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Owens Realty MOrtgage STACKs the board and deprives shareholders of their vote, according to hovde capital

Hovde Capital calls for a Stop to the Governance Abuses of ORM through management's use of stall tactics to prevent shareholders from exercising their right to vote.

MADISON, Wis., July 17, 2018 — Hovde Capital Advisors issued the following statement: At the Owens Realty Mortgage, Inc. (NYSEAM: ORM) annual meeting of shareholders held on Monday July 16, 2018, the Company announced two unnamed directors would be appointed to the Company's board, bypassing shareholders' most basic right of having the ability to elect their directors. ORM's board has now added three new directors in the midst of a proxy contest, an unheard-of practice. Further, at the annual meeting, ORM's Chairman Schmal admitted that the Company had only entered into discussions during the last week with these two newly proposed directors and did not know their backgrounds well.

This is clearly a desperate attempt to stack the board in order to protect their own self-interest. **ORM** is furthering its abuse of shareholders by depriving them of their most basic right of being able to elect their directors. Instead of taking votes on the existing slate of directors, Chairman Schmal proclaimed that the annual meeting would be adjourned and postponed three days and voting would remain open until Thursday July 19, 2018 with no reason provided.

ORM is consistently breaching proper governance standards and this is a clear example of a board tactic to delay voting in order to gather further last-minute voting support, instead of losing the proxy contest to the Shareholder Group. Hovde has garnered support from both Institutional Shareholder Services ("ISS") and Glass Lewis, the two largest proxy voting recommendation agencies, based on the history of ORM abusing shareholders, as they did yesterday at the Company's annual meeting by arbitrarily delaying the shareholder vote.

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Most shareholders will understand that these moves by the Board are steps to further entrench the incumbents and highlight that immediate change in the boardroom is necessary.

The Shareholder Group is fighting for the voice of <u>all shareholders</u>, and strongly recommends shareholders of ORM also fight for their rights and vote for **Steven D. Hovde** and **James P. Hua** to ensure their voice is heard on the **GOLD** voting form or proxy card. If you have already voted, you have every right to change or update your vote to support our nominees. It is **SIMPLE** to change your vote, by completing and submitting the GOLD, OPPOSITION or DISSIDENT proxy card before voting closes on Thursday July 19, 2018.

Hovde Capital Advisors' definitive proxy materials, letters to shareholders and other materials regarding our recommendation for the 2018 Annual Meeting can be found at <a href="https://www.fixORM.com">www.fixORM.com</a>.

# **Important Voting Instructions**

If any of your shares of Common Stock are held at a brokerage firm, bank, bank nominee or other institution, only that institution can vote such shares of Common Stock and must do so by receiving specific instructions from you, which you can give by phone, internet, or completing and returning your mailed <u>GOLD</u> voting form.

If you have not yet received your <u>GOLD</u> voting form, you can vote by contacting your brokerage firm directly and requesting your <u>OPPOSITION</u> proxy control number to vote your shares electronically or by telephone. You may also vote by signing, dating and returning the <u>GOLD</u> proxy card or voting form.

After submitting your votes FOR our nominees, **DO NOT fill out or submit Management's WHITE proxy card**. Voting <u>AGAINST</u> or to <u>ABSTAIN</u> on the WHITE proxy card is not a vote FOR our nominees on the <u>GOLD</u> proxy card and can invalidate your vote for the nominees on the <u>GOLD</u> proxy card.

### Only the latest dated and completed proxy card will be considered valid.

If you have any questions or require any assistance with voting your shares, please contact our proxy solicitor, InvestorCom toll free at (877) 972-0090 or email at <a href="mailto:info@investor-com">info@investor-com</a>.

Thank you for your support.

Hovde Capital Advisors, LLC on behalf of the Shareholder Group

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Hovde Capital Advisors LLC ("Hovde Capital Advisors LLC"), Hovde Capital Ltd. ("Hovde Capital Ltd."), Financial Institutions Partners III LP ("FIP III LP"), Opal Advisors LLC ("Opal Advisors LLC"), Opal Capital Partners LP ("Opal Capital Partners LP"), Steven D. Hovde, James P. Hua, and Eric D. Hovde (collectively, the "Participants") have filed a definitive proxy statement and an accompanying GOLD proxy card with the SEC to be used to solicit proxies for the election of its slate of highly-qualified director nominees at the 2018 annual meeting of stockholders (the "2018 Annual Meeting") of the Company. Stockholders are advised to read the proxy statement and any other documents related to the solicitation of stockholders of the Company in connection with the 2018 Annual Meeting when they become available because they contain important information, including additional information relating to the Participants. These materials and other materials filed by the Shareholder Group in connection with the solicitation of proxies will be available at no charge at the SEC's website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>.

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