total shareholder return, or "rTSR") measures Redwood's total stockholder return ("TSR") over a performance measurement period compared to the TSR performance of a comparator group of companies. Further detail on the use of the rTSR performance metric with the structure of PSUs granted to executives in December 2022 is set forth on pages 68 70 within the main body of CD&A.
- (4) Under Redwood's updated Executive Stock Ownership Requirements, (i) all shares of common stock owned outright are counted, including those held in trust for the executive officer and his or her immediate family, as well as vested and unvested DSUs and any other vested shares held pursuant to other employee plans; (ii) compliance is measured on a purchase/acquisition cost basis for shares of common stock, and on grant date value for vested and unvested DSUs; and (iii) five years are allowed to initially attain the required level of ownership and five years are allowed to acquire additional incremental shares if promoted to a position with a higher requirement or when a salary increase results in a higher requirement.
- (5) Graph of "CEO's Annual Bonus Realization and LTI Award Value 2022 v. 2021" reflects a comparison of the following elements of CEO compensation associated with the 2021 and 2022 annual compensation cycles: (i) with respect to 2021: actual 2021 year-end annual bonus of \$6.5 million; grant date fair value of PSUs awarded in December 2020 of \$3 million; and grant date fair value of DSUs awarded in December 2020 of \$3 million, and (ii) with respect to 2022: actual 2022 year-end annual bonus of \$0.45 million; and grant date fair value of PSUs awarded in December 2021 of \$4 million.

REVIEW OF REDWOOD'S 2022 ANNUAL PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE OUTCOME – 2022 ANNUAL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE:

Graph of "Return-on-Equity – 2022" reflects (i) for "Redwood", Redwood's return-on-equity ("ROE") based on 2022 GAAP financial results; (ii) for "mREIT Peers", the simple average of the 2022 ROEs for Redwood's self-designated mortgage REIT peers (listed below); (iii) for "mREIT NAREIT", the simple average of the 2022 ROEs for the component companies of the FTSE Nareit Mortgage REITs index (as constituted at 12/31/2022); and (iv) for "mREIT NAREIT (ex. Comm.)", the simple average of the 2022 ROEs for the component companies of the FTSE Nareit Mortgage REITs index, excluding mortgage REITs classified as commercial-focused with that index (as constituted at 12/31/2022). Source for peer and index companies: Bloomberg data for the respective periods presented. Redwood's "mREIT Peers" is the following group of publicly-traded mortgage REITs (listed alphabetically using stock tickers): AGNC; ARR; CIM; DX; IVR; MFA; MITT; NLY; NYMT; PMT; RITM and TWO. This mREIT Peer group is a group of publicly-traded mortgage REITs whose business models share a common focus on investing in residential mortgages and related assets. Redwood regularly compares its financial performance to these mREIT Peers. This mREIT Peer group is distinct from the larger and broader "compensation peer group" identified by the Committee each year for purposes of peer comparison of executive compensation practices.

Endnotes to Executive Summary of CD&A: (cont.)

REVIEW OF REDWOOD'S 2022 ANNUAL PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE OUTCOME – 2022 ANNUAL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE: (cont.)

- Graph of "Book Value TSR (bvTSR) 2022" reflects (i) for "Redwood", Redwood's bvTSR based on 12/31/22 book value per share of \$12.06, 12/31/22 book value per share of \$9.55; and total common stock dividends paid in 2022 of \$0.92 per share; (ii) for "mREIT Peers", the simple average of the 2022 bvTSRs for Redwood's mREIT Peers; (iii) for "mREIT NAREIT", the simple average of the 2022 bvTSRs for the component companies of the FTSE Nareit Mortgage REITs index (as constituted at 12/31/2022); and (iv) for "mREIT NAREIT (ex. Comm.)", the simple average of the 2022 bvTSRs for the component companies of the FTSE Nareit Mortgage REITs index, excluding mortgage REITs classified as commercial-focused with that index (as constituted at 12/31/2022). Source for peer and index companies: Bloomberg data for the respective periods presented. For three of the component companies of the FTSE Nareit Mortgage REITs index (stock tickers: AAIC, LFT, and SACH), full year bvTSR data was not available and these companies were excluded from the simple averages presented.
- (8) There is the potential to recover unrealized portfolio losses recorded in 2022 on Redwood's securities portfolio, which are included in the net discount from par value to book value of our assets, net of portfolio hedges, as of December 31, 2022. There are several factors that may impact Redwood's ability to recover any or all of this unrealized amount, including factors which are outside our control, such as underlying credit performance and mortgage loan prepayment speeds.

REVIEW OF REDWOOD'S 2022 ANNUAL PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE OUTCOME – CEO'S 2022 ANNUAL BONUS REALIZATION:

- (9) As noted above, Adjusted ROE is a non-GAAP financial performance metric. Non-GAAP Adjusted ROE is further described on page 61 within the main body of CD&A and is reconciled to ROE based on GAAP financial results in Annex A to this Proxy Statement. Target annual bonuses for the CEO at Redwood over the 2018 to 2022 period were as follows, as established at the outset of each year 2018 & 2019: \$1,312,500; 2020 & 2021: \$1,480,000; 2022: \$1,800,000.
 - * For 2020 and 2022, both ROE and Adjusted ROE were negative on a full year basis (and are not shown to scale in the graph associated with this endnote).

REVIEW OF REDWOOD'S 2022 LONG-TERM PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE OUTCOME – LONG-TERM TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURN (TSR):

- Graph of "3-Year Total Shareholder Return (TSR)" reflects (i) for "Redwood", Redwood's TSR for the three-year period ending 12/31/2022; (ii) for "mREIT Peers", the simple average of the TSRs for Redwood's mREIT Peers for the three-year period ending 12/31/2022; (iii) for "mREIT NAREIT", the simple average of the 2022 bvTSRs for the component companies of the FTSE Nareit Mortgage REITs index (as constituted at 12/31/2022) for the three-year period ending 12/31/2022 (excluding companies without a three-year history of being publicly traded); and (iv) for "mREIT NAREIT (ex. Comm.)", the simple average of the 2022 TSRs for the component companies of the FTSE Nareit Mortgage REITs index for the three-year period ending 12/31/2022, excluding mortgage REITs classified as commercial-focused with that index (as constituted at 12/31/2022) and excluding companies without a three-year history of being publicly traded. Source: Bloomberg data for the respective periods presented.
- Graph of "4-Year Total Shareholder Return (TSR)" reflects (i) for "Redwood", Redwood's TSR for the four-year period ending 12/31/2022; (ii) for "mREIT Peers", the simple average of the TSRs for Redwood's mREIT Peers for the four-year period ending 12/31/2022; (iii) for "mREIT NAREIT", the simple average of the 2022 bvTSRs for the component companies of the FTSE Nareit Mortgage REITs index (as constituted at 12/31/2022) for the four-year period ending 12/31/2022 (excluding companies without a four-year history of being publicly traded); and (iv) for "mREIT NAREIT (ex. Comm.)", the simple average of the 2022 TSRs for the component companies of the FTSE Nareit Mortgage REITs index for the four-year period ending 12/31/2022, excluding mortgage REITs classified as commercial-focused with that index (as constituted at 12/31/2022) and excluding companies without a four-year history of being publicly traded. Source: Bloomberg data for the respective periods presented.

Endnotes to Executive Summary of CD&A: (cont.)

REVIEW OF REDWOOD'S 2022 LONG-TERM PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE OUTCOME – CEO'S OVERALL 2022 PAY REALIZATION:

Graph of "CEO's Realized Pay - 2022" depicts (i) a total of \$5.825 million of target and realizable (12)components of compensation for the CEO for 2022, which is comprised of: 2022 base salary of \$900,000; a 2022 target annual bonus of \$1.8 million; DSUs with a four-year vesting/delivery schedule that concluded in December 2022, which DSUs had an original grant date fair value in December 2018 of \$1.25 million; and PSUs with a three-year performance-based vesting period that concluded in December 2022, which PSUs had an original grant date fair value in December 2019 of \$1.875 million and (ii) total realized compensation value of \$2.176 million from these target and realizable components of compensation for the CEO for 2022, which is comprised of: 2022 actual base salary paid of \$900,000; 2022 annual bonus actually paid of \$0.45 million; the \$6.76 per share value (at the close of trading on December 31, 2022) of the 77,255 shares of common stock underlying these DSUs, which fully vested in December 2022, plus the \$0.3 million amount of dividend equivalent payments made in respect of these DSUs over the course of their four-year vesting period; and no value realized from these PSUs, due to performance-based vesting of 0% for these PSUs at the conclusion of their three-year performance measurement/vesting period at the end of 2022. For purposes of this graph, PSUs, DSUs, and annual bonus are considered performance-based and/or equitybased components of compensation.

KEY COMPONENTS OF CEO'S COMPENSATION GOING FORWARD INTO 2023 – CEO'S 2023 ABOVE-TARGET ANNUAL BONUS STRUCTURE:

- (13)In the bar graph comparing the CEO's prior and lowered bonus caps, (i) "Prior Bonus Cap" represents the CEO's annual bonus cap for 2021 of \$6.5 million, which represented approximately 4.4x of the CEO's 2021 target bonus opportunity and (ii) "Lowered Bonus Cap" represents the CEO's annual bonus cap for 2023 of \$6.3 million, which represents approximately 3.5x of the CEO's 2023 target bonus opportunity. In the line graph comparing the prior and lowered "leverage" in the CEO's above-target annual bonus structure, (i) the "Prior 'Leverage" line depicts that, with respect to the annual bonus structure in place for 2021, for above-target performance, the portion of the CEO's annual bonus linked to Company financial performance would equal, for example, approximately 155% of the target amount for that portion of annual bonus if Company financial performance was one-and-one-half percentage points above the target financial performance goal set for 2021 and (ii) the "Lowered 'Leverage" line depicts that, with respect to the annual bonus structure in place for 2023, for above-target performance, the portion of the CEO's annual bonus linked to Company financial performance would equal, for example, approximately 155% of the target amount for that portion of annual bonus if Company financial performance was two percentage points above the target financial performance goal set for 2023. A more detailed description of the updated annual bonus methodology, including with respect to both the above-, at-, and below-target 2023 annual bonus structure, is further described on pages 80 - 81 within the main body of CD&A.
- As an example, under the updated annual bonus methodology, reaching the CEO's maximum annual bonus opportunity for 2022 would have required annual Company financial performance of approximately 23.5% Adjusted ROE; whereas, for comparison, when quantitatively applying the prior program (2021) annual bonus methodology, reaching the maximum annual bonus opportunity would have required annual Company financial performance of approximately 18.7% Adjusted ROE.

STRUCTURAL UPDATES TO COMPENSATION PROGRAM - FOCUS ON PSUS – KEY ASPECTS OF UPDATED PSU STRUCTURE:

- (15) For the portion of PSU vesting driven by rTSR, the comparator group of mortgage REITs is the following group of 24 publicly-traded mortgage REITs (listed alphabetically using stock tickers): AAIC, AGNC, AJX, AOMR, ARR, CHMI, CIM, DX, EARN, EFC, FBRT, IVR, LFT, LOAN, MFA, MITT, NLY, NYMT, RC, PMT, RC, RITM, TWO, WMC. At December 31, 2022, these 24 mortgage REITs represented the mortgage REITs (other than Redwood) within the FTSE NAREIT Mortgage REITs index categorized within that index as "Property Sector: Mortgage-Home Financing."
- (16) Graphic depiction of "Updated PSU Structure" is a summary description of PSUs granted on December 15, 2022. Further detail on the structure of PSUs granted to Redwood's CEO and other executive officers in December 2022 is set forth on pages 68 70 within the main body of CD&A.

Compensation Discussion and Analysis (CD&A)

In accordance with SEC regulations, this CD&A is focused on the compensation of Redwood's Named Executive Officers ("NEOs") for 2022, although it also provides a description of key updates to Redwood's executive compensation program that will apply going forward in 2023, as well as some general discussion and analysis of aspects of Redwood's compensation programs, plans, and practices that apply to all of Redwood's officers and employees.

Section I - Introduction

- ➤ Named Executive Officers
- Compensation Committee
- ➤ Redwood's Business Model and Internal Management Structure
- Overall Compensation Philosophy and Objectives
- Review and Update of Executive Compensation Program
- Outreach to Stockholders

Named Executive Officers

Under SEC regulations, Redwood had five NEOs for 2022, who are listed below together with each NEO's title at Redwood.

Named Executive Officers

- Christopher J. Abate, Chief Executive Officer
- Dashiell I. Robinson, President
- Brooke E. Carillo, Chief Financial Officer
- Andrew P. Stone, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Secretary
- Sasha G. Macomber, Chief Human Resource Officer

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee (the "Committee") is committed to providing disclosure within this CD&A that gives insight into the process by which it arrives at executive compensation determinations and the underlying rationales. Among other things, this CD&A describes:

- The Committee's process for reviewing and determining the elements of the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and of the other NEOs.
- The rationale for the different elements of the NEOs' compensation and Redwood's compensation philosophy, objectives, and methodology for peer comparisons.
- The metrics and goals used for performance-based compensation and factors taken into account in the Committee's determination of whether those metrics and goals were satisfied.
- The severance and change of control payments that NEOs may become entitled to receive under certain circumstances.
- The role of the Committee's independent compensation consultant.

The Committee generally meets at least four times annually and, over the course of an annual period, reviews Redwood's compensation philosophy and its executive compensation plans and programs. After taking into account various factors and analyses, including those described in this CD&A, input from its independent compensation consultant, feedback from stockholders obtained during ongoing outreach efforts, and the outcome of recent stockholder advisory votes on executive compensation (commonly referred to as "Say-on-Pay" votes), the Committee makes compensation determinations it believes are appropriate in light of its executive compensation objectives.

Redwood's Business Model and Internal Management Structure

Redwood is a specialty finance company focused on several distinct areas of housing credit and is structured as an internally-managed real estate investment trust ("REIT"). The nature of Redwood's business model and internally-managed structure are key factors the Committee has considered in designing Redwood's executive compensation program and determining appropriate metrics and setting targets and goals for performance-based compensation.

Under the Internal Revenue Code, REITs are required to distribute as dividends at least 90% of the income earned under their REIT status. As a result, like other REITs, Redwood is limited in its ability to grow book value and its equity capital base through the reinvestment of retained earnings, and a key element of returns to stockholders is the level of dividends paid on shares of Redwood's common stock.

Redwood's primary sources of income are net interest income from its investments and non-interest income from the mortgage banking activities it conducts through its operating platforms. Net interest income generally consists of the interest income earned on investments less the interest expense incurred on borrowed funds and other liabilities. Income from mortgage banking activities is generated through the origination and acquisition of loans, and their subsequent sale, securitization, or transfer to Redwood's investment portfolios. Additionally, through RWT Horizons, our venture investing initiative, we invest in early-stage companies strategically aligned with our business across the lending, real estate, and financial technology sectors. Further details regarding Redwood's business model include:

- <u>Key Aspects of Redwood's Business Model</u>. Redwood's business model occupies a unique position in the housing finance value chain, providing liquidity to growing segments of the U.S. housing market not well served by government programs. Redwood delivers customized housing credit investments to a diverse mix of investors through its best-in-class securitization platforms, whole-loan distribution activities and its publicly-traded securities. Redwood's aggregation, origination and investment activities have evolved to incorporate a diverse mix of residential, business purpose and multifamily assets. Redwood operates its business in three segments: Residential Mortgage Banking, Business Purpose Mortgage Banking, and Investment Portfolio.
 - Residential Mortgage Banking. Through its Residential Mortgage Banking platform, Redwood operates a mortgage loan conduit that generally acquires residential mortgage loans (e.g., private sector jumbo loans secured by mortgages on owner-occupied housing) originated by third-party firms (banks and independent mortgage companies) for subsequent sale, securitization through Redwood's Sequoia private-label securitization program, or transfer into Redwood's investment portfolio. Redwood does not originate residential mortgage loans for owner-occupied housing and does not generally transact in mortgages guaranteed by Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac or the Federal government. Through its Investment Portfolio segment (described below), Redwood also invests in assets created within its Residential Mortgage Banking segment, primarily securities retained from securitization transactions.

- Business Purpose Mortgage Banking. Through its Business Purpose Mortgage Banking platform, Redwood originates and acquires business purpose mortgage loans ("BPLs") for investor-owned housing (e.g., single-family and multifamily rental housing) for subsequent securitization, sale, or transfer into our investment portfolio. Redwood originates and acquires term and bridge (rehabilitation/construction) mortgage loans and typically distributes most of these single-family rental mortgage loans through its CAFL private-label securitization program, or through whole loan sales. Term loans are generally longer-term business purpose mortgage loans to investors in single-family or multifamily rental properties. Bridge loans are generally shorter-term business purpose mortgage loans to investors rehabilitating or constructing and subsequently reselling or renting, single-family and multifamily properties.
- Investment Portfolio. Redwood's Investment Portfolio includes assets and investments sourced through Redwood's Residential and Business Purpose Mortgage Banking segments (including whole loans and securities retained from our residential and business purpose mortgage loan securitization activities), as well as investments sourced from third-parties (including securities issued by third parties, investments in multifamily mortgage loan securitizations and reperforming mortgage loan securitizations, servicer advance investments, home equity investments, and other housing-related investments). The assets that Redwood invests in are generally not guaranteed by Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac or the Federal government.

Redwood's business model and internally-managed REIT structure inform the Committee's selection of performance metrics and goals used in its performance-based compensation plans. In addition to total stockholder return ("TSR") and relative TSR ("rTSR"), which measures Redwood's TSR as compared to the TSRs of a comparator group of companies, the Committee believes that return-on-equity ("ROE"), book value total stockholder return ("bvTSR"), and other operational and profit-based measures (including certain non-GAAP financial metrics) are highly relevant metrics for determining annual bonuses and measuring longer-term performance because: (i) these financial performance measures should correlate with Redwood's ability to increase book value and pay attractive levels of sustainable and growing dividends; (ii) management has "line-of-sight" into how its strategic and operational decisions impact these financial and operational performance measures; and (iii) over the long-term, strong results under these financial and operational performance measures should correlate with strong TSR. Redwood's approach to using leverage to finance its business and investments, as well as its approach to managing liquidity and operational risks, are factored in when the Committee sets financial and operational performance goals.

Overall Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

Redwood maintains a performance-based compensation philosophy and program for its executive officers that seeks to provide incentives to achieve both short- and long-term business and stockholder return objectives, align the interests of executive officers with those of long-term stockholders, and enable it to hire and retain talented individuals in a competitive marketplace. The Committee is responsible for evaluating Redwood's executive compensation programs, plans, and practices to ensure that they provide proper incentives and appropriately support Redwood's business model and performance objectives without creating risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on Redwood.

For 2022, Redwood's executive compensation objectives continued to be as follows:

- Motivate executives to enhance the overall performance and profitability of Redwood, both on a shortand a long-term basis, including by:
 - Generating attractive ROEs that support payment of sustainable and growing dividends and increasing book value; and
 - Meeting annual strategic, operational, sustainability/ESG, and risk-management goals;

- Align the interests of executives with those of long-term stockholders in achieving strong stockholder returns, on both an absolute and relative basis;
- Ensure that compensation opportunities are competitive to enable Redwood to attract and retain highly
 qualified executives with mortgage, investment and financial services expertise in a competitive
 marketplace; and
- Avoid incentivizing inappropriate risk taking.

As in prior years, at the end of 2021 and the outset of 2022, the Committee, with input and guidance from its independent compensation consultant, engaged in a review of the structure of Redwood's executive compensation program. This included a review of the elements of executive compensation, the mix of annual and long-term compensation, the compensation peer group, the overall competitiveness of target levels of cash and equity-based compensation, and the mechanisms through which Redwood's pay-for-performance philosophy is implemented. In following this process each year, the Committee seeks to incorporate evolving best practices and risk mitigants into Redwood's executive compensation program.

Review and Update of Executive Compensation Program

As discussed in the Executive Summary of this CD&A, although the executive compensation program has historically received a high level of stockholder support, last year (at Redwood's May 2022 annual meeting) the "Say-on-Pay" proposal received a low level of support, prompting the Committee to closely re-evaluate how the executive compensation program responded to the Company's 2021 performance and re-double its efforts relating to outreach and engagement, with a focus on obtaining detailed and specific feedback from stockholders about the factors that drove their "Say-on-Pay" voting decisions. In particular, following Redwood's May 2022 annual meeting of stockholders, the Committee Chair undertook extensive outreach efforts, directly engaged with institutional stockholders, and, together with the full Committee, analyzed all of the stockholder dialogues that took place and identified and closely examined common feedback and themes that emerged.

At the same time, after the May 2022 annual meeting of stockholders, the Committee engaged a new independent compensation consultant, Semler Brossy Consulting Group, LLC ("Semler Brossy") and the Committee began a holistic review of Redwood's executive compensation program that took place over the remainder of 2022 and concluded in early 2023. This process, which took into account stockholder feedback, a review of peer practices, and input from the Committee's independent compensation consultant, informed the evaluation and implementation of changes to the design and structure of the executive compensation program, as well as specific compensation determinations, with respect to both year-end 2022 and future compensation beginning with 2023.

The sections of this CD&A that follow review, among other things, the scope of the Committee Chair's outreach to stockholders in 2022, the compensation determinations the Committee made with respect to 2022, and the changes to the design and structure of the executive compensation program that the Committee has implemented with respect to both year-end 2022 and future compensation beginning with 2023.

Outreach to Stockholders

Outreach to stockholders regarding executive compensation during 2022 and early 2023, as well as over the past several years has provided Redwood with the opportunity to discuss and receive stockholder feedback regarding Redwood's philosophy and views on executive compensation and specific compensation practices.

• <u>Independent Compensation Committee Chair Active in Ongoing Outreach to Stockholders</u>. The Chair of the Committee generally leads Redwood's stockholder outreach and engagement efforts, with members of Redwood's management also participating. In 2022 and early 2023, engagement with the Committee Chair primarily took the form of videoconferences with institutional stockholders. Following each stockholder engagement with the Committee Chair, a summary of the dialogue was

circulated to the full Committee, as well as to all other Directors, ensuring that feedback from stockholders reaches all members of Redwood's Board.

- <u>In-House Outreach Team</u>. Together with the Committee Chair, Redwood's outreach team includes key members of the Company's Investor Relations, Human Resources, Finance and Corporate Secretary departments. The Company's in-house outreach team also meets and engages with a broad base of investors throughout the year to discuss the Company's business and strategy, as well as other key topics of stockholder focus, including, corporate governance and social and environmental matters that are relevant to the Company's business.
- Outreach Efforts Related to Executive Compensation Following 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Following the Company's May 2022 annual meeting of stockholders, Redwood undertook an outreach effort relating to executive compensation that reached 84% of shares held by institutional stockholders. (These institutional stockholders represented 65% of all outstanding shares of common stock.)
 - Engagement Response. Over the course of these outreach efforts, Redwood received a response from most of the institutional stockholders it reached out to i.e., from 69% of shares held by institutional stockholders. (These institutional stockholders represented 53% of all outstanding shares of common stock.) Certain institutional stockholders responded to these outreach efforts by indicating that previous disclosures by, or engagements with, Redwood continued to provide the information needed to support their understanding of Redwood's executive compensation program.
 - <u>Direct Engagement with the Committee Chair</u>. Redwood's engagement team, including the Committee Chair, directly engaged through videoconferences and teleconferences with stockholders representing 49% of shares held by institutional stockholders. (These institutional stockholders represented 38% of all outstanding shares of common stock.)
- <u>Feedback from Stockholders in 2022 and Early 2023 Related to Executive Compensation</u>. Feedback provided to the Committee Chair during stockholder engagement following the Company's May 2022 annual meeting of stockholders included the following related to executive compensation:
 - Financial Performance Target Used to Determine the Company Performance Component of 2021 Annual Bonus. Many stockholders asked about the rigor of the financial performance target used in 2021 for determining the Company performance component of the CEO's (and other executives') 2021 annual bonus and whether it should be increased as macro-economic conditions change.
 - How we are responding: As noted in the Executive Summary of CD&A, on page 35 of this Proxy Statement, as part of its annual process, at the beginning of 2022 the Committee increased the financial performance target used in 2022 for determining the Company performance component of the CEO's (and other executives') annual bonus to 11.5% Adjusted ROE an increase of 28% from the 2021 target of 9% Adjusted ROE reflecting the evolving business and market environment. A further discussion of the financial performance target used in 2022 for determining the Company performance component of the CEO's (and other executives') annual bonus is set forth within this CD&A beginning on page 61 under the heading "Financial Performance Target for 2022 Annual Bonuses".
 - Above-Target Annual Bonus Realization and Maximum Annual Bonus Opportunity. A consistent theme raised by stockholders was concern about above-target annual bonus realization levels and the CEO's maximum annual bonus opportunity, with feedback stating that these aspects of the executive compensation program may be misaligned with market practice and allow for the program to be overly focused on short-term performance.
 - <u>How we are responding</u>: The Committee analyzed stockholder feedback, reviewed competitor and peer practice, and re-assessed maximum annual bonus opportunities

and the methodology for determining realization of annual bonuses; and, as noted in the Executive Summary of CD&A, on page 40 of this Proxy Statement, updated the compensation program's annual bonus methodology, including as follows:

- Lowered Maximum Bonus Opportunity. Going-forward into 2023, the CEO's maximum annual bonus opportunity (bonus cap) was reduced to 3.5x of target annual bonus (from 4.4x of target annual bonus in 2021). Annual bonus caps for other executives were also lowered to 3.5x of their target annual bonuses.
- Performance Metric. In conjunction with lowering maximum bonus opportunities, going-forward into 2023 the Committee: (i) introduced an additional financial performance metric into the determination of annual bonus realization, which was intended to strengthen alignment with fundamental Company performance and the key metrics that drive stockholder value creation; and (ii) reduced the "leverage" factor used for determining realization of annual bonuses i.e., formulaically reduced the percentage of above target annual bonus realized for above target performance. The impact of reducing this "leverage" factor is that this updated methodology requires a meaningfully higher level of above-target financial performance to achieve significantly above-target and/or maximum annual bonus realization.

A further discussion of these updates to the compensation program's annual bonus methodology is set forth within this CD&A beginning on page 80 under the heading "2023 Annual Bonus Methodology".

- <u>PSU Performance Measurement Periods</u>. Stockholders consistently commented that the use of three linked 1-year performance measurement periods in one aspect of the structure of the executive compensation program's Performance Stock Units (PSUs) undermined the stated intention that PSUs result in long-term alignment between stockholders and executives and could result in the program being overly focused on short-term performance.
 - How we are responding: As noted in the Executive Summary of CD&A, on page 41 of this Proxy Statement, the Committee determined to change the structure of the PSUs for grants made at year-end 2022 (and going forward) to exclusively use three-year performance measurement periods. In particular, beginning with grants made in December 2022, the PSU structure has been updated to provide for all performance-based vesting to be measured over three-year performance periods, and with vesting to now be based on a direct weighting between the two performance measures: book value TSR (67%) and relative TSR (33%), which enhances line-of-sight and simplifies the structure in alignment with market practice.

In addition, beginning with grants made in December 2022, the Committee introduced an above-median relative TSR performance target into the PSU structure – with the result that, with respect to the portion of PSU vesting driven by the relative TSR performance metric, above-median performance relative to a comparator group of companies (i.e., 55th percentile) is required for target-level vesting. Similarly, the Committee determined that maximum-level vesting for this portion of PSU vesting would require greater than 75th percentile performance relative to peers (i.e., 82.5th percentile).

A further discussion of these updates to the structure of the PSUs for grants made at year-end 2022 is set forth within this CD&A beginning on page 68 under the heading "2022 Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Awards."

• Other Compensation Program Components and Determinations. As described in the Executive Summary of CD&A, on pages 33 - 42 of this Proxy Statement, as the Committee considered the totality of stockholder feedback and conducted its holistic review of Redwood's

executive compensation program, the Committee made other key determinations and changes, including to respond to the Company's financial performance in 2022.

- Increased Stock Ownership Requirements. Redwood's executive stock ownership requirements were updated to increase stock ownership requirements and to align other aspects of these requirements with broader market practice. For example, the CEO's ownership requirement was increased to 6.25x of base salary, above the 5.0x of base salary level established at a broad array of public companies. A further discussion of Redwood's Executive Stock Ownership Requirements is set forth on pages 14 15 of this Proxy Statement.
- Reduced CEO's 2022 Annual Bonus Realization. Under the Committee's in-place annual bonus methodology for 2022, 0% of the portion of the CEO's 2022 target bonus linked to Redwood's annual financial performance was realized and, overall, the Committee determined that only 25% of the CEO's total 2022 target bonus would be paid. A further discussion of realization of the CEO's (and other executives') 2022 annual bonus opportunity is set forth within this CD&A beginning on page 60 under the heading "2022 Performance-Based Annual Bonus Compensation."
- Reduced Value of CEO's 2022 Year-End Equity Award; Awarded All of CEO's 2022 Year-End Equity Award in the Form of PSUs. The aggregate value of 2022 year-end long-term equity awards to executives was reduced relative to year-end 2021 grants in particular, the value of the 2022 year-end long-term equity award to the CEO was reduced by 33%. In addition, for Redwood's CEO, all of his 2022 year-end long-term equity award was granted in the form of PSUs to further enhance pay-for-performance alignment with stockholders. A further discussion of 2022 year-end long-term equity awards to the CEO and other executives is set forth within this CD&A beginning on page 67 under the heading "2022 Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Awards".
- Other Feedback and Commentary from Stockholders. In addition to the feedback described above related to executive compensation, in the course of engaging with stockholders the Chair of Committee and the Company's in-house engagement team engaged in dialogue with stockholders relating to other compensation-related, governance and ESG-related topics. With respect to the Company's executive compensation program, other feedback and dialogue related to, among other things: the overall balance of short- and long-term components of target compensation for the CEO and other executives; the operational, financial performance, and return metrics that stockholders focus on when evaluating Redwood's performance; the relative merits of using absolute and relative performance measures in the executive compensation program; how the Compensation Committee uses the individualperformance component of the CEO's (and other executives') annual bonus to incentivize and recognize achievement of long-term and short-term strategic, operational, sustainability/ESG, and riskmanagement goals; the competitiveness of Redwood's executive compensation program and its impact on the Company's ability to recruit and retain executive talent; and mechanisms that are in place at Redwood to provide the Committee and the full Board with oversight regarding the overall risk posture of the Company and the intersection of risk-management and the executive compensation program.
- Consistent Outreach and Feedback Over Multiple Years. Outreach by the Committee Chair to stockholders regarding executive compensation has been a consistent practice at Redwood. Over past years, the Chair of the Committee has met in person and telephonically with institutional stockholders both following the publication of Redwood's annual proxy statement (i.e., during "proxy season") and outside of "proxy season," which often allows for more extensive and in-depth discussions. Additional outreach by the Chair of the Committee to institutional stockholders is contemplated for the future, including in-person meetings when practicable and appropriate.
 - In addition to the examples noted above relating to how Redwood is directly responding to specific feedback provided to the Chair of the Committee since the Company's 2022 annual

meeting, stockholder engagement and feedback in prior years has impacted the Committee's approach to executive compensation, including the following examples:

- The decision in 2021 to more explicitly identify individual ESG-related goals within the performance-based compensation program particularly within the annual goals that relate to the individual performance component of annual bonuses.
- The decision in 2020 to continue to use relative TSR as a key performance-based vesting metric in long-term incentive structures.
- The decision in 2018 to update the structure of performance-based equity awards to include bvTSR as a primary performance metric, along with relative TSR as a secondary performance metric.

The Committee believes that this ongoing stockholder outreach process results in a more detailed understanding of recent "Say-on-Pay" voting results and provides a forum for valuable feedback from stockholders regarding their views on Redwood's executive compensation philosophy, practices and disclosures.

Section II - Executive Compensation in 2022

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Redwood's 2022 Performance

As noted within the preceding "Executive Summary of CD&A" beginning on page 33 of this Proxy Statement, Redwood's 2022 performance was impacted by a very challenging market and operating environment, as rapid increases in benchmark interest rates coupled with extreme credit spread widening and overall market volatility over the course of 2022 had a negative overall impact on the fair value of Redwood's portfolio investments, resulting in losses, most of which were unrealized. The same factors led to operating losses within Redwood's Residential and Business Purpose Mortgage Banking platforms for 2022. Key annual financial and stockholder return metrics for 2022 are set forth below, together with key 2022 operational metrics and factors.

Redwood's 2022 Performance

- 2022 Annual Financial Performance
 - GAAP return-on-equity ("ROE") was negative 12.7%.
 - Adjusted ROE was negative 11.4%.
 - Adjusted ROE is a non-GAAP performance measure that is defined and described on page 61 within this CD&A under the heading "2022 Performance-Based Annual Bonus Compensation" and is reconciled to ROE based on GAAP financial results in Annex A to this Proxy Statement.
 - GAAP net income per diluted common share was negative \$1.43 for the full year 2022.
 - Redwood paid \$0.92 per share in common stock dividends in 2022.
- 2022 Annual Stockholder Returns
 - Total Stockholder Return ("TSR") was negative 42.2%.
 - Book Value Total Stockholder Return ("bvTSR") was negative 13.2%.
- 2022 Operational Metrics and Factors
 - Business Purpose Mortgage Banking Demand for business purpose mortgage loans remained elevated throughout 2022, and Redwood's business purpose loan subsidiary, CoreVest, had a record level of annual business purpose mortgage loan fundings. While loan distributions (sales and securitizations) were challenged by market volatility and investor sentiment,

Redwood was successful in completing whole loan sales and securitizations, while also growing its network of whole loan investors.

- In 2022, CoreVest funded \$2.8 billion of BPL loans as compared to \$2.3 billion in 2021.
- CoreVest distributed a total of \$1.3 billion of BPL loans in 2022, \$0.8 billion in securitizations and \$0.5 billion in whole loan sales. This compared to \$1.5 billion of distributions in 2021.
- CoreVest expanded its business purpose lending footprint through the successful acquisition of Riverbend Funding, LLC, which closed on July 1, 2022.
- Residential Mortgage Banking Rapidly rising benchmark interest rates over the course of 2022 impacted jumbo mortgage loan transaction volume across the entire industry, while broad mortgage market volatility limited loan sale and securitization activity. Given market conditions, Redwood intentionally limited residential loan acquisitions and focused on transferring risk expediently and minimizing exposure to market risk from its residential mortgage banking platform.
 - Redwood Residential purchased \$3.6 billion of loans in 2022, compared to \$12.9 billion in 2021.
 - Redwood Residential distributed \$4.5 billion of loans in 2022, \$0.7 billion in securitizations and \$3.8 billion in whole loan sales. This compared to \$11.2 billion of distributions in 2021.
 - Expanded loan purchase product set with launch of a bank statement program.
- Investment Portfolio As of year-end 2022, Redwood's investment portfolio had grown to \$3.7 billion of investments from \$2.7 billion at the end of 2021, 76% of which were organically created through our Residential and Business Purpose Mortgage Banking platforms and 24% of which were purchased from third-parties.
 - During 2022, Redwood deployed \$521 million of capital into attractive yielding organic and third-party assets.
 - While credit spread widening impacted the valuation of our portfolio assets, over the course of 2022 the fundamental credit performance of these assets generally remained stable, supported by the seasoning of the assets, thick equity cushion from years of home price growth, stability in cash flows and stable levels of delinquencies compared to recent quarters. As a result, over time, we believe there is the potential to recover unrealized portfolio losses recorded in 2022.
- Liquidity and Financing Throughout 2022, and against a backdrop of overall market volatility, Redwood maintained a key focus on liquidity and financing, enabling it to navigate difficult business and market conditions in 2022 and positioning the Company for future growth.
 - Maintained a strong cash position, ending 2022 with \$259 million of cash and cash equivalents.
 - During 2022, renewed or established 18 financing facilities representing approximately \$6 billion of total financing capacity.
 - Successfully raised \$215 million of capital through a convertible debt offering in June 2022.
 - Repurchased a total of \$88 million of common stock and convertible debt during 2022
 - Prepared the Company for a successful offering of preferred stock in January 2023.

Elements of Compensation in 2022

In 2022, cash compensation for Redwood's NEOs included a base salary and a performance-based annual bonus. Annual bonuses for 2022 were primarily determined based on company financial performance, with individual performance a secondary determinant. For each NEO, the Committee established a target annual bonus amount at the beginning of 2022 that would be earned if Redwood's financial performance met a Committee-established target and the NEO's performance merited target-level payment. In particular, one portion of each NEO's annual bonus was determined based on company financial performance (referred to in this CD&A as the Company performance component of target bonus or Company performance (referred to in this CD&A as the individual performance component of target bonus or individual performance bonus).

The Committee generally intends that the base salary and annual bonus target for each NEO to be appropriate in comparison to a market-based median level, after taking into account factors such as the NEO's role and responsibilities, competitive factors, and internal equity. In addition, the Committee believes that performance-based bonuses for each NEO should have adequate upside so that total annual compensation actually earned may reach the top-quartile of the market-based level for strong performance.

The market-based levels used by the Committee during 2022 were determined with the assistance of the Committee's independent compensation consultant. The process included reviewing compensation practices of peer companies selected by the Committee (referred to in this CD&A as the compensation peer group). Further details regarding the compensation peer group and practices for comparisons to this peer group are provided on pages 58 - 59 within this CD&A under the heading "Compensation Peer Group for 2022."

For 2022, the Committee established the Company performance component of the annual bonus for each NEO so that it would not be paid at an above-target level unless Redwood's Adjusted ROE exceeded 11.5%. Adjusted ROE is a non-GAAP performance measure that is defined and described on page 61 within this CD&A under the heading "2022 Performance-Based Annual Bonus Compensation."

