

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW
Form 8-K
January 30, 2019

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): January 24, 2019

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-20355
(Commission
File No.)
999 Lake Drive

91-1223280
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

Issaquah, WA 98027

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(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 425-313-8100

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

On January 24, 2019, Costco Wholesale Corporation (the Company) held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders. There were 440,570,601 shares of common stock entitled to be voted; 369,699,726 shares were voted in person or by proxy. Shareholders voted on the following matters:

1. The election of each of the three Class II directors nominated by the Board of Directors to hold office until the 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until their successors are elected and qualified;
2. The ratification of the selection of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent auditors for fiscal year 2019;
3. The approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of the Company's executive officers for fiscal year 2018 as disclosed in the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A for the Annual Meeting filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 14, 2018;
4. The approval and adoption of the Company's 2019 Incentive Plan;
5. The approval of an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to declassify the Board and provide for annual election of directors;
6. The approval of an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to eliminate a supermajority voting requirement; and
7. A shareholder proposal regarding prison labor.

All items except Item 7 were approved. The results of the votes are set forth below:

Election of Directors

| Nominees | For | Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| Hamilton E. James | 285,588,154 | 9,639,071 | 74,472,501 |
| John W. Stanton | 293,519,833 | 1,707,392 | 74,472,501 |
| Mary A. (Maggie) Wilderotter | 279,497,075 | 15,730,150 | 74,472,501 |

Ratification of the Selection of Auditors

| | For | Against | Abstain |
|---|-------------|-----------|---------|
| Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation | 363,174,028 | 6,059,215 | 466,483 |

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| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| 284,719,509 | 9,793,983 | 713,733 | 74,472,501 |

Approval of adoption of 2019 Incentive Plan

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|------------|---------|------------------|
| 211,429,289 | 83,163,976 | 633,960 | 74,472,501 |

Approval to amend Articles of Incorporation to declassify the Board, and provide for annual election of directors

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|---------|---------|------------------|
| 294,305,778 | 601,249 | 320,198 | 74,472,501 |

Approval to amend Articles of Incorporation to eliminate the supermajority vote requirement

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|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| For 293,825,464 | Against 929,833 | Abstain 471,928 | Broker Non-Votes 74,472,501 |
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Shareholder Proposal Regarding Prison Labor

| | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| For 82,964,805 | Against 206,166,453 | Abstain 6,095,967 | Broker Non-Votes 74,472,501 |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized, on January 30, 2019.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Richard A. Galanti
Richard A. Galanti
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer