

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP
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**IMPORTANT ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING
INFORMATION YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

Shareholder Meeting Notice & Admission Ticket

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Independent Bank Corp. Shareholder Meeting to be Held on May 20, 2010**

Under new Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual shareholders meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

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. The proxy statement and annual report to shareholders are available at:

Easy Online Access A Convenient Way to View Proxy Materials and Vote

When you go online to view materials, you can also vote your shares.

Step 1: Go to www.envisionreports.com/INDB to view the materials.

Step 2: Click on **Cast Your Vote or Request Materials**.

Step 3: Follow the instructions on the screen to log in.

Step 4: Make your selection as instructed on each screen to select delivery preferences and vote.

When you go online, you can also help the environment by consenting to receive electronic delivery of future materials.

Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side on or before May 10, 2010 to facilitate timely delivery.

Shareholder Meeting Notice & Admission Ticket

Independent Bank Corp. s Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on May 20, 2010 at Holiday Inn - Rockland - Boston South, 929 Hingham Street, Rockland, Massachusetts 02370, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors recommendations. The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following proposals:

1. Reelect Benjamin A. Gilmore, II, Eileen C. Miskell, Carl Ribeiro, John H. Spurr, Jr. and Thomas R. Venables to serve as Class II Directors;
2. Ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for 2010;
3. Approve the 2010 Independent Bank Corp. Non-Employee Director Stock Plan;
4. Approve Restated Articles of Organization for Independent Bank Corp., consisting of the following proposals:
 - 4A Approve provisions to increase the amount of authorized shares of common stock to 75,000,000; and
 - 4B Approve provisions relating to indemnification of directors and officers; and
5. Transact any other business which may properly come before the annual meeting.

You may vote at the annual meeting if you were a shareholder of record at the close of business on March 25, 2010.

PLEASE NOTE YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must vote online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice with you.

Directions to the Independent Bank Corp. 2010 Annual Meeting

Directions to the Independent Bank Corp. 2010 annual meeting are available in the proxy statement, which can be viewed at www.envisionreports.com/INDB.

Here s how to order a copy of the proxy materials and select a future delivery preference:

Paper copies: Current and future paper delivery requests can be submitted via the telephone, Internet or email options below.

Email copies: Current and future email delivery requests must be submitted via the Internet following the instructions below. If you request an email copy of current materials you will receive an email with a link to the materials.

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Internet Go to www.envisionreports.com/INDB. Click Cast Your Vote or Request Materials. Follow the instructions to log in and order a paper or email copy of the current meeting materials and submit your preference for email or paper delivery of future meeting materials.

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preference to receive a paper copy for future meetings.

To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received by May 10, 2010.

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