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SECURITY NATIONAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION

5300 South 360 West, Suite 250  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84123

May 31, 2016

Dear Stockholder:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Security National Financial Corporation (the "Company") to be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m., Mountain Daylight Time, at Valley Center Towers, 5373 South Green Street, Classroom No. 237, Salt Lake City, Utah. The formal notice of the Annual Meeting and the Proxy Statement have been made a part of this invitation.

The matters to be addressed at the meeting will include (1) the election of eight directors; (2) the approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers; (3) the approval of an amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation to increase the authorized capital stock of the Company from 32,000,000 shares to 33,000,000 shares by increasing the number of authorized shares of Class C common stock from 2,000,000 shares to 3,000,000 shares; (4) the ratification of the appointment of Eide Bailly LLP as the Company's independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016; and (5) the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponements thereof. I will also report on the Company's business activities and answer any stockholder questions.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR election of the director nominees, FOR approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers; FOR approval of the amendment to the Stock Option Plan to authorize additional shares for issuance thereunder; FOR ratification of appointment of the independent registered public accountants; and FOR the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Please refer to the Proxy Statement for detailed information on each of the proposals and the Annual Meeting.

Your vote is very important. We hope you will take a few minutes to review the Proxy Statement and complete, sign, date and return your Proxy Card in the envelope provided, even if you plan to attend the meeting. Please note that sending us your Proxy will not prevent you from voting in person at the meeting, should you wish to do so.

Thank you for your support of Security National Financial Corporation. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Scott M. Quist  
Scott M. Quist  
Chairman of the Board, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

SECURITY NATIONAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION

5300 South 360 West, Suite 250  
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD JULY 6, 2016

Dear Stockholders:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Security National Financial Corporation (the "Company"), a Utah corporation, will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at Valley Center Towers, 5373 South Green Street, Classroom No. 237, Salt Lake City, Utah, beginning at 10:00 a.m., Mountain Daylight Time, to consider and act upon the following:

1. To elect a Board of Directors consisting of eight directors (three directors to be elected exclusively by the Class A common stockholders voting separately as a class and the remaining five directors to be elected by the Class A and Class C common stockholders voting together) to serve until the next Annual Meeting and until their successors are elected and qualified;
2. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers;
3. To approve the amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation to increase the authorized capital stock of the Company from 32,000,000 shares to 33,000,000 shares by increasing the number of authorized shares of Class C common stock from 2,000,000 shares to 3,000,000 shares;
4. To ratify the appointment of Eide Bailly LLP as the Company's independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016; and
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponements thereof.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on May 20, 2016, as the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment thereof. A list of such stockholders will be available for examination by a stockholder for any purpose relevant to the meeting during ordinary business hours at the offices of the Company at 5300 South 360 West, Suite 250, Salt Lake City, Utah during the 20 days prior to the meeting.

If you do not expect to attend the meeting in person, it is important that your shares be represented. Please use the enclosed proxy card to vote on the matters to be considered at the meeting, sign and date the proxy card and mail it promptly in the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage if mailed in the United States. You may revoke your proxy at any time before the meeting by written notice to such effect, by submitting a subsequently dated proxy or by attending the meeting and voting in person. If your shares are held in "street name," you should instruct your broker how to vote in accordance with your voting instruction form.

By order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ Jeffrey R. Stephens  
Jeffrey R. Stephens

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

May 31, 2016

Salt Lake City, Utah

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Security National Financial Corporation  
Proxy Statement

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SECURITY NATIONAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION

5300 South 360 West, Suite 250

Salt Lake City, Utah 84123

PROXY STATEMENT

For Annual Meeting of Stockholders

To Be Held on July 6, 2016

GENERAL INFORMATION

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of Security National Financial Corporation (the "Company") for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") to be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at Valley Center Towers, 5373 South Green Street, Classroom No. 237, Salt Lake City, Utah, beginning at 10:00 a.m., Mountain Daylight Time, or at any adjournment or postponements thereof. The shares covered by the enclosed Proxy, if such is properly executed and received by the Board of Directors prior to the meeting, will be voted in favor of the proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting, and in favor of the election of the nominees to the Board of Directors (three nominees to be elected by the Class A common stockholders voting separately as a class and five nominees to be elected by the Class A and Class C common stockholders voting together) as listed unless such Proxy specifies otherwise, or the authority to vote in the election of directors is withheld.