With respect to long-term equity-based compensation, the Committee generally makes annual awards to NEOs in amounts, and subject to terms and vesting conditions, that provide an incentive to create long-term stockholder value and align the interests of NEOs with the interests of long-term stockholders. These awards are intended to provide performance-based compensation opportunities at levels that will be effective in retaining valued and productive executives. In determining the size of annual long-term equity-based compensation opportunities, the Committee uses the same or similar considerations as are applied when setting salaries and target annual bonus opportunities, with the value actually delivered a result of subsequent performance. For 2022, the value of annual long-term equity-based compensation granted at year-end to NEOs was determined after taking into account the Committee's philosophy that:

- Competitive pressure on NEO compensation levels from higher-paying related market sectors should be addressed through the value of long-term equity-based awards. Annual target cash compensation amounts are generally intended to be appropriate in comparison to a median range of the compensation peer group, while long-term equity-based awards may be targeted above the median when justified by performance, experience, or the scope of the individual's role.
- The terms and vesting conditions of long-term equity-based awards should result in realized compensation for NEOs that correlates with long-term stockholder value creation (through dividend distributions and share-price growth) over a minimum of three years. The value of long-term equitybased awards should also take into account Redwood's overall performance and each NEO's individual performance.

NEOs also receive cash and equity-based compensation when long-term incentive awards granted in prior years vest and are delivered and NEOs are provided with other benefits that are also available to all eligible employees of Redwood on a substantially similar basis. These benefits, which are further described below on pages 74 - 76 within this CD&A, include standard health and welfare benefits and the ability to participate in Redwood's tax-qualified 401(k) plan and Employee Stock Purchase Plan. In addition, NEOs may participate in Redwood's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

Process for Compensation Determinations for 2022

Each year the Committee makes determinations regarding the compensation of Redwood's NEOs. The process is dynamic and the Committee has the authority to re-examine and adjust the compensation program or process to take into account changing circumstances throughout the year. As in prior years, during 2022 the Committee directly engaged and used the services of a nationally recognized compensation consultant to assist it in determining the elements of compensation and providing comparative analyses.

At the outset of 2022, the Committee was continuing to engage Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc. (FW Cook) as its independent compensation consultant; however, in May 2022 the Committee engaged Semler Brossy Consulting Group LLC (Semler Brossy) to replace FW Cook as its independent compensation consultant. During the respective periods during which they have been engaged by the Committee, FW Cook and Semler Brossy have reported directly to the Committee and acted as the Committee's consultant regarding director and executive officer compensation-related matters. Neither FW Cook nor Semler Brossy is or has been retained by Redwood or its management in any other capacity and the Committee has the sole authority to establish and terminate the relationship with its independent compensation consultant. In addition, the Committee conducted an assessment of the independence of Semler Brossy and FW Cook and concluded that no conflict of interest currently exists or existed in 2022 that would result in either FW Cook or Semler Brossy not being able to provide independent advice to the Committee.

On an annual basis, the Committee reviews the compensation program for Redwood's executive officers with its independent compensation consultant and assesses the competitiveness of compensation levels and targets to determine whether it is aligned with Redwood's compensation philosophy and is externally competitive. In addition, the Committee's independent compensation consultant assists the Committee in determining the form and structure of the elements of Redwood's executive compensation program and also provides the Committee with data regarding compensation practices among the compensation peer group. The independent compensation consultant's analysis covers all elements of direct compensation, including base salary, annual incentives, and long-term incentives. Benefit and perquisite offerings at Redwood are also reviewed, as is Redwood equity ownership by each NEO. Analysis provided by its independent compensation consultant assists the Committee in understanding the extent to which different elements of each NEO's compensation are above or below market levels and in understanding the year-to-year changes in awarded, accumulated, and potential NEO compensation.

As part of its year-end process for making compensation determinations for NEOs, in December 2022, the Committee also considered the following:

- The executive officers' collective self-assessment of their individual contributions and performance over the year;
- Mr. Abate's recommendations with respect to the compensation of the other NEOs; and
- Semler Brossy's directional recommendations regarding the elements of compensation for the CEO, and its opinion on the recommendations developed by the CEO for the other NEOs. These recommendations and opinions were based on peer comparisons, other supplemental comparative data, and Redwood's compensation philosophy.

Compensation Peer Group for 2022

As in prior years, in 2022 the Committee asked its independent compensation consultant to conduct a market pay analysis with respect to the compensation of Redwood's NEOs. For 2022, Semler Brossy's market pay analysis relied primarily on publicly disclosed executive compensation data from the compensation peer group. The Committee may also consider supplemental data that provides insight into executive compensation practices at competitors that are externally managed and, therefore, do not generally disclose comprehensive compensation data for their named executive officers, as well as private companies and divisions of larger public companies for which individual compensation data are not publicly disclosed. Certain of the publicly-traded REITs that Redwood competes with for mortgage-industry talent are externally managed and do not disclose comprehensive executive compensation information and certain peers may not disclose information for officers with responsibilities comparable to all of Redwood's executive officers.

The Committee considers the use of a market-based compensation analysis important for validating competitive positioning in attracting and retaining executive talent. Each year, as part of the competitive pay analysis, the Committee, after consultation with its independent compensation consultant, designates a compensation peer group using a pre-defined process and objective industry and size criteria that is intended to include companies with which Redwood competes for business or for executive talent. The process and objective criteria used to select the 2022 compensation peer group is detailed below.

- Step 1: Begin with a broad screening process intended to identify publicly traded, U.S.-based companies that are internally managed (externally-managed companies generally have not disclosed comprehensive compensation data and are therefore excluded)
- Step 2: Identify REITs and other companies most similar to Redwood (i.e., direct peers), including:
 - Mortgage REITs, which are considered "direct peers" along with real estate development and financial services companies with a focus on mortgage servicing or mortgage-related assets
 - Exclude all companies with market capitalization values outside of a 0.25-4.0x range compared to Redwood, subject to reasonable exceptions for key business competitors and based on 12-month average market capitalization
- Step 3: Identify other relevant business and labor-market competitors:
 - Financial services companies with both market capitalization value in a 0.5-2.0x range compared to Redwood based on 12-month average market capitalization
 - Exclude bank holding companies and companies in the cash advance/pawn broker businesses, due to fundamental differences in the underlying business model
- Step 4: Select 15 to 25 companies for inclusion in the compensation peer group:
 - Generally include all companies identified in Step 2
 - Generally include companies identified in Step 3 if they: (1) are included in the prior year's compensation peer group or (2) have been identified as a peer of Redwood's most-direct peers (e.g., a peer of another mortgage REIT identified in Step 2)
 - Add additional companies identified in Step 3 to: (1) ensure that the sample size is sufficient and (2) position Redwood closer to the median on key size measures, focusing primarily on market capitalization and secondarily on total assets and net income

The Committee recognizes that the compensation peer group does not include generally higher-paying externally-managed REITs, mortgage-focused divisions of large publicly-traded financial institutions, private equity firms, and hedge funds with which Redwood competes for executive talent. These organizations are not included because they have different business economics and pay models from Redwood, and because comprehensive compensation data for their executives are generally not publicly available.

The Committee reviews the compensation peer group and the selection process and criteria on an annual basis to confirm that it continues to reflect relevant business and labor market competitors for whom

comprehensive data is available. Accordingly, the companies included as peers may change from year to year as a result of updates to the selection process and criteria and changes in the real estate and capital markets.

<u>2022 Compensation Peer Group.</u> Based on the above-described methodology, the compensation peer group identified by the Committee in March 2022, and updated in October 2022, for use in the competitive pay analysis prepared by Semler Brossy consisted of the following 18 companies:

- Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.
- Chimera Investment Corporation
- Essent Group Ltd.
- iStar Financial Inc.
- MFA Financial, Inc.
- New York Mortgage Trust, Inc.
- PennyMac Financial Services, Inc.
- Two Harbors Investment Corp.
- Virtus Investment Partners, Inc.

- BrightSphere Investments Group, Inc.
- Dynex Capital, Inc.
- Granite Point Mortgage, Inc.
- Ladder Capital Corp.
- Mr. Cooper Group, Inc.
- NMI Holdings, Inc.
- Radian Group, Inc.
- Victory Capital Holdings, Inc.
- Walker & Dunlop. Inc.

<u>Changes to Compensation Peer Group</u>. As noted above, the companies included in the peer group may change from year to year. The following changes were made to Redwood's compensation peer group from 2021 to 2022, due to Capstead Mortgage Corporation merging with and into another company:

Additions:

• Two Harbors Investment Corp.

Removals:

• Capstead Mortgage Corporation

Following the removal of Capstead Mortgage Corporation, Two Harbors Investment Corp. was identified as a replacement company for the compensation peer group, as it was generally aligned with the quantitative and qualitative criteria described above for inclusion in the peer group, including as a result of having internalized its management structure in 2020.

2022 Base Salaries

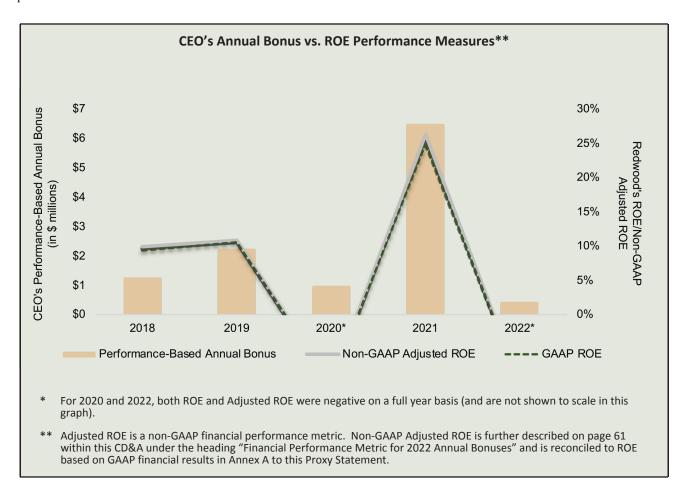
Base salary is a traditional element of executive compensation. The Committee annually establishes base salaries for NEOs after reviewing the market data for similar executives, as well as the experience, skills, and responsibilities of each NEO. The Committee may adjust salaries at other times throughout the year, including at the time of a promotion.

In December 2022, after consultation with its independent compensation consultant and review of its analysis, the Committee made determinations with respect to 2022 NEO base salaries as follows:

- Mr. Abate. The 2022 annual base salary for Mr. Abate, Redwood's Chief Executive Officer, was increased from \$800,000 to \$900,000.
- Mr. Robinson. The 2022 annual base salary for Mr. Robinson, Redwood's President, was increased from \$750,000 to \$825,000.
- <u>Ms. Carillo</u>. The 2022 annual base salary for Ms. Carillo, Redwood's Chief Financial Officer, was increased from \$675,000 to \$700,000.
- Mr. Stone. The 2022 annual base salary for Mr. Stone, Redwood's Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, was increased from \$420,000 to \$445,000.
- <u>Ms. Macomber</u>. The 2022 annual base salary for Ms. Macomber, Redwood's Chief Human Resource Officer, was increased from \$400,000 to \$425,000.

2022 Performance-Based Annual Bonus Compensation

Redwood's annual bonus program is designed to reward NEOs based on Redwood's financial performance and each NEO's individual performance. As an example, and as illustrated in the graph below, there has been significant variability in the performance-based annual bonuses paid to Redwood's CEO over the last five years, reflecting the variations in Redwood's compensation program and financial performance over the same period.



<u>Components of 2022 Annual Bonuses</u>. In order to align executives' interests with the interests of stockholders, the Committee determined prior to the end of the first quarter of 2022, after consultation with its independent compensation consultant, that 2022 target annual bonuses for NEOs would continue to be weighted as follows:

- 75% on the achievement of a predetermined target level of a company financial performance metric for 2022; and
- 25% on individual contributions to the Company's pre-established annual strategic, business, operational, sustainability/ESG, and risk management goals and objectives for 2022.

The weightings described above were used so that most of an NEO's target annual bonus will depend directly on company financial performance, while also providing incentives for achievement of individual strategic, business, operational, sustainability/ESG and risk management goals that the Committee believes are in the interests of Redwood and its stockholders, but in some cases may be difficult to quantitatively link to company financial performance.

Financial Performance Metric for 2022 Annual Bonuses. During the first quarter of 2022, after a review of Redwood's compensation program, and following consultation with its independent compensation consultant, the Committee determined to continue to use in 2022 the same type of financial metric to underlie the company performance bonus that was used in 2021, 2019 and prior years. As noted above, the Company performance bonus for 2022 was based on Adjusted ROE, which has historically been very closely correlated to Redwood's ROE based on GAAP financial results, but differs in certain respects. Adjusted ROE is a non-GAAP financial performance measure that reflects GAAP earnings on average equity capital adjusted to exclude certain unrealized mark-to-market gains and losses from equity. In addition, Adjusted ROE also reflects the exclusion of certain purchase accounting-related items and transaction expenses related to acquisitions we have completed – e.g., excludes amortization expense related to intangible assets acquired in these acquisitions. Because Adjusted ROE is a ratio of earnings to equity capital, the adjustment to exclude certain unrealized mark-to-market gains and losses from equity is made to enable the calculation of an "apples-to-apples" non-GAAP ratio of earnings to equity capital for purposes of evaluating financial performance.

- For example, under GAAP, an unrealized loss recognized in equity capital but not recognized in
 earnings has the impact, all other factors being equal, of increasing the ratio of earnings to equity
 capital. Adjusted ROE addresses this by increasing equity capital by the amount of the unrealized
 loss, allowing for a non-GAAP calculation of a ratio using internally consistent earnings and equity
 capital amounts.
- Conversely, under GAAP, an unrealized gain recognized in equity capital but not recognized in
 earnings has the impact, all other factors being equal, of decreasing the ratio of earnings to equity
 capital. Adjusted ROE addresses this by decreasing equity capital by the amount of the unrealized
 gain, allowing for a non-GAAP calculation of a ratio using internally consistent earnings and equity
 capital amounts.

The Committee believes that Adjusted ROE provides an appropriate measure of financial performance for a company like Redwood, whose primary source of earnings is income from investments in mortgage loans and other real estate-related assets, as well as from mortgage banking activities. It is also a performance metric that, over the long-term, should be correlated with long-term stockholder returns. Adjusted ROE is reconciled to ROE determined in accordance with GAAP in Annex A to this Proxy Statement.

Financial Performance Target for 2022 Annual Bonuses. For 2022, the Committee (in consultation with, and taking into account input from, management, its independent compensation consultant, and the Board of Directors) reviewed the process used in determining the Company performance component of annual bonuses for executive officers. The Committee decided to continue its historical practice of using an Adjusted ROE financial performance target determined at the beginning of each year based on a risk-free interest rate plus an incremental premium determined by the Committee to be appropriate (each of which can vary from year to year). This decision continued to be premised, as it was in 2021, in large part on the nature of Redwood's business model, which has had a significant focus on investing in residential mortgage loans and other real-estate related loans and debt instruments. Returns that Redwood can earn on new investments in residential mortgage loans and other real-estate related loans and debt investments are, to a certain extent, correlated with the market-driven interest rates for these and other types of loans and debt instruments (which rates depend on the perceived risk of these investments). These market-driven interest rates are typically analyzed as the risk-free interest rate for investment in U.S. Treasury obligations (or other debt backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S.) with a comparable duration plus an incremental risk premium above the risk-free rate.

The decision to use a target based on a risk-free interest rate plus an incremental premium was also premised on the fact that management believes that investors focused on investing in companies like Redwood, including companies that operate mortgage banking platforms, also compare return on equity to risk-free rates of return in evaluating Redwood's financial performance and that the Adjusted ROE financial performance target should take into account stockholders' return and dividend yield expectations. As a result, the Committee also reviewed recent and historical dividend yields on Redwood's common stock and determined a range of incremental premiums above the risk-free rate that would be supportive of those yields. In addition to

its review of market returns Redwood could earn on new investments generated from mortgage banking operations, and the level of Adjusted ROE financial performance necessary to meet stockholders' return and dividend yield expectations, the Committee reviewed the level of Adjusted ROE performance necessary to support the payment of regular quarterly dividends declared by the Board of Directors.

The Committee believes that setting an Adjusted ROE performance target at an appropriate level above the risk-free interest rate (by adding the incremental premium to the risk-free interest rate) establishes an incentive for executives to achieve attractive financial performance for Redwood (and aligns the interests of executives and stockholders in seeking this level of financial performance), without exposing Redwood to inappropriate risk. If risk-free interest rates were to rise significantly in future years, all other factors being equal, the company financial performance target used for determining the Company performance component of annual bonuses for executive officers could be increased in recognition of the fact that accomplishing the same financial performance in a higher interest rate environment might only require lower risk investments. Conversely, if risk-free interest rates were to decline in future years, all other factors being equal, the company financial performance target used for determining the Company performance component of annual bonuses for executive officers could be lowered in recognition of the fact that reaching for the same financial performance in a lower interest environment could necessitate taking greater investment or other risks. Overall, the Committee believes that the use of a performance target that varies from year to year provides the ability to adjust compensation incentives in a manner consistent with Redwood's business model and the market environment in which Redwood operates.

Following this process for determining Company performance bonuses, the Committee determined that: (i) with respect to the 2022 financial performance target and the 2022 Company performance bonuses for NEOs, target bonus amounts would be earned if Adjusted ROE equaled 11.5%; and (ii) with respect to 2022 Company performance bonuses for NEOs, no bonus amounts would be earned if Adjusted ROE was 7.5% or less; bonus amounts below or at the target bonus amounts would be earned if Adjusted ROE was between 7.5% and 11.5%; and bonus amounts in excess of the target bonus amounts would not be earned unless Adjusted ROE was more than 11.5%.

The use of an initial performance threshold of greater than 7.5% Adjusted ROE for the payment of any portion of target Company performance bonuses represents a determination by the Committee that financial performance below that threshold is not above the risk-free interest rate by a significant enough margin to merit payment of any portion of this component of annual bonuses. The payment of target Company performance bonuses or a portion of target Company performance bonuses for Adjusted ROE in the range between 7.5% and 11.5% reflects the determination by the Committee that financial performance within this range merits payment of below-target or target Company performance bonuses as Adjusted ROE increases above the initial performance threshold of 7.5%.

The Committee also determined that for Adjusted ROE in excess of 11.5%, subject to the maximum total bonus opportunity for each NEO noted below and assuming the individual performance bonuses are earned at target level, the Company performance bonus would be increased by a pro-rated amount above the target Company performance bonus (based on a straight-line, mathematical interpolation) such that, for example, the total annual bonus for an NEO would be four times the total target bonus for that NEO when Adjusted ROE is 20%.

Additionally, the Committee determined prior to the end of the first quarter of 2022 that individual performance in 2022 for each NEO would be reviewed in the context of, among other things, the specific predetermined goals and factors discussed below under "Performance-Based Annual Bonuses Earned for 2022 — Individual Performance Component of 2022 Annual Bonuses." As in past years, during 2022 these individual factors and goals were subject to adjustment when circumstances warranted, at the discretion of the Committee. For 2022, the individual performance component of annual bonuses could be earned up to 200% of the target amount depending on the Committee's assessment of individual performance.

With respect to the maximum annual bonus opportunity (i.e., the maximum sum of the two components of the annual bonus) that each executive officer can earn, for 2022, these amounts remained at the same levels that applied in 2021. However, as further described below under "2023 Maximum Total Annual Bonuses", going forward into 2023, the Committee lowered the maximum annual bonus opportunity for all of its executive officers.

NEOs' 2022 Target Annual Bonus Amounts. At the end of 2021, the Committee made determinations with respect to each NEO's target 2022 annual bonus after consultation with its independent compensation consultant and consideration of compensation peer group comparisons for the position, competitive factors and the NEO's role, experience, and performance at Redwood.

- Mr. Abate. In December 2021, the Committee determined that the 2022 target bonus percentage for Mr. Abate would be increased from 185% to 200% of base salary.
- Mr. Robinson. In December 2021, the Committee determined that the 2022 target bonus percentage for Mr. Robinson would be increased from 175% to 190% of base salary.
- Ms. Carillo. In December 2021, the Committee determined that the 2022 target bonus percentage for Ms. Carillo would be increased from 165% to 175% of base salary.
- Mr. Stone. In December 2021, the Committee determined that the 2022 target bonus percentage for Mr. Stone would be increased from 125% to 150% of base salary.
- <u>Ms. Macomber</u>. In December 2021, the Committee determined that the 2022 target bonus percentage for Ms. Macomber would be increased from 125% to 150% of base salary.

		2022 ase Salary	2022 Target Annual Bonus	T	2022 arget Annual Bonus
NEO	(\$	per annum)	(as % of Base Salary)		(\$)
Mr. Abate, Chief Executive Officer	\$	900,000	200%	\$	1,800,000
Mr. Robinson, President	\$	825,000	190%	\$	1,567,500
Ms. Carillo, Chief Financial Officer	\$	700,000	175%	\$	1,225,000
Mr. Stone, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer	\$	445,000	150%	\$	667,500
Ms. Macomber, Chief Human Resource Officer	\$	425,000	150%	\$	637,500

Performance-Based Annual Bonuses Earned for 2022

Annual performance-based bonuses earned by NEOs for 2022 consisted of both a Company performance component and an individual performance component. A further discussion of each of these components is set forth below.

<u>Company Performance Component of 2022 Annual Bonuses</u>. Redwood's Adjusted ROE for 2022 was negative. Accordingly, the Company performance component of annual bonuses earned for 2022 was 0% of the target amount, as set forth in the table below.

NEO	Company Performance Component of 2022 Target Annual Bonus (\$)	2022 Company Performance Component of Annual Bonus Earned (\$)
Mr. Abate, Chief Executive Officer	\$ 1,350,000	\$ —
Mr. Robinson, President	\$ 1,175,625	\$ —
Ms. Carillo, Chief Financial Officer	\$ 918,750	\$ —
Mr. Stone, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer	\$ 500,625	\$ —
Ms. Macomber, Chief Human Resource Officer	\$ 478,125	\$ —

Individual Performance Component of 2022 Annual Bonuses. For 2022, the individual performance components of annual bonuses were determined after a review of each NEO's individual achievements and contributions to the collective achievements of the senior management team. The Committee reviewed the individual performance of each of the executive officers, which included a review of each executive officer's self-assessment and the assessment by Mr. Abate of the other NEOs. Among other factors, the Committee considered each executive officer's contribution to the achievement of the company-wide goals noted below in assessing each executive officer's individual performance for 2022. With respect to each of these goals, the Committee took into account various factors in evaluating the level of attainment of the goal and each executive officer's contribution to achieving the goal, including the principal factors described below and the related level of attainment (presented in italics after each listed goal). In considering these goals and factors, the Committee did not assign specific weightings to each factor and goal, but instead considered them together as part of a comprehensive qualitative review.

<u>Goal</u>: Establish and/or maintain operational posture to process Business Purpose and Residential loan volumes commensurate with production goals for each of these mortgage banking platforms. Subject to financial market conditions and financial risk management considerations, execute on operational, capital markets and product development initiatives to meet 2022 production and distribution goals.

From an ESG perspective, augment investment portfolio strategy with a dedicated ESG partnership or
investment (subject to market conditions and return profiles), with a focus on investments that are
consistent with Redwood's mission to address housing affordability for owner-occupied or rental
housing.

The Committee evaluated achievement of this goal in the context of various factors, including that during 2022 management: was successful in deploying operational and technological enhancements to drive strong business purpose loan originations; in response to the changing interest rate environment during the year (and corresponding changes to borrower demand), introduced new business purpose loan products that supported a smaller but diversified loan origination pipeline in the second half of the year; successfully executed on several

business purpose loan distribution initiatives through both securitization and whole loan transactions; addressed challenging conditions for its Residential mortgage banking platform by effectively managing its loan acquisition pipeline and distribution efforts, reducing fixed and variable costs, and re-allocating capital to more accretive deployment opportunities; and initiated a reorganization of its capital markets function to more effectively and efficiently serve its Business Purpose and Residential mortgage banking platforms.

• From an ESG perspective, Redwood made a meaningful investment in Mosser Capital Fund I (managed by Mosser Capital, a 100% minority- and women-owned organization), which aims to acquire and renovate distressed or mismanaged rent-regulated apartment properties in California and which is aligned with Redwood's mission by supporting quality workforce housing opportunities in urban communities.

<u>Goal</u>: Continue to assess merger and acquisition (M&A) opportunities as an accretive complement to organic growth. For any M&A transactions that are executed, plan and carry out a robust integration and onboarding plan relating to, among other things: assets, financing, human capital, and operational systems. Continue to develop RWT Horizons, Redwood's venture investment platform, to support companies whose technologies are accretive to Redwood's businesses, including Redwood's Business Purpose and Residential mortgage banking platforms.

• From an ESG perspective, identify early-stage financial and real estate technology companies that support Redwood's mission.

The Committee evaluated achievement of this goal in the context of various factors, including that during 2022 management: evaluated multiple M&A and partnership opportunities, further establishing the Company as a logical "first call" in the marketplace for M&A and other partnership opportunities, and, ultimately, management focused primarily on the acquisition of Riverbend Funding, a best-in-class private mortgage lender to residential transitional and commercial real estate investors; after extensive analysis and planning, completed the acquisition of Riverbend in July 2022 and carried out a comprehensive integration of Riverbend's workforce, systems, and processes, as well as its financing facilities and loan assets; and, in response to market and economic conditions, focused the RWT Horizons initiative on supporting existing portfolio investments and adjusting the pace of capital deployment into new portfolio investments, while enhancing staffing and internal systems and processes in preparation for future fundraising initiatives.

• From an ESG perspective, RWT Horizons completed investments in (i) LeaseLock, an "insurtech" platform that provides a security deposit replacement solution for tenants and landlords that removes financial barriers to leasing a new apartment by replacing a tenant's upfront deposit with a low-cost lease insurance solution, and (ii) Rent Butter, a fintech company that offers landlords a proprietary and more effective tenant screening tool to evaluate prospective tenants with lower credit scores, supporting Redwood's efforts to promote quality housing opportunities for American households through enabling landlords to look beyond traditional credit scoring models by using an alternative, data driven approach to identify qualified prospective candidates — particularly in the workforce housing segment of the rental market, an area that is served by CoreVest, our business purpose mortgage lending platform.

<u>Goal</u>: Utilize traditional sources and explore alternative products/markets to diversify and optimize corporate capital structure, including to prepare for repayment of convertible debt with nearer-term maturities and take advantage of innovative secured financing facilities. Seek to optimize accumulation period between origination/ acquisition and ultimate distribution of loans and other assets to further enhance funding efficiency and liquidity and diversify reliance on traditional warehouse financing to fund Business Purpose and Residential mortgage banking platforms.

The Committee evaluated achievement of this goal in the context of various factors, including that during 2022 management: from a liquidity perspective, successfully navigated volatile market conditions and efficiently transferred pipeline risk through both new and traditional transaction structures and counterparties; from a

corporate capital raising perspective, after exploring several options, chose to execute a \$215 million convertible note offering in June 2022 at terms substantially more favorable to the Company than what would have been available over the remainder of 2022; prepared the Company for a successful offering of preferred stock in January 2023; entered into a dedicated \$150 million financing facility for HEI and successfully renewed or re-negotiated \$3.5 billion of financing facilities for loans, securities and other assets; organically raised capital through financing of unencumbered assets and optimization of portfolio holdings of other third-party assets; managed the Residential Mortgage Banking pipeline of mortgage loan inventory to allow for an accretive securitization transaction in early January 2023, positioning the Company to transfer substantial pipeline-related risk; successfully completed a securitization of business purpose mortgage loans with a significant anchor investor and continued to deepen whole loan distribution outlets for business purpose mortgage loans; and through capital raising transactions and open-market convertible debt repurchases, positioned Redwood to enter 2023 in a strong capital position to address both near-term debt maturities and investment opportunities.

<u>Goal</u>: Maintain preparedness to manage operations and workforce through current and unexpected developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic – with goal of minimizing any productivity decline due to changes in pandemic conditions. Continue to engage in long-term planning related to office locations and hybrid working arrangements, as well as workforce planning that is responsive to business conditions.

• From an ESG perspective, drive organizational sustainability through the development of Redwood's human capital resources and seek to increase the representation of female and racially/ethnically diverse employees within the workforce at all levels, including through investing in training, programs, and mentorship that contribute to an inclusive and equitable work environment.

The Committee evaluated achievement of this goal in the context of various factors, including that during 2022 management: maintained a company-wide hybrid working schedule with teams working together regularly in each of the Company's primary offices; supported the workforce in pivoting between in-office and remote work as needed, without the loss of productivity, during the early part of the year when the COVID Omicron variant surged; upheld workplace protocols related to COVID throughout the Company's offices and avoided any significant health or safety impacts to the workforce from the pandemic; and, including in response to the Riverbend acquisition, engaged in ongoing planning for the Company's work model, office schedules, and the footprint and structure of each of our office locations.

• From an ESG perspective, management continued to advance Redwood's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging ("DEIB") roadmap through recruitment and development efforts, including specific employee programs designed to foster an inclusive, engaged, and equitable workplace. All members of the executive team and key business leaders participated in the Company's DEIB Steering Committee and had accountability for DEIB efforts within their business areas, including sponsorship and support of the Company's employee resource groups ("ERGs"), ensuring diverse candidate pools for open positions and active succession planning to ensure that underrepresented groups received mentorship and were considered for internal opportunities and advancement. Other specific DEIB initiatives included a Company-wide pay equity analysis, an anti-bias training requirement, and Redwood's focused women's leadership development program. Additionally, the Company supported several DEIB focused community organizations within the financial services industry through financial grants and volunteerism efforts.

<u>Goal</u>: Maintain and enhance controls and procedures relating to public company disclosures and environmental, social and governance subject matter. Continue to provide a high-quality level of public disclosures regarding Redwood's business and financial results, including through, among other things, SEC filings, press releases, earnings calls, supplemental materials distributed through the Company's website, participation in investor conferences and direct engagement with shareholders.

• From an ESG perspective, establish a management-level ESG committee to assess and oversee ESG-related risks and opportunities; and publish an inaugural ESG report that is responsive to stakeholder

requests for ESG-related information and metrics and that takes into account established ESG reporting frameworks and standards.

The Committee evaluated achievement of this goal in the context of various factors, including that during 2022 management: continued its high level of engagement with shareholders and analysts through earnings calls, meetings (both in person and virtual) and participation in various investor conferences; with respect to financial disclosures, maintained strong disclosure controls and procedures and refreshed the format of the Redwood Review, which was adopted to respond to shareholder and analyst feedback and to enhance clarity and impact; initiated publication of a new non-GAAP measure of earnings – Earnings Available for Distribution – which was responsive to analyst and shareholder feedback and peer practice; and supported extensive Board-level outreach to shareholders regarding executive compensation, governance and ESG topics.

• From an ESG perspective, an ESG Management Committee was established, with membership across key business and operational functions within the Company; Redwood published its inaugural ESG "Tear Sheet," which included reporting on certain relevant metrics in accordance with the SASB standards for the Financials Sector – Mortgage Finance and Asset Management & Custody Activities industries. The Company also disclosed various ESG metrics, including employee composition, ESG integration in investments and businesses, and certain environmental risks and mitigants related to our business and investments. In addition to publishing the inaugural "Tear Sheet," the Company also engaged in extensive shareholder outreach to discuss this report and Redwood's approach to ESG reporting and disclosure and published updated proxy statement disclosures related to board diversity and refreshment.

Based on the review described above, the individual performance components of annual bonuses for each NEO for 2022 were determined, as set forth in the table below.

Individual Performance Component of 2022 Target Annual Bonus (\$)	% of Individual Performance Component Earned (%)	2022 Individual Performance Component of Annual Bonus Realized/Earned (\$)
\$450,000	100%	\$450,000
\$391,875	130%	\$509,438
\$306,250	165%	\$505,000
\$166,875	150%	\$250,313
\$159,375	150%	\$239,063
	Component of 2022 Target Annual Bonus (\$) \$450,000 \$391,875 \$306,250 \$166,875	Performance Component of 2022 Target Annual Bonus (\$) % of Individual Performance Component Earned (\$) \$450,000 100% \$391,875 130% \$306,250 165% \$166,875 150%

2022 Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Awards

Equity ownership in Redwood provides an important link between the interests of stockholders and executives by rewarding long-term stockholder value creation. To meet this objective, officers, directors, key employees, and other persons expected to contribute to Redwood's management, growth, and profitability are eligible to receive long-term equity-based awards. The Committee oversees the issuance of these awards to NEOs. The Committee, in consultation with Semler Brossy, determines the types and sizes of awards granted based upon a number of factors, including the NEO's position, responsibilities, total compensation level, individual and company financial performance, competitive factors, and compensation peer group comparisons.

The Committee's normal practice is to make long-term equity-based awards to NEOs at the regularly scheduled (pre-established) fourth quarter meeting of the Committee, which for 2022 occurred on December 15, 2022. On December 15, 2022, the Committee made 2022 year-end long-term equity-based awards to NEOs in three forms: DSUs, cash-settled DSUs ("csDSUs"), and PSUs, the key terms of which are summarized below.

- The DSUs granted on December 15, 2022 will vest over four years, with 25% vesting on January 31, 2024, and an additional 6.25% vesting on the last day of each subsequent quarter (beginning with the quarter ending March 31, 2024), with full vesting occurring on December 14, 2026. Shares of Redwood common stock underlying these DSUs will be distributed to the recipients not earlier than December 14, 2026 and not later than December 31, 2026, unless electively deferred under the terms of Redwood's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- The terms of the csDSUs granted on December 15, 2022 are generally consistent with the terms of the DSUs noted above, except that at settlement (four years following the grant), the value of the common stock referenced by the csDSUs on December 14, 2026 will be settled with a cash payment, rather than through the delivery of shares of common stock. The csDSUs granted on December 15, 2022 will vest over four years, with 25% vesting on January 31, 2024, and an additional 6.25% vesting on the last day of each subsequent quarter (beginning with the quarter ending March 31, 2024), with full vesting occurring on December 14, 2026.
- The PSUs granted on December 15, 2022 are performance-based equity awards which provide for vesting to generally range from 0% to 250% of the target number of PSUs granted, with the target number of PSUs adjusted to reflect the value of any dividends declared on Redwood common stock during the vesting period (as further described below). Vesting of these PSUs will generally occur based on the performance metrics described below during a three-year measurement period and continued employment through January 1, 2026. Further detail on performance-based vesting of the PSUs granted in December 2022 is set forth below.

<u>Performance-Based Vesting – PSUs Granted in December 2022</u>. Performance-based vesting of the PSUs granted in December 2022 will generally occur as of January 1, 2026, after a three-year performance measurement period, based on a three-step process as described below.

<u>First</u>, the target number of PSUs granted ("Target PSUs") is divided into two tranches of Target PSUs, as follows:

- (1) one tranche (the "bvTSR Tranche") represents 66.7% of the Target PSUs, with vesting for this portion of the Target PSUs to range from 0% to 250% of this portion of the Target PSUs based on the level of Redwood's book value TSR (or "bvTSR") over the three-year performance measurement period, with 100% of this portion of the Target PSUs vesting if cumulative bvTSR for the three-year performance period is 25%; and
- (2) a second tranche (the "rTSR Tranche") represents 33.3% of the Target PSUs, with vesting for this portion of the Target PSUs to range from 0% to 250% of this portion of the Target PSUs based on the level of Redwood's relative TSR (or "rTSR") over the three-year performance measurement period, with 100% of this portion of the Target PSUs vesting if rTSR for the three-year performance period is at the 55th percentile relative to the comparator group of companies described below.

• Vesting for the bvTSR tranche of these PSUs will be in accordance with the following table:

Cumulative bvTSR Over Three-Year Period:	% of Performance-Based Vesting:*
Less than 12.5% bvTSR	0%
12.5% bvTSR	50%
25% bvTSR	100%
37.5% or greater bvTSR	250%

^{*} If actual bvTSR is between two of the performance thresholds set forth in this table, the percentage of performance-based vesting is determined based on a straight-line, mathematical interpolation between the applicable performance-based vesting percentages.

• Vesting for the rTSR tranche of these PSUs will be in accordance with the following table:

Three-Year Relative TSR ("rTSR"):	% of Performance-Based Vesting:*
Less than 27.5 th percentile	0%
27.5 th percentile	50%
55 th percentile	100%
82.5 th percentile or greater	250%

^{*} If actual relative TSR is between two of the performance thresholds set forth in this table, the adjustment to baseline vesting is determined based on a straight-line, mathematical interpolation between the applicable percentage point adjustments.

- bvTSR for the PSUs granted in December 2022 is defined as the percentage by which Redwood's GAAP book value per share (after reversing the net impact of specified acquisition-related accounting items) has increased or decreased as of the last day of the three-year performance measurement period relative to the first day of such period, plus the value of cash dividends declared and/or paid during such period on Redwood common stock.
- rTSR for the PSUs granted in December 2022 is defined as Redwood's three-year rTSR compared to a subset of the component companies of the FTSE NAREIT Mortgage REITs Index, as constituted on December 31, 2022, categorized within that index as "Property Sector: Mortgage-Home Financing" (other than Redwood), expressed as a percentile of relative performance.

<u>Second</u>, at the end of the three-year vesting period, the aggregate vesting level of the two tranches would be determined as the sum of (i) the bvTSR-based vesting of the bvTSR Tranche and (ii) rTSR-based vesting of the rTSR Tranche.

