

PILGRIMS PRIDE CORP
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Dear Pilgrim`s Pride Corp. Shareowner:

Support Shareowner Proposal #6 Regarding Board Diversity

We urge shareowners to support Proposal #6 filed by Oxfam America at Pilgrim`s Pride`s May 10, 2018 Annual General Meeting. CalPERS is a long-term owner of Pilgrim`s Pride Corp. with approximately 461,000 shares and will be supporting the request that the company adopt a board diversity policy.

CalPERS Governance & Sustainability Principles Advocate for Board Diversity

Consistent with the CalPERS Governance & Sustainability Principles¹ we believe the board should facilitate a process that ensures a thorough understanding of the diverse characteristics necessary to effectively oversee management's execution of a long-term business strategy. Specifically, board diversity should be thought of in terms of skill sets, gender, age, nationality, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, and historically under-represented groups. Consideration should go beyond the traditional notion of diversity to include a more broad range of experience, thoughts, perspectives, and competencies to help enable effective board leadership.

Growing Evidence Diversity is Good for Business Performance

The 2015 McKinsey & Co. study, "Why Diversity Matters," shows that companies in the top quartile for gender diversity and racial and ethnic diversity are respectively 15% and 35% more likely to have financial returns above their respective national industry median, while those in the bottom quartile are less likely to do so.²

Support Board Diversity – Vote "FOR" Proposal #6

We believe the company and its shareowners would benefit from the adoption of a board diversity policy in an effort to improve board quality. Please vote "FOR" shareowner proposal #6. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Todd Mattley, CalPERS Associate Investment Manager at INVO_GE_Corporate_Governance_Engagements@calpers.ca.gov or 916-795-0565.

Sincerely,
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¹ California Public Employees' Retirement System Governance & Sustainability Principles
<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/docs/forms-publications/governance-and-sustainability-principles.pdf>

² McKinsey & Company, "Why Diversity Matters," by Vivian Hunt, Dennis Layton, and Sara Prince, January 2015.
<http://www.mckinsey.com/business-functions/organization/our-insights/why-diversity-matters>

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