A Proxy may be revoked at any time before it is exercised by giving written notice to the Corporate Secretary of the Company at 5300 South 360 West, Suite 250, Salt Lake City, Utah 84123, Attention: Jeffrey R. Stephens, by submitting in writing a Proxy bearing a later date, or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Stockholders may vote their shares in person if they attend the Annual Meeting, even if they have executed and returned a Proxy. This Proxy Statement and accompanying Proxy Card are being mailed to stockholders on or about May 31, 2016.

If a stockholder wishes to assign a proxy to someone other than the Directors' Proxy Committee, all names appearing on the Proxy Card must be crossed out and the name(s) of another person or persons (not more than two) inserted. The signed card must be presented at the meeting by the person(s) representing the stockholder.

The cost of this solicitation will be borne by the Company. The Company may reimburse brokerage firms and other persons representing beneficial owners of shares for their expenses in forwarding solicitation materials to such beneficial owners. Proxies may also be solicited by certain of the Company's directors, officers, and regular employees, without additional compensation.

The matters to be brought before the Annual Meeting are (1) to elect directors to serve for the ensuing year; (2) to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers; (3) to approve the amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation to increase the authorized capital stock of the Company from 32,000,000 shares to 33,000,000 shares by increasing the number of authorized shares of Class C common stock from 2,000,000 shares to 3,000,000 shares; (4) to ratify the appointment of Eide Bailly LLP as the Company's independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016; and (5) to transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

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## RECORD DATE AND VOTING INFORMATION

Only holders of record of common stock at the close of business on May 20, 2016, will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. As of March 31, 2016, there were issued and outstanding 13,137,697 shares of Class A common stock, \$2.00 par value per share, and 1,716,024 shares of Class C common stock, \$2.00 par value per share, resulting in a total of 14,853,721 shares of Class A and Class C common stock. A majority of the outstanding shares of Class A and Class C common stock (or 7,426,861 shares) will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the meeting. A list of the Company's stockholders will be available for review at the Company's executive offices during regular business hours for a period of 20 days before the Annual Meeting.

The holders of shares of Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share. The holders of shares of Class C common stock are entitled to ten votes per share. Cumulative voting is not permitted in the election of directors.

After carefully reading and considering the information contained in this Proxy Statement, each holder of the Company's common stock should complete, date and sign the Proxy Card and mail the Proxy Card in the enclosed return envelope as soon as possible so that those shares of the Company's common stock can be voted at the Annual Meeting, even if the holders plan to attend the Annual Meeting in person.

Proxies received at any time before the Annual Meeting, and not revoked or superseded before being voted, will be voted at the Annual Meeting. If a Proxy indicates a specification, it will be in accordance with the specification. If no specification is indicated, the Proxy will be voted for approval of the election of the directors recommended by the Board of Directors; for approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers; for approval of the amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation to increase the authorized capital stock of the Company from 32,000,000 shares to 33,000,000 shares by increasing the number of authorized shares of Class C common stock from 2,000,000 shares to 3,000,000 shares; for ratification of the appointment of Eide Bailly LLP as the Company's independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016; and, in the discretion of the persons named in the Proxy, to transact such other business that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponements of the meeting. You may also vote in person by ballot at the Annual Meeting.

The Company's Articles of Incorporation provide that the Class A common stockholders and Class C common stockholders have different voting rights in the election of directors. The Class A common stockholders voting separately as a class will be entitled to vote for three of the eight directors to be elected (the nominees to be voted upon by the Class A common stockholders separately consist of Messrs. Scott M. Quist, H. Craig Moody and Jason G. Overbaugh).