<u>Third</u>, if the aggregate vesting level after steps one and two is greater than 100% of the Target PSUs, but Redwood's absolute total shareholder return ("TSR") is negative over the three-year performance period, performance-based vesting will be capped at 100% of Target PSUs.

 Absolute TSR is defined as the percentage by which the per share price of Redwood's common stock has increased or decreased as of the last day of the three-year performance measurement period relative to the first day of such period, adjusted to reflect the reinvestment of all dividends declared and/or paid during such period on Redwood common stock.

Vested shares of Redwood common stock underlying these PSUs, if any, will be distributed to the recipients not later than 45 days following April 1, 2026, unless electively deferred under the terms of Redwood's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan. Prior to vesting, no dividend equivalent rights are paid in respect of PSUs.

- At the time of vesting, the value of any dividends paid during the vesting period will be reflected in the PSUs by increasing the target number of PSUs granted by an amount corresponding to the incremental number of shares of Redwood common stock that a stockholder would have acquired between the grant date and the end of the three-year performance measurement period, had all dividends during that period been reinvested in Redwood common stock on the applicable dividend payment dates.
- After the vesting of any of these PSUs on January 1, 2026, and until the delivery of the underlying shares of Redwood common stock, the underlying vested award shares will have attached dividend equivalent rights, resulting in the payment of dividend equivalents each time Redwood pays a common stock dividend.

<u>Equity-Based Award Agreements</u>. The terms of the DSUs, csDSUs and PSUs granted in December 2022 are established under a DSU award agreement, a csDSU award agreement, or a PSU award agreement, as applicable, and Redwood's 2014 Incentive Plan. These terms include provisions relating to dividend equivalent rights, forfeiture, retirement, mandatory net settlement for income tax withholding purposes, and change-incontrol.

NEOs' 2022 Year-End Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Award Values. The Committee made the following determinations with respect to the value of each NEO's 2022 year-end long-term equity-based incentive awards after consultation with its independent compensation consultant, a review of compensation peer group comparisons for the position and consideration of competitive factors, and the NEO's role, experience, and performance at Redwood.

- Mr. Abate. In December 2022, the Committee determined that the aggregate grant date fair value of year-end, long-term equity-based incentive awards granted to Mr. Abate would total \$4.0 million, with this award value granted as: \$4.0 million in PSUs (100% of total value).
- Mr. Robinson. In December 2022, the Committee determined that the aggregate grant date fair value of year-end, long-term equity-based incentive awards granted to Mr. Robinson would total \$3.25 million, with this award value granted as: \$812,500 in DSUs (25% of total value), \$812,500 in csDSUs (25% of total value), and \$1.625 million in PSUs (50% of total value).
- Ms. Carillo. In December 2022, the Committee determined that the aggregate grant date fair value of year-end, long-term equity-based incentive awards granted to Ms. Carillo would total \$3.0 million, with this award value granted as: \$750,000 in DSUs (25% of total value), \$750,000 in csDSUs (25% of total value), and \$1.5 million in PSUs (50% of total value).
- Mr. Stone. In December 2022, the Committee determined that the aggregate grant date fair value of year-end, long-term equity-based incentive awards granted to Mr. Stone would total \$1.25 million, with this award value granted as: \$312,500 in DSUs (25% of total value), \$312,500 in csDSUs (25% of total value), and \$625,000 in PSUs (50% of total value).
- <u>Ms. Macomber</u>. In December 2022, the Committee determined that the aggregate grant date fair value of year-end, long-term equity-based incentive awards granted to Mr. Macomber would total \$1.25 million, with this award value granted as: \$312,500 in DSUs (25% of total value), \$312,500 in csDSUs (25% of total value), and \$625,000 in PSUs (50% of total value).

The number and grant date fair value of DSUs, csDSUs and PSUs comprising the 2022 year-end long-term equity-based awards granted to each NEO in December 2022 are set forth in the table below.

NEO	#	00	regate Grant e Fair Value	#	00	regate Grant e Fair Value	#	-	Aggregate Grant Date Fair Value		
Mr. Abate, Chief Executive Officer	_	\$		_	\$		439,961	\$	4,000,000		
Mr. Robinson, President	109,206	\$	812,500	109,206	\$	812,500	178,734	\$	1,625,000		
Ms. Carillo, Chief Financial Officer	100,806	\$	750,000	100,806	\$	750,000	164,985	\$	1,500,000		
Mr. Stone, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer	42,002	\$	312,500	42,002	\$	312,500	68,744	\$	625,000		
Ms. Macomber, Chief Human Resource Officer	42,002	\$	312,500	42,002	\$	312,500	68,744	\$	625,000		

⁽¹⁾ Grant date fair value determined at the time the grant was made in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718. The value of dividend equivalent rights associated with DSUs and csDSUs and the value of any increase in the target number of PSUs to reflect dividends paid during the performance period were taken into account in establishing the grant date fair value of these DSUs, csDSUs and PSUs under FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 at the time the awards were granted. Therefore, dividend equivalent right payments and any increase in the target number of PSUs to reflect dividends paid during the performance period are not considered part of the compensation or other amounts reported in the summary table of NEO compensation under "Executive Compensation Tables — Summary Compensation," or reported below under "Executive Compensation Tables — Grants of Plan-Based Awards."

Vesting and Mandatory Holding Periods for 2022 Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Awards

DSUs Granted in 2022. The DSUs granted to NEOs in December 2022 have the four-year vesting schedule described above on pages 67 - 71 within this CD&A under the heading "2022 Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Awards." Notwithstanding this vesting schedule, while continuously employed, the NEOs are subject to a mandatory four-year holding period with respect to these DSU awards, with the result that these DSU awards are not scheduled to be distributed to recipients in shares of Redwood common stock until four years following the respective grant dates (i.e., in December 2026).

csDSUs Granted in 2022. The cash-settled DSUs ("csDSUs") granted to NEOs in December 2022 have the four-year vesting schedule described above on pages 67 - 71 within this CD&A under the heading "2022 Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Awards." Notwithstanding this vesting schedule, while continuously employed, the NEOs are subject to a mandatory four-year holding period with respect to these csDSU awards, with the result that these csDSU awards are not scheduled for settlement payments to recipients until four years following the respective grant dates (i.e., in December 2026).

PSUs Granted in 2022. The PSUs granted to NEOs in December 2022 have the three-year vesting schedule described above on pages 67 - 71 within this CD&A under the heading "2022 Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Awards." For any of the PSUs that vest, they will be distributed to recipients in shares of Redwood common stock not later than 45 days following April 1, 2026.

Pay-for-Performance Outcomes from Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Awards

As described above, long-term equity-based awards, including awards in the form of DSUs and PSUs (collectively, "LTI Awards"), are a significant component of Redwood's performance-based compensation program, and generally account for a majority of each executive officer's annual target compensation. These LTI Awards are a key component of the overall executive compensation program, as actual value delivery/ realization from these LTI Awards aligns executive compensation with long-term shareholder return experiences over three- and four-year time spans.

In 2020, the impacts of the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and of the contemporaneous financing market disruptions on Redwood were markedly negative. Despite Redwood's subsequent strong outperformance in 2021, these COVID-related disruptions have diminished total returns to shareholders when measured over long-term periods that begin prior to COVID. In correlation with this shareholder return experience – and, by design, in a more pronounced manner – the realization of value by Redwood's CEO and other executive officers from LTI Awards granted pre-COVID has, and continues to be, diminished as the end of long-term performance/vesting/holding periods for these awards are reached.

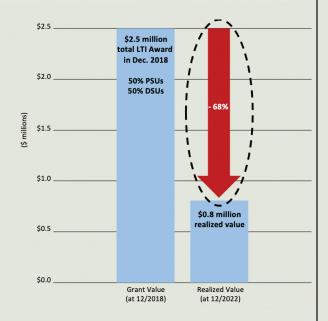
Two examples are illustrated on the following page, relating to the CEO's year-end LTI Awards granted in December 2018 and December 2019.

- In particular, the robust performance goals embedded within the PSUs granted by the Committee, and the resulting strong alignment with shareholders, can be seen in these examples, which show how the negative impact of COVID-related disruptions on Redwood's earnings and book value in 2020 resulted in Redwood's CEO realizing substantially less than the originally awarded value of these pre-COVID LTI Awards, a key pay-for-performance outcome of Redwood's performance-based compensation program particularly because LTI Awards accounted for 50% or more of the CEO's annual target compensation in these periods.
- Other executive officers of Redwood who received year-end LTI awards in December 2018 and December 2019 experienced similar levels of value realization, on a percentage basis, as illustrated on the following page with respect to Redwood's CEO.

Realization Outcomes from Long-Term Incentive Awards

CEO's 2018 LTI Awards

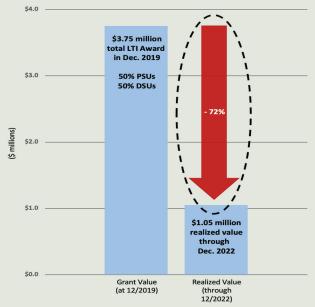
- LTI Awards granted at year-end 2018 were 57% of target compensation in 2018 for the CEO.
 - When granted in December 2018, these LTI Awards had a value of \$2.5 million (50% in PSUs / 50% in DSUs)
- Over the 4-year period that elapsed following the grant of these LTI Awards, ending in December 2022, shareholders experienced TSR of negative 40%.†
 - Based on the Committee's performance goals and long-term alignment structure for these 2018 LTI Awards, over this same 4-year period, the CEO has realized only 32% of the total original grant value (i.e., a negative 68% realization level).++



- † Four-year TSR of negative 40% is measured from December 12, 2018 (the grant date of the CEO's 2018 LTI Awards) to December 31, 2022.
- †† Negative 68% realization level reflects 0% performance-based vesting of PSUs; full time-based vesting of DSUs; and receipt, through final vesting, of \$285,844 of dividend equivalent value associated with these DSUs over the ongoing vesting period.

CEO's 2019 LTI Awards

- LTI Awards granted at year-end 2019 were 64% of target compensation in 2019 for the CEO.
 - When granted in December 2019, these LTI Awards had a value of \$3.75 million (50% in PSUs / 50% in DSUs)
- Over the 3-year period that elapsed following the grant of these LTI Awards, ending in December 2022, shareholders experienced TSR of negative 45%.*
 - Based on the Committee's performance goals and longterm alignment structure for these 2019 LTI Awards, over this same 3-year period, the CEO has realized only 28% of the total original grant value (i.e., a negative 72% realization level).**



- * Three-year TSR of negative 45% is measured from December 12, 2019 (the grant date of the CEO's 2019 LTI Awards) to December 31, 2022
- ** Negative 72% realization level reflects 0% performance-based vesting of PSUs; time-based vesting of DSUs through December 31, 2022; and receipt, through December 31, 2022, of \$283,522 of dividend equivalent value associated with these DSUs over the ongoing vesting period.

Section III - Other Compensation, Plans and Benefits

- > Deferred Compensation
- ➤ Employee Stock Purchase Plan
- > 401(k) Plan and Other Matching Contributions
- > Other Compensation and Benefits
- Severance and Change of Control Arrangements

Deferred Compensation

Under Redwood's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, NEOs (and other eligible officers of Redwood) may elect to defer up to 100% of their cash compensation as well as dividend equivalent right payments on DSUs, csDSUs and vested PSUs and, under certain circumstances, can also elect to re-defer scheduled distributions of cash or stock from the plan. Additionally, delivery of shares of Redwood common stock underlying DSUs and PSUs granted under Redwood's 2014 Incentive Plan may be deferred under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan. Deferred amounts may be deferred until a date chosen by the participant in the plan at the time of the initial deferral (subject to certain restrictions) or until separation from service, at which time the balance in the participant's account will be delivered in cash or common stock (as applicable), or paid out over a period of up to 15 years, depending upon deferral elections.

Cash amounts deferred under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan are credited with interest at 120% of the long-term applicable federal rate as published by the IRS, which does not constitute above-market interest under IRS regulations. As an example, for December 2022, 120% of the long-term applicable federal rate was approximately 5.10% per annum. Cash balances deferred under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan remain available to Redwood for general corporate purposes subject to the obligation to deliver the deferred amounts on the deferral date. The ability of participants to receive interest on deferred amounts is one incentive to participate in this Plan, and has the benefit of making the funds available for use by Redwood.

Redwood also matches 50% of cash compensation deferred by participants in the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, provided that total matching payments and contributions made by Redwood to participants in the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan and Redwood's 401(k) plan (discussed below) are limited to 6% of base salary. Participants are fully vested in all prior and all new matching payments after three years of employment. Redwood believes the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan provides a vehicle for executive officers and other participants to plan for retirement and supports tax planning flexibility.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Redwood offers all eligible employees (including NEOs) the opportunity to participate in a tax-qualified Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"). Through payroll deductions, employees can purchase shares of Redwood's common stock at a discount from fair market value on a quarterly basis. The purchase price per share is the lower of (a) 85% of the fair market value per share on the first day of each 12-month offering period (January 1st) and (b) 85% of the fair market value per share on the purchase date (the end of each calendar quarter, March 31st, June 30th, September 30th, and December 31st). An employee is eligible to participate in the ESPP at the beginning of the quarter following 90 consecutive days of employment. Employees are allowed to contribute up to 15% of their cash compensation, subject to a limit of \$25,000 per offering period, which is equivalent to a calendar year.

401(k) Plan and Other Matching Contributions

During 2022, Redwood offered a tax-qualified 401(k) plan to all eligible employees (including NEOs) for retirement savings. Under this plan, during 2022, eligible employees, including NEOs, were allowed to contribute and invest up to 100% of their cash earnings, subject to the maximum 401(k) contribution amount under Federal law. Contributions can be invested in a diversified selection of mutual funds.

In order to encourage participation and to provide a retirement planning benefit to employees, during 2022 Redwood also generally provided a matching contribution of up to 50% of employees' 401(k) plan contributions, provided that matching contributions to the 401(k) plan were limited to the lesser of 4% of an employee's cash compensation or \$10,250. Employees who are provided with matching contributions are fully vested in all prior and all new matching contributions after three years of employment. As noted above, for 2022, total matching payments made to participants in the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (taken together with matching contributions to the 401(k) plan) were limited to 6% of base salary.

Other Compensation and Benefits

During 2022, Redwood also provided employees (including NEOs) with certain other health and welfare benefits, generally consisting of: medical, dental, vision, disability, and life insurance, a disability income continuation program (which can supplement disability insurance payments), a paid parental leave program, an employee assistance program (which is a standard package of assistance benefits such as counseling and legal and financial consultation and referral services), a fitness-related activity reimbursement program, a housing-related benefit program (which assists with mortgage insurance and renter's insurance premiums), a health savings account program and a flexible spending account program. The provision of these types of benefits is important in attracting and retaining employees. These plans were available in 2022 to all eligible employees on a substantially similar basis. During 2022, Redwood paid a portion of all employees' monthly premium for medical and dental coverage, as well as for basic long-term disability and life insurance provided through Redwood plans.

Severance and Change of Control Arrangements

For NEOs and other Redwood employees, the terms of outstanding long-term incentive award agreements include "change of control" double-trigger protection that provide for the acceleration of outstanding awards in the event of a termination without "cause" or a termination of employment with "good reason," following a "change of control."

In addition, each of Redwood's NEOs has entered into an employment agreement with Redwood, which provide for severance payments and vesting of equity-related awards in the event Redwood terminates the executive's employment without "cause" or the executive terminates his or her employment for "good reason" outside of a change of control context. These employment agreements also provide for payments and vesting of equity-related awards in the event of the executive's death or disability.

In the event of a "change of control," these employment or letter agreements provide for vesting of long-term incentive awards only after a "double trigger" — meaning that no awards would vest unless the executive is terminated without "cause" or, in certain cases, terminates his or her employment with "good reason," following such a "change of control." In addition, under these employment agreements, following a "change of control," if the surviving or acquiring corporation does not assume outstanding long-term incentive awards or substitute equivalent awards, then the long-term incentive awards will generally vest in full. These agreements were entered into in order to attract and retain these executives in the competitive marketplace for executive talent.

For all NEOs, under the award agreements governing outstanding PSUs and Long-Term Relative TSR Performance Vesting Cash Awards, in the event of a "change of control," the per share price paid in connection with the change of control will be used to calculate TSR when determining performance-based vesting that is based on TSR. When applicable, absolute TSR performance goals will be annualized to reflect

the number of days completed in the performance-measurement period (from the first day of the period through the closing date of the change of control).

The various levels of post-termination benefits for each of the NEOs were determined by the Committee to be appropriate based on that executive's duties and responsibilities with Redwood and were the result of arm's-length negotiations with these individuals. The different levels were also determined to be appropriate and reasonable when compared to post-termination benefits provided by Redwood's peers to executives with similar titles and similar levels of responsibility. The levels of benefit were also intended to take into account the expected length of time and difficulty the executive may experience in trying to secure new employment. The amount of the severance is balanced against Redwood's need to be responsible to its stockholders and also considers the potential impact the severance payments may have on other potential parties to a change in control transaction.

The terms of the executive severance and change of control arrangements that were in place with NEOs during 2022 are described in more detail below under "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change of Control."

Redwood does not provide for excise tax gross-ups for change-in-control severance payments. Redwood does not have any agreements in place with any executive officer (or any other employee) that provide for an excise tax gross-up for a change-in-control severance payment, whether imposed under Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or otherwise. The Committee does not intend to offer any such excise tax gross-up provisions in any future agreements.

Section IV - Compensation-Related Policies and Tax Considerations

- Mandatory Executive Stock Ownership Requirements
- > Prohibition on Use of Margin, Pledging, and Hedging in Respect of Redwood Shares
- Clawback Policy
- Tax Considerations
- Accounting Standards

Mandatory Executive Stock Ownership Requirements

As described on pages 14 - 15 of this Proxy Statement under the heading "Stock Ownership Requirements — Required Stock Ownership by Executive Officers," the Committee maintains mandatory stock ownership requirements with respect to Redwood's executive officers, which the Committee believes foster long-term alignment between executives and stockholders. The Committee regularly conducts a review of the executive stock ownership requirements and updated these requirements in December 2022.

In particular, in December 2022, Redwood's executive stock ownership requirements were updated by the Committee to increase stock ownership requirements and to align other aspects of these requirements with broader market practice, including with respect to compliance timeframes, as well as treatment of vested and unvested deferred stock units (DSUs). The updated mandatory stock ownership requirements for executive officers are set forth below.

Mandatory Executive Stock Ownership Requirements

- Each executive officer is required to own stock with a value at least equal to (i) 6.25 times current salary for the Chief Executive Officer, (ii) 3.25 times current salary for the President, and (iii) three times current salary for the other executive officers;
- Five years are allowed to initially attain the required level of ownership and five years are allowed to acquire additional incremental shares if promoted to a position with a higher requirement or when a salary increase results in a higher requirement (if not in compliance at the indicated times, then the executive officer is required to retain net after-tax shares delivered as compensation from the 2014 Incentive Plan or from the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan until compliance is achieved);
- All shares owned outright are counted, including those held in trust for the executive officer and his or
 her immediate family, as well as vested and unvested DSUs and any other vested shares held pursuant
 to other employee plans; and
- Compliance with these requirements is measured on a purchase/acquisition cost basis for shares of common stock, and on grant date value for vested and unvested DSUs.

As of the date of this Proxy Statement, all of Redwood's executive officers were in compliance with these requirements either due to ownership of the requisite number of shares and/or deferred stock units or because the time period during which the executive officer is permitted to attain the required level of ownership had not expired.

Prohibition on Use of Margin, Pledging, and Hedging in Respect of Redwood Shares

Under Redwood's Insider Trading Policy, Redwood's executive officers, employees and directors may not acquire securities issued by Redwood using borrowed funds, may not use margin in respect of the purchase of securities issued by Redwood, may not use margin accounts to hold Redwood securities, may not pledge or otherwise use as collateral securities issued by Redwood, and may not engage in hedging or other transactions with respect to their ownership of securities issued by Redwood (including short sales or transactions in puts, calls, or other derivative securities). The Committee believes these proscribed activities would be inconsistent with the purposes and intent of Redwood's stock ownership requirements.

Clawback Policy

Redwood continues to maintain a "clawback" policy with respect to bonus, equity, and other incentive payments made to any executive officer whose fraud or misconduct resulted in a financial restatement. Pursuant to this policy, in the event of a significant restatement of Redwood's financial results due to fraud or misconduct, the Board of Directors of Redwood will review all bonus and incentive compensation payments made on the basis of Redwood having met or exceeded specific performance targets during the period affected by the restatement. If any of the payments would have been lower if determined using the restated results, the Board of Directors will, in its discretion and to the extent permitted by law, seek to recoup from the executive officers whose fraud or misconduct materially contributed to the restatement the excess value or benefit of the prior payments made to those executive officers.

In October 2022, the SEC adopted final rules implementing the incentive-based compensation recovery ("clawback") provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act. Under these final rules, the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) has established listing standards requiring listed companies, such as Redwood, to develop and implement a policy providing for the recovery of erroneously awarded incentive-based compensation received by current or former executive officers and to satisfy related disclosure obligations. The Committee expects to adopt amendments to Redwood's "clawback" policy to comply with the new listing standards.

Tax Considerations

The Committee considers the anticipated tax treatment to Redwood and to executive officers when reviewing executive compensation levels and Redwood's compensation programs. The deductibility of some types of compensation payments can depend upon the timing of an executive's vesting or exercise of previously granted rights or termination of employment. Interpretations of and changes in applicable tax laws and regulations, as well as other factors beyond the Committee's control, also can affect the deductibility of compensation.

While the tax impact of any compensation arrangement is one factor considered by the Committee, that impact is evaluated in light of the Committee's overall compensation philosophy and objectives. The Committee will consider the deductibility of executive compensation, while retaining the discretion it deems necessary to compensate officers in a manner commensurate with performance and the competitive environment for executive talent.

Accounting Standards

Under GAAP, ASC Topic 718 requires Redwood to calculate the grant date "fair value" of certain long-term incentive awards using a variety of assumptions. ASC Topic 718 also requires Redwood to recognize an expense for the fair value of certain equity-based and other long-term incentive compensation awards. Grants of deferred stock units, cash-settled deferred stock units, restricted stock, restricted stock units, and performance stock units will be accounted for under ASC Topic 718. The Compensation Committee regularly considers the accounting implications of significant compensation decisions, especially in connection with decisions that relate to equity incentive award plans and programs. As accounting standards change, the Committee may revise certain programs to align appropriately the accounting expense of equity awards with Redwood's overall executive compensation philosophy and objectives.

Section V - Conclusion

- ➤ Certain Compensation Determinations Relating to 2023
- 2023 Annual Bonus Methodology
- 2023 Maximum Total Annual Bonuses
- Compensation Committee Report

Certain Compensation Determinations Relating to 2023

In accordance with its normal practice, at its meeting in December 2022, the Committee made certain decisions relating to 2023 base salaries and 2023 targets for performance-based annual bonuses for Redwood's Named Executive Officers, as further described below. The Committee retains the discretion to make adjustments to these decisions prior to the completion of its annual year-end review in December 2023.

<u>2023 Base Salaries</u>. In accordance with its above-described policy and practice relating to base salaries (see discussion above on page 59 within this CD&A under the heading "2022 Base Salaries"), in December 2022 the Committee reviewed the base salaries of Redwood's Named Executive Officers. The following table sets forth each of the Named Executive Officer's 2023 base salary rate per annum, together with a comparison to their 2022 rate per annum.

	Base	Salary	
Named Executive Officers	2022		2023
Mr. Abate, Chief Executive Officer	\$ 900,000	\$	900,000
Mr. Robinson, President	\$ 825,000	\$	850,000
Ms. Carillo, Chief Financial Officer	\$ 700,000	\$	800,000
Mr. Stone, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer	\$ 445,000	\$	450,000
Ms. Macomber, Chief Human Resource Officer	\$ 425,000	\$	450,000

<u>2023 Targets for Performance-Based Annual Bonuses</u>. In December 2022 the Committee established a 2023 target annual bonus for each of Redwood's Named Executive Officers. The table below sets forth the 2023 target annual bonuses for each of the Named Executive Officers.

Named Executive Officers	2	023 Base Salary	2023 Target Annual Bonus (%)	Change from 2022 Target Annual Bonus Percentage (%) ⁽¹⁾	Total 023 Target nual Bonus (\$)
Mr. Abate, Chief Executive Officer	\$	900,000	200%	0%	\$ 1,800,000
Mr. Robinson, President	\$	850,000	190%	0%	\$ 1,615,000
Ms. Carillo, Chief Financial Officer	\$	800,000	185%	6%	\$ 1,480,000
Mr. Stone, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer	\$	450,000	150%	0%	\$ 675,000
Ms. Macomber, Chief Human Resource Officer	\$	450,000	150%	0%	\$ 675,000

⁽¹⁾ Amounts set forth in the table under "Change from 2022 Target Annual Bonus Percentage (%)" reflect the increase, if any, in the 2023 Target Annual Bonus (%) from the 2022 Target Annual Bonus (%) in effect for each current executive officer at the end of 2022.

2023 Annual Bonus Methodology

As described above in the Executive Summary of CD&A on page 35 of this Proxy Statement, following the Company's 2022 annual meeting of stockholders, the Committee analyzed stockholder feedback related to the annual bonus methodology used within the executive compensation program, reviewed competitor and peer practice, and re-assessed maximum annual bonus opportunities and the methodology for determining realization of annual bonuses. Following this process, the Committee updated the compensation program's annual bonus methodology for 2023 to reduce "leverage" in the methodology for determining the Company-performance component of annual bonuses – i.e., with respect to the Company performance component of annual bonus, the Committee formulaically reduced the percentage of above-target annual bonus realized for above-target financial performance and, correspondingly, formulaically increased the percentage of below-target annual bonus realized for below-target financial performance. In so doing, the Committee believes that the 2023 annual bonus methodology is further aligned with peer practice and has a more moderate "leverage" profile (for both above- and below-target level performance) that aligns annual bonus realization with the risk-adjusted financial performance targets used in the methodology – appropriately compensating both below- and above-target performance and requiring, compared to prior years, a meaningfully higher level of above-target financial performance to achieve significantly above-target and/or maximum annual bonus realization.

In addition, as part of updating the compensation program's annual bonus methodology for 2023, the Committee introduced an additional financial performance metric into the Company performance component of annual bonus, which additional metric is based on "Earnings Available for Distribution", a non-GAAP measure of the Company's earnings. In particular, return on equity based on EAD, or non-GAAP "EAD ROE" was formulaically incorporated into the program's annual bonus methodology¹, alongside Adjusted ROE, as a second determinant of realization of the Company performance component of executives' 2023 annual bonuses – with EAD ROE performance and Adjusted ROE performance (each measured against a separate target level of performance) factoring equally (50%/50%) into the realization of this component of annual bonuses. In so doing, the Committee believes that it has enhanced line-of-sight for this annual incentive and further aligned the annual bonus methodology with fundamental Company performance and key metrics that drive stockholder value creation.

For 2023, 75% of each executive's total target annual bonus continues to be determined by Company financial performance (the Company performance component), with the remaining 25% determined based on individual contributions to the Company's pre-established annual strategic, business, operational, sustainability/ESG, and risk management goals and objectives. To reflect the above-described changes related to formulaic "leverage" and financial performance metrics used in the annual bonus methodology, for 2023 the Company performance component of executives' annual bonuses will be determined as follows:

The Company began publishing EAD and EAD ROE results in 2022 to provide supplemental information to assist in analyzing the Company's results of operations and help facilitate comparisons to industry peers; EAD and EAD ROE are metrics that can also supplement analysis of the Company's ability to pay dividends, by providing an indication of the current income generating capacity of the Company's business operations as of the quarter being presented.

EAD and EAD ROE should not be considered as alternatives to GAAP net income, GAAP ROE or other measurements of results of operations computed in accordance with GAAP or for federal income tax purposes. See Annex A to this Proxy Statement for additional information regarding the Company's GAAP ROE and Adjusted ROE.

Disclosures Regarding Non-GAAP Measures. EAD and EAD ROE are non-GAAP measures derived from GAAP Net income and GAAP ROE, respectively. EAD is defined as: GAAP net income (loss) adjusted to (i) exclude investment fair value changes, net; (ii) adjust for change in economic basis of investments; (iii) exclude realized gains and losses; (iv) exclude acquisition related expenses; (v) exclude organizational restructuring charges; and (vi) adjust for the hypothetical income taxes associated with these adjustments. EAD ROE is defined as EAD divided by average common equity.

- <u>Company Performance Component of Annual Bonus</u>. The Company performance component of executives' 2023 annual bonus will be realized based on the Company's 2023 Adjusted ROE performance and Earnings Available for Distribution ("EAD") ROE performance, as follows:
 - Adjusted ROE-Based Realization. 50% of the target amount of the Company performance component of annual bonus will be realized based on 2023 Adjusted ROE performance relative to a 2023 Adjusted ROE target established by the Compensation Committee in the first quarter of 2023.
 - Realization of this portion of the Company performance component of annual bonus begins at 25% of target amount for this portion if the Company achieves Adjusted ROE performance equal to 25% of the target performance level;
 - Realization of this portion of the Company performance component of annual bonus will equal the target amount for this portion if the Company achieves Adjusted ROE performance equal to the target performance level; and
 - Realization of this portion of the Company performance component of annual bonus will increase above target amount for this portion if the Company achieves Adjusted ROE performance in excess of the target performance level with realization increasing linearly above target, such that, for example, for Adjusted ROE that is 2.5 percentage points above target level, realization of this portion of the Company performance component of annual bonus will equal approximately 170% of target amount for this portion of annual bonus.
 - <u>EAD ROE-Based Realization</u>. 50% of the target amount of the Company performance component of annual bonus will be realized based on 2023 EAD ROE performance relative to a 2023 EAD ROE target established by the Compensation Committee in the first quarter of 2023.
 - Realization of this portion of the Company performance component of annual bonus begins at 25% of target amount for this portion if the Company achieves EAD ROE performance equal to 25% of the target performance level;
 - Realization of this portion of the Company performance component of annual bonus will equal the target amount for this portion if the Company achieves EAD ROE performance equal to the target performance level; and
 - Realization of this portion of the Company performance component of annual bonus will increase above target amount for this portion if the Company achieves EAD ROE performance in excess of the target performance level with realization increasing linearly above target, such that, for example, for EAD ROE that is 2.5 percentage points above target level, realization of this portion of the Company-performance component of annual bonus will equal approximately 170% of target amount for this portion of annual bonus.

Executives' total 2023 annual bonuses, inclusive of both the realized Company performance component and the realized individual performance component, continue to be subject to a maximum (or bonus cap), which is further discussed below.

2023 Maximum Total Annual Bonuses

As discussed in the Executive Summary of CD&A on page 40 of this Proxy Statement, for 2023, the CEO's maximum annual bonus opportunity (bonus cap) is 3.5x of his target annual bonus for 2023, and the other executive officers are also subject to a maximum annual bonus opportunity (bonus cap) for 2023 equal to 3.5x of their respective target annual bonuses for 2023. The change to lower these maximum total annual bonus amounts was made by the Committee in early 2023, in response to stockholder feedback following the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders and with input from the Committee's independent compensation consultant, following a review of peer practice, competitive considerations, and other factors, as further described below.

- Background on Setting Updated Annual Bonus Caps at 3.5x of Target Annual Bonus. In determining to lower the CEO's maximum annual bonus opportunity (bonus cap) to a 3.5x multiple of his target annual bonus, the Committee conducted a thorough review and analysis of compensation peer group practice and took into account a number of inter-related factors, including the following:
 - The Committee quantitatively analyzed target annual bonus levels and maximum bonus opportunities of peer CEOs, as well as the absolute dollar amount of those peers' annual bonus caps. Based on this analysis, the lowered maximum annual bonus cap applicable to Redwood's CEO was determined to be effectively equivalent to an approximate 2.8x multiple of the higher median target annual bonus of peer CEOs.
 - The Committee noted that, consistent with its compensation philosophy, a maximum bonus outcome for Redwood's CEO would require exceptional Company financial performance; and, given the Committee's rigorous approach to target setting, a maximum bonus outcome would be expected to only occur infrequently (and noted that the CEO's maximum had only been achieved one time in the 17 years since Redwood established a cap in 2006).
 - The Committee recognized that under the combined impact of its updates to the annual bonus methodology (e.g., lower "leverage" bonus methodology and higher financial performance target set for 2022), significantly higher Company financial performance would be required to reach the CEO's maximum annual bonus opportunity.

Based on certain of these same factors, and for purposes of establishing a common maximum annual bonus opportunity structure across the executive compensation program, the Committee also determined to apply the same maximum annual bonus opportunity (bonus cap) of a 3.5x multiple of his target annual bonus to the other executive officers.

Compensation Committee Report

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and Executive Summary of Compensation Discussion and Analysis included in this Proxy Statement. Based on this review and discussion, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and Executive Summary of Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement.

Compensation Committee: Georganne C. Proctor, Chair Armando Falcon Greg H. Kubicek Debora D. Horvath

Executive Compensation Tables

Summary Compensation

The following table includes information concerning compensation earned by the NEOs for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021, and 2020, as applicable.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards ⁽¹⁾	Non-Equity Incentive Plan mpensation ⁽²⁾	All Other npensation (3)	Total
Christopher J. Abate,	2022	\$ 900,000	_	\$ 3,999,993	\$ 450,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 5,404,993
Chief Executive Officer	2021	\$ 800,000	_	\$ 5,999,971	\$ 6,750,000	\$ 49,000	\$13,598,971
	2020	\$ 766,667	\$ 986,667	\$ 3,749,987	_	\$ 49,000	\$ 5,552,321
Dashiell I. Robinson,	2022	\$ 825,000	_	\$ 3,249,981	\$ 509,438	\$ 49,500	\$ 4,633,919
President	2021	\$ 750,000	_	\$ 4,499,970	\$ 5,956,250	\$ 45,000	\$11,251,220
	2020	\$ 700,000	\$ 816,667	\$ 2,499,982	_	\$ 42,000	\$ 4,058,649
Brooke E. Carillo,	2022	\$ 700,000		\$ 2,999,987	\$ 505,000	\$ 42,000	\$ 4,246,987
Chief Financial Officer	2021	\$ 396,346	\$ 750,000	\$ 3,749,971	\$ 4,750,000	\$ 9,323	\$ 9,655,640
Andrew P. Stone,	2022	\$ 445,000	_	\$ 1,249,990	\$ 250,313	\$ 27,700	\$ 1,973,003
Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer	2021	\$ 420,000	_	\$ 1,499,985	\$ 3,085,997	\$ 26,188	\$ 5,032,170
	2020	\$ 420,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,049,981	_	\$ 26,200	\$ 1,846,181
Sasha G. Macomber,	2022	\$ 425,000	_	\$ 1,249,990	\$ 322,396	\$ 11,250	\$ 2,008,636
Chief Human Resource Officer	2021	\$ 400,000		\$ 1,499,985	\$ 2,937,854	\$ 9,750	\$ 4,847,589
	2020	\$ 350,000	\$ 233,334	\$ 1,099,989	_	\$ 15,658	\$ 1,698,981

⁽¹⁾ These amounts represent the grant date fair value of stock units awarded, as determined in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718.

In 2022, Redwood's NEOs received the following stock unit awards:

- All NEOs, with the exception of Mr. Abate, received an annual grant of deferred stock units, cash-settled deferred stock units and performance stock units on December 15, 2022. Mr. Abate received an annual grant of performance stock units on December 15, 2022. These deferred stock units, cash-settled deferred stock units, and performance stock units were granted with the grant date fair values of \$7.44, \$7.44 and \$9.09 per unit, respectively. The maximum potential value of the 2022 performance stock units granted to Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber (assuming the maximum number of units vest and calculated based on the closing price of Redwood's common stock on the NYSE on the grant date) are \$8,183,275, \$3,324,452, \$3,068,721, \$1,278,638 and \$1,278,638 respectively, assuming Redwood achieves the maximum performance goals during the performance period and that there is no adjustment to the target number of units to reflect the value of any dividends paid on Redwood common stock during the vesting period.
- For additional details regarding these awards, see the following "Grants of Plan-Based Awards" table.
- (2) These amounts are annual performance-based bonuses paid in cash for each year indicated with respect to performance during such year (but paid early in the following year). With respect to 2022, these amounts are further described on pages 64 67 of this Proxy Statement under the heading "Compensation Discussion and Analysis Performance Based Annual Bonuses Earned for 2022". Additionally for Ms. Macomber, it includes payment of a portion of a three-year vesting cash award granted in mid-2020 that vested in mid-2022 in the amount of \$83,333.
- (3) For all NEOs the amounts include matching contributions to our 401(k) Plan and Executive Deferred Compensation Plan ("EDCP") and amounts provided under our fitness-related activity reimbursement program and, with respect to 2022, included the following: Mr. Abate matching contributions to 401(k) and EDCP of \$10,250 and \$43,750, respectively, and fitness-related reimbursement of \$1,000; Mr. Robinson matching contributions to 401(k) and EDCP of \$10,250 and \$31,750, respectively; Mr. Stone matching contributions to 401(k) and EDCP of \$10,250 and \$16,450, respectively, and fitness-related reimbursement of \$1,000; and Ms. Macomber matching contribution to 401(k) of \$10,250 and fitness-related reimbursement of \$1,000. Additional details about these matching contributions and this reimbursement program are outlined on page 77 under headings "401(k) Plan and Other Contributions" and "Other Compensation and Benefits."

Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table reflects estimated possible payouts to the NEOs for 2022 under Redwood's performance-based bonus compensation program, as well as grants of plan-based awards made in 2022 under Redwood's Incentive Plan. Actual bonus payments for 2022 are reflected in the "Summary Compensation" table above. As discussed above under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis — 2022 Performance-Based Annual Bonus Compensation," 2022 target annual performance-based bonuses for 2022 were structured to be earned on a weighted basis based on Adjusted ROE (75%) and on individual contributions to the Company's pre-established annual strategic, operational, sustainability/ESG, and risk management goals for 2022 (25%). For 2022, total annual bonuses were subject to the overall maximum amounts (caps) set forth in the following table.

			Non	Possible Pay -Equity Ince an Awards (S	ntive		d Possible Pay ncentive Plan		All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option
Name	Type of Award ⁽¹⁾	Grant Date	Threshold	Target	Maximum	Threshold	Target (5)	Maximum (6)	Units (#) ⁽⁷⁾	Awards (\$) ⁽⁸⁾
Christopher J. Abate	Annual Bonus	_	_	1,800,000	6,500,000	_	_		_	_
	PSU (3)	12/15/2022	_	_	_	_	439,961	1,099,903	_	3,999,993
Dashiell I. Robinson	Annual Bonus		_	1,567,500	5,750,000	_	_	_	_	_
	DSU (2)	12/15/2022	_	_	_	_	_	_	109,206	812,493
	csDSU (2)	12/15/2022	_	_	_	_	_	_	109,206	812,493
	PSU (3)	12/15/2022	_	_	_	_	178,734	446,835	_	1,624,996
Brooke E. Carillo	Annual Bonus	_	_	1,225,000	4,750,000	_	_	_	_	_
	DSU (2)	12/15/2022	_	_	_	_	_	_	100,806	749,997
	csDSU (2)	12/15/2022	_	_	_	_	_	_	100,806	749,997
	PSU (3)	12/15/2022	_	_	_	_	164,985	412,463	_	1,499,994
Andrew P. Stone	Annual Bonus	_	_	667,500	3,000,000	_	_	_	_	_
	DSU (2)	12/15/2022	_	_	_	_	_	_	42,002	312,495
	csDSU (2)	12/15/2022	_	_	_	_	_	_	42,002	312,495
	PSU (3)	12/15/2022	_	_	_	_	68,744	171,860	_	625,000
Sasha G. Macomber	Annual Bonus	_	_	637,500	3,000,000	_	_	_	_	_
	DSU (2)	12/15/2022	_	_	_	_	_	_	42,002	312,495
	csDSU (2)	12/15/2022	_	_	_	_	_	_	42,002	312,495
	PSU (3)	12/15/2022	_	_	_	_	68,744	171,860	_	625,000

⁽¹⁾ DSU refers to deferred stock units, csDSU refers to cash-settled deferred stock units and PSU refers to performance stock units.

⁽²⁾ With the exception of Mr. Abate, each of Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone and Ms. Macomber received a 2022 annual long-term equity-based incentive award in December 2022 and received one-half of that award value divided equally in the form of deferred stock units and cash-settled deferred stock units on December 15, 2022 with a grant date fair value of \$7.44 per share subject to a four-year vesting schedule (fully vesting on December 15, 2026).

⁽³⁾ Mr. Abate received his entire 2022 annual long-term equity-based incentive award in performance stock units. Each of Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone and Ms. Macomber received a 2022 annual long-term equity-based incentive award in December 2022 and received one-half of that award value in the form of a target number of performance stock units

- on December 15, 2022 with a grant date fair value of \$9.09 per unit. Vesting of these performance stock units will generally occur, if at all, as of January 1, 2026 based on a three-step process, as described on pages 68 70 of this Proxy Statement under the heading "Compensation Discussion and Analysis 2022 Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Awards Performance-Based Vesting PSUs Granted in December 2022."
- (4) The amounts reported in the "Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards" column reflect the target, threshold and maximum payouts for each of the NEOs under Redwood's performance-based bonus compensation program, which were structured to be earned based on Redwood's 2022 Adjusted ROE and individual contributions to the Company's pre-established annual strategic, operational, sustainability/ESG, and risk management goals for 2022. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis 2022 Performance-Based Annual Bonus Compensation" beginning on page 60 for a more complete description of the Company's performance-based annual bonus program. Actual bonus amounts awarded to NEOs for 2022 are reflected above in the "Summary Compensation" table.
- (5) Represents the target number of shares to be awarded upon the contingent vesting of performance stock units as discussed above in Note 3. Information regarding the assumptions used to value our NEOs' stock units is provided in Note 19 to our consolidated financial statements included in Redwood's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 1, 2023.
- (6) For awards of performance stock units, represents the maximum number of shares that could contingently vest, as discussed above in Note 3, subject to any adjustment of the target number of performance stock units granted to reflect the value of any dividends paid on Redwood common stock during the vesting period. The maximum potential value of the 2022 performance stock units granted to Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone and Ms. Macomber (assuming the maximum number of units vest and calculated based on the closing price of Redwood's common stock on the NYSE on the grant date) are \$8,183,275, \$3,324,452, \$3,068,721, \$1,278,638 and \$1,278,638, respectively, assuming the Company achieves the maximum performance goals during the performance period and that there is no adjustment to the target number of units to reflect the value of any dividends paid on Redwood common stock during the vesting period. Information regarding the assumptions used to value our NEOs' stock units is provided in Note 19 to our consolidated financial statements included in Redwood's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 1, 2023.
- (7) These awards were approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors and granted pursuant to Redwood's 2014 Incentive Plan. The value of these awards is determined in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 based on, among other things, the closing price of Redwood's common stock on the grant date.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table sets forth certain information regarding outstanding equity awards for each NEO as of December 31, 2022.

	Stock Awards						
NEO	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#) ⁽¹⁾	O Ui	larket Value of Shares or nits of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) ⁽²⁾	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#) ⁽³⁾	P	Equity Incentive lan Awards: Market or ayout Value f Unearned hares, That Have Not Vested (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	
Christopher J. Abate	383,385	\$	2,591,683	920,686	\$	6,223,837	
Dashiell I. Robinson	511,910	\$	3,460,512	515,160	\$	3,482,482	
Brooke E. Carillo	305,936	\$	2,068,127	252,676	\$	1,708,090	
Andrew P. Stone	184,522	\$	1,247,369	197,606	\$	1,335,817	
Sasha G. Macomber	178,613	\$	1,207,424	166,637	\$	1,126,466	

⁽¹⁾ Represents unvested deferred stock units and cash-settled deferred stock units as of December 31, 2022. The table below shows the vesting schedule for unvested deferred stock units and cash-settled deferred stock units as of December 31, 2022. Deferred stock units and cash-settled deferred stock units generally time-vest over four years as follows: 25% after the first year, and 6.25% every quarter thereafter. Deferred stock unit and cash-settled deferred stock unit awards relating to the schedule below were granted from December 2019 through December 2022.

[Table that accompanies this footnote (1) is set forth on the following page.]

Total DSUs Scheduled to Vest On:	Christopher J. Abate	Dashiell I. Robinson	Brooke E. Carillo	Andrew P. Stone	Sasha G. Macomber
1/1/2023	13,783	12,976		3,859	3,624
1/31/2023	28,452	21,339	13,041	7,113	7,113
4/1/2023	20,896	18,312	3,260	5,638	5,402
7/1/2023	20,896	18,312	3,260	5,637	5,401
10/1/2023	20,896	18,312	3,260	5,638	5,401
12/11/2023	7,102	8,523		1,989	1,136
1/1/2024	13,794	9,789	3,260	3,649	4,265
1/31/2024	_	27,302	25,202	10,501	10,501
3/1/2024	_	_	_	_	1,062
4/1/2024	13,794	16,615	9,561	6,274	5,829
7/1/2024	13,794	16,614	9,561	6,274	5,828
10/1/2024	13,794	16,614	9,561	6,273	5,828
12/15/2024	6,681	4,454	_	1,870	1,425
1/1/2025	7,114	12,160	9,560	4,404	4,404
4/1/2025	7,113	12,160	9,560	4,404	4,403
7/1/2025	7,113	12,160	9,560	4,403	4,403
10/1/2025	7,113	12,160	9,560	4,403	4,403
12/13/2025	7,113	5,335	3,260	1,778	1,778
1/1/2026	_	6,826	6,301	2,625	2,626
4/1/2026	-	6,825	6,301	2,625	2,625
7/1/2026	_	6,825	6,300	2,625	2,625
10/1/2026	_	6,825	6,300	2,625	2,625
12/14/2026	_	6,825	6,300	2,625	2,625
TOTAL	209,448	277,263	152,968	97,232	95,332

[Additional table that accompanies this footnote (1) is set forth on the following page.]

Total csDSUs Scheduled to Vest On:	Christopher J. Abate	Dashiell I. Robinson	Brooke E. Carillo	Andrew P. Stone	Sasha G. Macomber
1/1/2023	6,681	4,454	_	1,871	1,425
1/31/2023	28,452	21,339	13,041	7,113	7,113
4/1/2023	13,794	9,789	3,261	3,650	3,204
7/1/2023	13,794	9,789	3,260	3,650	3,204
10/1/2023	13,794	9,789	3,260	3,650	3,204
1/1/2024	13,794	9,789	3,260	3,649	3,203
1/31/2024	_	27,302	25,202	10,501	10,501
4/1/2024	13,794	16,615	9,561	6,274	5,829
7/1/2024	13,794	16,615	9,561	6,273	5,828
10/1/2024	13,794	16,615	9,561	6,273	5,828
12/15/2024	6,681	4,454	_	1,870	1,425
1/1/2025	7,113	12,160	9,561	4,403	4,403
4/1/2025	7,113	12,160	9,560	4,403	4,403
7/1/2025	7,113	12,159	9,560	4,403	4,403
10/1/2025	7,113	12,159	9,560	4,403	4,403
12/14/2025	7,113	5,334	3,260	1,778	1,778
1/1/2026	_	6,825	6,300	2,625	2,625
4/1/2026	_	6,825	6,300	2,625	2,625
7/1/2026	_	6,825	6,300	2,625	2,625
10/1/2026		6,825	6,300	2,625	2,625
12/14/2026	_	6,825	6,300	2,625	2,625
TOTAL	173,937	234,647	152,968	87,289	83,279

- (2) Assumes a common stock value of \$6.76 per share (the closing price of Redwood's common stock on the NYSE on December 30, 2022).
- (3) Represents unearned performance stock units as of December 31, 2022. Performance stock units are performance-based equity awards under which the number of underlying shares of Redwood common stock that vest and that the award recipient becomes entitled to receive at the time of vesting will generally range from 0% to 250% of the number of PSUs granted based on absolute, book value, and/or relative total shareholder return goals over the three-year performance period. Performance stock units are generally granted annually and vest, if at all, at the end of the three-year performance period, with the number of PSUs granted being adjusted to reflect the value of any dividends paid on shares of common stock during the vesting period. The table below shows the vesting schedule for unearned performance stock units as of December 31, 2022. The number of PSUs shown below is dependent on the interim performance of the respective PSU grants as of December 31, 2022 and does not reflect any adjustment to the number of PSUs granted to reflect the value of any dividends paid on shares of common stock during the vesting period. Grant(s) performing at below-target level on December 31, 2022 are reflected as target number of shares, and grant(s) performing at above-target level on December 31, 2022 are reflected as the maximum number of shares that can be earned. The performance stock unit awards relating to the schedule below were granted from December 2019 to December 2022.

PSUs Scheduled to Vest On:	PSUs Shown	Christopher J. Abate	Dashiell I. Robinson	Brooke E. Carillo	Andrew P. Stone	Sasha G. Macomber
12/31/2022	Target	109,457	72,971	_	30,648	11,675
12/31/2023	Maximum	449,855	299,903	_	125,958	95,968
12/31/2024	Target	191,326	143,494	87,691	47,831	47,831
12/31/2025	Target	439,961	178,734	164,985	68,744	68,744
	TOTAL	1,190,599	695,102	252,676	273,181	128,346

(4) Represents the applicable number of PSUs multiplied by a value per share of \$6.76 (the closing price of Redwood common stock on the NYSE on December 30, 2022). Please refer to the preceding "Grants of Plan-Based Awards" table for additional detail on the vesting of PSUs.

Options Exercised and Stock Vested

The following table sets forth the value of accumulated deferred stock unit awards and performance stock unit awards that vested during 2022 for each NEO.

	Stock Awards				
NEO	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)		Value Realized on Vesting (\$) ⁽¹⁾		
Christopher J. Abate	102,138	\$	990,526		
Dashiell I. Robinson	85,709	\$	821,653		
Brooke E. Carillo	44,923	\$	458,664		
Andrew P. Stone	30,223	\$	290,222		
Sasha G. Macomber	25,434	\$	247,178		

⁽¹⁾ The value realized on vesting is calculated by multiplying the number of shares vesting by the fair market value of Redwood's stock on the respective vesting date.

Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation

Our Executive Deferred Compensation Plan permits eligible employees to voluntarily defer receipt of a portion or all of their salary, bonus, and/or dividend equivalent right payments on a tax-deferred basis for distribution from the plan to the employee at a later date, and deferred stock units awarded to executives can also be deferred for distribution from the plan at a later date. Distributions of deferred stock units and voluntary cash amounts deferred under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan are distributed according to the date provided in a deferral election form or related award agreement, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan. The earliest permissible distribution date for deferred stock units is generally four years after the grant date, when they have vested in full. The earliest distribution date of voluntary cash amounts deferred is the May 1 that occurs sixteen months after the end of the plan year in which the deferral occurred. Most of our NEOs participate in our Executive Deferred Compensation Plan. Each of Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo and Mr. Stone voluntarily deferred a portion of his cash earnings during fiscal year 2022.

Interest accrual in respect of cash amounts deferred in our Executive Deferred Compensation Plan is described above under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis — Deferred Compensation." Our NEOs are also entitled to a Redwood matching contribution on all or a portion of their deferred cash compensation, subject to vesting requirements and a matching contribution limit, as described above under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis — Deferred Compensation." As of December 31, 2022, with the exception of Ms. Carillo, all of our NEOs were fully vested in matching payments made under our Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

The following table sets forth information with respect to our NEOs' cash contributions, vested deferred stock unit contributions, cash and deferred stock unit withdrawals, earnings, and aggregate balances in our Executive Deferred Compensation Plan for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

NEO	Executive Contributions in 2022		Redwood Matching Contributions in 2022		Aggregate Earnings in 2022 ⁽¹⁾		Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions in 2022		Aggregate Balance at 12/31/2022 ⁽²⁾	
Christopher J. Abate ⁽³⁾	\$	1,078,026	\$	43,750	\$	9,268	\$	(768,714)	\$	1,416,739
Dashiell I. Robinson ⁽⁴⁾	\$	900,153	\$	39,250	\$	8,645	\$	(573,746)	\$	1,296,382
Brooke E. Carillo ⁽⁵⁾	\$	522,163	\$	31,750	\$	1,458	\$	(341,415)	\$	96,708
Andrew P. Stone ⁽⁶⁾	\$	323,122	\$	16,450	\$	2,996	\$	(250,663)	\$	423,570
Sasha G. Macomber ⁽⁷⁾	\$	247,178	\$	_	\$	_	\$	(217,018)	\$	291,239

- (1) Represents market rate interest earned on cash balances in our Executive Deferred Compensation Plan. "Market rate interest" is defined as 120% of long-term applicable federal rate compounded monthly, as published by the IRS.
- (2) Reflects the value of vested deferred stock units, assuming a price of \$6.76 per share (the closing price of Redwood common stock on the NYSE on December 30, 2022), and the cash balance in the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, all of which has been previously reported as compensation in 2022 or in prior years.
- (3) Mr. Abate's contribution included \$87,500 in voluntary cash deferrals from his 2022 compensation (reported as compensation in the "Summary Compensation" table above) and \$990,526 as a result of vesting of previously awarded deferred stock units (reported as compensation in previous years). Mr. Abate received a distribution of 92,297 shares of common stock underlying deferred stock units awarded in 2018.
- (4) Mr. Robinson's contribution included \$78,500 in voluntary cash deferrals from his 2022 compensation (reported as compensation in the "Summary Compensation" table above) and \$821,653 as a result of vesting of previously awarded deferred stock units (reported as compensation in previous years). Mr. Robinson received a distribution of 67,821 shares of common stock underlying deferred stock units awarded in 2018.
- (5) Ms. Cabrillo's contribution included \$63,499 in voluntary cash deferrals from her 2022 compensation (reported as compensation in the "Summary Compensation" table above) and \$458,664 as a result of vesting of previously awarded deferred stock units (reported as compensation in previous years). Ms. Cabrillo received a distribution of 44,923 shares of common stock underlying deferred stock units awarded in 2021.

- (6) Mr. Stone's contribution included \$32,900 in voluntary cash deferrals from his 2022 compensation (reported as compensation in the "Summary Compensation" table above) and \$290,222 as a result of vesting of previously awarded deferred stock units (reported as compensation in previous years). Mr. Stone received a distribution of 29,357 shares of common stock underlying deferred stock units awarded in 2018.
- (7) Ms. Macomber's contribution included \$247,178 as a result of vesting of previously awarded deferred stock units. Ms. Macomber received a distribution of 25,229 shares of common stock underlying deferred stock units awarded in 2018.

Potential Payments upon Termination or Change of Control

In 2022, each of Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber had an employment agreement in place with Redwood that provides for cash severance payments, vesting of long-term equity-based incentive awards and other long-term incentive awards, and other benefits in the event the executive is terminated without "cause" or the executive terminates employment for "good reason," each as defined in the applicable agreement. As compensation for employment prior to the date of any such termination, these employment agreements also provide for payment of base salary through the date of any such termination, as well as, in the event of a "change of control" a performance-based bonus payment, pro-rated as applicable, through the date of any such termination. These employment agreements provide for a one-year term of service ending on December 31 of each year and are subject to automatic one-year renewals if not terminated by either party.

In particular, the employment agreements with each of Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber provide for the applicable executive to receive a cash severance payment in the event Redwood terminates the executive's employment without "cause" or the executive terminates employment for "good reason." The cash severance payments to these executives under these agreements in respect of any such termination are in addition to compensation for employment prior to the date of any such termination and, in each case, would be equal to the executive's target annual bonus prorated through the date of termination plus the amount of additional cash severance specified in the table below.

	Additional Cash Severance								
	In Connection With a	Other Than in Connection With a							
Name	Change of Control	Change of Control							
Christopher J. Abate	2x the sum of Base Salary plus Target Annual Bonus (1)	1.5x the sum of Base Salary plus Target Annual Bonus							
Dashiell I. Robinson	1.5x the sum of Base Salary plus Target Annual Bonus ⁽²⁾	1x the sum of Base Salary plus Target Annual Bonus							
Brooke E. Carillo	1.25x the sum of Base Salary plus Target Annual Bonus ⁽³⁾	1x the sum of Base Salary plus Target Annual Bonus							
Andrew P. Stone	1x the sum of Base Salary plus Target Annual Bonus ⁽⁴⁾	$0.75x$ the sum of Base Salary plus Target Annual Bonus $^{(6)}$							
Sasha G. Macomber	1x the sum of Base Salary plus Target Annual Bonus ⁽⁵⁾	0.75x the sum of Base Salary plus Target Annual Bonus							

- (1) The total of the amount of the Additional Cash Severance in Connection With a Change of Control and the amount of the pro-rated target annual bonus, cannot exceed \$6.5 million
- (2) The total of the amount of the Additional Cash Severance in Connection With a Change of Control and the amount of the pro-rated target annual bonus cannot exceed \$4 million
- (3) The total of the amount of the Additional Cash Severance in Connection With a Change of Control and the amount of the pro-rated target annual bonus cannot exceed \$3.75 million
- (4) The total of the amount of the Additional Cash Severance in Connection With a Change of Control and the amount of the pro-rated target annual bonus cannot exceed \$1.75 million
- (5) The total of the amount of the Additional Cash Severance in Connection With a Change of Control and the amount of the pro-rated target annual bonus cannot exceed \$1.25 million.
- (6) Subject to a minimum of 2x Base Salary plus pro-rated Base Salary.

In addition, for Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber upon either such type of termination: (i) all outstanding time-based long-term equity-based incentive awards and other time-based long-term incentive awards will vest in full; and (ii) all outstanding performance-based long-term equity-based incentive awards and other performance-based long-term incentive awards will remain outstanding and continue to be eligible to vest in full or in part based on the achievement of relevant performance goals. Additionally, these five executives would be

entitled to receive all life insurance, disability insurance, and medical coverage fringe benefits for periods ranging from nine to 24 months following termination of employment, depending on the individual executive and the type of termination.

The employment agreements with Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber provide that 75% of severance amounts due will be paid in a lump sum six months following termination and the remaining 25% will be paid in equal monthly installments over the succeeding six months.

The employment agreements with Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber do not provide excise tax gross-ups with respect to any excise taxes that may be imposed on change-in-control severance payments. The agreements provide that in the event that any payments or benefits under the employment agreements constitute an "excess parachute payment" for purposes of Section 280G of the Code, the amounts otherwise payable and benefits otherwise due under these employment agreements will either (i) be delivered in full or (ii) be reduced or limited to the minimum extent necessary to ensure that no payments will be subject to the excise tax imposed under Section 4999 of the Code, taking into account applicable federal, state and local income and employment taxes, whichever results in the largest benefit to the executive on an after-tax basis, notwithstanding that all or some portion of such payments and/or benefits may be subject to the excise tax imposed under Section 4999 of the Code.

All severance benefits under each employment agreement with these five executives are contingent on the applicable executive executing a release of all claims against Redwood. Each of the executives is subject to non-solicitation restrictions for one year following a termination for which severance is paid.

"Cause" for purposes of Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber's employment agreements is defined as (i) the executive's material failure to substantially perform the reasonable and lawful duties of his or her position for Redwood, including any habitual or repeated neglect if such duties, which failure has caused, or could reasonably be expected to cause, significant injury to the interests, property, operations, business or reputation of Redwood, and which failure shall continue to be uncured for thirty (30) days after written notice thereof by the Board of Directors to the executive; (ii) acts or omissions constituting gross negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct on the part of the executive in respect of the performance of his or her duties hereunder, his or her fiduciary obligations or otherwise relating to the business of Redwood, which failure has caused material injury to the interests, property, operations, business or reputation of Redwood, and which failure shall continue to be uncured for thirty (30) days after written notice thereof by the Board to the executive; (iii) unauthorized use or disclosure of trade secrets or confidential or proprietary information pertaining Redwood business, which use or disclosure has caused, or could reasonably be expected to cause significant injury to the interests, property, operations, business or reputation of Redwood, and which failure shall continue to be uncured for thirty (30) days after written notice thereof by the Board to the executive; (iv) acts or omissions constituting willful misconduct on the part of the executive in respect of the performance of his or her fiduciary duty of loyalty to Redwood, which failure has caused material injury to the interests, property, operations, business or reputation of Redwood; (v) theft or embezzlement, or attempted theft or embezzlement, of money, tangible, or intangible assets or property of Redwood or its employees, customers, clients, or others having business relations with Redwood; (vi) the executive's conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, a non-vehicular felony, including, without limitation, a non-vehicular felony the elements of which involve fraud, dishonesty, or moral turpitude; (vii) the executive's conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, a misdemeanor the elements of which involve fraud, dishonesty, or moral turpitude, and which is substantially related to the executive's employment and duties to Redwood; or (viii) the executive's commission of a crime the elements of which involve fraud, dishonesty, or moral turpitude, and which has caused, or could reasonably be expected to cause, material injury to the interests, property, operations, business or reputation of Redwood.

"Good reason" for purposes of Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber's employment agreements is defined as the occurrence, without the executive's written consent, of (i) a material reduction in the executive's responsibilities, title, duties or authority; (ii) a material reduction in the executive's base salary or target annual bonus, or a material reduction by Redwood in the value of the executive's total compensation package if such a reduction is not made in proportion to an across-the-board reduction of all senior executives of

Redwood; (iii) the relocation of the executive's principal office to a location not within a designated area of Marin County; (iv) a failure at any time to renew the employment agreement; (v) the complete liquidation of Redwood; or (vi) in the event of a merger, consolidation, transfer, or closing of a sale of all or substantially all the assets of Redwood, the failure of the successor company to affirmatively adopt the employment agreement.

In the event of a "change of control" (as defined below) in which the surviving or acquiring corporation does not assume outstanding long-term equity-based incentive awards and other long-term incentive awards or substitute equivalent awards, outstanding long-term equity-based incentive awards and other long-term incentive awards for all the NEOs will immediately vest and become exercisable.

In the event of a "change of control" in which outstanding long-term equity-based incentive awards and other long-term incentive awards are assumed or substituted, then acceleration only would occur upon a qualifying employment termination as specified in the award agreement for such award or the executives' employment agreements. The number or amount of any outstanding performance-based long-term equity-based incentive awards or other long-term incentive awards eligible to vest will be determined by reference to the applicable performance goals for each such award, pro-rated on an annualized basis to reflect the shortened performance period.

In addition, in the event of a termination due to the executive's death or disability, the employment agreements with Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber provide for (i) the payment to the executive or his or her estate of (a) the executive's base salary to the date of termination, and (b) the executive's target annual bonus for the year, prorated to the date of termination (as well as any earned but unpaid annual bonus from a prior service year (as and when such bonus becomes payable generally)), (ii) vesting in full of all long-term equity-based incentive awards and other long-term incentive awards with time-based vesting, and (iii) with respect to long-term equity-based incentive awards and other long-term incentive awards with performance-based vesting, such awards to remain outstanding and to continue to be eligible to vest and become payable based on the number of target shares or granted award value and the performance goals set forth in the applicable award agreement by which such awards are evidenced, in each case unless otherwise provided in the award agreement for the award.

With respect to the employment agreements with Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber, "change of control" is defined as follows:

- (a) With respect to any long-term equity-based incentive award or other long-term incentive award granted prior to December 16, 2020, the occurrence of any of the following:
 - (1) any one person, or more than one person acting as a group (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), acquires ownership of stock of Redwood that, together with other stock held by such person or group constitutes more than 50 percent of the total fair market value or total voting power of all stock of Redwood; or
 - (2) any one person, or more than one person acting as a group (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), acquires (or has acquired during the 12-month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition by such person or persons) ownership of stock of Redwood possessing 30 percent or more of the total voting power of the stock of Redwood; or
 - (3) during any 12-month period, a majority of the members of Redwood's Board of Directors is replaced by directors whose appointment or election is not endorsed by a majority of the members of Redwood's Board of Directors prior to such appointment or election; or
 - (4) any one person, or more than one person acting as a group (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), acquires (or has acquired during the 12-month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition by such person or persons) assets from Redwood that have a total gross fair market value equal to or more than 40 percent of the total gross fair market value of all of the assets of Redwood immediately before such acquisition or acquisition; provided, that no change of control shall be deemed to occur when the assets are transferred to (x) a stockholder of Redwood in exchange for or with respect to its stock, (y) a person, or more than one person acting as a group (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), that owns, directly or indirectly, 50 percent or more of the total value or voting power of all

of the outstanding stock of Redwood, or (z) an entity, at least 50 percent of the total value or voting power of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by a person that owns directly or indirectly 50 percent or more of the total value or voting power of all of the outstanding stock of Redwood, in each case with such persons status determined immediately after the transfer of assets.

- (b) With respect to any severance payment or benefit or any long-term equity-based incentive award or other long-term incentive award granted on or after December 16, 2020, the occurrence of any of the following:
 - a transaction or series of transactions (other than an offering of common stock to the general public through a registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or a transaction or series of transactions that meets the requirements of clauses (a) and (b) of subsection (3) below) whereby any "person" or related "group" of "persons" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) (other than Redwood, any of its subsidiaries, an employee benefit plan maintained by Redwood or any of its subsidiaries or a "person" that, prior to such transaction, directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, Redwood) directly or indirectly acquires beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of securities of Redwood possessing more than 30% of the total combined voting power of Redwood's securities outstanding immediately after such acquisition; or
 - during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who, at the beginning of such period, constitute the Board together with any new Director(s) (other than a Director designated by a person who shall have entered into an agreement with Redwood to effect a transaction described in subsections (1) or (3) of this definition) whose election by the Board or nomination for election by Redwood's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Directors then still in office who either were Directors at the beginning of the two-year period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved, cease for any reason to constitute a majority thereof; or
 - (3) the consummation by Redwood (whether directly involving Redwood or indirectly involving Redwood through one or more intermediaries) of (x) a merger, consolidation, reorganization, or business combination or (y) a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of Redwood's assets in any single transaction or series of related transactions or (z) the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity, in each case other than a transaction:
 - a. which results in Redwood's voting securities outstanding immediately before the transaction continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of Redwood or the person that, as a result of the transaction, controls, directly or indirectly, Redwood or owns, directly or indirectly, all or substantially all of Redwood's assets or otherwise succeeds to the business of Redwood (Redwood or such person, the "Successor Entity")) directly or indirectly, at least a majority of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity's outstanding voting securities immediately after the transaction; and
 - b. after which no person or group beneficially owns voting securities representing 30% or more of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity; provided, however, that no person or group shall be treated for purposes of this clause (ii) as beneficially owning 30% or more of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity solely as a result of the voting power held in Redwood prior to the consummation of the transaction.

For additional information related to the employment agreements with Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber, please refer to Exhibits 10.29 through 10.34 to Redwood's Annual Report on Form-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, filed on March 1, 2023.

Termination (No Change of Control)

If any of Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, or Ms. Macomber had been terminated as of December 31, 2022 without "cause" or, if applicable, had terminated his or her employment as of that date for "good reason," the approximate value of the severance benefits payable to him or her would have been as follows, as calculated in accordance with the terms of the respective agreements in place with each such NEO on December 31, 2022.

Total Value

NEOs	Cash Severance Payment	Accelerated Vesting of Three-Year Vesting Cash Awards ⁽¹⁾	Accelerated Vesting of DSUs and csDSUs ⁽²⁾	Benefits ⁽³⁾	Involuntary Termination Without "Cause" or Voluntary Termination for "Good Reason"
Christopher J. Abate	\$ 5,850,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 2,591,681	\$ 117,781	\$ 9,309,462
Dashiell I. Robinson	\$ 3,960,000	\$ 618,750	\$ 3,460,512	\$ 76,016	\$ 8,115,278
Brooke E. Carillo	\$ 3,150,000	_	\$ 2,068,127	\$ 76,016	\$ 5,294,143
Andrew P. Stone	\$ 1,501,875	\$ 266,250	\$ 1,247,369	\$ 27,576	\$ 3,043,070
Sasha G. Macomber	\$ 1,434,375	\$ 83,250	\$ 1,207,426	\$ 40,589	\$ 2,765,640

⁽¹⁾ The Three-Year Vesting Cash Awards granted to each of Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber in August 2020 provide for accelerated vesting of the unvested award amount in the event of a termination without "cause." The employment agreements with Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber provide for accelerated vesting of the unvested award amount of the Three-Year Vesting Cash Awards granted to him or her in the event of a termination of employment for "good reason."

⁽²⁾ The value of acceleration of deferred stock units and cash-settled deferred stock units assumes a common stock price of \$6.76 per share (the closing price of Redwood's common stock on the NYSE on December 30, 2022). Although unvested performance stock units and other performance-based long-term incentive awards are not forfeited following a termination without "cause" (or, for Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, or Ms. Macomber following a voluntary termination for "good reason"), no value for unvested performance stock units and other performance-based long-term incentive awards was included due to the fact that under the applicable award agreements the performance stock units and other performance-based long-term incentive awards would vest, if at all, only at the end of the performance period and only to the extent the performance vesting threshold is met at the end of the performance period.

⁽³⁾ Each of Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber is entitled to a continuation of health insurance, life insurance, and long-term disability insurance for the respective periods specified in their employment agreement (ranging from nine to 18 months depending on the individual executive) following a termination without "cause" or a voluntary termination for "good reason."

Termination (Change of Control)

If a "change of control" occurred on December 31, 2022 and any of Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, or Ms. Macomber had been terminated as of December 31, 2022 without "cause" or, in certain circumstances, had terminated his or her employment as of that date for "good reason," the approximate value of the severance benefits payable to him or her would have been as reported in the table below, as calculated in accordance with the terms of the respective agreements in place on December 31, 2022.

NEOs	Cash Severance Payment ⁽¹⁾	Accelerated Vesting of Three-Year Vesting Cash Awards ⁽²⁾	Accelerated Vesting of DSUs and csDSUs ⁽³⁾	Accelerated Vesting of PSUs and Other Performance -Based Long-Term Incentive Awards ⁽⁴⁾	Benefits ⁽⁵⁾	Total Value Involuntary Termination Without "Cause" or Voluntary Termination for "Good Reason" (6)
Christopher J. Abate	\$ 6,500,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 2,591,681	\$ 1,411,033	\$ 159,546	\$ 11,412,260
Dashiell I. Robinson	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 618,750	\$ 3,460,512	\$ 940,686	\$ 117,781	\$ 9,137,729
Brooke E. Carillo	\$ 3,631,250	\$ _	\$ 2,068,127	\$ _	\$ 96,898	\$ 5,796,275
Andrew P. Stone	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 266,250	\$ 1,247,369	\$ 395,083	\$ 37,244	\$ 3,695,946
Sasha G. Macomber	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 166,667	\$ 1,207,426	\$ 301,015	\$ 31,483	\$ 2,956,591

- (1) Excludes actual annual or pro-rated performance-based bonus amounts attributable to service and performance during periods ending immediately prior to "change in control." The cash severance payments following a "change of control" are capped for Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Stone and Ms. Macomber at \$6.5 million, \$4 million, \$1.75 million and \$1.25 million, respectively.
- (2) The Three-Year Vesting Cash Awards granted to each of Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber in August 2020 provide for accelerated vesting of the unvested award amount in the event of a termination without "cause." The employment agreements with Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber provide for accelerated vesting of the unvested award amount of the Three-Year Vesting Cash Awards granted to him or her in the event he or she terminates his or her employment for "good reason."
- (3) The value of acceleration of deferred stock units and cash-settled deferred stock units assumes a "change in control" price of \$6.76 per share (the closing price of Redwood's common stock on the NYSE on December 30, 2022).
- (4) The number of performance stock units and other performance-based long-term incentive awards eligible for accelerated vesting is determined by reference to the attainment of the related performance goals through December 31, 2022, assuming a "change in control" price of \$6.76 per share (the closing price of Redwood's common stock on the NYSE on December 30, 2022). The value of outstanding performance stock units granted in 2021 and 2022 at a change of control price of \$6.76 per share is estimated to be zero. Further details regarding the terms of performance stock units awarded in 2022 are provided on pages 68 70 of this Proxy Statement under the heading "Compensation Discussion and Analysis 2022 Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Awards Performance-Based Vesting PSUs Granted in December 2022"; further details regarding the terms of performance stock units granted in 2020 and 2021 are provided in the Company's 2021 and 2022 annual proxy statements; and further details regarding the Long-Term Relative TSR Performance Vesting Cash Awards are provided in the Company's 2021 annual proxy statement.
- (5) Each of Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber is entitled to a continuation of health insurance, life insurance, and long-term disability insurance for the period specified in their employment agreement (ranging from 12 to 24 months depending on the executive) following a termination without "cause" or for "good reason."
- (6) In accordance with their employment agreement terms, if any payments made to Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, or Ms. Macomber in connection with a "change in control" would otherwise be subject to an excise tax under Section 4999 of the Code by reason of the "golden parachute" rules contained in Section 280G of the Code, such payments would be reduced if and to the extent that doing so would result in net after-tax payments and benefits for the executive officer that are more favorable than the net after-tax payments and benefits payable to the executive officer in the absence of such a reduction after the imposition of the excise tax. The figures reported in this table do not reflect any such reductions as a result of Code Section 280G limits. No executive officer is entitled to any tax gross-up payment in connection with change in control payments (or otherwise).

Termination (Death or Disability)

If any of Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Carillo, Mr. Stone, or Ms. Macomber had his or her employment terminated as of December 31, 2022 as a result of death or disability, the approximate value of the severance benefits payable to him or her would have been as follows, as calculated in accordance with the terms of the respective agreements in place on December 31, 2022.

NEO	Cash Severance Payment	Accelerated Vesting of Three- Year Vesting Cash Awards ⁽¹⁾	Accelerated Vesting of DSUs and csDSUs ⁽²⁾	Total Value Termination "Death or Disability"
Christopher J. Abate	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 2,591,681	\$ 5,141,681
Dashiell I. Robinson	\$ 1,567,500	\$ 618,750	\$ 3,460,512	\$ 5,646,762
Brooke E. Carillo	\$ 1,225,000	_	\$ 2,068,127	\$ 3,293,127
Andrew P. Stone	\$ 667,500	\$ 266,250	\$ 1,247,369	\$ 2,181,119
Sasha G. Macomber	\$ 637,500	\$ 83,250	\$ 1,207,426	\$ 1,928,176

⁽¹⁾ The Three-Year Vesting Cash Awards granted to each of Mr. Abate, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Stone, and Ms. Macomber in August 2020 provide for accelerated vesting of the unvested award amount in the event of death or disability.

Compensation Risks

As noted above, the Compensation Committee reviews risks that may arise from Redwood's compensation policies and practices. In particular, during the fourth quarter of 2022 and the first quarter of 2023, management, in consultation with Semler Brossy and the Compensation Committee, prepared a framework for performing a compensation risk assessment, which framework provided for assessment of risks relating to, among other things, components of compensation, performance metrics, performance-based compensation leverage, the timing of compensation delivery, equity-based incentive compensation, stock ownership requirements, stock trading policies, methods for assessing performance, and performance culture. Subsequently, management utilized the framework to prepare a compensation risk assessment for review and consideration by the Compensation Committee and the Audit Committee. Following the review and discussion of this assessment by those committees, as well as other reviews and discussions relating to risks that may arise from Redwood's compensation policies and practices, the Compensation Committee determined, after consultation with Semler Brossy, that it does not currently believe that Redwood's compensation policies and practices are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on Redwood.

