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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
To Be Held November 20, 2014

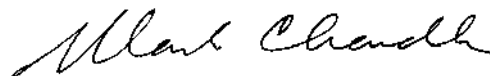
The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Cisco Systems, Inc. will be held on the Cisco campus in Building 9, which is located at 260 East Tasman Drive, San Jose, California, on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time for the following purposes:

1. To elect ten members of Cisco's Board of Directors;
2. To approve the amendment and restatement of the Cisco Systems, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan;
3. To vote on a non-binding advisory resolution to approve executive compensation;
4. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Cisco's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending July 25, 2015;
5. To vote upon three proposals submitted by shareholders, if properly presented at the annual meeting; and
6. To act upon such other matters as may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement. The record date for determining those shareholders who will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting and at any adjournments or postponements thereof is September 22, 2014. The stock transfer books will not be closed between the record date and the date of the annual meeting. A list of shareholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting will be available for inspection at Cisco's principal executive offices at the address listed above.

Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, please vote as soon as possible. As an alternative to voting in person at the annual meeting, you may vote via the Internet, by telephone or, if you receive a paper proxy card in the mail, by mailing a completed proxy card. For detailed information regarding voting instructions, please refer to the section entitled "Voting via the Internet, by Telephone or by Mail" on page 2 of the Proxy Statement. You may revoke a previously delivered proxy at any time prior to the annual meeting. If you decide to attend the annual meeting and wish to change your proxy vote, you may do so automatically by voting in person at the annual meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mark Chandler
Secretary

San Jose, California
September 24, 2014

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.

PROXY STATEMENT FOR 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

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PROPOSAL NO. 5
SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL

Jing Zhao, 262 Altadena Cir, Pittsburg, California 94565, a beneficial owner of 150 shares of Cisco common stock, has notified us that he intends to present the following proposal at the meeting:

Shareholder Proposal

Shareholder Proposal on Establishing a Public Policy Committee

Resolved: shareholders recommend that Cisco Systems, Inc. (the Company) establish a Public Policy Committee to assist the Board of Directors in overseeing the Company's policies and practice that relate to public policy including human rights, corporate social responsibility, vendor chain management, charitable giving, political activities and expenditures, government relations activities, international relations, and other public issues that may affect the Company's operations, performance or reputation, and shareholders' value.

Supporting Statement

The Company has five standing committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Nomination and Governance Committee, the Acquisition Committee, and the Finance Committee. "The Nomination and Governance Committee is responsible for overseeing, reviewing and making periodic recommendations concerning Cisco's corporate governance policies, and for recommending to the full Board of Directors candidates for election to the Board of Directors." Actually, this committee is responsible for director nomination only. No word of "public policy" is mentioned in this committee's work description (2013 Notice of Annual Meeting p.12-13). The Company has no committee to deal with the increasingly complicated public policy issues. In the dynamic Pacific Asia region where the Company has heavy business, the Japanese government has utilized the Tiananmen Tragedy of China in 1989 to abandon its own peace constitution, which is the cornerstone of Asia's peace after WWII, towards rearmament, militarization and fascism to mislead the U.S. under the U.S.-Japan Security Treaties to crash with the rising power of a nationalistic China. Although the Japanese government signed the G-7 Summit declaration in 1989 to protect Chinese students, I, as a graduate student in Osaka University organizing Chinese democratic and human rights activities in Japan, was persecuted because I refused to collaborate with the Japanese government to betray my fellow Chinese students (refer to Japan's second largest newspaper Asahi's interviews with me on February 10, 1990, October 20, 1992 and June 8, 2009, and my article "The Betrayal of Democracy: Tiananmen's Shadow over Japan," Spain: Historia Actual Online. ISSN 1696-2060. 2004. Issue 4 Vol. 2). Without a public policy committee, it is very difficult for the Company to legitimately and ethically deal with today's complicated international affairs affecting our business. For this reason, and partly to respond to my proposal, Microsoft established such a committee in 2012.

Cisco's Statement in Opposition to Proposal No. 5

The Board of Directors has considered this proposal and believes this proposal does not serve the best interests of Cisco or its shareholders and recommends a vote AGAINST it.

Our Board and management have devoted, and continue to devote, significant effort to ensure that Cisco is aware of and able to properly address public policy issues of importance to Cisco's business. Because we believe public policy areas relevant to Cisco's business are already actively and properly addressed within our existing organizational structure and policies, with appropriate board oversight, we do not believe that adding a specific public policy committee of the board is necessary.

At both the board and management levels, Cisco undertakes appropriate oversight of its public policy-related initiatives. Cisco has a Government Affairs team within the company dedicated to legal and ethical participation in the development of public policies on issues of significance to Cisco's business. The Government Affairs team is part of Cisco's Government and Community Relations organization which reports directly to Blair Christie, Cisco Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer, who is a member of Cisco's executive leadership team which ensures appropriate review, oversight and management of the team's activities. Information about Cisco's "Public Policy Engagements" approach can be accessed by clicking the "About Cisco" link on our website homepage, then on the resulting webpage clicking on the "Government Affairs" link.

At the board level, Cisco's Board of Directors participates in regular discussions, among the Board and with Cisco's senior management, concerning many core subjects including public policy matters. In our view, this

ample board and management oversight, together with direct engagement of important public policy issues through the Government Affairs team, make unnecessary the creation of a new board committee on public policy-related issues.

Cisco's capability with regard to addressing important public policy issues is evident in other areas within the company. Cisco has long been active in embedding corporate social responsibility ("CSR") into our business operations. Our strategic investments in CSR pertain to many public policy issues, both domestic and international, and we strive to utilize our people and technologies to help transform societies, create an engaging employee experience, ethically govern our business, develop and manufacture products responsibly across our supply chain, and protect the environment. Information about Cisco's numerous CSR initiatives can be found on our CSR webpage, which can be found by clicking on the "Corporate Social Responsibility" link at the bottom of our website homepage.

An example of our approach to an important public policy issue is our engagement with human rights-related issues. We regularly evaluate and address human rights issues within our business operations and in the communities in which we operate. Our global human rights policy closely follows the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. This is now a common framework for companies to use for reporting their goals and progress. Cisco is also a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact ("UNGC"), a strategic policy initiative for businesses that are committed to aligning their operations and strategies with 10 universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. Cisco's Code of Business Conduct ("COBC") explicitly references, among other things, our support of the UNGC, and Cisco employees are required to abide by, and make annual certifications regarding compliance with, the COBC. The COBC can be found by clicking on "Corporate Governance" in the Investor Relations section of our website at investor.cisco.com.

We believe that our current board committee structure and level of management engagement provide an appropriate level of oversight of Cisco's public policy activities and initiatives; therefore, we believe that adding a new public policy committee of the board is unnecessary. In our view, Cisco has in place sufficient policies and organizational capabilities to identify, evaluate and address the various public policy initiatives that require our attention, and that Cisco resources are being deployed with regard to public policy issues in a manner that is in the best interest of Cisco and its shareholders.

Vote Required

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Cisco common stock present or represented by proxy and voting at the annual meeting, together with the affirmative vote of a majority of the required quorum, is required for approval of this proposal. If you own shares through a bank, broker or other holder of record, you must instruct your bank, broker or other holder of record how to vote in order for them to vote your shares so that your vote can be counted on this proposal.

Recommendation of the Board of Directors

For all the reasons set forth above, the Board of Directors recommends a vote **AGAINST** Proposal No. 5.