The remaining five directors will be elected by the Class A and Class C common stockholders voting together (the nominees to be so voted upon consist of Messrs. John L. Cook, Gilbert A. Fuller, Robert G. Hunter, M.D., S. Andrew Quist and Norman G. Wilbur), with the Class A common stockholders having one vote per share and the Class C common stockholders having ten votes per share. For the other business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting, the Class A and Class C common stockholders will vote together with the Class A common stockholders having one vote per share and the Class C common stockholders having ten votes per share. The Class A common stockholders will receive a different form of Proxy than the Class C common stockholders.

Your vote is important. Please complete and return the Proxy Card so your shares can be represented at the Annual Meeting, even if you plan to attend in person.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS  
FOR THE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING TO BE HELD ON JULY 6, 2016**

This Proxy Statement, the Proxy Card and the 2015 Annual Report are available at <https://www.securitynational.com/shareholders>.

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## ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

## PROPOSAL 1

## The Nominees

The Company's Board of Directors consists of eight directors. All directors are elected annually to serve until the next annual meeting of the stockholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, or until their earlier resignation or removal. The nominees for the upcoming election of directors include five independent directors, as defined in the applicable rules for companies traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market, and three members of the Company's senior management. All of the nominees for director have served as directors since the 2015 Annual Meeting.

The nominees to be elected by the holders of Class A common stock are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Director Since</u>	<u>Position(s) with the Company</u>
Scott M. Quist	63	1986	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer
H. Craig Moody	64	1995	Director
Jason G. Overbaugh	41	2013	Vice President, National Marketing Director of Life Insurance and Director

The nominees for election by the holders of Class A and Class C common stock, voting together, are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Director Since</u>	<u>Position(s) with the Company</u>
John L. Cook	61	2013	Director
Gilbert A. Fuller	75	2012	Director
Robert G. Hunter, M.D.	56	1998	Director
S. Andrew Quist	36	2013	Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Director
Norman G. Wilbur	77	1998	Director

The following is a description of the business experience of each of the nominees and directors.

Scott M. Quist has served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since September 2012. Mr. Quist also serves as the Company's President, a position he has held since 2002. He has additionally served as a director of the Company since 1986. Mr. Quist served as First Vice President of the Company from 1986 to 2002. From 1993 to 2013, Mr. Quist served as Treasurer and a director of the National Alliance of Life Companies (NALC), a national trade association of over 200 life insurance companies, and as its President from 1990 to 2000. From 1986 to 1991, Mr. Quist was Treasurer and a director of The National Association of Life Companies, a trade association of 642 insurance companies until its merger with the American Council of Life Companies. Mr. Quist has been a member of the Board of Governors of the Forum 500 Section (representing small insurance companies) of the American Council of Life Insurance. He has also served as a regional director of Key Bank of Utah since 1993. Mr. Quist holds a B.S. degree in Accounting from Brigham Young University and received his law degree also from Brigham Young University. Mr. Quist's significant expertise and deep understanding of the technical, organizational and strategic business aspects of the insurance industry, his management expertise, his 14 year tenure as President of the Company and 29 year tenure as a director, and his years of business and leadership experience led the Board of Directors to conclude that Mr. Quist should serve as Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

Jason G. Overbaugh has served as a director of the Company since July 2013. Mr. Overbaugh has also served as a Vice President and the Assistant Secretary of the Company since 2002; and as the Company's National Marketing Director of Life Insurance since 2008. Mr. Overbaugh has additionally served as Vice President and National Marketing Director of Security National Life Insurance Company since 2006. From 2003 to 2006, he served as a

Vice President of Security National Life Insurance Company with responsibilities as an investment manager over construction lending and commercial real estate investments. From 2000 to 2003, Mr. Overbaugh served as a Vice President of Memorial Estates, Inc., with responsibilities over operations and sales. Mr. Overbaugh has served since 2007 as a director of the LOMA Life Insurance Council, a trade association of life insurance companies. He is also a member of the NFDA Trade Association. Mr. Overbaugh received a B.S. degree in Finance from the University of Utah. Mr. Overbaugh's expertise in insurance and marketing and his 19 years of experience with the Company in its insurance, real estate, and mortuary and cemetery operations led the Board of Directors to conclude that he should serve as a director.