⁽²⁾ The value of acceleration of deferred stock units and cash-settled deferred stock units assumes a common stock price of \$6.76 per share (the closing price of Redwood's common stock on the NYSE on December 30, 2022). Although unvested performance stock units and other performance-based long-term incentive awards are not forfeited following death or disability, no value for unvested performance stock units or other performance-based long-term incentive awards was included due to the fact that under the applicable award agreements the performance stock units and other performance-based long-term incentive awards would vest, if at all, only at the end of the performance period and only to the extent the performance vesting threshold is met at the end of the performance period.

CEO Pay Ratio

As required by Section 953(b) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and Item 402(u) of the SEC's Regulation S-K, the following information is being provided regarding the ratio of the total compensation of Redwood's median compensated employee to the total compensation of Redwood's CEO during 2022.

For 2022, Redwood's most recently completed fiscal year:

- <u>Median Total Compensation 2022</u>. The annual total compensation of the employee who represents Redwood's median compensated employee (excluding our CEO) was \$131,404; and
- <u>CEO's Total Annual Compensation 2022</u>. The annual total compensation of Redwood's CEO was \$5,404,993.

CEO Pay Ratio of 41 to 1. Based on this information, for 2022, the estimated ratio of (x) the annual total compensation of Redwood's CEO, to (y) the annual total compensation of Redwood's median compensated employee, was 41 to 1.

Determining the Median Compensated Employee

- Employee Population
 - As of December 31, 2022, Redwood's employee workforce consisted of 347 full-time employees. However, for purposes of determining the median compensated employee, excluding the Chief Executive Officer, 301 of the 347 employees were included in the CEO Pay Ratio calculation. As permitted by SEC rules, 45 employees from Riverbend Lending, LLC, which Redwood acquired in July 2022, were not included in this year's analysis.
- Methodology for Determining Redwood's Median Compensated Employee

 To identify the median compensated employee from Redwood's employee population, a review of the annual total compensation of each of Redwood's employees was conducted. For purposes of measuring the annual total compensation of each employee, Redwood selected base salary, overtime pay and bonus as the most appropriate measure of compensation, which was consistently applied to the 301 included employees. In identifying the median compensated employee, the compensation of permanent employees who were new hires in 2022 was annualized.
- Compensation Measure and Annual Total Compensation of Median Compensated Employee

With respect to the annual total compensation of the median compensated employee, Redwood calculated the elements of such employee's compensation for 2022 in accordance with the requirements of Item 402(c)(2)(x) of Regulation S-K, resulting in annual total compensation of \$131,404.

• Annual Total Compensation of CEO

With respect to the annual total compensation of Redwood's CEO, Redwood used the annual total compensation amount as reported in the "Summary Compensation Table" in the Proxy.

Pay vs. Performance Comparison

As described within the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement, Redwood maintains a performance-based compensation philosophy and program for its executive officers that seeks to provide incentives to achieve both short- and long-term business and stockholder return objectives, align the interests of executive officers with those of long-term stockholders, and enable it to hire and retain talented individuals in a competitive marketplace. Accordingly, under Redwood's executive compensation program, base salary and standard benefits are generally the only fixed elements of compensation, while performance-based components of compensation and long-term equity-based awards represent the predominant forms of compensation for the CEO and other executive officers. A fulsome discussion of how the Compensation Committee has structured executive compensation at Redwood to be consistent with the Company's performance-based compensation philosophy is included in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement beginning on page 48 above.

The following table, the related footnotes, and the other disclosures set forth below in this "Pay vs. Performance Comparison" section of this Proxy Statement, have all been prepared in accordance with Section 953(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and Item 402(v) of the SEC's Regulation S-K, which were enacted and promulgated to, among other things, require the disclosure of information about the relationship between: (i) "Compensation Actually Paid" (as defined in Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K) to executives by a company over a specified period, and (ii) certain measures of the financial performance of the company over that period.

During 2022 and early 2023, when the Compensation Committee made certain executive compensation determinations related to 2022 and 2023, the Compensation Committee did not directly consider the table, the related footnotes, and the other disclosures set forth below in this "Pay vs. Performance Comparison" section. Amounts designated as "Compensation Actually Paid" in the table, the related footnotes, and the other disclosures set forth below are calculated in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K and do not necessarily represent amounts actually earned or realized by Redwood's CEO or other NEOs in the periods presented or in any other period.

Pay vs. Performance Table

										Value of Initial Fixed \$100 Investment Based on:						
Year	Co T	Summary mpensation able Total or PEO ⁽¹⁾	A	ompensation ctually Paid o PEO ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	Average Summary Compensation Table Total for Non-PEO NEOs ⁽²⁾		Average Compensation Actually Paid to Non-PEO NEOs ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		Total Shareholder Return ⁽⁴⁾		Sha	er Group Total areholder eturn ⁽⁵⁾	(t Income (Loss) millions)	Adjusted ROE ⁽⁶⁾	
2022	\$	5,404,993	\$	(2,530,287)	\$	3,215,636	\$	310,195	\$	53	\$	69	\$	(164)	-11.4%	
2021	\$	13,598,971	\$	17,746,852	\$	6,713,889	\$	7,987,344	\$	92	\$	94	\$	320	26.3%	
2020	\$	5,552,321	\$	165,376	\$	2,191,888	\$	280,033	\$	57	\$	81	\$	(582)	-49.2%	

⁽¹⁾ PEO for 2022, 2021 and 2020 was Christopher J. Abate

2022: Dashiell I. Robinson, Brooke E. Carillo, Andrew P. Stone, Sasha G. Macomber

2021: Dashiell I. Robinson, Collin L. Cochrane, Brooke E. Carillo, Andrew P. Stone, Sasha G. Macomber

2020: Dashiell I. Robinson, Collin L. Cochrane, Andrew P. Stone, Sasha G. Macomber, Shoshone ("Bo") Stern

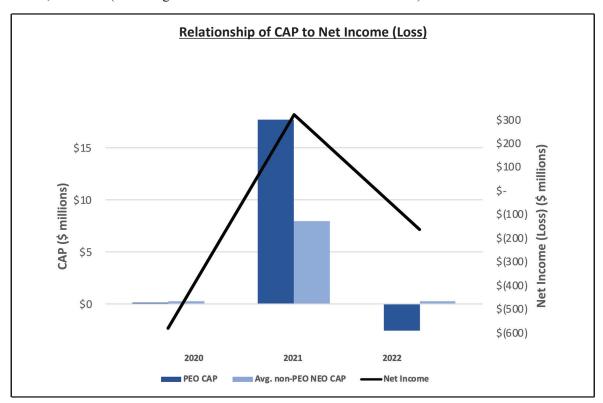
⁽²⁾ The non-PEO named executive officers (NEOs) reflects the following individuals in each year:

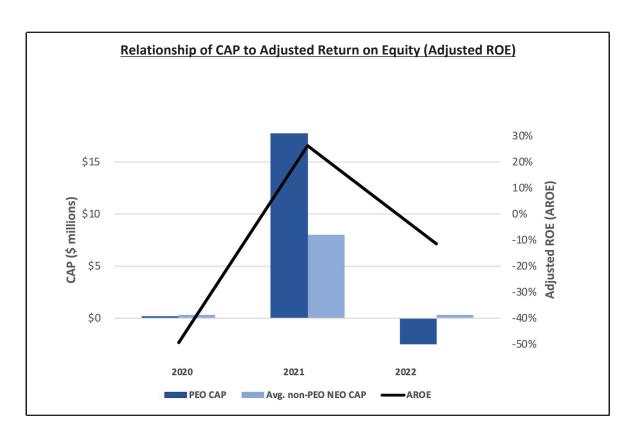
(3) The dollar amounts reported as "Compensation Actually Paid" represent the amount of "compensation actually paid", as computed in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K. The dollar amounts do not reflect the actual amount of compensation earned or paid during the applicable year. In accordance with the requirement of Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, "Compensation Actually Paid" is calculated by making the following adjustments from the Summary Compensation Table totals as follows:

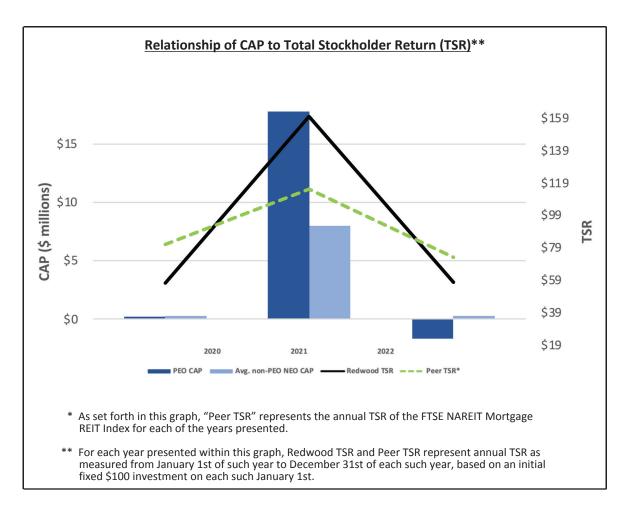
Item and Value Added (Deducted)	 2022	2021	2020
For PEO:			
Summary Compensation Table Total	\$ 5,404,993	\$ 13,598,971	\$ 5,552,321
- SCT "Stock Awards" column value	\$ (3,999,993)	\$ (5,999,971)	\$ (3,749,987)
year-end fair value of outstanding equity awards granted in Covered Year that remain unvested(*)	\$ 3,770,038	\$ 6,073,708	\$ 3,752,907
- change in fair value of outstanding and unvested equity awards granted in prior years $(^*)(^\dagger)$	\$ (7,825,933)	\$ 3,492,900	\$ (4,844,040)
+ / - change in fair value of prior-year equity awards vested in Covered Year(*)(†)	\$ (468,029)	\$ 162,970	\$ (787,219)
dividends paid on equity awards in the Covered Year prior to vesting date not otherwise included in total compensation for covered year	\$ 588,638	\$ 418,275	\$ 241,394
Compensation Actually Paid ^(*)	\$ (2,530,287)	\$ 17,746,852	\$ 165,376
For Non-PEO Named Executive Officers (Average)			
Summary Compensation Table Total	\$ 3,215,636	\$ 6,713,889	\$ 2,191,888
- SCT "Stock Awards" column value	\$ (2,187,487)	\$ (2,404,982)	\$ (1,284,987)
year-end fair value of outstanding equity awards granted in Covered Year that remain unvested(*)	\$ 2,024,643	\$ 2,467,309	\$ 1,255,788
change in fair value of outstanding and unvested equity awards granted in prior years(*)(†)	\$ (2,780,268)	\$ 994,470	\$ (1,647,997)
+ / - change in fair value of prior-year equity awards vested in Covered Year(*)(†)	\$ (225,495)	\$ 63,927	\$ (332,843)
dividends paid on equity awards in the Covered Year prior to vesting date not otherwise included in total compensation for covered year	\$ 263,166	\$ 152,731	\$ 98,184
Compensation Actually Paid	\$ 310,195	\$ 7,987,344	\$ 280,033

- (*) For awards subject to financial conditions, performance estimates were updated (or based on actual performance for those that have vested) and market condition assumptions were updated.
- (†) Amounts represent changes in value from beginning of year to end of year or vesting date of individual awards.
- (A) Table does not include reconciling line items for changes in pension benefits or awards that were granted and vested in the same year, as these items were not applicable for Redwood in any of the years presented.
- (4) For the relevant fiscal year, represents the cumulative TSR of Redwood for the measurement periods ending on December 31 of each of 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and in each case beginning on January 1, 2020. Cumulative TSR is calculated by dividing the sum of the cumulative amount of dividends for the measurement period, assuming dividend reinvestment, and the difference between the company's share price at the end and the beginning of the measurement period by the company's share price at the beginning of the measurement period.
- (5) For the relevant fiscal year, represents the cumulative TSR of the FTSE NAREIT Mortgage REIT Index (for purposes of this Pay vs. Performance Table, and in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, "Peer Group TSR") for the measurement periods ending on December 31 of each of 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and in each case beginning on January 1, 2020.
- (6) Adjusted ROE represents the "Company Selected Measure" as determined in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, and is a non-GAAP financial performance metric. Non-GAAP Adjusted ROE is further described on page 61 within the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement and is reconciled to ROE based on GAAP financial results in Annex A to this Proxy Statement.

The graphs below describe and illustrate the relationships between (i) the "Compensation Actually Paid" (CAP) to the PEO and the other NEOs, as set forth in the Pay vs. Performance table above, and (ii) Net Income (Loss), Adjusted ROE, and TSR (including TSR of the FTSE NAREIT mREIT index).







Financial Performance Measures

As discussed within the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement, Redwood's business model and internally-managed REIT structure inform the Compensation Committee's selection of performance metrics used in Redwood's performance-based executive compensation program. As described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement, in addition to total stockholder return and relative total stockholder return, which is Redwood's total stockholder return measured on a relative basis against the TSR of a comparator group of companies or the group of companies that comprise a stock index, the Compensation Committee believes that return-on-equity based measures, including Adjusted ROE, and book value total stockholder return, are highly relevant metrics for determining annual bonuses and measuring Redwood's longer-term performance because, among other things, these financial performance measures should correlate with Redwood's ability to increase book value and pay attractive levels of sustainable and growing dividends and, over the long-term, strong results under these performance measures should correlate with strong TSR.

Disclosed below are the most important financial measures used by the Company to link (i) "Compensation Actually Paid" to the Company's Named Executive Officers for 2022 (the Company's most recently completed fiscal year) to (ii) the Company's performance:

Most Important Performance Measures:
Adjusted Return on Equity (Adjusted ROE)
Book Value Total Shareholder Return (bvTSR)
Total Shareholder Return (TSR)
Relative Total Shareholder Return (rTSR)

SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table provides information, as of December 31, 2022, with respect to compensation plans under which equity securities of the registrant are authorized for issuance.

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Plan Category	Plan Name	(a) Number of Securities to Be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	(b) Weighted- Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	(c) Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders:	2014 Incentive Award Plan	7,661,135 (1)(2)	(3)	2,896,604
	2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	_	_	192,223 (4)
Equity compensation plan not approved by security holders:	Director Stock-in-lieu-of- Cash Plan ⁽⁴⁾	330,325 (5)	(3)	151,005
Total		7,991,460	_	3,047,609

- (1) As of December 31, 2022, 7,661,135 shares of common stock may be issued pursuant to outstanding awards under the 2014 Incentive Award Plan, consisting of (i) 5,307,133 outstanding deferred stock units (DSUs) and restricted stock units (RSUs), and (ii) 2,354,002 outstanding performance stock units (PSUs) based on target number of shares awarded. For additional information regarding each category of equity award, please refer to Note 2 below.
- (2) As of December 31, 2022, 5,307,133 outstanding DSUs and RSUs issuable under the 2014 Incentive Award Plan, consisting of 2,165,463 vested DSUs and 3,141,670 unvested DSUs and RSUs. As of December 31, 2021, there were no outstanding stock options under the 2014 Plan. As of December 31, 2022, all 2,354,002 PSUs were unearned and outstanding (based on the target number of shares to be awarded upon the contingent vesting of PSUs). PSUs are performance-based equity awards under which the number of shares of common stock that may be issued at the time of vesting will generally range from 0% to 250% of the number of PSUs granted based on the level of satisfaction of the applicable performance-based vesting condition over the vesting period, with the number of PSUs granted being adjusted at the time of vesting to reflect the value of any dividends paid on shares of common stock during the vesting period.
- (3) As of December 31, 2022, there were no outstanding stock options and under our equity compensation plans no exercise price is applicable to DSUs, RSUs and PSUs.
- (4) The maximum number of shares of common stock subject to issuance pursuant to our ESPP offering period outstanding as of December 31, 2022 is 56,287.
- (5) As of December 31, 2022, 330,325 shares of common stock may be issued pursuant to the Director Stock-in-lieu-of-Cash Plan provisions of Redwood's Amended and Restated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan. Through this Director Stock-in-lieu-of-Cash Plan, non-employee directors may elect to defer receipt of cash compensation and/or dividend equivalent rights, and instead acquire fully vested DSUs. The Director Stock-in-lieu-of-Cash Plan is a "value-neutral" plan, which means that with respect to cash amounts electively deferred by non-employee directors who participate in the Plan, there is no additional premium or matching contribution provided to the participant with regards to deferred amounts, and any vested DSUs acquired under the Plan are acquired at market value in accordance with the terms of the Plan. For additional information, please refer to the Amended and Restated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended, in Exhibits 10.22, 10.23, and 10.24 to Redwood's Annual Report on Form-K for the year-ended December 31, 2022 filed on March 1, 2023.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, requires our directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than 10% of our common stock, to file reports of ownership of, and transactions in, our common stock with the SEC within certain time periods following events giving rise to such filing requirements. Their initial report must be filed using the SEC's Form 3 and subsequent stock purchases, sales, option exercises and other changes must be reported on the SEC's Form 4, which must be filed within two business days of most transactions. In some cases, such as changes in ownership arising from gifts and inheritances, the SEC allows delayed reporting at year-end on the SEC's Form 5. Based solely on a review of the copies of such reports, we believe that all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our directors, executive officers, and stockholders were complied with during 2022.

Absence of Compensation Committee Interlocks and No Insider Participation on Compensation Committee

Our Compensation Committee currently consists of Ms. Proctor (the Chair), Mr. Falcon, Ms. Horvath, and Mr. Kubicek. No member of our Compensation Committee has served as an officer or employee of Redwood at any time. None of our executive officers serves as a member of the compensation committee of any other company that has an executive officer serving as a member of our Board of Directors. None of our executive officers serve as a member of the board of directors of any other company that has an executive officer serving as a member of our Compensation Committee.

Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

Our Board of Directors monitors and reviews issues involving potential conflicts of interest and related party transactions. In this regard, the Board of Directors applies Redwood's Code of Ethics, which provides that directors, officers, and all other employees are prohibited from taking actions, having interests, or having relationships that would cause a conflict of interest, and our directors, officers, and all other employees are expected to refrain from taking actions, having interests, or having relationships that would appear to cause a conflict of interest. There were no relationships or related party transactions between Redwood and any affiliated parties that are required to be reported in this Proxy Statement.

AUDIT COMMITTEE MATTERS

Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors reports to and acts on behalf of the Board of Directors in providing oversight of the financial and risk management, independent registered public accounting firm, and financial reporting procedures of Redwood. Redwood's management is responsible for internal controls and for preparing Redwood's financial statements. The independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for performing an independent audit of Redwood's consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") standards and issuing a report thereon. The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the conduct of these activities by Redwood's management and the independent registered public accounting firm, including responsibility for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the independent registered public accounting firm.

In this context the Audit Committee met and held discussions during 2022 and 2023 with management and the independent registered public accounting firm (including private sessions with the independent registered public accounting firm and Redwood's head of internal audit). During these meetings, the Audit Committee, among other things, reviewed and discussed with both management and the independent registered public accounting firm the quarterly and audited year-end financial statements and reports prior to their issuance. These meetings also included an overview of the preparation and review of these financial statements and a discussion of any significant accounting issues. Management and the independent registered public accounting firm advised the Audit Committee that these financial statements were prepared under generally accepted accounting principles in all material respects. The Audit Committee also discussed the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles used in preparing the financial statements, the reasonableness of significant accounting judgments and estimates, and the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements.

The Audit Committee discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by the PCAOB Auditing Standard No. 1301 "Communications with Audit Committees."

In addition, the Audit Committee received from the independent registered public accounting firm the written disclosures and the letter regarding the firm's independence as required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, Independence Discussions with Audit Committees. The independent registered public accounting firm provided certain other services in 2022. These disclosures and other matters relating to the firm's independence, including any provision of non-audit services and the fees billed for professional services by the independent registered public accounting firm, were reviewed by the Audit Committee and discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm.

The independent registered public accounting firm discussed the scope of its audit with the Audit Committee prior to the audit. The Audit Committee discussed the results of the audit with management and the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee also discussed with management and the independent registered public accounting firm the adequacy of Redwood's internal controls, policies, and systems, and the overall quality of Redwood's financial reporting.

The Audit Committee also considered the reappointment of the independent registered public accounting firm, including based on an assessment of the service provided by the independent registered public accounting firm and the effectiveness of the external audit process. The Audit Committee considered, among other factors, the independence and integrity of the independent registered public accounting firm and its controls and procedures; the performance and qualifications of the independent registered public accounting firm, including expertise related to Redwood's business and operations; the quality and effectiveness of the independent registered public accounting firm's personnel and communications; and the appropriateness of fees for professional services.

Based on its review of the financial statements, and in reliance on its review and discussions with management and the independent registered public accounting firm, the results of internal and external audit examinations, evaluations by the independent registered public accounting firm of Redwood's internal controls, and the quality of Redwood's financial reporting, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that Redwood's audited financial statements be included in Redwood's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Audit Committee:
Debora D. Horvath, Chair
George W. Madison
Georganne C. Proctor
Faith A. Schwartz

Fees to Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for 2022 and 2021

Grant Thornton LLP audited Redwood's financial statements and otherwise acted as Redwood's independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the fiscal years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. The following is a summary of the fees billed to Redwood by Grant Thornton LLP for professional services rendered for 2022 and 2021:

	2022	2021		
Audit Fees	\$ 2,268,400	\$	1,867,150	
Audit-Related Fees	42,800		37,450	
All Other Fees	\$ 40,000			
Total Fees	\$ 2,351,200	\$	1,904,600	

Audit Fees were for the audits of our annual consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, review of the consolidated financial statements included in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, audits of our internal controls over financial reporting as required by Sarbanes-Oxley, audits of annual financial statements of certain of our subsidiaries, provision of comfort letters, as well as other services in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

Audit-Related Fees reflect fees for attestation services related to certain of our subsidiaries.

All Other Fees reflects fees for agreed-upon procedures related to certain of our securitization transactions.

Policy on Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

It is the Audit Committee's policy to review and pre-approve the scope, terms, and related fees of all auditing services and permitted non-audit services provided by the Independent Registered Accounting Firm, subject to *de minimis* exceptions for non-audit services which are approved by the Audit Committee prior to the completion of the audit.

ITEM 2 — RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee has selected Grant Thornton LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm to audit the books of Redwood and its subsidiaries for the year ending December 31, 2023, to report on the consolidated financial statements of Redwood and its subsidiaries, and to perform such other appropriate accounting services as may be required by our Board of Directors. The Board of Directors recommends that the stockholders vote in favor of ratifying the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP for the purposes set forth above. If the stockholders do not ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP, the Audit Committee will consider a change in auditors for the next year. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if the Audit Committee determines that such a change would be in the best interests of Redwood.

Grant Thornton LLP has advised the Audit Committee that they are independent accountants with respect to Redwood, within the meaning of standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the PCAOB, and the Independence Standards Board and federal securities laws administered by the SEC. A representative of Grant Thornton LLP will be present at the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if so desired, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Vote Required

If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting is required for ratification of the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2023. Abstentions and broker non-votes, if any, will not be counted as votes cast and will have no effect on the results of the vote in ratifying the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF GRANT THORNTON LLP AS REDWOOD'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2023.

ITEM 3 — VOTE ON AN ADVISORY RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION

Each year, Redwood's stockholders have an opportunity to vote on a resolution to approve, on an advisory (non-binding) basis, the compensation of Redwood's Named Executive Officers (also referred to as NEOs) as disclosed in this Proxy Statement in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section and the related executive compensation tables and narrative discussion. This proposal, commonly known as a "Say-on-Pay" proposal, gives Redwood's stockholders the opportunity to express their views on the compensation of Redwood's Named Executive Officers. This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of Redwood's NEOs and the executive compensation philosophy, objectives, programs, plans, policies, and practices described in this Proxy Statement. Redwood's NEOs are the officers listed in the various compensation tables of the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement and the related executive compensation tables that follow the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section.

The Compensation Committee of Redwood's Board of Directors acts on behalf of the Board of Directors in administering Redwood's executive compensation plans and programs. As described in detail within the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement, Redwood has a performance-based executive compensation philosophy and program that seeks to provide incentives to achieve both short- and long-term business and stockholder return objectives, align the interests of executive officers with those of long-term stockholders, and enable Redwood to hire and retain talented individuals in a competitive marketplace.

The Compensation Committee is committed to providing disclosure within the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement that gives insight into the process by which it arrives at determinations relating to executive compensation and the underlying rationales. Among other things, the Compensation Discussion and Analysis describes:

- The Compensation Committee's process for reviewing and determining the elements of the CEO's compensation and that of the other NEOs.
- The rationale for the different elements of the NEOs' compensation and Redwood's compensation philosophy, objectives, and methodology for peer comparisons.
- The metrics and goals used for performance-based compensation and factors taken into account in the Committee's determination of whether those metrics and goals were satisfied.
- The severance and change of control payments that NEOs may become entitled to receive under certain circumstances.
- The role of the Compensation Committee's independent compensation consultant.

Each year the Committee reviews Redwood's compensation philosophy and its executive compensation plans and programs. After taking into account various factors and analyses, input from its independent compensation consultant, feedback from stockholders obtained during ongoing outreach efforts, and the outcome of recent stockholder advisory votes on executive compensation (commonly referred to as "Say-on-Pay" votes), the Committee makes compensation determinations it believes are appropriate in light of its executive compensation objectives.

Please read the "Executive Summary of Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" sections of this Proxy Statement, which begin on pages 33 and 46, respectively, and the related executive compensation tables, which begin on page 83, for more information about the compensation of Redwood's NEOs for 2022. The Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee believe these disclosures should be taken into consideration by stockholders in exercising their advisory vote on executive compensation.

At this Annual Meeting, stockholders are being asked to indicate their support for the compensation of Redwood's Named Executive Officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement. As noted above, this vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of Redwood's Named Executive Officers and the executive compensation philosophy, objectives, programs, plans, policies, and practices described in this Proxy Statement.

Accordingly, Redwood's stockholders are asked to vote "FOR" the following advisory resolution at the Annual Meeting:

"RESOLVED, that the compensation of the Named Executive Officers, as disclosed in the Annual Proxy Statement for the 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the Summary Compensation Table, and the related tables and narrative disclosure, is hereby approved."

This "Say-on-Pay" vote is a non-binding advisory vote. The approval or disapproval of this resolution by stockholders will not require the Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee to take any action regarding Redwood's executive compensation practices. The final decision on the compensation and benefits of Redwood's Named Executive Officers and on whether, and if so, how, to address stockholder disapproval of this resolution remains with the Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee.

In 2011, and again in 2017, the Board of Directors determined to hold an advisory "Say-on-Pay" vote every year. At this Annual Meeting, our stockholders are again being asked to indicate how frequently they believe we should seek an advisory vote on the compensation of our Named Executive Officers (see Item 4, which follows, and which is referred to as the Frequency Proposal). Within the Frequency Proposal, our Board of Directors has recommended that our stockholders vote for a frequency of one year, and, therefore, we currently expect our next vote on a Say-on-Pay proposal will be held at our annual meeting of stockholders in 2024, although the Board of Directors may decide to modify this practice, particularly in light of the results of stockholder voting on the Frequency Proposal.

Vote Required

If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting is required to approve, on an advisory basis, the resolution approving the compensation of Redwood's Named Executive Officers. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted as votes cast and will have no effect on the result of the vote.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE NON-BINDING RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMPENSATION OF THE NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AS DISCLOSED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO THE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE RULES OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

ITEM 4 — VOTE ON AN ADVISORY RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FREQUENCY OF AN ADVISORY RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION

Redwood's stockholders have an opportunity to vote on a resolution to approve, on an advisory (non-binding) basis, the frequency of an advisory vote on the compensation of Redwood's NEOs, as disclosed in the Company's annual proxy statement in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section and the related executive compensation tables. By voting on Item 4, stockholders may indicate whether they would prefer an advisory vote on executive compensation, such as Item 3 included within this Proxy Statement, once every one, two, or three years.

After careful consideration of this proposal, the Board of Directors has determined that an advisory vote on executive compensation that occurs every year is the most appropriate alternative for Redwood, and therefore our Board of Directors recommends that you vote for a one-year interval for the advisory vote on executive compensation.

In formulating its recommendation, the Board of Directors considered that an annual advisory vote on executive compensation will allow our stockholders to provide their direct input on Redwood's compensation philosophy, policies, and practices (as disclosed in Redwood's annual proxy statement) every year. Additionally, an annual advisory vote on executive compensation is consistent with Redwood's policy of regularly seeking input from, and engaging in discussions with, stockholders on corporate governance matters and Redwood's executive compensation philosophy, policies, and practices.

You may cast your vote on your preferred voting frequency by choosing the option of one year, two years, three years, or abstain from voting.

Vote Required

If a quorum is present, the option of one year, two years, or three years that receives a majority of votes cast by stockholders will be the frequency for the advisory vote on executive compensation that has been selected by stockholders. For purposes of this advisory vote, abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted as votes cast and will have no effect on the result of the vote. In the event that no option receives a majority of the votes cast, we will consider the option that receives the most votes to be the option selected by stockholders. In either case, this vote is advisory and not binding on the Board of Directors or Redwood, and the Board of Directors may decide that it is in the best interests of our stockholders and Redwood to hold an advisory vote on executive compensation at a different frequency than the option selected by our stockholders.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE OPTION OF ONCE EVERY "1 YEAR" AS THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH STOCKHOLDERS ARE PROVIDED AN ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION, AS DISCLOSED PURSUANT TO THE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE RULES OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

ITEM 5 — VOTE ON AN AMENDMENT TO REDWOOD'S AMENDED AND RESTATED 2014 INCENTIVE AWARD PLAN

We are asking our stockholders to approve an amendment to our Amended and Restated 2014 Incentive Award Plan in the form of the Second Amended and Restated 2014 Incentive Award Plan to comply with NYSE stockholder approval requirements and to satisfy the stockholder approval requirements of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), related to incentive stock options. The Second Amended and Restated 2014 Incentive Award Plan, which is referred to herein as the "Amended Plan", amends and restates the Amended and Restated 2014 Incentive Award Plan, which is referred to herein as the "Plan". On March 14, 2023, Redwood's Board of Directors adopted the Amended Plan, subject to stockholder approval, which makes the following material changes to the Plan:

- Increases the number of shares available for issuance by 9,650,000 shares (the "Additional Shares").
 - If the Amended Plan is approved, the number of shares available for issuance under the Amended Plan for grants on and after March 27, 2023 would equal the sum of: (x) 12,390,548, plus (y) the number of shares subject to all outstanding awards under the Amended Plan and/or the Plan as of such date that are later forfeited, repurchased by the company due to failure to vest, settled in cash, cancelled, or expire, plus (z) the number of shares withheld in connection with the payment of tax liabilities in respect of all outstanding awards of restricted stock, restricted stock units, deferred stock units, or performance stock units under the Amended Plan and/or the Plan as of such date.
- Eliminates so-called "liberal share recycling" with respect to stock options and stock appreciation rights.
 - If the Amended Plan is approved, shares tendered by participants to satisfy the exercise price of options or stock appreciation rights or tax withholding obligations with respect to options or stock appreciation rights will not be added back to the shares available for issuance under the Amended Plan.
- Extends the right to grant awards under the Amended Plan through the tenth anniversary of the effective date of the Amended Plan.
 - If the Amended Plan is approved, then in no event may an award be granted pursuant to the Amended Plan on or after May 23, 2033, the tenth anniversary of the effective date of the Amended Plan, although incentive stock options may not be granted under the Amended Plan after March 14, 2033.
- Removes or modifies certain provisions from the Amended Plan related to now-repealed Section 162(m) of the Code.
 - If the Amended Plan is approved, it will remove certain provisions of the Plan which were otherwise required for awards intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code prior to its repeal under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. However, the Amended Plan retains annual individual award limits, which originally were included in the Plan to address requirements under Section 162(m) of the Code. Under the Amended Plan, these share-based annual limits will extend to all awards (not just awards intended to qualify as performance-based compensation) and will be increased from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000.

If the Amended Plan is approved by our stockholders, it will become effective upon the date of the 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED 2014 INCENTIVE AWARD PLAN.

Stockholder Approval Requirement

Approval of the Amended Plan will constitute approval pursuant to the stockholder approval requirements of Section 422 of the Code relating to incentive stock options ("ISOs") (to the extent required by the Code) and approval pursuant to the NYSE stockholder approval requirements applicable to equity compensation plans.

If our stockholders do not approve the Amended Plan pursuant to this Item 5, then the Amended Plan will not become effective and the proposed additional 9,650,000 shares will not become available for issuance, the Plan will continue in full force and effect, and we may continue to grant equity-based awards under the Plan subject to shares remaining available for grant under the Plan.

Key Compensation and Governance Best Practices Included in the Plan and the Amended Plan

Under the Plan and the Amended Plan, the following important compensation and governance best practices apply:

- <u>Clawback</u>. The Plan and Amended Plan include clawback provisions, supporting the Company's administration of its current (and any future) compensation clawback policy.
- <u>Non-Employee Director Compensation Limits</u>. There is an annual limit, under the Plan and Amended Plan, on the aggregate amount of cash compensation and equity-based awards made to each non-employee director of the Company.
- "Double-Trigger" Change of Control Vesting. Under the terms of awards made under the Plan and the Amended Plan, so-called "double trigger" change of control vesting applies to any accelerated vesting of awards in connection with a "qualifying termination" in the context of a change of control.
- Prohibitions Against Certain "Liberal" Share Recycling Practices. As described above, if the Amended Plan is approved, shares tendered by participants to satisfy the exercise price of options or stock appreciation rights or tax withholding obligations with respect to options or stock appreciation rights will not be added back to the shares available for issuance under the Amended Plan.
- <u>Stockholder Approval is Required for Additional Shares</u>. Neither the Plan nor the Amended Plan contain an annual "evergreen" provision. Instead, the Plan and Amended Plan have a limited number of shares available for issuance, with the result that stockholder approval is required for any increase to the maximum number of shares of common stock which may be issued under the Plan and Amended Plan.

Request for Additional Shares, Dilution, and Overhang

To provide the Company, under the administration of the Compensation Committee, with the flexibility to provide future equity-based compensation awards of the types and in amounts consistent with the Committee's compensation philosophy and executive compensation program, we are requesting that stockholders approve the Amended Plan, including to increase the number of shares available for issuance under the Plan by 9,650,000, which if approved, would result in an aggregate of 12,390,548 shares available for issuance under the Amended Plan on and after March 27, 2023. If the Amended Plan is approved by stockholders, we currently estimate the Amended Plan to have sufficient share capacity for another three to five years, and the overhang percentage (including both outstanding and available shares) as of March 27, 2023 would be 10.9%. (For this purpose "overhang" refers to the total potential dilution to stockholders from shares available for issuance under the Amended Plan.)

Under the Amended Plan, as of March 27, 2023, there were:

- PSUs Outstanding and unvested performance stock units of 2,078,171
- RSUs Outstanding and unvested restricted stock units of 878,339
- Unvested DSUs Outstanding and unvested deferred stock units of 2,726,437
- Vested DSUs Outstanding and vested deferred stock units of 2,270,173
- Stock Options No outstanding stock options (i.e., zero vested stock options and zero unvested stock options)
- Available Capacity Shares available for grant in the Plan of 2,740,548

When considering the number of additional shares to add to the Plan through the Amended Plan, the Compensation Committee considered, among other things, the potential dilution to stockholders as well as the projected future usage of shares under the Amended Plan based on a variety of assumptions. The Compensation Committee is committed to effectively managing the number of shares awarded under the Amended Plan, including through ongoing consideration of stockholder dilution resulting from awards under the Amended Plan.

The table below sets forth the number of different equity awards granted or vested and the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during each year presented.

2014 Incentive Award Plan Data	2022	2021	2020
Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units Granted	558,388	272,261	205,482
Deferred Stock Units Granted*	1,667,124	1,527,073	1,119,305
Performance Stock Units Granted	1,086,153	518,173	473,845
Performance Stock Units Vested			<u> </u>
Weighted-Average Common Stock Outstanding	117,227,846	113,230,190	113,935,605

^{*}As set forth in this table, "Deferred Stock Units Granted" does not include DSUs granted to independent directors in lieu of cash under Redwood's separate Director Stock-in-lieu-of-Cash Plan as follows: 2022 – 92,220 DSUs; 2021 – 61,789 DSUs; and 2020 – 66,849 DSUs. As described on page 102 of this Proxy Statement, under the heading "Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans," the Director Stock-in-lieu-of-Cash Plan is a "value-neutral" plan, which means that with respect to cash amounts electively deferred by non-employee directors who participate in the Plan, there is no additional premium or matching contribution provided to the participant with regards to deferred amounts, and any vested DSUs acquired under the Plan are acquired at market value in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

General

The Amended Plan provides for the grant of stock options (both ISOs and nonqualified stock options), restricted stock, stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), performance awards, dividend equivalents, stock payments, deferred stock units, and restricted stock units to eligible participants, including employees and consultants of Redwood and its affiliates and non-employee members of Redwood's Board of Directors. A summary of the principal provisions of the Amended Plan, is set forth below, and the summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amended Plan, which is attached as Annex B to this Proxy Statement.

Administration

Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the Amended Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee (collectively with the Board, the "Administrator"), except that with respect to awards granted to non-employee directors, the Board of Directors administers the Amended Plan. The Administrator may delegate to a committee of one or more directors or one or more Company officers the authority to grant or amend awards under the Amended Plan to participants other than (i) senior Company executives who are subject to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), and (ii) Company officers or directors to whom the

authority to grant or amend awards under the Amended Plan has been delegated. To the extent necessary to comply with requirements of the Exchange Act, the Administrator will consist solely of two or more directors who are non-employee directors (as defined in Rule 16b-3(b)(3) of the Exchange Act).

Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the Administrator has the authority to administer the Amended Plan, including the power to (i) designate participants under the Amended Plan, (ii) determine the types of awards granted to participants under the Amended Plan, the number of such awards, and the number of shares of Common Stock subject to such awards, (iii) determine and interpret the terms and conditions of any awards under the Amended Plan, including the vesting schedule, exercise price, whether to settle, or accept the payment of any exercise price, in cash, Common Stock, other awards or other property, and whether an award may be canceled, forfeited, or surrendered, (iv) prescribe the form of each award agreement, (v) adopt or revise rules it deems necessary or advisable for the administration of the Amended Plan, (vi) interpret the terms of, and any matter arising pursuant to, the Amended Plan and make all other decisions and determinations as the Administrator deems necessary or advisable to administer the Amended Plan, and (vii) to accelerate wholly or partially the vesting or lapse of restrictions of any award or portion thereof.

Eligibility

Persons eligible to participate in the Amended Plan include all employees (including officers of the Company) and consultants of the Company and of its affiliates, as well as non-employee members of the Board of Directors, as determined by the Administrator. As of March 27, 2023, approximately 301 employees, seven non-employee directors and less than ten consultants were eligible to participate in the Amended Plan.

Limitation on Awards and Shares Available

As of March 27, 2023, the aggregate share limit under the Plan was 11,383,956 shares, out of which 2,740,548 shares remained available for future issuance under the Plan. If the proposal in this Item 5 is approved, then the aggregate share limit will be increased by 9,650,000 shares, such that the aggregate number of shares of common stock that may be issued or transferred under the Amended Plan, will be 21,033,956 shares, of which 12,390,548 shares will be available for future issuance under the Amended Plan on and after March 27, 2023. Except as otherwise provided below, if any shares subject to an award are forfeited or expire or an award is settled for cash (in whole or in part) or otherwise does not result in the issuance of all or a portion of the shares subject to such award, such shares shall be added to the shares available for awards under the Amended Plan on a one-for-one basis. The shares of Common Stock covered by the Amended Plan may be authorized but unissued shares or shares purchased in the open market.

Generally, shares of Common Stock subject to an award under the Amended Plan that terminates, expires, is forfeited, or lapses for any reason are made available for issuance again under the Amended Plan. Additionally, shares withheld in connection with the payment of tax liabilities with respect to a full value award (including shares retained by the Company from the award under the Amended Plan creating the tax liability) are made available for issuance again under the Amended Plan. However, effective as of the effective date of the Amended Plan, the following shares may not be used again for grant under the Amended Plan: (i) shares subject to SARs that are not issued in connection with the stock settlement of the SAR on exercise, (ii) shares purchased on the open market with the cash proceeds from the exercise of stock options, and (iii) shares tendered or withheld to satisfy the exercise price or tax withholding obligation for any stock option or SAR. The payment of dividend equivalents in cash in conjunction with outstanding and future awards will not be counted against the shares available for issuance under the Amended Plan. Furthermore, shares of Common Stock may not be optioned, granted, or awarded again if it would prevent any stock option that is intended to qualify as an incentive stock option under Section 422 of the Code from so qualifying.

The maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be subject to one or more awards of options and/or SARs granted to any person pursuant to the Amended Plan during any calendar year is 2,000,000 and the maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be subject to one or more awards other than options and/or SARs that

are denominated in shares that may be granted to any person pursuant to the Amended Plan during any calendar year is 2,000,000. The maximum amount that may be paid in cash during any calendar year with respect to any award to any individual person pursuant to the Amended Plan during any calendar year with respect to awards that are denominated in cash is \$10,000,000. In addition, under the Amended Plan, the maximum aggregate cash consideration and grant date fair value of all equity-based awards that can be granted to any non-employee director during any calendar year may not exceed \$600,000 (which we refer to herein as the "director limit").

Awards

The Amended Plan provides for grants of stock options (both incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options), restricted stock, SARs, performance awards, dividend equivalents, stock payments, DSUs and RSUs. Each award must be evidenced by a written award agreement with terms and conditions consistent with the Amended Plan. Upon the exercise or vesting of an award, the exercise or purchase price must be paid in full by: cash or check; tendering shares of Common Stock with a fair market value at the time of exercise or vesting equal to the aggregate exercise or purchase price of the award or the exercised portion thereof, if applicable; delivery of a written or electronic notice that the holder has placed a market sell order with a broker with respect to shares then issuable upon exercise or vesting of an award, and that the broker has been directed to pay a sufficient portion of the net proceeds of the sale to the Company in satisfaction of the aggregate payments required, provided that payment of such proceeds is then made to the Company upon settlement of such sale; or by tendering other property acceptable to the Administrator. Under the terms of the Amended Plan, a holder's withholding obligations may generally be satisfied by withholding shares otherwise issuable under an award which are equal to the fair market value on the date of withholding or repurchase no greater than the aggregate amount of such liabilities based on the maximum individual statutory withholding rates for the applicable jurisdictions, on the date of withholding or repurchase equal to aggregate amount of such liabilities.

Stock Options. Stock options, including incentive stock options (as defined under Section 422 of the Code) and nonqualified stock options may be granted pursuant to the Amended Plan. The exercise price of incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options granted pursuant to the Amended Plan will not be less than 100% of the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant, unless incentive stock options are granted to any individual who owns, as of the date of grant, stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of Company stock (a "Ten Percent Owner"), in which case the exercise price of such incentive stock options will not be less than 110% of the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant. Incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options may be exercised as determined by the Administrator, but in no event after (i) the fifth anniversary of the date of grant with respect to incentive stock options granted to a Ten Percent Owner, or (ii) the tenth anniversary of the date of grant with respect to incentive stock options granted to other employees and nonqualified stock options.

Restricted Stock. Restricted stock awards may be granted pursuant to the Amended Plan. A restricted stock award is the grant of shares of Common Stock at a price determined by the Administrator (including zero), that is subject to transfer restrictions and may be subject to substantial risk of forfeiture until specific conditions are met. Conditions may be based on continuing employment or achieving performance goals. During the period of restriction, participants holding shares of restricted stock may have full voting rights with respect to such shares. In addition, with respect to a share of restricted stock with performance-based vesting, dividends which are paid prior to vesting shall only be paid out to the holder to the extent that the performance-based vesting conditions are subsequently satisfied and the share of restricted stock vests. The restrictions will lapse in accordance with a schedule or other conditions determined by the Administrator.

Stock Appreciation Rights. A SAR is the right to receive payment of an amount equal to (i) the excess of (A) the fair market value of a share of Common Stock on the date of exercise of the SAR over (B) the fair market value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant of the SAR, multiplied by (ii) the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock subject to the SAR. Such payment will be in the form of cash, Common Stock or a combination of cash and Common Stock, as determined by the Administrator. The Administrator will determine the time or times at which a SAR may be exercised in whole or in part, provided that the term of any SAR will not exceed ten years.

Restricted Stock Units. RSUs may be granted pursuant to the Amended Plan, typically without consideration from the participant. RSUs may be subject to vesting conditions including continued employment or achievement of performance criteria established by the Administrator. Like restricted stock, RSUs may not be sold or otherwise transferred or hypothecated until vesting conditions are removed or expire. Unlike restricted stock, the Common Stock underlying RSUs will not be issued until the RSUs have vested, and recipients of RSUs generally will have no voting rights prior to the time when vesting conditions are satisfied.

Performance Awards. Performance awards, including performance stock units, are denominated in shares of Common Stock or unit equivalent of shares of Common Stock and/or units of value, including dollar value of shares of Common Stock, and may be linked to any one or more performance criteria determined appropriate by the Administrator, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Administrator. Any participant selected by the Administrator may be granted a cash bonus payable upon the attainment of performance goals that are established by the Administrator and relate to any one or more performance criteria determined appropriate by the Administrator on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Administrator.

Dividend Equivalents. Dividend equivalents are rights to receive the equivalent value (in cash or Common Stock) of dividends paid on Common Stock. Dividend equivalents represent the value of the dividends per share of Common Stock paid by the Company, calculated with reference to the number of shares that are subject to any award held by the participant. Dividend equivalents are converted to cash or additional shares of Common Stock by such formula and at such time subject to such limitations as may be determined by the Administrator. In addition, with respect to an award with performance-based vesting, dividend equivalents which are paid prior to vesting shall only be paid out to the holder to the extent that the performance-based vesting conditions are subsequently satisfied and the award vests. Dividend equivalents cannot be granted with respect to options or SARs.

Stock Payments. Stock payments include payments in the form of Common Stock, options or other rights to purchase Common Stock made in lieu of all or any portion of the compensation that would otherwise be paid to the participant. The number of shares will be determined by the Administrator and may be based upon performance criteria determined appropriate by the Administrator, determined on the date such stock payment is made or on any date thereafter. Unless otherwise provided by the Administrator, a holder of a stock payment shall have no rights as a Company shareholder with respect to such stock payment until such time as the stock payment has vested and the shares underlying the Award have been issued to the holder.

Deferred Stock Units. Awards of deferred stock units are denominated in unit equivalent of shares of Common Stock and/or units of value, including dollar value of shares of Common Stock, and vest pursuant to a vesting schedule or performance criteria set by the Administrator. The Common Stock underlying deferred stock units will not be issued until the date the deferred stock units become vested or upon a specified settlement date thereafter, and recipients of deferred stock units generally will have no voting rights prior to the time when vesting conditions are satisfied and the shares underlying the award have been issued.

Performance-based Awards. Under the Amended Plan, pre-established performance goals for awards may be based on one or more of the following performance criteria: net earnings or net income (in either case before or after one or more of the following: interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization); adjusted net income or adjusted net earnings (including earnings available for distribution); interest income or net interest income; revenue, earnings, or income from mortgage banking activities; taxable earnings or taxable income; REIT taxable earnings or REIT taxable income; gross or net sales or revenue (including, without limitation, revenue from gains); operating earnings, income or profit; gross or net profit or operating margin; cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow and free cash flow); return on assets (including adjusted return on assets); return on capital (including adjusted return on capital); return on investment (including adjusted return on investment); return on equity or stockholders' equity); return on sales or revenue (including adjusted return; productivity or efficiency; expenses, including, without limitation, expenses associated with a particular administrative department, business

function or activity or expenses per loan or designated unit; working capital; any measure of revenue, sales, income, earnings, or profit measured on a per share basis (basic or diluted) or per employee basis; price per share; implementation or completion of designated projects or initiatives or milestones relating to any such projects or initiatives; market share; dividends paid or payable; and economic value (including economic profit), any of which may be measured on an adjusted basis and/or either in absolute terms or as compared to any incremental increase or decrease or as compared to results of a competitor or group of competitors, to results of a peer group, to market performance indicators or indices, or to other objective benchmarks.

Transferability of awards. Awards cannot be sold, pledged, assigned, transferred or otherwise disposed of by a participant other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution or pursuant to a domestic relations order or beneficiary designation procedures approved from time to time by the Administrator, unless and until such award has been exercised, or the shares underlying such award have been issued, and all restrictions applicable to such shares have lapsed. The Administrator may provide in any award agreement that an award (other than an incentive stock option) may be transferred to certain persons or entities related to a participant in the Amended Plan, including but not limited to members of the participant's family, charitable institutions or trusts or other entities whose beneficiaries or beneficial owners are members of the participant's family and/or charitable institutions, or to such other persons or entities as may be expressly permitted by the Administrator. Such permitted assignees will be bound by and subject to such terms and conditions of the award as applicable to the original participant (other than the ability to further transfer the Award).

Repricing. The Administrator cannot, without the approval of the stockholders of the Company, authorize the amendment of any outstanding option or SAR to reduce its price per share, cancel any option or SAR in exchange for cash or another award when the option or SAR price per share exceeds the fair market value of the underlying shares of Common Stock, or take any other action with respect to an option or SAR that would be treated as repricing under the rules and regulations of the principal United States national securities exchange on which the shares underlying such award are traded.

Adjustments to Awards

If there is a stock dividend, stock split, combination or exchange of shares, merger, consolidation or other distribution (other than normal cash dividends), that affects the shares of Common Stock (or other securities of the Company) or the stock price of Common Stock (or other securities), then the Administrator may make equitable adjustments to the aggregate number and kind of shares that may be issued under the Amended Plan (including adjustments to award limits and the director limit), the number and kind of shares subject to each outstanding award under the Amended Plan, the exercise price or grant price of such outstanding award (if applicable), the terms and conditions of any outstanding awards (including any applicable performance targets or criteria), and the number and kind of shares for which automatic grants are subsequently made to non-employee directors pursuant to any director compensation policy implemented pursuant to the Amended Plan (if any). The Company may refuse to permit the exercise of any award during a period of 30 days prior to the consummation of any such transaction.

If there is any stock dividend, stock split, combination or exchange of shares, merger, consolidation or other distribution (other than normal cash dividends) of Company assets to stockholders, or other unusual or nonrecurring transactions or events, the Administrator may, in its discretion:

- a. provide for the termination of any award in exchange for an amount of cash (if any) and/or other property equal to the amount that would have been attained upon the exercise of such award or realization of the participant's rights;
- b. provide for the replacement of any award with other rights or property selected by the Administrator in its sole discretion having an aggregate value not exceeding the amount that could have been attained upon exercise of such award or realization or the participant's rights;
- c. provide that any outstanding award cannot vest, be exercised or become payable after such event;

- d. provide that awards may be exercisable, payable or fully vested as to shares of Common Stock covered thereby;
- e. provide that any surviving corporation (or its parent or subsidiary) will assume awards outstanding under the Amended Plan or will substitute similar awards for those outstanding under the Amended Plan, with appropriate adjustment of the number and kind of shares and the prices of such awards; or
- f. make adjustments (i) in the number and type of shares of Common Stock (or other securities or property) subject to outstanding awards or in the number and type of shares of restricted stock or (ii) to the terms and conditions of (including the grant or exercise price) and the criteria included in, outstanding awards or future awards.

If there is a nonreciprocal transaction between the Company and its stockholders, such as a stock dividend, stock split, spin-off, rights offering or recapitalization through a large, nonrecurring cash dividend, that affects the shares of Common Stock (or other securities of the Company) or the stock price of Common Stock (or other securities) and causes a change in the per share value of the Common Stock underlying outstanding awards, then the Administrator will make equitable adjustments to the number and type of securities subject to each outstanding award under the Amended Plan, and the exercise price or grant price of such outstanding award (if applicable). The Administrator will make other equitable adjustments it determines are appropriate to reflect such an event with respect to the aggregate number and kind of shares that may be issued under the Amended Plan. The Company may refuse to permit the exercise of any award during a period of 30 days prior to the consummation of any such transaction.

Amendment and Termination

The Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee may terminate, suspend, amend or modify the Amended Plan at any time; *provided, however*, that shareholder approval will be obtained (i) to increase the number of shares of Common Stock available under the Amended Plan or to increase the director limit, (ii) to reduce the per share exercise price of any outstanding option or SAR, and (iii) to cancel any option or SAR in exchange for cash or another award when the option or SAR price per share exceeds the fair market value of the underlying shares of Common Stock. Generally, no amendment, suspension or termination of the Amended Plan shall, without the consent of the holder, impair any rights or obligations under any awards unless the award itself expressly provides.

In no event may an award be granted pursuant to the Amended Plan on or after the tenth anniversary of the effective date of the Amended Plan (the "Expiration Date"), although ISOs may not be granted under the Amended Plan after March 14, 2033. Any awards that are outstanding on the Expiration Date will remain in force according to the terms of the Amended Plan and the applicable award agreement.

Material Federal Income Tax Consequences Associated with the Amended Plan

The following is a general summary under current law of the principal United States federal income tax consequences related to awards under the Amended Plan. This summary addresses the general federal income tax principles that apply and is provided only for general information. Some kinds of taxes, such as state, local, and foreign income taxes and federal employment taxes, are not discussed. This summary is not intended as tax advice to participants, who should consult their own tax advisors.

Non-Qualified Stock Options. If an optionee is granted a non-qualified stock option under the Amended Plan, the optionee should not have taxable income on the grant of the option. Generally, the optionee should recognize ordinary income at the time of exercise in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares acquired on the date of exercise, less the exercise price paid for the shares. The optionee's basis in the common stock for purposes of determining gain or loss on a subsequent sale or disposition of such shares generally will be the fair market value

of our common stock on the date the optionee exercises such option. Any subsequent gain or loss will be taxable as a long-term or short-term capital gain or loss. We or our subsidiaries or affiliates generally should be entitled to a federal income tax deduction at the time and for the same amount as the optionee recognizes ordinary income.

Incentive Stock Options. A participant receiving ISOs should not recognize taxable income upon grant. Additionally, if applicable holding period requirements are met, the participant should not recognize taxable income at the time of exercise. However, the excess of the fair market value of the shares of our common stock received over the option exercise price is an item of tax preference income potentially subject to the alternative minimum tax. If stock acquired upon exercise of an ISO is held for a minimum of two years from the date of grant and one year from the date of exercise and otherwise satisfies the ISO requirements, the gain or loss (in an amount equal to the difference between the fair market value on the date of disposition and the exercise price) upon disposition of the stock will be treated as a long-term capital gain or loss, and we will not be entitled to any deduction. If the holding period requirements are not met, the ISO will be treated as one that does not meet the requirements of the Code for ISOs and the participant will recognize ordinary income at the time of the disposition equal to the excess of the amount realized over the exercise price, but not more than the excess of the fair market value of the shares on the date the ISO is exercised over the exercise price, with any remaining gain or loss being treated as capital gain or capital loss. We are not entitled to a tax deduction upon either the exercise of an ISO or upon disposition of the shares acquired pursuant to such exercise, except to the extent that the participant recognizes ordinary income on disposition of the shares.

Other Awards. The current federal income tax consequences of other awards authorized under the Amended Plan generally follow certain basic patterns: SARs are taxed and deductible in substantially the same manner as non-qualified stock options; restricted stock subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture results in income recognition equal to the excess of the fair market value over the price paid, if any, only at the time the restrictions lapse (unless the recipient elects to accelerate recognition as of the date of grant through a Section 83(b) election); RSUs, deferred stock units, dividend equivalents, performance awards and stock payments are generally subject to tax at the time of payment.

Section 409A. Certain types of awards under the Amended Plan may constitute, or provide for, a deferral of compensation subject to Section 409A of the Code. Unless certain requirements set forth in Section 409A of the Code are complied with, holders of such awards may be taxed earlier than would otherwise be the case (e.g., at the time of vesting instead of the time of payment) and may be subject to an additional 20% penalty tax (and, potentially, certain interest penalties and additional state taxes). To the extent applicable, the Amended Plan and awards granted under the Amended Plan are intended to be structured and interpreted in a manner intended to either comply with or be exempt from Section 409A of the Code and the Department of Treasury regulations and other interpretive guidance that may be issued under Section 409A of the Code. To the extent determined necessary or appropriate by the Administrator, the Amended Plan and applicable award agreements may be amended to further comply with Section 409A of the Code or to exempt the applicable awards from Section 409A of the Code.

Share Price

On March 27, 2023, the closing price of our common stock on NYSE was \$6.51 per share.

New Plan Benefits

Awards under the Amended Plan are subject to the discretion of the Administrator and, other than awards that are scheduled to be granted to non-employee directors under our director compensation program at the time of the 2023 Annual Meeting, no determinations have been made by the Administrator as to any future awards that may be granted pursuant to the Amended Plan. Pursuant to our director compensation program, non-employee directors elected at our 2023 Annual Meeting will be granted deferred stock units on the 2023 Annual Meeting date (scheduled for May 23, 2023) in an amount determined by dividing the dollar value of the grant, currently \$125,000, by the closing price of our common stock on the day of grant (and rounding to the nearest whole share), which grants are set forth in the aggregate for the seven non-employee directors nominated for election in the table below.

	Dollar Value	Number of Shares/Units Covered by Award
Christopher J. Abate, Chief Executive Officer	_	_
Dashiell I. Robinson, President	_	_
Brooke E. Carillo, Chief Financial Officer	_	_
Andrew P. Stone, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Secretary	_	_
Sasha G. Macomber, Chief Human Resource Officer	_	_
All current executive officers, as a group (6 persons) ⁽¹⁾	_	_
All non-employee directors, as a group	\$875,000	(2)
All employees, including all current officers who are not executive officers, as a group	-	_

⁽¹⁾ Redwood's current executive officers as of March 27, 2023 are the five executive officers named in this table, as well as Fred J. Matera, Redwood's Chief Investment Officer.

The number of deferred stock units granted will be determined by dividing the dollar grant value by the closing price of Redwood common stock on the date of the 2023 Annual Meeting (rounded down to the nearest whole number).

Plan Benefits

The table below sets forth summary information concerning the number of shares of our common stock subject to equity awards granted to certain persons under the Plan since the original effective date of the Plan (May 20, 2014) through March 27, 2023.

Certain awards set forth in this table for the named executive officers were granted in 2022 and therefore also are included in the Summary Compensation Table and in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table set forth in this Proxy Statement and are not additional awards. Certain awards set forth in this table for the non-employee directors were granted in 2022 and therefore also are included in the Director Compensation Table set forth in this Proxy Statement and are not additional awards.

	Deferred Stock Units	Performance Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	Restricted Stock Units	Restricted Stock Awards
Christopher J. Abate, Chief Executive Officer	608,410	1,219,299	_	
Dashiell I. Robinson, President	580,622	646,920	_	_
Brooke E. Carillo, Chief Financial Officer	676,359	252,676	_	_
Andrew P. Stone, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Secretary	260,286	353,779	_	_
Sasha G. Macomber, Chief Human Resource Officer	153,666	166,637	_	_
All current executive officers, as a group (6 persons) ⁽²⁾	2,907,365	2,907,465	_	_
All current non-employee directors, as a group (7 persons)	361,029		_	_
Kubicek, Greg H.	72,015	_	_	_
Falcon, Armando	25,066	_	_	_
Hansen, Douglas	70,908		_	_
Horvath, Debora	62,403		_	_
Madison, George W.	33,970		_	_
Proctor, Georganne C.	71,601		_	_
Schwartz, Faith A.	25,066		_	_
List each associate of any directors, executives or director	_	_	_	_
List each person who received or is to receive 5% of awards	_		_	
All employees, including all current officers who are not executive officers	4,593,202	829,532	1,318,457	590,600

Amounts calculated based on target number of performance stock units. The maximum number of performance stock units that may become issuable pursuant to these awards is up to 250% of the target amount and would become issuable only upon achieving maximum performance against the applicable performance goals.

Vote Required

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal is required for approval of the adoption of the Second Amended and Restated 2014 Incentive Award Plan. For purposes of this vote, abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted as votes cast and will have no effect on the result of the vote.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED 2014 INCENTIVE AWARD PLAN.

Redwood's current executive officers as of March 27, 2023 are the five executive officers named in this table, as well as Fred J. Matera, Redwood's Chief Investment Officer.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), stockholders may present proper proposals for inclusion in Redwood's 2024 annual proxy statement and for consideration at Redwood's 2024 annual meeting of stockholders. To be eligible for inclusion in Redwood's 2024 annual proxy statement, a stockholder proposal must be received in writing not less than 120 calendar days before the first anniversary of the date Redwood released its proxy statement for the preceding year's annual meeting and must otherwise comply with Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act. Accordingly, a stockholder nomination for director or proposal of business intended to be considered at the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders must be received by Redwood's Secretary not later than December 15, 2023 to be eligible for inclusion in Redwood's 2024 annual proxy statement. While the Board of Directors will consider stockholder proposals, Redwood reserves the right to omit from its annual proxy statement stockholder proposals that it is not required to include under the Exchange Act and Redwood's Bylaws, including as a result of Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act.

In addition, Redwood's current Bylaws contain advance notice provisions with respect to matters to be brought before an annual meeting of stockholders, including nominations for election to the Board of Directors. Redwood's Bylaws currently provide that in order for a stockholder to nominate a candidate for election as a director at an annual meeting of stockholders or propose business for consideration at an annual meeting, written notice containing the information required by the Bylaws must be delivered to the Secretary at Redwood's principal executive office not earlier than the 150th calendar day nor later than 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, on the 120th calendar day prior to the first anniversary of the date we released the proxy statement for the preceding year's annual meeting. Accordingly, under Redwood's current Bylaws, a stockholder nomination for director or proposal of business intended to be considered at the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders must be received by the Secretary not earlier than November 15, 2023, and not later than 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, on December 15, 2023. Proposals should be mailed to Redwood Trust, Inc., Attention: Secretary, One Belvedere Place, Suite 300, Mill Valley, CA 94941.

A copy of the Bylaws may be obtained from Redwood's Secretary by written request to the same address.

INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

This Proxy Statement incorporates by reference the information set forth in Redwood's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 (the 2022 Annual Report) under the following headings: Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations; Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk; Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data; and Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

Copies of our 2022 Annual Report on Form 10-K are available upon request without charge. Requests may be oral or written and should be directed to the attention of the Secretary of Redwood at (866) 269-4976 or at the principal executive offices of Redwood at the address set forth above under "Stockholder Proposals for the 2024 Annual Meeting." In addition, within the Investor Relations section of Redwood's website located at www.redwoodtrust.com, you can obtain, without charge, a copy of Redwood's 2022 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Please note that the information on Redwood's website is not part of this Proxy Statement.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 30, 2023 Mill Valley, California /s/ Andrew P. Stone Secretary

ANNEX A

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Adjusted Return on Equity to Return on Equity Based on GAAP Financial Results

	Calculation of:		
	GAAP ROE		Adjusted ROE
2022 GAAP Net Income	\$ (163,520)	\$	(163,520)
Adjustment: Add-back of purchase accounting-related expenses ⁽¹⁾			11,776
2022 Net Income	\$ (163,520)	\$	(151,744)
2022 Average GAAP Equity	\$ 1,286,913	\$	1,286,913
Adjustment: Subtract average 2022 GAAP Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income ⁽²⁾			47,226
2022 Average Equity	\$ 1,286,913	\$	1,334,139
Calculation: Divide 2022 GAAP Net Income by 2022 Average Equity	(12.7)%		(11.4)%

⁽¹⁾ Add-back of certain purchase accounting-related items related to acquisitions completed in 2022 and 2019, including amortization of purchase-related intangible assets of \$14.0 million, and acquisition-related transaction costs incurred in 2022 of \$1.3 million, reduced by an estimated tax impact of \$3.5 million.

⁽²⁾ Represents cumulative net unrealized mark-to-market gains and losses on available-for-sale securities and cash flow hedges on certain of Redwood's long-term debt.

	Calculation of:		
	GAAP ROE		Adjusted ROE
2021 GAAP Net Income	\$ 319,613	\$	319,613
Adjustment: Add-back of purchase accounting-related expenses ⁽¹⁾			14,973
2021 Net Income	\$ 319,613	\$	334,586
2021 Average GAAP Equity	\$ 1,276,070	\$	1,276,070
Adjustment: Subtract average 2021 GAAP Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income ⁽²⁾			2,258
2021 Average Equity	\$ 1,276,070	\$	1,273,812
Calculation: Divide 2021 GAAP Net Income by 2021 Average Equity	25.0 %		26.3 %

⁽¹⁾ Add-back of certain purchase accounting-related items related to acquisitions completed in 2019, including amortization of purchase-related intangible assets and stock-based purchase consideration of \$19.1 million, reduced by estimated tax impact of negative \$4.1 million.

⁽²⁾ Represents cumulative net unrealized mark-to-market gains and losses on available-for-sale securities and cash flow hedges on certain of Redwood's long-term debt.

	Calculation of:			
		GAAP ROE		Adjusted ROE
2020 GAAP Net Income (Loss)	\$	(581,847)	\$	(581,847)
Adjustment: Add-back of purchase accounting-related expenses ⁽¹⁾				16,198
2020 Net Income (Loss)	\$	(581,847)	\$	(565,649)
2020 Average GAAP Equity	\$	1,125,168	\$	1,125,168
Adjustment: Add average 2020 GAAP Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss ⁽²⁾				24,651
2020 Average Equity	\$	1,125,168	\$	1,149,819
Calculation: Divide 2020 GAAP Net Income (Loss) by 2020 Average Equity		(51.7)%		(49.2)%

⁽¹⁾ Add-back of certain purchase accounting-related items related to acquisitions completed in 2019, including amortization of purchase-related intangible assets, contingent consideration expense and stock-based purchase consideration expense totaling \$21.0 million, reduced by estimated tax impact of negative \$4.8 million.

⁽²⁾ Represents cumulative net unrealized mark-to-market gains and losses on available-for-sale securities and cash flow hedges on certain of Redwood's long-term debt.

	Calculation of:		
	GAAP ROE		Adjusted ROE
2019 GAAP Net Income	\$ 169,183	\$	169,183
2019 Average GAAP Equity	\$ 1,601,259	\$	1,601,259
Adjustment: Subtract average 2019 GAAP Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income ⁽¹⁾		\$	46,531
2019 Average Equity	\$ 1,601,259	\$	1,554,727
Calculation: Divide 2019 GAAP Net Income by 2019 Average Equity	10.6 %		10.9%(2)

⁽¹⁾ Represents cumulative net unrealized mark-to-market gains and losses on available-for-sale securities and cash flow hedges on certain of Redwood's long-term debt.

⁽²⁾ In determining the company performance component of NEOs' annual bonuses earned for 2019, the Compensation Committee excluded the impact on Redwood's financial performance of certain purchase accounting-related items and out-of-pocket transaction expenses related to acquisitions completed within 2019. Adjusted ROE for 2019 would have been 6/10th of a percentage point higher had the net impact of these items been excluded from net income when calculating Adjusted ROE.

Reconciliation of: 2018 Adjusted Return on Equity (Adjusted ROE) to 2018 GAAP Return on Equity (ROE) (\$ in thousands)

	Calculation of:		
	GAAP ROE		Adjusted ROE
2018 GAAP Net Income	\$ 119,600	\$	119,600
2018 Average GAAP Equity	\$ 1,280,287	\$	1,280,287
Adjustment: Subtract average 2018 GAAP Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income ⁽¹⁾		\$	76,309
2018 Average Equity	\$ 1,280,287	\$	1,203,978
Calculation: Divide 2018 GAAP Net Income by 2018 Average Equity	9.3 %		9.9%

⁽¹⁾ Represents cumulative net unrealized mark-to-market gains and losses on available-for-sale securities and cash flow hedges on certain of Redwood's long-term debt.

ANNEX B

REDWOOD TRUST, INC. SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED 2014 INCENTIVE AWARD PLAN

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ARTICLE 1.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Second Amended and Restated Redwood Trust, Inc. 2014 Incentive Award Plan, as amended on [_____], 2023² (as it may be amended or restated from time to time, the "Plan"), is to promote the success and enhance the value of Redwood Trust, Inc. (the "Company") by linking the individual interests of the members of the Board, Employees, and Consultants to those of Company stockholders and by providing such individuals with an incentive for outstanding performance to generate superior returns to Company stockholders. The Plan is further intended to provide flexibility to the Company in its ability to motivate, attract, and retain the services of members of the Board, Employees, and Consultants upon whose judgment, interest, and special effort the successful conduct of the Company's operation is largely dependent. The Plan amends and restates in its entirety the Amended and Restated Redwood Trust, Inc. 2014 Incentive Award Plan, as amended (the "Prior Plan").

ARTICLE 2.

DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

Wherever the following terms are used in the Plan they shall have the meanings specified below, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. The singular pronoun shall include the plural where the context so indicates.

- 2.1 "<u>Administrator</u>" shall mean the entity that conducts the general administration of the Plan as provided in Article 13. With reference to the duties of the Committee under the Plan which have been delegated to one or more persons pursuant to Section 13.6, or as to which the Board has assumed, the term "Administrator" shall refer to such person(s) unless the Committee or the Board has revoked such delegation or the Board has terminated the assumption of such duties.
- 2.2 "<u>Affiliate</u>" shall mean (a) any Subsidiary; and (b) any domestic eligible entity that is disregarded, under Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-3, as an entity separate from either (i) the Company or (ii) any Subsidiary.
- 2.3 "<u>Applicable Accounting Standards</u>" shall mean Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States, International Financial Reporting Standards or such other accounting principles or standards as may apply to the Company's financial statements under United States federal securities laws from time to time.
- 2.4 "<u>Applicable Law</u>" shall mean any applicable law, including without limitation: (i) provisions of the Code, the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and any rules or regulations thereunder; (ii) corporate, securities, tax or other laws, statutes, rules, requirements or regulations, whether federal, state, local or foreign; and (iii) rules of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Shares are listed, quoted or traded.
- 2.5 "Award" shall mean an Option, a Restricted Stock award, a Restricted Stock Unit award, a Performance Award, a Dividend Equivalents award, a Deferred Stock Unit award, a Stock Payment award or a Stock Appreciation Right, which may be awarded or granted under the Plan (collectively, "Awards").

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² The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Company's stockholders is expected to occur on May 23, 2023.

- 2.6 "<u>Award Agreement</u>" shall mean any written notice, agreement, terms and conditions, contract or other instrument or document evidencing an Award, including through electronic medium, which shall contain such terms and conditions with respect to an Award as the Administrator shall determine consistent with the Plan.
- 2.7 "Award Limit" shall mean with respect to Awards that shall be payable in Shares or in cash, as the case may be, the respective limit set forth in the first sentence of Section 3.3.
 - 2.8 "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.
 - 2.9 "Change in Control" shall mean and includes each of the following:
- (I) With respect to any Award granted prior to the Effective Date, the following definition of "Change in Control" shall apply:
- (a) any one person, or more than one person acting as a group (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), acquires ownership of stock of the Company that, together with other stock held by such person or group constitutes more than fifty percent (50%) of the total fair market value or total voting power of all stock of the Company; or
- (b) any one person, or more than one person acting as a group (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), acquires (or has acquired during the twelve (12)-month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition by such person or persons) ownership of stock of the Company possessing thirty percent (30%) or more of the total voting power of the stock of the Company; or
- (c) during any twelve (12)-month period, a majority of the members of the Company's Board is replaced by directors whose appointment or election is not endorsed by a majority of the members of the Board prior to such appointment or election; or
- (d) any one person, or more than one person acting as a group (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), acquires (or has acquired during the twelve (12)-month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition by such person or persons) assets from the Company that have a total gross fair market value equal to or more than forty percent (40%) of the total gross fair market value of all of the assets of the Company immediately before such acquisition or acquisition; provided, that that no "Change in Control" shall be deemed to occur when the assets are transferred to (x) a shareholder of the Company in exchange for or with respect to its stock, (y) a person, or more than one person acting as a group (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), that owns, directly or indirectly, fifty percent (50%) or more of the total value or voting power of all of the outstanding stock of the Company, or (z) an entity, at least fifty percent (50%) of the total value or voting power of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by a person that owns directly or indirectly fifty percent (50%) or more of the total value or voting power of all of the outstanding stock of the Company, in each case with such persons status determined immediately after the transfer of assets.
- (II) With respect to any Award granted on or after the Effective Date, the following definition of "Change in Control" shall apply:
- (a) a transaction or series of transactions (other than an offering of common stock to the general public through a registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or a transaction or series of transactions that meets the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) of subsection (c) below) whereby any "person" or related "group" of "persons" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (other than the Company, any of its subsidiaries, an employee benefit plan maintained by the Company or any of its subsidiaries or a "person" that, prior to such transaction, directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Company) directly or indirectly acquires beneficial ownership (within the meaning of

Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of securities of the Company possessing more than 30% of the total combined voting power of the Company's securities outstanding immediately after such acquisition; or

- (b) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who, at the beginning of such period, constitute the Board together with any new Director(s) (other than a Director designated by a person who shall have entered into an agreement with the Company to effect a transaction described in subsections (a) or (c) of this definition) whose election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Directors then still in office who either were Directors at the beginning of the two-year period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved, cease for any reason to constitute a majority thereof; or
- (c) The consummation by the Company (whether directly involving the Company or indirectly involving the Company through one or more intermediaries) of (x) a merger, consolidation, reorganization, or business combination or (y) a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets in any single transaction or series of related transactions or (z) the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity, in each case other than a transaction:
- (i) which results in the Company's voting securities outstanding immediately before the transaction continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the Company or the person that, as a result of the transaction, controls, directly or indirectly, the Company or owns, directly or indirectly, all or substantially all of the Company's assets or otherwise succeeds to the business of the Company (the Company or such person, the "Successor Entity")) directly or indirectly, at least a majority of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity's outstanding voting securities immediately after the transaction, and
- (ii) after which no person or group beneficially owns voting securities representing 30% or more of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity; provided, however, that no person or group shall be treated for purposes of this clause (ii) as beneficially owning 30% or more of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity solely as a result of the voting power held in the Company prior to the consummation of the transaction.
- (III) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Change in Control constitutes a payment event with respect to any portion of an Award that provides for the deferral of compensation and is subject to Section 409A of the Code, the transaction or event described in any of the foregoing subsections (I)(a), (I)(b), (I)(c), (I)(d), (II)(a), (II)(b), or (II)(c) with respect to such Award (or portion thereof) must also constitute a "change in control event," as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(5) to the extent required by Section 409A.
- (IV) The Committee shall have full and final authority, which shall be exercised in its sole discretion, to determine conclusively whether a Change in Control of the Company has occurred pursuant to the above definition, and the date of the occurrence of such Change in Control and any incidental matters relating thereto; <u>provided</u> that any exercise of authority in conjunction with a determination of whether a Change in Control is a "change in control event" as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(5) shall be consistent with such regulation.
- 2.10 "Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, together with the regulations and official guidance promulgated thereunder.
- 2.11 "<u>Committee</u>" shall mean the Compensation Committee of the Board, or another committee or subcommittee of the Board or the Compensation Committee, appointed as provided in Section 13.1.
 - 2.12 "Common Stock" shall mean the common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share.
 - 2.13 "Company" shall have the meaning set forth in Article 1.

