

UNITED STATES
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SCHEDULE 14A

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Amgen Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting To Be Held on May 23, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. Local Time of

AMGEN INC.

Four Seasons Hotel Westlake Village, Two Dole Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91362



COMPANY NUMBER	
ACCOUNT NUMBER	
CONTROL NUMBER	

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. To facilitate timely delivery please make the request as instructed below before May 11, 2012.

Please visit <http://www.amstock.com/ProxyServices/Amgen>, where the following materials are available for view:

- Notice of 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders
- Proxy Statement
- Form Proxy Card
- 2011 Annual Report to Stockholders

TO VOTE:

ONLINE: To access your online proxy card, please visit www.voteproxy.com and follow the on-screen instructions. You may enter your voting instructions at www.voteproxy.com up until 11:59 PM Eastern Time on May 22, 2012.

IN PERSON: You may vote your shares in person by attending the Annual Meeting. If you wish to attend the Annual Meeting, please log onto <http://www.seeuthere.com/AnnualMeeting2012/Attendee> to register.

TELEPHONE: To vote by telephone, please visit <https://secure.amstock.com/voteproxy/login2.asp> to view the materials and to obtain the toll free number to call.

MAIL: You may request a proxy card by following the instructions below.

TO REQUEST MATERIAL:

TELEPHONE: 888-Proxy-NA (888-776-9962) and 718-921-8562 (for international callers)

E-MAIL: info@amstock.com

WEBSITE: <http://www.amstock.com/proxyservices/requestmaterials.asp>

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" Item #1.

1. To elect fourteen directors to the Board of Directors of Amgen Inc. for a term of office expiring at the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders. The nominees for election to the Board are:

NOMINEES: Dr. David Baltimore
Mr. Frank J. Biondi, Jr.
Mr. Robert A. Bradway
Mr. François de Carbonnel
Dr. Vance D. Coffman
Dr. Rebecca M. Henderson
Mr. Frank C. Heringer
Dr. Tyler Jacks
Dr. Gilbert S. Omenn
Ms. Judith C. Pelham
Adm. J. Paul Reason, USN (Retired)
Mr. Leonard D. Schaeffer
Mr. Kevin W. Sharer
Dr. Ronald D. Sugar

Please note that you cannot use this notice to vote by mail.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" each of Items #2, #3 and #4.

2. To ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.

3. Advisory vote to approve our executive compensation.

4. To approve an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to authorize stockholder action by written consent.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "AGAINST" Stockholder Proposals #1 through #4 in Item #5.

5. STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS:

Stockholder Proposal #1 (Independent Chairman of the Board)

Stockholder Proposal #2 (Transparency in Animal Use)

Stockholder Proposal #3 (Request for Disclosure of Lobbying Policies and Practices)

Stockholder Proposal #4 (CEO to Serve on a Maximum of One Other Board)