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S. Andrew Quist has served as a director of the Company since July 2013. Mr. Quist has also served as a Vice President of the Company since 2010. In addition, he has served as the Company's Associate General Counsel since 2007, where his responsibilities have included the Company's regulatory matters and acquisitions. In addition, Mr. Quist has been Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since 2010, and Vice President from 2008 to 2010, of C&J Financial, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, which funds the purchase of funeral and burial policies from funeral homes after the death of the insureds. Mr. Quist has also served since 2013 as a director of the National Alliance of Life Companies (NALC), a national trade association of over 200 life insurance companies, where he also serves as Vice President and Treasurer. Mr. Quist further serves as President of the Utah Life Convention, a consortium of Utah domestic life insurers. Mr. Quist holds a B.S. degree in Accounting from Brigham Young University and received his law degree from the University of Southern California. Mr. Quist's expertise in insurance, legal and regulatory matters led the Board of Directors to conclude that he should serve as a director.

John L. Cook has served as a director of the Company since December 2013. Mr. Cook has served since 1982 as co-owner and operator of Cook Brothers Painting, Inc., a painting company that provides painting services for contractors and builders of residential and commercial properties. In addition, Mr. Cook attended the University of Utah. As a director Mr. Cook will advise the Board regarding the Company's investments in commercial and residential real estate projects, including Dry Creek at East Village, a 282 unit multifamily development in Sandy City, Utah. Moreover, Mr. Cook's extensive background in construction and building will be important as the Company continues to acquire new real estate holdings and develop its current portfolio of undeveloped land into future developments that could provide additional long term revenues for the Company. Mr. Cook's years of experience in the construction industry and with construction projects led the Board of Directors to conclude that he should serve as a director.

Gilbert A. Fuller has served as a director of the Company since 2012. From 2006 until his retirement in 2008, Mr. Fuller served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary of USANA Health Sciences, Inc., a multinational manufacturer and direct seller of nutritional supplements. Mr. Fuller joined USANA in 1996 as the Vice President of Finance and served in that role until 1999 when he was appointed as its Senior Vice President. Mr. Fuller has served as a member of the Board of Directors of USANA since 2008. Mr. Fuller obtained his certified public accountant license in 1970 and kept it current until his career path developed into corporate finance. Mr. Fuller received a B.S. degree in Accounting and an M.B.A. degree from the University of Utah. Mr. Fuller's accounting, finance and corporate strategy expertise and his years of financial, accounting and business experience with public and private companies, including USANA Health Sciences, Inc., which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, where he served as an executive officer and continues to serve as a director, led the Board of Directors to conclude that he should serve as a director.

Robert G. Hunter, M.D. has served as a director of the Company since 1998. Dr. Hunter is currently a practicing physician in private practice. Dr. Hunter created the statewide E.N.T. Organization (Rocky Mountain E.N.T., Inc.) where he is currently a member of the Executive Committee. Dr. Hunter is Department Head of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery at Intermountain Medical Center and a past President of the medical staff of the Intermountain Medical Center. He is also a delegate to the Utah Medical Association and has served as a delegate representing the State of Utah to the American Medical Association, and a member of several medical advisory boards. Dr. Hunter holds a B.S. degree in Microbiology from the University of Utah and received his medical degree from the University of Utah College of Medicine. Dr. Hunter's medical expertise and experience, and his administrative and leadership experience from serving in a number of administrative positions in the medical profession led the Board of Directors to conclude that he should serve as a director.

H. Craig Moody has served as a director of the Company since 1995. Mr. Moody is owner of Moody & Associates, a political consulting and real estate company. He is a former Speaker and House Majority Leader of the House of Representatives of the State of Utah. From 1989 to 1992, Mr. Moody was Co-Chairman of the Utah Legislative Audit Committee. Mr. Moody received a B.S. degree in Political Science from the University of Utah. Mr. Moody's real

estate and governmental affairs expertise and years of business and leadership experience led the Board of Directors to conclude he should serve as a director.

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Norman G. Wilbur has served as a director of the Company since 1998. Mr. Wilbur worked for J.C. Penny's regional offices in budget and analysis. His final position was Manager of Planning and Reporting for J.C. Penny's stores. After 36 years with J.C. Penny's, Mr. Wilbur opted for early retirement in 1997. Mr. Wilbur is a past board member of Habitat for Humanity in Plano, Texas. Mr. Wilbur received a B.S. degree in Accounting from the University of Utah. Mr. Wilbur's financial expertise and business experience from a successful career at J.C. Penny's led the Board of Directors to conclude he should serve as a director. In addition, the Board of Directors' determination that Mr. Wilbur is the Audit Committee "financial expert" lends further support to his financial acumen and qualification for serving as a director.

The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote "FOR" the election of each of the director nominees.

#### The Board of Directors, Board Committees and Meetings

The Company's Bylaws provide that the Board of Directors shall consist of not less than five nor more than twelve. The term of office of each director is for a period of one year or until the election and qualification of his successor. A director is not required to be a resident of the State of Utah or a stockholder of the Company. The Board of Directors held a total of five meetings during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. Each of the directors attended 75% or more of the meetings of the Board of Directors during 2015.

The size of the Board of Directors of the Company is eight members. A majority of the Board of Directors must qualify as "independent" as that term is defined in Rule 4200 of the listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market. The Board of Directors has affirmatively determined that five of the eight members of the Board of Directors, Messrs. John L. Cook, Gilbert A. Fuller, Robert G. Hunter, M.D., H. Craig Moody and Norman G. Wilbur, are independent under the listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market.

Unless authority is withheld by your Proxy, it is intended that the common stock represented by your Proxy will be voted for the respective nominees listed above. If any nominee should not serve for any reason, the Proxy will be voted for such person as shall be designated by the Board of Directors to replace such nominee. The Board of Directors has no reason to expect that any nominee would be unable to serve. There is no arrangement between any of the nominees and any other person or persons pursuant to which he was or is to be selected as a director. There is no family relationship between or among any of the nominees, except that S. Andrew Quist is the son of Scott M. Quist, and Jason G. Overbaugh is the nephew of Scott M. Quist.

There are four committees of the Board of Directors, which meet periodically during the year: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

The Audit Committee directs the auditing activities of the Company's internal auditors and outside public accounting firm and approves the services of the outside public accounting firm. The Audit Committee consists of Messrs. Gilbert A. Fuller, H. Craig Moody and Norman G. Wilbur (Chairman of the committee). During 2015, the Audit Committee met on three occasions.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board of Directors for approval the annual compensation of each executive officer of the Company and the executive officers of the Company's subsidiaries, developing policy in the areas of compensation and fringe benefits, contributions under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan, contributions under the 401(k) Retirement Savings Plans, Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan, granting of options under the stock option plans, and creating other employee compensation plans. The Compensation Committee consists of Messrs. John L. Cook, Gilbert A. Fuller, Robert G. Hunter, M.D., H. Craig Moody and Norman G. Wilbur (Chairman of the Committee). During 2015, the Compensation Committee met on three occasions.

The Executive Committee reviews Company policy, major investment activities and other pertinent transactions of the Company. The Executive Committee consists of Messrs. Gilbert A. Fuller, H. Craig Moody, S. Andrew Quist and Scott M. Quist (Chairman of the committee). During 2015, the Executive Committee met on one occasion.

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The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee identifies individuals qualified to become Board members consistent with criteria approved by the Board, recommends to the Board the persons to be nominated by the Board for election as directors at a meeting of stockholders, and develops and recommends to the Board a set of corporate governance principles. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee consists of Messrs. John L. Cook, Gilbert A. Fuller, Robert G. Hunter, M.D., H. Craig Moody (Chairman of the committee), and Norman G. Wilbur. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is composed solely of independent directors, as defined in the listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market. During 2015, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met on three occasions.

