

Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc.  
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January 13, 2017  
**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

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**Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc.**

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**NATURAL GROCERS BY VITAMIN COTTAGE, INC.**

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of**

**Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

**to be held on March 1, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. local time at**

**Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc., Home Office Auditorium**

**12612 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado 80228**

**COMPANY NUMBER**

**ACCOUNT NUMBER**

**CONTROL NUMBER**

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.**

**If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials, you must request one. Otherwise, you will not receive a paper or e-mail copy. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. To facilitate timely delivery, please make the request as instructed below before February 15, 2017.**

Please visit <http://www.astproxyportal.com/ast/18556/>, where the following materials are available for view:

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders  
Proxy Statement  
Form of Electronic Proxy Card  
2016 Annual Report

**TO REQUEST  
MATERIAL:**

**TELEPHONE: 888-Proxy-NA (888-776-9962) or 718-921-8562 (for international callers)**

**E-MAIL: [info@amstock.com](mailto:info@amstock.com)**

**WEBSITE: <http://www.amstock.com/proxyservices/requestmaterials.asp>**

**TO  
VOTE:**

**ONLINE:** To access your online proxy card, please visit [www.voteproxy.com](http://www.voteproxy.com) and follow the on-screen instructions or scan the QR code with your smartphone. You may enter your voting instructions at [www.voteproxy.com](http://www.voteproxy.com) up until 11:59 PM Eastern Time the day before the meeting date.

**IN PERSON:** You may vote your shares in person by attending the Annual Meeting. You may obtain directions to the location of the meeting at <http://investors.naturalgrocers.com/proxy notices>.

**TELEPHONE:** To vote by telephone, please call toll-free **1-800-PROXIES** (1-800-776-9437) in the United States or **1-718-921-8500** from foreign countries from any touch-tone telephone and follow the instructions. You may vote by telephone until 11:59 PM Eastern Time the day before the meeting.

**MAIL:** You may request a proxy card by following the instructions above.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR”**

**THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND “FOR” PROPOSALS 2 AND 3.**

1. Election of Directors:

**NOMINEES:**

Zephyr Isely

Michael T. Campbell

2. TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.

3. TO TRANSACT SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.

In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote with respect to matters incident to the conduct of the meeting and upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

**Please note that you cannot use this notice to vote. It is not a ballot.**