- 2.14 "Consultant" shall mean any consultant or adviser engaged to provide services to the Company or any Affiliate that qualifies as a consultant under the applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission for registration of shares on a Form S-8 Registration Statement.
 - 2.15 [Reserved].
 - 2.16 "<u>Data</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12.7.
 - 2.17 "Deferred Stock Unit" shall mean a right to receive Shares awarded under Section 10.4.
 - 2.18 "Director" shall mean a member of the Board, as constituted from time to time.
 - 2.19 "Director Limit" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.3.
- 2.20 "<u>Dividend Equivalent</u>" shall mean a right to receive the equivalent value (in cash or Shares) of dividends paid on Shares, awarded under Section 10.2.
- 2.21 "<u>DRO</u>" shall mean a domestic relations order as defined by the Code or Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, or the rules thereunder.
- 2.22 "<u>Effective Date</u>" shall mean [____], 2023³, for purposes of the Plan (as amended and restated), the date on which the Plan is approved by the Company's stockholders; <u>provided</u>, however, that solely for purposes of the second to last sentence of Section 14.1 hereof, the Effective Date shall be March 14, 2023, the date on which the Plan (as amended and restated) is adopted by the Board, subject to approval of the Plan (as amended and restated) by the Company's stockholders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Prior Plan shall remain in effect on its existing terms unless and until the Plan (as amended and restated) is approved by the Company's stockholders.
- 2.23 "<u>Eligible Individual</u>" shall mean any person who is an Employee, a Consultant or a Non-Employee Director, as determined by the Committee.
- 2.24 "<u>Employee</u>" shall mean any officer or other employee (as determined in accordance with Section 3401(c) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder) of the Company or of any Affiliate.
- 2.25 "<u>Equity Restructuring</u>" shall mean a nonreciprocal transaction between the Company and its stockholders, such as a stock dividend, stock split, spin-off, rights offering or recapitalization through a large, nonrecurring cash dividend, that affects the number or kind of Shares (or other securities of the Company) or the share price of Common Stock (or other securities) and causes a change in the per-share value of the Common Stock underlying outstanding Awards.
 - 2.26 "Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time.
 - 2.27 "Expiration Date" shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 14.1.
 - 2.28 "Fair Market Value" shall mean, as of any given date, the value of a Share determined as follows:
- (a) If the Common Stock is listed on any (i) established securities exchange (such as the New York Stock Exchange, the NASDAQ Global Market and the NASDAQ Global Select Market), (ii) national market system or (iii) automated quotation system on which the Shares are listed, quoted or traded, its Fair Market Value shall be the closing sales price for a Share as quoted on such exchange or system for such date or, if there is no

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closing sales price for a Share on the date in question, the closing sales price for a Share on the last preceding date for which such quotation exists, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable;

- (b) If the Common Stock is not listed on an established securities exchange, national market system or automated quotation system, but the Common Stock is regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer, its Fair Market Value shall be the mean of the high bid and low asked prices for such date or, if there are no high bid and low asked prices for a Share on the last preceding date for which such information exists, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable; or
- (c) If the Common Stock is neither listed on an established securities exchange, national market system or automated quotation system nor regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer, its Fair Market Value shall be established by the Administrator in good faith.
- 2.29 "<u>Full Value Award</u>" shall mean any Award that is settled in Shares other than: (a) an Option, (b) a Stock Appreciation Right or (c) any other Award for which the Holder pays the Fair Market Value as of the date of grant (whether directly or by forgoing a right to receive a payment from the Company or any Affiliate).
- 2.30 "Greater Than 10% Stockholder" shall mean an individual then owning (within the meaning of Section 424(d) of the Code) more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any subsidiary corporation (as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code) or parent corporation thereof (as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code).
 - 2.31 "Holder" shall mean a person who has been granted an Award.
- 2.32 "<u>Incentive Stock Option</u>" shall mean an Option that is intended to qualify as an incentive stock option and conforms to the applicable provisions of Section 422 of the Code.
 - 2.33 "Non-Employee Director" shall mean a Director of the Company who is not an Employee.
- 2.34 "Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Policy" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.6.
- 2.35 "Non-Qualified Stock Option" shall mean an Option that is not an Incentive Stock Option or which is designated as an Incentive Stock Option but does not meet the applicable requirements of Section 422 of the Code.
- 2.36 "Option" shall mean a right to purchase Shares at a specified exercise price, granted under Article 6. An Option shall be either a Non-Qualified Stock Option or an Incentive Stock Option; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that Options granted to Non-Employee Directors and Consultants shall only be Non-Qualified Stock Options.
 - 2.37 "Option Term" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.4.
- 2.38 "Parent" shall mean any entity (other than the Company), whether domestic or foreign, in an unbroken chain of entities ending with the Company if each of the entities other than the Company beneficially owns, at the time of the determination, securities or interests representing at least fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of securities or interests in one of the other entities in such chain.
- 2.39 "<u>Performance Award</u>" shall mean a cash bonus award, stock bonus award, performance award or incentive award that is paid in cash, Shares or a combination of both, awarded under Section 10.1.

2.40 [Reserved].

- 2.41 "<u>Performance Criteria</u>" shall mean the criteria (and adjustments) that the Committee selects for an Award for purposes of establishing the Performance Goal or Performance Goals for a Performance Period, determined as follows:
- (a) The Performance Criteria that may be used to establish Performance Goals are as follows: (i) net earnings or net income (in either case before or after one or more of the following: (A) interest, (B) taxes, (C) depreciation and (D) amortization); (ii) adjusted net income or adjusted net earnings (including earnings available for distribution); (iii) interest income or net interest income; (iv) revenue, earnings, or income from mortgage banking activities; (v) taxable earnings or taxable income; (vi) REIT taxable earnings or REIT taxable income; (vii) gross or net sales or revenue (including, without limitation, revenue from gains); (viii) operating earnings, income or profit; (ix) gross or net profit or operating margin; (x) cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow and free cash flow); (xi) return on assets (including adjusted return on assets); (xii) return on capital (including adjusted return on capital); (xiii) return on investment (including adjusted return on investment); (xiv) return on equity or stockholders' equity (including adjusted return on equity or stockholders' equity); (xv) return on sales or revenue (including adjusted return on sales or revenue); (xvi) total stockholder return; (xvii) productivity or efficiency; (xviii) expenses, including, without limitation, expenses associated with a particular administrative department, business function or activity or expenses per loan or designated unit; (xix) working capital; (xx) any measure of revenue, sales, income, earnings, or profit described in clauses (i) through (ix) measured on a per share basis (basic or diluted) or per employee basis; (xxi) price per share; (xxii) implementation or completion of designated projects or initiatives or milestones relating to any such projects or initiatives; (xxiii) market share; (xxiv) dividends paid or payable; and (xxv) economic value (including economic profit), any of which may be measured on an adjusted basis and/or either in absolute terms or as compared to any incremental increase or decrease or as compared to results of a competitor or group of competitors, to results of a peer group, to market performance indicators or indices, or to other objective benchmarks.
- (b) The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may provide that one or more objectively determinable adjustments shall be made to one or more of the Performance Goals. Such adjustments may include one or more of the following: (i) items related to a change in accounting principle; (ii) items relating to financing activities; (iii) expenses for restructuring or productivity initiatives; (iv) other non-operating items; (v) items related to acquisitions; (vi) items attributable to the business operations of any entity acquired by the Company during the Performance Period; (vii) items related to the disposal of a business or segment of a business; (viii) items related to discontinued operations that do not qualify as a segment of a business under Applicable Accounting Standards; (ix) items attributable to any stock dividend, stock split, combination or exchange of stock occurring during the Performance Period; (x) any other items of significant income or expense which are determined to be appropriate adjustments; (xi) items relating to unusual or extraordinary corporate transactions, events or developments, (xii) items related to amortization of acquired intangible assets; (xiii) items that are outside the scope of the Company's core, on-going business activities; (xiv) items related to acquired in-process research and development; (xv) items relating to changes in tax laws; (xvi) items relating to major licensing or partnership arrangements; (xvii) items relating to asset impairment charges; (xviii) items relating to gains or losses for litigation, arbitration and contractual settlements; or (xix) items relating to any other unusual or nonrecurring events or changes in Applicable Law, accounting principles or business conditions.
- 2.42 "<u>Performance Goals</u>" shall mean, for a Performance Period, one or more goals established in writing by the Administrator for the Performance Period based upon one or more Performance Criteria. Depending on the Performance Criteria used to establish such Performance Goals, the Performance Goals may be expressed in terms of overall Company performance or the performance of a division, business unit, or an individual. The achievement of each Performance Goal shall be determined, to the extent applicable, with reference to Applicable Accounting Standards.

- 2.43 "<u>Performance Period</u>" shall mean one or more periods of time, which may be of varying and overlapping durations, as the Administrator may select, over which the attainment of one or more Performance Goals will be measured for the purpose of determining a Holder's right to, and the payment of, an Award.
- 2.44 "<u>Performance Stock Unit</u>" shall mean a Performance Award awarded under Section 10.1 which is denominated in units of value including dollar value of Shares.
- 2.45 "<u>Permitted Transferee</u>" shall mean, with respect to a Holder, (i) any "family member" of the Holder, as defined in the instructions to Form S-8 under the Securities Act, or (ii) with the prior approval of the Administrator, (a) a trust for the benefit of one or more of the Holder or any "family member" of the Holder as defined in clause (i) above, (b) a partnership, limited liability company or corporation in which the Holder or any "family member" of Holder as defined in clause (i) above are the only partners, members or shareholders, or (c) a charitable organization or foundation.
 - 2.46 "Plan" shall have the meaning set forth in Article 1.
 - 2.47 "Prior Plan" shall have the meaning set forth in Article 1.
- 2.48 "<u>Program</u>" shall mean any program adopted by the Administrator pursuant to the Plan containing the terms and conditions intended to govern a specified type of Award granted under the Plan and pursuant to which such type of Award may be granted under the Plan.
- 2.49 "<u>Restricted Stock</u>" shall mean Common Stock awarded under Article 8 that is subject to certain restrictions and may be subject to risk of forfeiture or repurchase.
- 2.50 "<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>" shall mean the right to receive a grant that is denominated in Shares (and payable in Shares, cash, or a combination thereof), awarded under Article 9.
 - 2.51 "Securities Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
 - 2.52 "Shares" shall mean shares of Common Stock.
 - 2.53 "Stock Appreciation Right" shall mean a stock appreciation right granted under Article 11.
 - 2.54 "Stock Appreciation Right Term" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11.4.
- 2.55 "Stock Payment" shall mean (a) a payment in the form of Shares, or (b) an option or other right to purchase Shares, as part of a bonus, deferred compensation or other arrangement, awarded under Section 10.3.
- 2.56 "<u>Subsidiary</u>" shall mean any entity (other than the Company), whether domestic or foreign, in an unbroken chain of entities beginning with the Company if each of the entities other than the last entity in the unbroken chain beneficially owns, at the time of the determination, securities or interests representing at least fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of securities or interests in one of the other entities in such chain.
- 2.57 "Substitute Award" shall mean an Award granted under the Plan upon the assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding equity awards previously granted by a company or other entity in connection with a corporate transaction, such as a merger, combination, consolidation or acquisition of property or stock; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in no event shall the term "Substitute Award" be construed to refer to an award made in connection with the cancellation and repricing of an Option or Stock Appreciation Right.

2.58 "Termination of Service" shall mean:

- (a) As to a Consultant, the time when the engagement of a Holder as a Consultant to the Company or an Affiliate is terminated for any reason, with or without cause, including, without limitation, by resignation, discharge, death or retirement, but excluding terminations where the Consultant simultaneously commences or remains in employment or service with the Company or any Affiliate.
- (b) As to a Non-Employee Director, the time when a Holder who is a Non-Employee Director ceases to be a Director for any reason, including, without limitation, a termination by resignation, failure to be elected, death or retirement, but excluding terminations where the Holder simultaneously commences or remains in employment or service with the Company or any Affiliate.
- (c) As to an Employee, the time when the employee-employer relationship between a Holder and the Company or any Affiliate is terminated for any reason, including, without limitation, a termination by resignation, discharge, death, disability or retirement; but excluding terminations where the Holder simultaneously commences or remains in employment or service with the Company or any Affiliate.

The Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall determine the effect of all matters and questions relating to any Termination of Service, including, without limitation, the question of whether a Termination of Service resulted from a discharge for cause and all questions of whether particular leaves of absence constitute a Termination of Service; provided, however, that, with respect to Incentive Stock Options, unless the Administrator otherwise provides in the terms of the Program, the Award Agreement or otherwise, or as otherwise required by Applicable Law, a leave of absence, change in status from an employee to an independent contractor or other change in the employee-employer relationship shall constitute a Termination of Service only if, and to the extent that, such leave of absence, change in status or other change interrupts employment for the purposes of Section 422(a)(2) of the Code and the then-applicable regulations and revenue rulings under said Section. For purposes of the Plan, a Holder's employee-employer relationship or consultancy relations shall be deemed to be terminated in the event that the Affiliate employing or contracting with such Holder ceases to remain an Affiliate following any merger, sale of stock or other corporate transaction or event (including, without limitation, a spin-off).

ARTICLE 3.

SHARES SUBJECT TO THE PLAN

3.1 Number of Shares.

- (a) Subject to adjustment as provided in Sections 3.1(b) and 14.2, a total of 21,033,956 Shares shall be authorized for Awards granted under the Plan, any or all of which may be delivered upon the exercise of Incentive Stock Options.⁴
- (b) If any Shares subject to an Award are forfeited or expire or an Award is settled for cash (in whole or in part) or otherwise does not result in the issuance of all or a portion of the Shares subject to such Award.
- (c) In the event that Shares delivered (either actually or by attestation) to the Company by a Holder to satisfy any applicable tax withholding obligation with respect to an Award, in either case, that is a Full Value Award (including Shares retained by the Company from the Award being purchased and/or creating the tax

⁴ Denotes aggregate share limit over the life of the Plan since its original adoption in 2014 (including the new 9,650,000 shares approved by the Board of Directors pursuant to this Second Amended and Restated Plan). As of March 14, 2023, the date on which the Board of Directors adopted the Second Amended and Restated Plan, the number of shares available for issuance with respect to future awards is 12,390,548 shares (including the new 9,650,000 shares approved by the Board of Directors pursuant to this Second Amended and Restated Plan).

obligation) will, as applicable, become or again be available for Award grants under the Plan. The payment of Dividend Equivalents in cash in conjunction with any outstanding Awards shall not be counted against the Shares available for issuance under the Plan. Effective as of the Effective Date, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the following Shares shall not be added to the Shares authorized for grant under Section 3.1(a) and shall not be available for future grants of Awards: (i) Shares subject to a Stock Appreciation Right that are not issued in connection with the stock settlement of the Stock Appreciation Right on exercise thereof; (ii) Shares purchased on the open market with the cash proceeds from the exercise of Options; and (iii) Shares delivered (either by actual delivery or attestation) to the Company by a Holder to satisfy the applicable exercise price of an Option or Stock Appreciation Right and/or to satisfy any applicable tax withholding obligation with respect to any such Award (including Shares retained by the Company from such Award being exercised and/or creating the tax obligation). Further, notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 3.1(b), no Shares may again be optioned, granted or awarded if such action would cause an Incentive Stock Option to fail to qualify as an incentive stock option under Section 422 of the Code.

- (d) Substitute Awards shall not reduce the Shares authorized for grant under the Plan, except that Shares acquired by exercise of substitute Incentive Stock Options will count against the maximum number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to the exercise of Incentive Stock Options under the Plan. Additionally, in the event that a company acquired by the Company or any Affiliate or with which the Company or any Affiliate combines has shares available under a pre-existing plan approved by stockholders and not adopted in contemplation of such acquisition or combination, the shares available for grant pursuant to the terms of such pre-existing plan (as adjusted, to the extent appropriate, using the exchange ratio or other adjustment or valuation ratio or formula used in such acquisition or combination to determine the consideration payable to the holders of common stock of the entities party to such acquisition or combination) may be used for Awards under the Plan and shall not reduce the Shares authorized for grant under the Plan; provided that Awards using such available Shares shall not be made after the date awards or grants could have been made under the terms of the pre-existing plan, absent the acquisition or combination, and shall only be made to individuals who were not employed by or providing services to the Company or its Affiliates immediately prior to such acquisition or combination.
- 3.2 <u>Stock Distributed</u>. Any Shares distributed pursuant to an Award may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued Common Stock, treasury Common Stock or Common Stock purchased on the open market.
- 3.3 <u>Limitation on Number of Shares Subject to Awards</u>. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, and subject to Section 14.2, (a) the maximum aggregate number of Shares with respect to one or more Awards of Options and/or Stock Appreciation Rights that may be granted to any one person during any calendar year shall be 2,000,000 Shares, (b) the maximum aggregate number of Shares with respect to one or more Awards (other than Options and Stock Appreciation Rights) that are denominated in Shares that may be granted to any one person during any calendar year shall be 2,000,000 Shares, (c) the maximum aggregate amount of cash that may be paid in cash to any one person during any calendar year with respect to one or more Awards that are denominated in cash shall be \$10,000,000. In addition, notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, the sum of any cash compensation and the grant date fair value (as determined on the date of grant) of all Awards granted to any one Non-Employee Director during any calendar year shall not exceed \$600,000 (the "Director Limit").

ARTICLE 4.

GRANTING OF AWARDS

4.1 <u>Participation</u>. The Administrator may, from time to time, select from among all Eligible Individuals, those to whom an Award shall be granted and shall determine the nature and amount of each Award, which shall not be inconsistent with the requirements of the Plan. Except as provided in Section 4.6 regarding the grant of Awards pursuant to the Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Policy, no Eligible Individual shall have any right to be granted an Award pursuant to the Plan.

- 4.2 <u>Award Agreement</u>. Each Award shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that sets forth the terms, conditions and limitations for such Award, which may include the term of the Award, the provisions applicable in the event of the Holder's Termination of Service, and the Company's authority to unilaterally or bilaterally amend, modify, suspend, cancel or rescind an Award. Award Agreements evidencing Incentive Stock Options shall contain such terms and conditions as may be necessary to meet the applicable provisions of Section 422 of the Code.
- 4.3 <u>Limitations Applicable to Section 16 Persons</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Plan, and any Award granted or awarded to any individual who is then subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, shall be subject to any additional limitations set forth in any applicable exemptive rule under Section 16 of the Exchange Act (including Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act and any amendments thereto) that are requirements for the application of such exemptive rule. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Plan and Awards granted or awarded hereunder shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to such applicable exemptive rule.
- 4.4 <u>At-Will Employment; Voluntary Participation</u>. Nothing in the Plan or in any Program or Award Agreement hereunder shall confer upon any Holder any right to continue in the employ of, or as a Director or Consultant for, the Company or any Affiliate, or shall interfere with or restrict in any way the rights of the Company and any Affiliate, which rights are hereby expressly reserved, to discharge any Holder at any time for any reason whatsoever, with or without cause, and with or without notice, or to terminate or change all other terms and conditions of employment or engagement, except to the extent expressly provided otherwise in a written agreement between the Holder and the Company or any Affiliate. Participation by each Holder in the Plan shall be voluntary and nothing in the Plan shall be construed as mandating that any Eligible Individual shall participate in the Plan.
- 4.5 Foreign Holders. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, in order to comply with the laws in countries other than the United States in which the Company and its Affiliates may operate or have Employees, Non-Employee Directors or Consultants, or in order to comply with the requirements of any foreign securities exchange, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall have the power and authority to: (a) determine which Affiliates shall be covered by the Plan; (b) determine which Eligible Individuals outside the United States are eligible to participate in the Plan; (c) modify the terms and conditions of any Award granted to Eligible Individuals outside the United States to comply with applicable foreign laws or listing requirements of any such foreign securities exchange; (d) establish subplans and modify exercise procedures and other terms and procedures, to the extent such actions may be necessary or advisable (any such subplans and/or modifications shall be attached to the Plan as appendices); provided, however, that no such subplans and/or modifications shall increase the share limitations contained in Sections 3.1 and 3.3; and (e) take any action, before or after an Award is made, that it deems advisable to obtain approval or comply with any necessary local governmental regulatory exemptions or approvals or listing requirements of any such foreign securities exchange. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrator may not take any actions hereunder, and no Awards shall be granted, that would violate Applicable Law. For purposes of the Plan, all references to foreign laws, rules, regulations or taxes shall be references to the laws, rules, regulations and taxes of any applicable jurisdiction other than the United States or a political subdivision thereof.
- 4.6 Non-Employee Director Awards. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may provide that Awards granted to Non-Employee Directors shall be granted pursuant to a written nondiscretionary formula established by the Administrator (the "Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Policy"), subject to the limitations of the Plan. The Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Policy shall set forth the type of Award(s) to be granted to Non-Employee Directors, the number of Shares to be subject to Non-Employee Director Awards, the conditions on which such Awards shall be granted, become exercisable and/or payable and expire, and such other terms and conditions as the Administrator shall determine in its sole discretion. The Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Policy may be modified by the Administrator from time to time in its sole discretion.
- 4.7 <u>Stand-Alone and Tandem Awards</u>. Awards granted pursuant to the Plan may, in the sole discretion of the Administrator, be granted either alone, in addition to, or in tandem with, any other Award granted pursuant to the Plan. Awards granted in addition to or in tandem with other Awards may be granted either at the same time as or at a different time from the grant of such other Awards.

ARTICLE 5.

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ARTICLE 6.

GRANTING OF OPTIONS

- 6.1 <u>Granting of Options to Eligible Individuals</u>. The Administrator is authorized to grant Options to Eligible Individuals from time to time, in its sole discretion, on such terms and conditions as it may determine, which shall not be inconsistent with the Plan.
- 6.2 Qualification of Incentive Stock Options. No Incentive Stock Option shall be granted to any person who is not an Employee of the Company or any subsidiary corporation (as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code) of the Company. No person who qualifies as a Greater Than 10% Stockholder may be granted an Incentive Stock Option unless such Incentive Stock Option conforms to the applicable provisions of Section 422 of the Code. Any Incentive Stock Option granted under the Plan may be modified by the Administrator, with the consent of the Holder, to disqualify such Option from treatment as an "incentive stock option" under Section 422 of the Code. To the extent that the aggregate Fair Market Value of stock with respect to which "incentive stock options" (within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, but without regard to Section 422(d) of the Code) are exercisable for the first time by a Holder during any calendar year under the Plan, and all other plans of the Company and any parent or subsidiary corporation thereof (each as defined in Section 424(e) and 424(f) of the Code, respectively), exceeds \$100,000, the Options shall be treated as Non-Qualified Stock Options to the extent required by Section 422 of the Code. The rule set forth in the immediately preceding sentence shall be applied by taking Options and other "incentive stock options" into account in the order in which they were granted and the Fair Market Value of stock shall be determined as of the time the respective options were granted.
- 6.3 Option Exercise Price. The exercise price per Share subject to each Option shall be set by the Administrator, but shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date the Option is granted (or, as to Incentive Stock Options, on the date the Option is modified, extended or renewed for purposes of Section 424(h) of the Code). In addition, in the case of Incentive Stock Options granted to a Greater Than 10% Stockholder, such price shall not be less than 110% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date the Option is granted (or the date the Option is modified, extended or renewed for purposes of Section 424(h) of the Code).
- 6.4 Option Term. The term of each Option (the "Option Term") shall be set by the Administrator in its sole discretion; provided, however, that the Option Term shall not be more than ten (10) years from the date the Option is granted, or five (5) years from the date an Incentive Stock Option is granted to a Greater Than 10% Stockholder. The Administrator shall determine the time period, including the time period following a Termination of Service, during which the Holder has the right to exercise the vested Options, which time period may not extend beyond the last day of the Option Term. Except as limited by the requirements of Section 409A or Section 422 of the Code and regulations and rulings thereunder and the first sentence of this Section 6.4, the Administrator may extend the Option Term of any outstanding Option, and may extend the time period during which vested Options may be exercised, in connection with any Termination of Service of the Holder, and may amend, subject to Section 14.1, any other term or condition of such Option relating to such a Termination of Service.

6.5 Option Vesting.

- (a) The period during which the right to exercise, in whole or in part, an Option vests in the Holder shall be set by the Administrator and the Administrator may determine that an Option may not be exercised in whole or in part for a specified period after it is granted. Such vesting may be based on service with the Company or any Affiliate, any of the Performance Criteria, or any other criteria selected by the Administrator, and, except as limited by the Plan, at any time after the grant of an Option, the Administrator, in its sole discretion and subject to whatever terms and conditions it selects, may accelerate the period during which an Option vests.
- (b) No portion of an Option which is unexercisable at a Holder's Termination of Service shall thereafter become exercisable, except as may be otherwise provided by the Administrator either in the applicable Program, the Award Agreement evidencing the grant of an Option, or by action of the Administrator following the grant of the Option. Unless otherwise determined by the Administrator in the Award Agreement or by action of the Administrator following the grant of the Option, the portion of an Option that is unexercisable at a Holder's Termination of Service shall automatically expire thirty (30) days following such Termination of Service.
- 6.6 <u>Substitute Awards</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article 6 to the contrary, in the case of an Option that is a Substitute Award, the price per share of the Shares subject to such Option may be less than the Fair Market Value per share on the date of grant; <u>provided</u> that the excess of: (a) the aggregate Fair Market Value (as of the date such Substitute Award is granted) of the Shares subject to the Substitute Award, over (b) the aggregate exercise price thereof does not exceed the excess of: (x) the aggregate fair market value (as of the time immediately preceding the transaction giving rise to the Substitute Award, such fair market value to be determined by the Administrator) of the shares of the predecessor entity that were subject to the grant assumed or substituted for by the Company, over (y) the aggregate exercise price of such shares.

ARTICLE 7.

EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

- 7.1 <u>Partial Exercise</u>. An exercisable Option may be exercised in whole or in part. However, an Option shall not be exercisable with respect to fractional Shares and the Administrator may require that, by the terms of the Option, a partial exercise must be with respect to a minimum number of Shares.
- 7.2 <u>Manner of Exercise</u>. All or a portion of an exercisable Option shall be deemed exercised upon delivery of all of the following to the Secretary of the Company, the stock administrator of the Company or such other person or entity designated by the Administrator, or his, her or its office, as applicable:
- (a) A written or electronic notice complying with the applicable rules established by the Administrator stating that the Option, or a portion thereof, is exercised. The notice shall be signed by the Holder or other person then entitled to exercise the Option or such portion of the Option;
- (b) Such representations and documents as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, deems necessary or advisable to effect compliance with Applicable Law. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may also take whatever additional actions it deems appropriate to effect such compliance including, without limitation, placing legends on share certificates and issuing stop-transfer notices to agents and registrars;
- (c) In the event that the Option shall be exercised pursuant to Section 12.3 by any person or persons other than the Holder, appropriate proof of the right of such person or persons to exercise the Option, as determined in the sole discretion of the Administrator; and

- (d) Full payment of the exercise price and applicable withholding taxes to the stock administrator of the Company for the Shares with respect to which the Option, or portion thereof, is exercised, in a manner permitted by Sections 12.1 and 12.2.
- 7.3 <u>Notification Regarding Disposition</u>. The Holder shall give the Company prompt written or electronic notice of any disposition of Shares acquired by exercise of an Incentive Stock Option which occurs within (a) two years from the date of granting (including the date the Option is modified, extended or renewed for purposes of Section 424(h) of the Code) such Option to such Holder, or (b) one year after the transfer of such Shares to such Holder.

ARTICLE 8.

AWARD OF RESTRICTED STOCK

8.1 Award of Restricted Stock.

- (a) The Administrator is authorized to grant Restricted Stock to Eligible Individuals, and shall determine the terms and conditions, including the restrictions applicable to each award of Restricted Stock, which terms and conditions shall not be inconsistent with the Plan, and may impose such conditions on the issuance of such Restricted Stock as it deems appropriate.
- (b) The Administrator shall establish the purchase price, if any, and form of payment for Restricted Stock; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if a purchase price is charged, such purchase price shall be no less than the par value, if any, of the Shares to be purchased, unless otherwise permitted by Applicable Law. In all cases, legal consideration shall be required for each issuance of Restricted Stock.
- 8.2 <u>Rights as Stockholders</u>. Subject to Section 8.4, upon issuance of Restricted Stock, the Holder shall have, unless otherwise provided by the Administrator, all the rights of a stockholder with respect to said Shares, subject to the restrictions in the applicable Program or in each individual Award Agreement, including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions paid or made with respect to the Shares; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, in the sole discretion of the Administrator, any extraordinary distributions with respect to the Shares shall be subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 8.3. In addition, with respect to a share of Restricted Stock with performance-based vesting, dividends which are paid to other stockholders prior to vesting shall only be paid out to the Holder to the extent that the performance-based vesting conditions are subsequently satisfied and if/when the share of Restricted Stock vests.
- 8.3 Restrictions. All shares of Restricted Stock (including any shares received by Holders thereof with respect to shares of Restricted Stock as a result of stock dividends, stock splits or any other form of recapitalization) shall, in the terms of the applicable Program or in each individual Award Agreement, be subject to such restrictions and vesting requirements as the Administrator shall provide. Such restrictions may include, without limitation, restrictions concerning voting rights and transferability and such restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such times and pursuant to such circumstances or based on such criteria as selected by the Administrator, including, without limitation, criteria based on the Holder's duration of employment, directorship or consultancy with the Company, the Performance Criteria, Company performance, individual performance or other criteria selected by the Administrator. By action taken after the Restricted Stock is issued, the Administrator may, on such terms and conditions as it may determine to be appropriate, accelerate the vesting of such Restricted Stock by removing any or all of the restrictions imposed by the terms of the applicable Program or Award Agreement. Restricted Stock may not be sold or encumbered until all restrictions are terminated or expire.
- 8.4 <u>Repurchase or Forfeiture of Restricted Stock</u>. Except as otherwise determined by the Administrator at the time of the grant of the Award or thereafter, if no price was paid by the Holder for the Restricted Stock, upon

a Termination of Service during the applicable restriction period, the Holder's rights in unvested Restricted Stock then subject to restrictions shall lapse, and such Restricted Stock shall be surrendered to the Company and cancelled without consideration. If a price was paid by the Holder for the Restricted Stock, upon a Termination of Service during the applicable restriction period, the Company shall have the right to repurchase from the Holder the unvested Restricted Stock then subject to restrictions at a cash price per share equal to the price paid by the Holder for such Restricted Stock or such other amount as may be specified in the applicable Program or Award Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may provide that upon certain events, including a Change in Control, the Holder's death, retirement or disability or any other specified Termination of Service or any other event, the Holder's rights in unvested Restricted Stock shall not lapse, such Restricted Stock shall vest and, if applicable, the Company shall not have a right of repurchase.

- 8.5 Certificates for Restricted Stock. Restricted Stock granted pursuant to the Plan may be evidenced in such manner as the Administrator shall determine. Certificates or book entries evidencing shares of Restricted Stock shall include an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions, and restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock. The Company, in its sole discretion, may (a) retain physical possession of any stock certificate evidencing shares of Restricted Stock until the restrictions thereon shall have lapsed and/or (b) require that the stock certificates evidencing shares of Restricted Stock be held in custody by a designated escrow agent (which may but need not be the Company) until the restrictions thereon shall have lapsed, and that the Holder deliver a stock power, endorsed in blank, relating to such Restricted Stock.
- 8.6 <u>Section 83(b) Election</u>. If a Holder makes an election under Section 83(b) of the Code to be taxed with respect to the Restricted Stock as of the date of transfer of the Restricted Stock rather than as of the date or dates upon which the Holder would otherwise be taxable under Section 83(a) of the Code, the Holder shall be required to deliver a copy of such election to the Company promptly after filing such election with the Internal Revenue Service along with proof of the timely filing thereof with the Internal Revenue Service.

ARTICLE 9.

AWARD OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS

- 9.1 <u>Grant of Restricted Stock Units</u>. The Administrator is authorized to grant Awards of Restricted Stock Units to any Eligible Individual selected by the Administrator in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions as determined by the Administrator.
- 9.2 <u>Term</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, the term of a Restricted Stock Unit award shall be set by the Administrator in its sole discretion.
- 9.3 <u>Purchase Price</u>. The Administrator shall specify the purchase price, if any, to be paid by the Holder to the Company with respect to any Restricted Stock Unit award; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that value of the consideration shall not be less than the par value of a Share, unless otherwise permitted by Applicable Law.
- 9.4 <u>Vesting of Restricted Stock Units</u>. At the time of grant, the Administrator shall specify the date or dates on which the Restricted Stock Units shall become fully vested and nonforfeitable, and may specify such conditions to vesting as it deems appropriate, including, without limitation, vesting based upon the Holder's duration of service to the Company or any Affiliate, one or more Performance Criteria, Company performance, individual performance or other specific criteria, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods, as determined by the Administrator.
- 9.5 <u>Maturity and Payment</u>. At the time of grant, the Administrator shall specify the maturity date applicable to each grant of Restricted Stock Units, which shall be no earlier than the vesting date or dates of the

Award and may be determined at the election of the Holder (if permitted by the applicable Award Agreement); provided that, except as otherwise determined by the Administrator, set forth in any applicable Award Agreement, and subject to compliance with Section 409A of the Code, in no event shall the maturity date relating to each Restricted Stock Unit occur following the later of (a) the 15th day of the third month following the end of calendar year in which the applicable portion of the Restricted Stock Unit vests; or (b) the 15th day of the third month following the end of the Company's fiscal year in which the applicable portion of the Restricted Stock Unit vests. On the maturity date, the Company shall, subject to Section 12.4(e), transfer to the Holder one unrestricted, fully transferable Share for each Restricted Stock Unit scheduled to be paid out on such date and not previously forfeited, or in the sole discretion of the Administrator, an amount in cash equal to the Fair Market Value of such Shares on the maturity date or a combination of cash and Common Stock as determined by the Administrator.

- 9.6 <u>Payment upon Termination of Service</u>. An Award of Restricted Stock Units shall only be payable while the Holder is an Employee, a Consultant or a member of the Board, as applicable; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may provide (in an Award Agreement or otherwise) that a Restricted Stock Unit award may be paid subsequent to a Termination of Service in certain events, including a Change in Control, the Holder's death, retirement or disability or any other specified Termination of Service.
- 9.7 No Rights as a Stockholder. Unless otherwise determined by the Administrator, a Holder of Restricted Stock Units shall possess no incidents of ownership with respect to the Shares represented by such Restricted Stock Units, unless and until such Shares are transferred to the Holder pursuant to the terms of this Plan and the Award Agreement.

ARTICLE 10.

AWARD OF PERFORMANCE AWARDS, DIVIDEND EQUIVALENTS, STOCK PAYMENTS, DEFERRED STOCK UNITS

10.1 Performance Awards.

- (a) The Administrator is authorized to grant Performance Awards, including Awards of Performance Stock Units, to any Eligible Individual. The value of Performance Awards, including Performance Stock Units, may be linked to any one or more of the Performance Criteria or other specific criteria determined by the Administrator, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods and in such amounts as may be determined by the Administrator. Performance Awards, including Performance Stock Unit awards may be paid in cash, Shares, or a combination of cash and Shares, as determined by the Administrator.
- (b) Without limiting Section 10.1(a), the Administrator may grant Performance Awards to any Eligible Individual in the form of a cash bonus payable upon the attainment of objective Performance Goals, or such other criteria, whether or not objective, which are established by the Administrator, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Administrator.

10.2 Dividend Equivalents.

(a) Dividend Equivalents may be granted by the Administrator based on dividends declared on the Common Stock, to be credited as of dividend payment dates with respect to dividends with record dates that occur during the period between the date an Award is granted to a Holder and the date such Award vests, is exercised, is distributed or expires, as determined by the Administrator. Such Dividend Equivalents shall be converted to cash or additional Shares by such formula and at such time and subject to such restrictions and limitations as may be determined by the Administrator. In addition, Dividend Equivalents with respect to an Award with performance-based vesting that are based on dividends paid to other stockholders prior to the vesting of such Award shall only be paid out to the Holder to the extent that the performance-based vesting conditions are subsequently satisfied and if/ when the Award vests.

- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Dividend Equivalents shall be payable with respect to Options or Stock Appreciation Rights.
- 10.3 Stock Payments. The Administrator is authorized to make Stock Payments to any Eligible Individual. The number or value of Shares of any Stock Payment shall be determined by the Administrator and may be based upon one or more Performance Criteria or any other specific criteria, including service to the Company or any Affiliate, determined by the Administrator. Shares underlying a Stock Payment which is subject to a vesting schedule or other conditions or criteria set by the Administrator shall not be issued until those conditions have been satisfied. Unless otherwise provided by the Administrator, a Holder of a Stock Payment shall have no rights as a Company stockholder with respect to such Stock Payment until such time as the Stock Payment has vested and the Shares underlying the Award have been issued to the Holder. Stock Payments may, but are not required to, be made in lieu of base salary, bonus, fees or other cash compensation otherwise payable to such Eligible Individual.
- 10.4 <u>Deferred Stock Units</u>. The Administrator is authorized to grant Deferred Stock Units to any Eligible Individual. The number of Deferred Stock Units shall be determined by the Administrator and may (but is not required to) be based on one or more Performance Criteria or other specific criteria, including service to the Company or any Affiliate, as the Administrator determines, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Administrator. Each Deferred Stock Unit shall entitle the Holder thereof to receive one Share on the date the Deferred Stock Unit becomes vested or upon a specified settlement date thereafter (which settlement date may (but is not required to) be the date of the Holder's Termination of Service). Shares underlying a Deferred Stock Unit award which is subject to a vesting schedule or other conditions or criteria set by the Administrator shall not be issued until on or following the date that those conditions and criteria have been satisfied. Unless otherwise provided by the Administrator, a Holder of Deferred Stock Units shall have no rights as a Company stockholder with respect to such Deferred Stock Units until such time as the Award have vested and any other applicable conditions and/or criteria have been satisfied and the Shares underlying the Award have been issued to the Holder.
- 10.5 <u>Term</u>. The term of a Performance Award, Dividend Equivalent award, Stock Payment award, and/or Deferred Stock Unit award shall be established by the Administrator in its sole discretion.
- 10.6 <u>Purchase Price</u>. The Administrator may establish the purchase price of a Performance Award, Shares distributed as a Stock Payment award, Shares distributed pursuant to a Deferred Stock Unit award; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that value of the consideration shall not be less than the par value of a Share, unless otherwise permitted by Applicable Law.
- 10.7 <u>Termination of Service</u>. A Performance Award, Stock Payment award, Dividend Equivalent award, and/or Deferred Stock Unit award is distributable only while the Holder is an Employee, Director or Consultant, as applicable. The Administrator, however, in its sole discretion, may provide that the Performance Award, Dividend Equivalent award, Stock Payment award, and/or Deferred Stock Unit award may be distributed subsequent to a Termination of Service in certain events, including a Change in Control, the Holder's death, retirement or disability or any other specified Termination of Service.

ARTICLE 11.

AWARD OF STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS

11.1 Grant of Stock Appreciation Rights.

- (a) The Administrator is authorized to grant Stock Appreciation Rights to Eligible Individuals from time to time, in its sole discretion, on such terms and conditions as it may determine, which shall not be inconsistent with the Plan.
- (b) A Stock Appreciation Right shall entitle the Holder (or other person entitled to exercise the Stock Appreciation Right pursuant to the Plan) to exercise all or a specified portion of the Stock Appreciation Right (to the extent then exercisable pursuant to its terms) and to receive from the Company an amount determined by multiplying the difference obtained by subtracting the exercise price per share of the Stock Appreciation Right from the Fair Market Value on the date of exercise of the Stock Appreciation Right by the number of Shares with respect to which the Stock Appreciation Right shall have been exercised, subject to any limitations the Administrator may impose. Except as described in (c) below, the exercise price per Share subject to each Stock Appreciation Right shall be set by the Administrator, but shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value on the date the Stock Appreciation Right is granted.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of Section 11.1(b) to the contrary, in the case of a Stock Appreciation Right that is a Substitute Award, the price per share of the Shares subject to such Stock Appreciation Right may be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value per share on the date of grant; provided that the excess of: (i) the aggregate Fair Market Value (as of the date such Substitute Award is granted) of the Shares subject to the Substitute Award, over (ii) the aggregate exercise price thereof does not exceed the excess of: (x) the aggregate fair market value (as of the time immediately preceding the transaction giving rise to the Substitute Award, such fair market value to be determined by the Administrator) of the shares of the predecessor entity that were subject to the grant assumed or substituted for by the Company, over (y) the aggregate exercise price of such shares.

11.2 Stock Appreciation Right Vesting.

- (a) The period during which the right to exercise, in whole or in part, a Stock Appreciation Right vests in the Holder shall be set by the Administrator and the Administrator may determine that a Stock Appreciation Right may not be exercised in whole or in part for a specified period after it is granted. Such vesting may be based on service with the Company or any Affiliate, any of the Performance Criteria, or any other criteria selected by the Administrator. Except as limited by the Plan, at any time after grant of a Stock Appreciation Right, the Administrator, in its sole discretion and subject to whatever terms and conditions it selects, may accelerate the period during which a Stock Appreciation Right vests.
- (b) No portion of a Stock Appreciation Right which is unexercisable at a Holder's Termination of Service shall thereafter become exercisable, except as may be otherwise provided by the Administrator in the applicable Program, the Award Agreement evidencing the grant of a Stock Appreciation Right, or by action of the Administrator following the grant of the Stock Appreciation Right.
- 11.3 <u>Manner of Exercise</u>. All or a portion of an exercisable Stock Appreciation Right shall be deemed exercised upon delivery of all of the following to the Secretary of the Company, the stock administrator of the Company, or such other person or entity designated by the Administrator, or his, her or its office, as applicable:
- (a) A written or electronic notice complying with the applicable rules established by the Administrator stating that the Stock Appreciation Right, or a portion thereof, is exercised. The notice shall be signed

by the Holder or other person then entitled to exercise the Stock Appreciation Right or such portion of the Stock Appreciation Right;

- (b) Such representations and documents as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, deems necessary or advisable to effect compliance with Applicable Law. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may also take whatever additional actions it deems appropriate to effect such compliance, including, without limitation, placing legends on share certificates and issuing stop-transfer notices to agents and registrars;
- (c) In the event that the Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercised pursuant to this Section 11.3 by any person or persons other than the Holder, appropriate proof of the right of such person or persons to exercise the Stock Appreciation Right, as determined in the sole discretion of the Administrator; and
- (d) Full payment of the exercise price and applicable withholding taxes to the stock administrator of the Company for the Shares with respect to which the Stock Appreciation Right, or portion thereof, is exercised, in a manner permitted by Sections 12.1 and 12.2.
- 11.4 Stock Appreciation Right Term. The term of each Stock Appreciation Right (the "Stock Appreciation Right Term") shall be set by the Administrator in its sole discretion; provided, however, that the Stock Appreciation Right Term shall not be more than ten (10) years from the date the Stock Appreciation Right is granted. The Administrator shall determine the time period, including the time period following a Termination of Service, during which the Holder has the right to exercise the vested Stock Appreciation Rights, which time period may not extend beyond the last day of the Stock Appreciation Right Term applicable to such Stock Appreciation Right. Except as limited by the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and regulations and rulings thereunder and the first sentence of this Section 11.4, the Administrator may extend the Stock Appreciation Right Term of any outstanding Stock Appreciation Right, and may extend the time period during which vested Stock Appreciation Rights may be exercised, in connection with any Termination of Service of the Holder, and may amend, subject to Section 14.1, any other term or condition of such Stock Appreciation Right relating to such a Termination of Service.
- 11.5 <u>Payment</u>. Payment of the amounts payable with respect to Stock Appreciation Rights pursuant to this Article 11 shall be in cash, Shares (based on its Fair Market Value as of the date the Stock Appreciation Right is exercised), or a combination of both, as determined by the Administrator.

ARTICLE 12.

ADDITIONAL TERMS OF AWARDS

12.1 Payment. The Administrator shall determine the methods by which payments by any Holder with respect to any Awards granted under the Plan shall be made, including, without limitation: (a) cash or check, (b) Shares (including, in the case of payment of the exercise price of an Award, Shares issuable pursuant to the exercise of the Award) or Shares held for such period of time as may be required by the Administrator in order to avoid adverse accounting consequences, in each case, having a Fair Market Value on the date of delivery equal to the aggregate payments required, (c) delivery of a written or electronic notice that the Holder has placed a market sell order with a broker acceptable to the Company with respect to Shares then issuable upon exercise or vesting of an Award, and that the broker has been directed to pay a sufficient portion of the net proceeds of the sale to the Company in satisfaction of the aggregate payments required; <u>provided</u> that payment of such proceeds is then made to the Company upon settlement of such sale, or (d) other form of legal consideration acceptable to the Administrator in its sole discretion. The Administrator shall also determine the methods by which Shares shall be delivered or deemed to be delivered to Holders. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, no Holder who is a Director or an "executive officer" of the Company within the meaning of Section 13(k) of the Exchange Act shall be permitted to make payment with respect to any Awards granted under the Plan, or continue

any extension of credit with respect to such payment, with a loan from the Company or a loan arranged by the Company in violation of Section 13(k) of the Exchange Act.

12.2 Tax Withholding. The Company or any Affiliate shall have the authority and the right to deduct or withhold, or require a Holder to remit to the Company, an amount sufficient to satisfy federal, state, local and foreign taxes (including the Holder's FICA, employment tax or other social security contribution obligation) required by law to be withheld with respect to any taxable event concerning a Holder arising as a result of the Plan. The Administrator, in its sole discretion and in satisfaction of the foregoing requirement or in satisfaction of any additional tax withholding, cause the Company to, or allow a Holder to elect to have the Company withhold Shares otherwise issuable under an Award (or allow the surrender of Shares). The number of Shares which may be so withheld or surrendered shall be limited to the number of Shares which have a fair market value on the date of withholding or repurchase no greater than the aggregate amount of such liabilities based on the maximum individual statutory withholding rates for the applicable jurisdictions. The Administrator shall determine the fair market value of the Shares, consistent with applicable provisions of the Code, for tax withholding obligations due in connection with a broker-assisted cashless Option or Stock Appreciation Right exercise involving the sale of Shares to pay the Option or Stock Appreciation Right exercise price or any tax withholding obligation.

12.3 Transferability of Awards.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 12.3(b) and 12.3(c):
- (i) No Award under the Plan may be sold, pledged, assigned or transferred in any manner other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution or, subject to the consent of the Administrator, pursuant to a DRO, unless and until such Award has been exercised, or the Shares underlying such Award have been issued, and all restrictions applicable to such Shares have lapsed;
- (ii) No Award or interest or right therein shall be liable for the debts, contracts or engagements of the Holder or the Holder's successors in interest or shall be subject to disposition by transfer, alienation, anticipation, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance, assignment or any other means whether such disposition be voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law by judgment, levy, attachment, garnishment or any other legal or equitable proceedings (including bankruptcy), and any attempted disposition thereof shall be null and void and of no effect, except to the extent that such disposition is permitted by Section 12.3(a)(i); and
- (iii) During the lifetime of the Holder, only the Holder may exercise an Award (or any portion thereof) granted to such Holder under the Plan, unless it has been disposed of pursuant to a DRO; after the death of the Holder, any exercisable portion of an Award may, prior to the time when such portion becomes unexercisable under the Plan or the applicable Program or Award Agreement, be exercised by the Holder's personal representative or by any person empowered to do so under the deceased Holder's will or under the then-applicable laws of descent and distribution.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 12.3(a), the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may determine to permit a Holder to transfer an Award other than an Incentive Stock Option to any one or more Permitted Transferees, subject to the following terms and conditions: (i) an Award transferred to a Permitted Transferee shall not be assignable or transferable by the Permitted Transferee other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution or pursuant to a DRO; (ii) an Award transferred to a Permitted Transferee shall continue to be subject to all the terms and conditions of the Award as applicable to the original Holder (other than the ability to further transfer the Award); (iii) the Holder and the Permitted Transferee shall execute any and all documents requested by the Administrator, including, without limitation documents to (A) confirm the status of the transferee as a Permitted Transferee, (B) satisfy any requirements for an exemption for the transfer under Applicable Law and (C) evidence the transfer; and (iv) any transfer of an Award to a Permitted Transferee shall be without consideration, except as required by Applicable Law.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 12.3(a), a Holder may, in the manner determined by the Administrator, designate a beneficiary to exercise the rights of the Holder and to receive any distribution with respect to any Award upon the Holder's death. A beneficiary, legal guardian, legal representative, or other person claiming any rights pursuant to the Plan is subject to all terms and conditions of the Plan and any Program or Award Agreement applicable to the Holder, except to the extent the Plan, the Program and the Award Agreement otherwise provide, and to any additional restrictions deemed necessary or appropriate by the Administrator. If the Holder is married or a domestic partner in a domestic partnership qualified under Applicable Law and resides in a community property state, a designation of a person other than the Holder's spouse or domestic partner, as applicable, as the Holder's beneficiary with respect to more than 50% of the Holder's interest in the Award shall not be effective without the prior written or electronic consent of the Holder's spouse or domestic partner. If no beneficiary has been designated or survives the Holder, payment shall be made to the person entitled thereto pursuant to the Holder's will or the laws of descent and distribution. Subject to the foregoing, a beneficiary designation may be changed or revoked by a Holder at any time; provided that the change or revocation is filed with the Administrator prior to the Holder's death.

12.4 Conditions to Issuance of Shares.

- (a) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any certificates or make any book entries evidencing Shares pursuant to the exercise of any Award, unless and until the Board or the Committee has determined, with advice of counsel, that the issuance of such Shares is in compliance with Applicable Law and the Shares are covered by an effective registration statement or applicable exemption from registration. In addition to the terms and conditions provided herein, the Board or the Committee may require that a Holder make such reasonable covenants, agreements and representations as the Board or the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems advisable in order to comply with Applicable Law.
- (b) All share certificates delivered pursuant to the Plan and all Shares issued pursuant to book entry procedures are subject to any stop-transfer orders and other restrictions as the Administrator deems necessary or advisable to comply with Applicable Law. The Administrator may place legends on any share certificate or book entry to reference restrictions applicable to the Shares.
- (c) The Administrator shall have the right to require any Holder to comply with any timing or other restrictions with respect to the settlement, distribution or exercise of any Award, including a window-period limitation, as may be imposed in the sole discretion of the Administrator.
- (d) No fractional Shares shall be issued and the Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether cash shall be given in lieu of fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares shall be eliminated by rounding down.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator or required by Applicable Law, the Company shall not deliver to any Holder certificates evidencing Shares issued in connection with any Award and instead such Shares shall be recorded in the books of the Company (or, as applicable, its transfer agent or stock plan administrator).
- 12.5 <u>Forfeiture and Claw-Back Provisions</u>. Pursuant to its general authority to determine the terms and conditions applicable to Awards under the Plan, the Administrator shall have the right to provide, in an Award Agreement or otherwise, or to require a Holder to agree by separate written or electronic instrument, that:
- (a) (i) Any proceeds, gains or other economic benefit actually or constructively received by the Holder upon any receipt or exercise of the Award, or upon the receipt or resale of any Shares underlying the Award, shall be paid to the Company, and (ii) the Award shall terminate and any unexercised portion of the Award (whether or not vested) shall be forfeited, if (x) a Termination of Service occurs prior to a specified date, or within a specified time period following receipt or exercise of the Award, or (y) the Holder at any time, or during a specified time period, engages in any activity in competition with the Company, or which is inimical, contrary or harmful to the

interests of the Company, as further defined by the Administrator or (z) the Holder incurs a Termination of Service for "cause" (as such term is defined in the sole discretion of the Administrator, or as set forth in a written agreement relating to such Award between the Company and the Holder); and

- (b) All Awards (including any proceeds, gains or other economic benefit actually or constructively received by the Holder upon any receipt or exercise of any Award or upon the receipt or resale of any Shares underlying the Award) shall be subject to the provisions of any claw-back policy implemented by the Company, including, without limitation, any claw-back policy adopted to comply with the requirements of Applicable Law, including without limitation the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder, to the extent set forth in such claw-back policy and/or in the applicable Award Agreement.
- 12.6 <u>Prohibition on Repricing</u>. Subject to Section 14.2, the Administrator shall not, without the approval of the stockholders of the Company, (i) authorize the amendment of any outstanding Option or Stock Appreciation Right to reduce its price per share, (ii) cancel any Option or Stock Appreciation Right in exchange for cash or another Award when the Option or Stock Appreciation Right price per share exceeds the Fair Market Value of the underlying Shares, or (iii) take any other action with respect to an Option or Stock Appreciation Right that would be treated as a repricing under the rules and regulations of the principal United States national securities exchange on which the Shares are traded.
- 12.7 Data Privacy. As a condition for receiving any Award, each Holder explicitly and unambiguously consents to the collection, use and transfer, in electronic or other form, of personal data as described in this Section 12.7 by and among the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates exclusively for implementing, administering and managing the Holder's participation in the Plan. The Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates may hold certain personal information about a Holder, including the Holder's name, address and telephone number; birthdate: social security, insurance number or other identification number; salary; nationality; job title(s); any Shares held in the Company or its Subsidiaries and Affiliates; and Award details, to implement, manage and administer the Plan and Awards (the "Data"). The Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates may transfer the Data amongst themselves as necessary to implement, administer and manage a Holder's participation in the Plan, and the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates may transfer the Data to third parties assisting the Company with Plan implementation, administration and management. These recipients may be located in the Holder's country, or elsewhere, and the Holder's country may have different data privacy laws and protections than the recipients' country. By accepting an Award, each Holder authorizes such recipients to receive, possess, use, retain and transfer the Data, in electronic or other form, to implement, administer and manage the Holder's participation in the Plan, including any required Data transfer to a broker or other third party with whom the Company or the Holder may elect to deposit any Shares. The Data related to a Holder will be held only as long as necessary to implement, administer, and manage the Holder's participation in the Plan. A Holder may, at any time, view the Data that the Company holds regarding such Holder, request additional information about the storage and processing of the Data regarding such Holder, recommend any necessary corrections to the Data regarding the Holder or refuse or withdraw the consents in this Section 12.7 in writing, without cost, by contacting the local human resources representative. The Company may cancel Holder's ability to participate in the Plan and, in the Administrator's sole discretion, the Holder may forfeit any outstanding Awards if the Holder refuses or withdraws the consents in this Section 12.7. For more information on the consequences of refusing or withdrawing consent, Holders may contact their local human resources representative.

ARTICLE 13.

ADMINISTRATION

13.1 <u>Administrator</u>. The Committee (or another committee or a subcommittee of the Board assuming the functions of the Committee under the Plan) shall administer the Plan (except as otherwise permitted herein). To the

extent necessary to comply with Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act, then the Committee (or another committee or subcommittee of the Board assuming the functions of the Committee under the Plan) shall take all action with respect to such Awards, and the individuals taking such action shall consist solely of two or more Non-Employee Directors appointed by and holding office at the pleasure of the Board, each of whom is intended to qualify as both a "non-employee director" as defined by Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act or any successor rule. Additionally, to the extent required by Applicable Law, each of the individuals constituting the Committee (or another committee or subcommittee of the Board assuming the functions of the Committee under the Plan) shall be an "independent director" under the rules of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Shares are listed. quoted or traded. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any action taken by the Committee shall be valid and effective, whether or not members of the Committee at the time of such action are later determined not to have satisfied the requirements for membership set forth in this Section 13.1 or otherwise provided in any charter of the Committee. Except as may otherwise be provided in any charter of the Committee, appointment of Committee members shall be effective upon acceptance of appointment. Committee members may resign at any time by delivering written or electronic notice to the Board. Vacancies in the Committee may only be filled by the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) the full Board, acting by a majority of its members in office, shall conduct the general administration of the Plan with respect to Awards granted to Non-Employee Directors and, with respect to such Awards, the terms "Administrator" and "Committee" as used in the Plan shall be deemed to refer to the Board and (b) the Board or Committee may delegate its authority hereunder to the extent permitted by Section 13.6.

- administration of the Plan in accordance with its provisions. The Committee shall have the power to interpret the Plan, the Program and the Award Agreement, and to adopt such rules for the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan as are not inconsistent therewith, to interpret, amend or revoke any such rules and to amend any Program or Award Agreement; provided that the rights or obligations of the Holder of the Award that is the subject of any such Program or Award Agreement are not affected adversely by such amendment, unless the consent of the Holder is obtained or such amendment is otherwise permitted under Section 12.5 or Section 14.10. Any such grant or award under the Plan need not be the same with respect to each Holder. Any such interpretations and rules with respect to Incentive Stock Options shall be consistent with the provisions of Section 422 of the Code. In its sole discretion, the Board may at any time and from time to time exercise any and all rights and duties of the Committee under the Plan except with respect to matters which under Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act or any successor rule, or the rules of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Shares are listed, quoted or traded are required to be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee.
- 13.3 Action by the Committee. Unless otherwise established by the Board or in any charter of the Committee, a majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum and the acts of a majority of the members present at any meeting at which a quorum is present, and acts approved in writing by all members of the Committee in lieu of a meeting, shall be deemed the acts of the Committee. Each member of the Committee is entitled to, in good faith, rely or act upon any report or other information furnished to that member by any officer or other employee of the Company or any Affiliate, the Company's independent certified public accountants, or any executive compensation consultant or other professional retained by the Company to assist in the administration of the Plan.
- 13.4 <u>Authority of Administrator</u>. Subject to the Company's Bylaws, the Committee's Charter and any specific designation in the Plan, the Administrator has the exclusive power, authority and sole discretion to:
 - (a) Designate Eligible Individuals to receive Awards;
 - (b) Determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to each Eligible Individual;
- (c) Determine the number of Awards to be granted and the number of Shares to which an Award will relate;
- (d) Determine the terms and conditions of any Award granted pursuant to the Plan, including, but not limited to, the exercise price, grant price, purchase price, any Performance Criteria, any restrictions or

limitations on the Award, any schedule for vesting, lapse of forfeiture restrictions or restrictions on the exercisability of an Award, and accelerations or waivers thereof, and any provisions related to non-competition and recapture of gain on an Award, based in each case on such considerations as the Administrator in its sole discretion determines;

- (e) Determine whether, to what extent, and pursuant to what circumstances an Award may be settled in, or the exercise price of an Award may be paid in cash, Shares, other Awards, or other property, or an Award may be canceled, forfeited, or surrendered;
 - (f) Prescribe the form of each Award Agreement, which need not be identical for each Holder;
 - (g) Decide all other matters that must be determined in connection with an Award;
- (h) Establish, adopt, or revise any rules and regulations as it may deem necessary or advisable to administer the Plan;
- (i) Interpret the terms of, and any matter arising pursuant to, the Plan, any Program or any Award Agreement;
- (j) Make all other decisions and determinations that may be required pursuant to the Plan or as the Administrator deems necessary or advisable to administer the Plan; and
- (k) Accelerate wholly or partially the vesting or lapse of restrictions of any Award or portion thereof at any time after the grant of an Award, subject to whatever terms and conditions it selects and Section 14.2.
- 13.5 <u>Decisions Binding</u>. The Administrator's interpretation of the Plan, any Awards granted pursuant to the Plan, any Program, any Award Agreement and all decisions and determinations by the Administrator with respect to the Plan are final, binding and conclusive on all parties.
- 13.6 <u>Delegation of Authority</u>. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Board or Committee may from time to time delegate to a committee of one or more members of the Board or one or more officers of the Company the authority to grant or amend Awards or to take other administrative actions pursuant to this Article 13; <u>provided, however,</u> that in no event shall an officer of the Company be delegated the authority to grant awards to, or amend awards held by, the following individuals: (a) individuals who are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, or (b) officers of the Company (or Directors) to whom authority to grant or amend Awards has been delegated hereunder; <u>provided, further,</u> that any delegation of administrative authority shall only be permitted to the extent it is permissible under Applicable Law. Any delegation hereunder shall be subject to the restrictions and limits that the Board or Committee specifies at the time of such delegation, and the Board may at any time rescind the authority so delegated or appoint a new delegatee. At all times, the delegatee appointed under this Section 13.6 shall serve in such capacity at the pleasure of the Board and the Committee, as applicable, and the Board or the Committee may abolish any committee at any time and/or re-vest in itself any previously delegated authority.

ARTICLE 14.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

14.1 <u>Amendment, Suspension or Termination of the Plan</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 14.1, the Plan may be wholly or partially amended or otherwise modified, suspended or terminated at any time or from time to time by the Board or the Committee. However, without approval of the Company's stockholders given within twelve (12) months before or after the action by the Administrator, no action of the Administrator may, except as provided in Section 14.2, (a) increase the limits imposed in Section 3.1 on the maximum number of Shares

which may be issued under the Plan or increase the Director Limit, (b) reduce the price per share of any outstanding Option or Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan or take any action prohibited under Section 12.6, or (c) cancel any Option or Stock Appreciation Right in exchange for cash or another Award when the Option or Stock Appreciation Right price per share exceeds the Fair Market Value of the underlying Shares. Except as provided in Section 12.5 and Section 14.10, no amendment, suspension or termination of the Plan shall, without the consent of the Holder, impair any rights or obligations under any Award theretofore granted or awarded, unless the Award itself otherwise expressly so provides. No Awards may be granted or awarded during any period of suspension or after termination of the Plan, and notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event may any Award be granted under the Plan after the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Effective Date (the "Expiration Date"). Any Awards that are outstanding on the Expiration Date shall remain in force according to the terms of the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement.

14.2 <u>Changes in Common Stock or Assets of the Company, Acquisition or Liquidation of the Company and Other Corporate Events.</u>

- (a) In the event of any stock dividend, stock split, combination or exchange of shares, merger, consolidation or other distribution (other than normal cash dividends) of Company assets to stockholders, or any other change affecting the Shares of the Company's stock or the share price of the Company's stock other than an Equity Restructuring, the Administrator may make equitable adjustments, if any, to reflect such change with respect to: (i) the aggregate number and kind of Shares that may be issued under the Plan (including, but not limited to, adjustments of the limitations in Sections 3.1 and 3.3 on the maximum number and kind of Shares which may be issued under the Plan, and adjustments of the Award Limit or Director Limit); (ii) the number and kind of Shares (or other securities or property) subject to outstanding Awards; (iii) the number and kind of Shares (or other securities or property) for which automatic grants are subsequently to be made to new and continuing Non-Employee Directors pursuant to Section 4.6; (iv) the terms and conditions of any outstanding Awards (including, without limitation, any applicable performance targets or criteria with respect thereto); and (v) the grant or exercise price per share for any outstanding Awards under the Plan.
- (b) In the event of any transaction or event described in Section 14.2(a) or any unusual or nonrecurring transactions or events affecting the Company, any Affiliate of the Company, or the financial statements of the Company or any Affiliate, or of changes in Applicable Law or accounting principles, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, and on such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate, either by the terms of the Award or by action taken prior to the occurrence of such transaction or event and either automatically or upon the Holder's request, is hereby authorized to take any one or more of the following actions whenever the Administrator determines that such action is appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan or with respect to any Award under the Plan, to facilitate such transactions or events or to give effect to such changes in laws, regulations or principles:
- (i) To provide for either (A) termination of any such Award in exchange for an amount of cash, if any, equal to the amount that would have been attained upon the exercise of such Award or realization of the Holder's rights (and, for the avoidance of doubt, if as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction or event described in this Section 14.2 the Administrator determines in good faith that no amount would have been attained upon the exercise of such Award or realization of the Holder's rights, then such Award may be terminated by the Company without payment) or (B) the replacement of such Award with other rights or property selected by the Administrator, in its sole discretion, having an aggregate value not exceeding the amount that could have been attained upon the exercise of such Award or realization of the Holder's rights had such Award been currently exercisable or payable or fully vested;
- (ii) To provide that such Award be assumed by the successor or survivor corporation, or a parent or subsidiary thereof, or shall be substituted for by similar options, rights or awards covering the stock of the successor or survivor corporation, or a parent or subsidiary thereof, with appropriate adjustments as to the number and kind of shares and prices;

- (iii) To make adjustments in the number and type of Shares of the Company's stock (or other securities or property) subject to outstanding Awards, and in the number and kind of outstanding Restricted Stock and/or in the terms and conditions of (including the grant or exercise price), and the criteria included in, outstanding Awards and Awards which may be granted in the future;
- (iv) To provide that such Award shall be exercisable or payable or fully vested with respect to all Shares covered thereby, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or the applicable Program or Award Agreement; and
- (v) To provide that the Award cannot vest, be exercised or become payable after such event.
- (c) In connection with the occurrence of any Equity Restructuring, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 14.2(a) and 14.2(b):
- (i) The number and type of securities subject to each outstanding Award and the exercise price or grant price thereof, if applicable, shall be equitably adjusted; and/or
- (ii) The Administrator shall make such equitable adjustments, if any, as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may deem appropriate to reflect such Equity Restructuring with respect to the aggregate number and kind of Shares that may be issued under the Plan (including, but not limited to, adjustments of the limitations in Sections 3.1 and 3.3 on the maximum number and kind of Shares which may be issued under the Plan, and adjustments of the Award Limit or Director Limit). The adjustments provided under this Section 14.2(c) shall be nondiscretionary and shall be final and binding on the affected Holder and the Company.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, in the event of a Change in Control, each outstanding Award shall continue in effect or be assumed or an equivalent Award substituted by the successor corporation or a parent or subsidiary of the successor corporation.
- (e) In the event that the successor corporation in a Change in Control refuses to assume or substitute for the Award, the Administrator may cause any or all of such Awards to become fully exercisable immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction and all forfeiture restrictions on any or all of such Awards to lapse. If an Award is exercisable in lieu of assumption or substitution in the event of a Change in Control, the Administrator shall notify the Holder that the Award shall be fully exercisable for a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of such notice, contingent upon the occurrence of the Change in Control, and the Award shall terminate upon the expiration of such period.
- (f) For the purposes of this Section 14.2, an Award shall be considered assumed if, following the Change in Control, the Award confers the right to purchase or receive, for each Share subject to the Award immediately prior to the Change in Control, the consideration (whether stock, cash, or other securities or property) received in the Change in Control by holders of Common Stock for each Share held on the effective date of the transaction (and if holders were offered a choice of consideration, the type of consideration chosen by the holders of a majority of the outstanding Shares); provided, however, that if such consideration received in the Change in Control was not solely common stock of the successor corporation or its parent, the Administrator may, with the consent of the successor corporation, provide for the consideration to be received upon the exercise of the Award, for each Share subject to an Award, to be solely common stock of the successor corporation or its parent equal in fair market value to the per-share consideration received by holders of Common Stock in the Change in Control.
- (g) The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may include such further provisions and limitations in any Award, agreement or certificate, as it may deem equitable and in the best interests of the Company that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan.

- (h) No adjustment or action described in this Section 14.2 or in any other provision of the Plan shall be authorized to the extent that such adjustment or action would cause the Plan to violate Section 422(b)(1) of the Code. Furthermore, no such adjustment or action shall be authorized to the extent such adjustment or action would result in short-swing profits liability under Section 16 or violate the exemptive conditions of Rule 16b-3 unless the Administrator determines that the Award is not to comply with such exemptive conditions.
- (i) The existence of the Plan, the Program, the Award Agreement and the Awards granted hereunder shall not affect or restrict in any way the right or power of the Company or the stockholders of the Company to make or authorize any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Company's capital structure or its business, any merger or consolidation of the Company, any issue of stock or of options, warrants or rights to purchase stock or of bonds, debentures, preferred or prior preference stocks whose rights are superior to or affect the Common Stock or the rights thereof or which are convertible into or exchangeable for Common Stock, or the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar character or otherwise.
- (j) No action shall be taken under this Section 14.2 which shall cause an Award to fail to be exempt from or comply with Section 409A of the Code or the Treasury Regulations thereunder.
- (k) In the event of any pending stock dividend, stock split, combination or exchange of shares, merger, consolidation or other distribution (other than normal cash dividends) of Company assets to stockholders, or any other change affecting the Shares or the share price of the Common Stock including any Equity Restructuring, for reasons of administrative convenience, the Company, in its sole discretion, may refuse to permit the exercise of any Award during a period of up to thirty (30) days prior to the consummation of any such transaction.
- 14.3 <u>Approval of Plan by Stockholders</u>. The Plan (as amended and restated) will be submitted for the approval of the Company's stockholders within twelve (12) months after the date of the Board's initial adoption of the Plan (as amended and restated).
- 14.4 <u>No Stockholders Rights</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, a Holder shall have none of the rights of a stockholder with respect to Shares covered by any Award until the Holder becomes the record owner of such Shares.
- 14.5 <u>Paperless Administration</u>. In the event that the Company establishes, for itself or using the services of a third party, an automated system for the documentation, granting or exercise of Awards, such as a system using an internet website or interactive voice response, then the paperless documentation, granting or exercise of Awards by a Holder may be permitted through the use of such an automated system.
- 14.6 Effect of Plan upon Other Compensation Plans. The adoption of the Plan (as amended and restated) shall not affect any other compensation or incentive plans in effect for the Company or any Affiliate. Nothing in the Plan shall be construed to limit the right of the Company or any Affiliate: (a) to establish any other forms of incentives or compensation for Employees, Directors or Consultants of the Company or any Affiliate, or (b) to grant or assume options or other rights or awards otherwise than under the Plan in connection with any proper corporate purpose including without limitation, the grant or assumption of options in connection with the acquisition by purchase, lease, merger, consolidation or otherwise, of the business, stock or assets of any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, firm or association.
- 14.7 <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. The Plan, the granting and vesting of Awards under the Plan and the issuance and delivery of Shares and the payment of money under the Plan or under Awards granted or awarded hereunder are subject to compliance with all Applicable Law (including but not limited to state, federal and foreign securities law and margin requirements), and to such approvals by any listing, regulatory or governmental authority as may, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, be necessary or advisable in connection therewith. Any securities delivered under the Plan shall be subject to such restrictions, and the person acquiring such securities

shall, if requested by the Company, provide such assurances and representations to the Company as the Company may deem necessary or desirable to assure compliance with all Applicable Law. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Plan and Awards granted or awarded hereunder shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to Applicable Law.

- 14.8 <u>Titles and Headings, References to Sections of the Code or Exchange Act</u>. The titles and headings of the Sections in the Plan are for convenience of reference only and, in the event of any conflict, the text of the Plan, rather than such titles or headings, shall control. References to sections of the Code or the Exchange Act shall include any amendment or successor thereto.
- 14.9 <u>Governing Law</u>. The Plan and any agreements hereunder shall be administered, interpreted and enforced under the internal laws of the State of Delaware without regard to conflicts of laws thereof or of any other jurisdiction.

14.10 Section 409A.

- (a) General. To the extent that the Administrator determines that any Award granted under the Plan is subject to Section 409A of the Code, the Program pursuant to which such Award is granted and the Award Agreement evidencing such Award shall incorporate the terms and conditions required by Section 409A of the Code. To the extent applicable, the Plan, the Program and any Award Agreements shall be interpreted in accordance with Section 409A of the Code and Department of Treasury regulations and other interpretive guidance issued thereunder, including without limitation any such regulations or other guidance that may be issued after the Effective Date. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, in the event that following the Effective Date the Administrator determines that any Award may be subject to Section 409A of the Code and related Department of Treasury guidance (including such Department of Treasury guidance as may be issued after the Effective Date), the Administrator may adopt such amendments to the Plan and the applicable Program and Award Agreement or adopt other policies and procedures (including amendments, policies and procedures with retroactive effect), or take any other actions, that the Administrator determines are necessary or appropriate to (a) exempt the Award from Section 409A of the Code and/or preserve the intended tax treatment of the benefits provided with respect to the Award, or (b) comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and related Department of Treasury guidance and thereby avoid the application of any penalty taxes under such Section.
- (b) Separation from Service. If an Award constitutes "nonqualified deferred compensation" under Section 409A of the Code, any payment or settlement of such Award upon a Holder's Termination of Service will, to the extent necessary to avoid taxes under Section 409A of the Code, be made only upon the Holder's "separation from service" (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), whether such "separation from service" occurs upon or after the Holder's Termination of Service. For purposes of this Plan or any Award Agreement relating to any such payments or benefits, references to a "termination," "termination of employment" or like terms means a "separation from service."
- (c) Payments to Specified Employees. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in the Plan or any Award Agreement, any payment(s) of "nonqualified deferred compensation" required to be made under an Award to a "specified employee" (as defined under Section 409A of the Code and as the Administrator determines) due to his or her "separation from service" will, to the extent necessary to avoid taxes under Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code, be delayed for the six-month period immediately following such "separation from service" (or, if earlier, until the specified employee's death) and will instead be paid (as set forth in the Award Agreement) on the day immediately following such six-month period or as soon as administratively practicable thereafter (without interest). Any payments of "nonqualified deferred compensation" under such Award payable more than six months following the Holder's "separation from service" will be paid at the time or times the payments are otherwise scheduled to be made.

- 14.11 <u>No Rights to Awards</u>. No Eligible Individual or other person shall have any claim to be granted any Award pursuant to the Plan, and neither the Company nor the Administrator is obligated to treat Eligible Individuals, Holders or any other persons uniformly.
- 14.12 <u>Unfunded Status of Awards</u>. The Plan is intended to be an "unfunded" plan for incentive compensation. With respect to any payments not yet made to a Holder pursuant to an Award, nothing contained in the Plan or any Program or Award Agreement shall give the Holder any rights that are greater than those of a general creditor of the Company or any Affiliate.
- 14.13 <u>Indemnification</u>. To the extent allowable pursuant to Applicable Law, each member of the Committee or of the Board shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company from any loss, cost, liability, or expense that may be imposed upon or reasonably incurred by such member in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit, or proceeding to which he or she may be a party or in which he or she may be involved by reason of any action or failure to act pursuant to the Plan and against and from any and all amounts paid by him or her in satisfaction of judgment in such action, suit, or proceeding against him or her; <u>provided</u> he or she gives the Company an opportunity, at its own expense, to handle and defend the same before he or she undertakes to handle and defend it on his or her own behalf. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which such persons may be entitled pursuant to the Company's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, as a matter of law, or otherwise, or any power that the Company may have to indemnify them or hold them harmless.
- 14.14 <u>Relationship to other Benefits</u>. No payment pursuant to the Plan shall be taken into account in determining any benefits under any pension, retirement, savings, profit sharing, group insurance, welfare or other benefit plan of the Company or any Affiliate except to the extent otherwise expressly provided in writing in such other plan or an agreement thereunder.
 - 14.15 Expenses. The expenses of administering the Plan shall be borne by the Company and its Affiliates.