#### Director Nominating Process

The process for identifying and evaluating nominees for directors include the following steps: (1) the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, Chairman of the Board or other board members identify a need to fill vacancies or add newly created directorships; (2) the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee initiates a search and seeks input from Board members and senior management and, if necessary, obtains advice from legal or other advisors (but does not hire an outside search firm); (3) director candidates, including any candidates properly proposed by stockholders in accordance with the Company's Bylaws, are identified and presented to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee; (4) initial interviews with candidates are conducted by the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee; (5) the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee meets to consider and approve final candidate(s) and conduct further interviews as necessary; and (6) the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee makes recommendations to the Board for inclusion in the slate of directors at the annual meeting. The evaluation process will be the same whether the nominee is recommended by a stockholder or by a member of the Board of Directors.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider nominees proposed by stockholders. To recommend a prospective nominee for the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's consideration, stockholders may submit the candidate's name and qualifications to: Jeffrey R. Stephens, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Security National Financial Corporation, 5300 South 360 West, Suite 250, Salt Lake City, Utah 84123.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee operates pursuant to a written charter. The full text of the charter is published on the Company's website at [www.securitynational.com](http://www.securitynational.com). Stockholders may also obtain a copy of the charter without charge by writing to: Jeffrey R. Stephens, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Security National Financial Corporation, 5300 South 360 West, Suite 250, Salt Lake City, Utah 84123.

#### Meetings of Non-Management Directors

The Company's independent directors meet regularly in executive session without management. The Board of Directors has designated a lead director to preside at executive sessions of independent directors. Mr. H. Craig Moody is currently the lead director.

#### Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors

Stockholders who wish to communicate with the Board of Directors or a particular director may send a letter to Jeffrey R. Stephens, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Security National Financial Corporation, 5300 South 360 West, Suite 250, Salt Lake City, Utah 84123. The mailing envelope must contain a clear notation indicating that the enclosed letter is a "Stockholder-Board Communication" or "Stockholder-Director Communication." All such letters must identify the author as a stockholder and clearly state whether the intended recipients are all members of the Board or just certain specified individual directors. The Corporate Secretary will make copies of all such letters and circulate them to the appropriate director or directors.



## Executive Officers

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the executive officers of the Company (the business biographies for Scott M. Quist, Jason Q. Overbaugh and S. Andrew Quist are set forth above):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Title</u>
Scott M. Quist <sup>1</sup>	63	Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Garrett S. Sill	45	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Jason G. Overbaugh <sup>2</sup>	41	Vice President, National Marketing Director of Life Insurance, and Director
S. Andrew Quist <sup>1</sup>	36	Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Director
Jeffrey R. Stephens	62	General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Stephen C. Johnson	59	Vice President of Mortgage Operations
Christie Q. Overbaugh <sup>2</sup>	67	Senior Vice President of Internal Operations

<sup>1</sup> Scott M. Quist is the father of S. Andrew Quist.

<sup>2</sup> Christie Q. Overbaugh is the mother of Jason G. Overbaugh and the sister of Scott M. Quist.

Garrett S. Sill has served as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since July 2013. From January 2013 to July 2013, Mr. Sill served as Acting Chief Financial Officer and Acting Treasurer. From 2011 to January 2013, Mr. Sill served as Vice President and Assistant Treasurer of Security National Life Insurance Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. From 2002 to 2011, Mr. Sill was Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of SecurityNational Mortgage Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. From 1997 to 2002, he was Vice President and Controller of SecurityNational Mortgage Company. Mr. Sill is a certified public accountant, having been licensed since 2002. He holds a B.A. degree in Accounting from Weber State University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Utah. Mr. Sill also serves as a member of the Advisory Council of the School of Accounting and Taxation at Weber State University.

Jeffrey R. Stephens has served as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the Company since December 2008. Mr. Stephens had served as General Counsel for the Company from November 2006 to December 2008. He was in private practice from 1981 to 2006 in the states of Washington and Utah. Mr. Stephens holds a B.A. degree in Geography from the University of Utah and received his law degree from Brigham Young University. Mr. Stephens is a member of the Utah State Bar and the Washington State Bar Association.

