Name of Registrant: KLA Corporation

Name of persons relying on exemption: California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)

Address of persons relying on exemption: 400 Q Street, Sacramento, CA 95811



# SEC Shareowner Alert - Notice of Exempt Solicitation

October 28, 2020

Dear Fellow KLA Corporation Shareowner:

#### Support Shareowner Proposal #4 Requesting Proxy Access

CalPERS is the largest state public pension fund in the United States with \$413 \(^1\) billion in total assets under management and long-term owner of approximately 378,000 shares in KLA Corporation. CalPERS would appreciate your support on proposal #4 at the company's November 4, 2020 annual meeting of shareowners.

#### Proxy Access is a Fundamental Shareowner Right – Provides Accountability in the Boardroom

We believe providing access to a company's proxy by giving shareowners the ability to nominate directors to the board is one of the most important rights for owners of a company. Without effective proxy access, the director election process simply offers little more than a ratification of management's slate of nominees. Therefore, we believe long-term shareowners should have meaningful access to this process on the terms specified in the proposal #4. The proposed thresholds include:

- Beneficial ownership of at least 3 percent of the outstanding stock;
- Three years of continuous ownership; and
- Nominated candidates shall not exceed the larger of 2 or 25 percent of the board.

## Proposed Terms Based on SEC Proxy Access Rulemaking in 2010

Before adopting its now vacated proxy access rule in 2010, the SEC undertook a detailed analysis, both internally and through the public comment process. The SEC determined that a 3 percent ownership threshold was appropriate, stating, "The ownership threshold we are establishing should not expose issuers to excessively frequent and costly election contests conducted through use of Rule 14a-11, but it is also not so high as to make use of the rule unduly inaccessible as a practical matter." The proposed holding period and slate size limitation in proposal #4 are also consistent with the former SEC rule.

## CFA Institute Concludes Proxy Access Would Benefit the Markets and Boardroom

A report published by the CFA Institute found that giving investors access to the proxy to nominate directors would benefit shareowners and the capital markets.<sup>2</sup> The specific report findings include:

- Proxy access has the potential to enhance board performance and raise US market capitalization.
- · Proxy access reform will not hinder board performance.
- Proxy access is used infrequently and with little disruption in other markets around the world.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>CalPERS total assets under management as of October 26, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://www.cfapubs.org/doi/pdf/10.2469/ccb.v2014.n9.1



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## Support Shareowner Proposal #4 at KLA Corporation

We believe proxy access is fundamental to a sustainable system of governance that fosters director accountability and long-term value creation. Fully accountable governance structures should be in place to offer shareowners effective access to the director nomination process. Please vote "FOR" proxy access proposal #4.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Todd Mattley, CalPERS Associate Investment Manager at <a href="mailto:Engagements@calpers.ca.gov">Engagements@calpers.ca.gov</a>.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Simiso Nzima

Investment Director, Global Equity CalPERS Investment Office

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