

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/

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Meeting Location The Annual Meeting for holders as of April 15, 2008 is to be held on June 11, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. Local Time at: The Crowne Plaza Hotel 1700 Smith Street Houston, TX 77002 FOR MEETING DIRECTIONS PLEASE CALL: 713-739-8800 DIRECTIONS TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS The Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1700 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002 (713) 739-8800 Traveling South on I-45, from Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) Take I-45 South. Take the Dallas/Pierce exit (Exit 47D) on to Heiner Street, and stay to the left. Exit Jefferson Street and proceed 1/10th of a mile to Brazos Street. The hotel will be on the left past Brazos Street. Traveling South on Hwy 59, from Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) Take Highway 59 Southbound. Take the George R. Brown Convention Center/Downtown Destinations/ Jackson Street exit onto N. Jackson Street, proceed 3 blocks and turn right on Congress Street. Follow Congress Street 11 blocks and turn left on Smith Street. Follow Smith Street 12 blocks to Pease Street. The hotel will be on the right past Pease Street. Traveling North on I-45, from South Houston Take I-45 North. Take the Scott Street/Downtown Destinations exit (Exit 45), proceed approximately two miles and take the Pease Street exit. Follow Pease Street 18 blocks to Smith Street. The hotel will be on the left past Smith Street. R1CAI2

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Voting items OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF ALL DIRECTOR NOMINEES NAMED IN PROPOSAL 1, FOR PROPOSAL 2 AND AGAINST PROPOSALS 3, 4 AND 5. 1. Election of Directors Nominees: 01) Kirbyjon H. Caldwell 06) George G. C. Parker 02) Lawrence W. Kellner 07) Jeffery A. Smisek 03) Douglas H. McCorkindale 08) Karen Hastie Williams 04) Henry L. Meyer III 09) Ronald B. Woodard 05) Oscar Munoz 10) Charles A. Yamarone 2. Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE AGAINST PROPOSALS 3, 4 AND 5. 3. Stockholder Proposal Related to Political Activities 4. Stockholder Proposal Related to Allowing Holders of 10% of the Common Stock to Call Special Meetings 5. Stockholder Proposal Related to Stockholder Approval of Certain Severance Agreements R1CAI3

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