Stephen C. Johnson began serving as the Vice President of Mortgage Operations of the Company and as the President of SecurityNational Mortgage on January 1, 2016. On October 1, 2015, the Company's Board of Directors appointed Mr. Johnson to replace J. Lynn Beckstead, Jr. who had served as the Company's Vice President of Mortgage Operations from 2003 until his retirement on December 31, 2015 and as President of SecurityNational Mortgage from 1993 until his retirement on December 31, 2015. Prior to Mr. Johnson's new appointment, her. Johnson served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of SecurityNational Mortgage, positions he had held since 2012. From 2002 to 2012, Mr. Johnson served as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of SecurityNational Mortgage. From 2000 to 2002, he served as Vice President of Operations of SecurityNational Mortgage.

From 1998 to 2000, Mr. Johnson served as Senior Vice President of Real Estate of Bank of Utah. From 1997 to 1998, Mr. Johnson served as Manager of Mortgage Lending of Barnes Banking. During the period from 1982 to 1997, Mr. Johnson served as Vice President of Secondary Marketing of Western Mortgage Loan Company. Mr. Johnson holds a B.A. degree in International Relations from Brigham Young University and Master's degree in International Management and Finance from the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird). From 1995 to 1998, Mr. Johnson was an instructor in Finance and Economics at the University of Phoenix.

Christie Q. Overbaugh has served as Senior Vice President of Internal Operations of the Company since June 2006, and a Vice President of the Company from 1998 to June 2006. Ms. Overbaugh has also served as Vice President of Underwriting for Security National Life Insurance Company since 1998. From 1986 to 1991, she was Chief Underwriter for Investors Equity Life Insurance Company of Hawaii and Security National Life Insurance Company. From 1990 to 1991, Ms. Overbaugh was President of the Utah Home Office Underwriters Association. Ms. Overbaugh is currently a member of the Utah Home Office Underwriters Association and an Associate Member of LOMA (Life Office Management Association).

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The Board of Directors of the Company has a written procedure that requires disclosure to the Board of any material interest or any affiliation on the part of any of its officers, directors or employees that is in conflict or may be in conflict with the Company's interests.

All executive officers and directors of the Company hold office until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

#### Corporate Governance

Corporate Governance Guidelines. The Board of Directors has adopted the Security National Financial Corporation Corporate Governance Guidelines. These guidelines outline the functions of the board, director qualifications and responsibilities, and various processes and procedures designed to insure effective and responsive governance. The Board of Directors has also adopted a written committee charter for the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee. The guidelines and committee charters are reviewed from time to time in response to regulatory requirements and best practices and are revised accordingly. The full text of the guidelines and committee charters is published on the Company's website at [www.securitynational.com](http://www.securitynational.com). A copy of the Corporate Governance Guidelines may also be obtained at no charge by written request to the attention of Jeffrey R. Stephens, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Security National Financial Corporation, 5300 South 360 West, Suite 250, Salt Lake City, Utah 84123.

Code of Business Conduct. All of the Company's officers, employees and directors are required to comply with the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics to help insure that the Company's business is conducted in accordance with appropriate standards of ethical behavior. The Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics covers all areas of professional conduct, including customer relationships, conflicts of interest, insider trading, financial disclosures, intellectual property and confidential information, as well as requiring adherence to all laws and regulations applicable to the Company's business. Employees are required to report any violations or suspected violations of the Code. The Code includes an anti-retaliation statement. The full text of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is published on the Company's website at [www.securitynational.com](http://www.securitynational.com). A copy of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics may also be obtained at no charge by written request to the attention of Jeffrey R. Stephens, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Security National Financial Corporation, 5300 South 360 West, Suite 250, Salt Lake City, Utah 84123.

COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table sets forth compensation information for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013 for (i) the Company's Chief Executive Officer, (ii) the Company's Chief Financial Officer, and (iii) the Company's three other executive officers, who, based on their total compensation, were the most highly compensated in 2015. The Company refers to them in this Proxy Statement collectively as the "Named Executive Officers."

Name and Principal Position	Year Salary\$
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