

LIBERTY ALL STAR EQUITY FUND

Form DEFA14A

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A  
(RULE 14A-101)  
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT  
SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO. )

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LIBERTY ALL-STAR EQUITY FUND  
LIBERTY ALL-STAR GROWTH FUND, INC.  
(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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MARK BOX AT RIGHT FOR ADDRESS CHANGE AND NOTE NEW ADDRESS BELOW.

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CONTROL NUMBER:

Please be sure to sign and date this proxy.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shareholder sign here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Co-owner sign here

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THIS PROXY, WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED, WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED HEREIN AND, ABSENT DIRECTION, WILL BE VOTED FOR EACH ITEM BELOW. THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOLDER'S BEST JUDGEMENT AS TO ANY OTHER MATTER.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Proposal to approve a new investment advisory agreement.

For	Against	Abstain
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

2a. Proposal to approve a new portfolio management agreement with Mastrapasqua & Associates, Inc.

For	Against	Abstain
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

2b. Proposal to approve a new portfolio management agreement with Oppenheimer Capital.

For	Against	Abstain
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

2c. Proposal to approve a new portfolio management agreement with Boston Partners Asset Management, L.P.

For	Against	Abstain
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

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2d. Proposal to approve a new portfolio management agreement with Westwood Management Corporation.

For                      Against                      Abstain  
[ ]                      [ ]                      [ ]

2e. Proposal to approve a new portfolio management agreement with TCW Investment Management Company.

For                      Against                      Abstain  
[ ]                      [ ]                      [ ]

Please sign exactly as name or names appear hereon. Joint owners should each sign personally. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If a corporation, please sign in corporate name by President or other authorized officer. If a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.

RECORD DATE SHARES:

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LIBERTY ALL-STAR EQUITY FUND  
PLEASE VOTE PROMPTLY  
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Your vote is important, no matter how many shares you own. Please vote on the reverse side of this proxy card and sign in the space(s) provided. Return your completed proxy card in the enclosed envelope today.

You may receive additional proxies for other accounts. These are not duplicates; you should sign and return each proxy card in order for your votes to be counted.

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. The signers of this proxy hereby appoint William J. Ballou, Kevin M. Carome, Ellen Harrington, Russell L. Kane, Robert R. Leveille, Joseph R. Palombo, William R. Parmentier, Jr. and Vincent P. Pietropaolo each of them proxies of the signers, with power of substitution to vote at the Special Meeting of Shareholders to be held at Boston, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, September 26, 2001, and at any adjournments, as specified herein, and in accordance with their best judgement, on any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNANIMOUSLY HAS RECOMMENDED A VOTE "FOR" ALL MATTERS.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Proposal to approve a new investment advisory agreement.

For                      Against                      Abstain  
[ ]                      [ ]                      [ ]

2f. Proposal to approve a new portfolio management agreement with TCW Investment Management Company.

For                      Against                      Abstain  
[ ]                      [ ]                      [ ]

2g. Proposal to approve a new portfolio management agreement with William Blair & Company, L.L.C.

For                      Against                      Abstain  
[ ]                      [ ]                      [ ]

2h. Proposal to approve a new portfolio management agreement with M.A. Weatherbie & Co., Inc.

For                      Against                      Abstain  
[ ]                      [ ]                      [ ]

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