

WASTE MANAGEMENT INC  
Form DEFA14A  
March 28, 2012

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE SECURITIES**

**EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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**Waste Management, Inc.**

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Combined Proxy Statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K

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## How To Vote

### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

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**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote**

**FOR Proposals 1, 2, 3 and 4:**

1. Election of Directors  
**Nominees:**
  - 1a. Bradbury H. Anderson
  - 1b. Pastora San Juan Cafferty
  - 1c. Frank M. Clark, Jr.
  - 1d. Patrick W. Gross
  - 1e. John C. Pope
  - 1f. W. Robert Reum
  - 1g. Steven G. Rothmeier
  - 1h. David P. Steiner
  - 1i. Thomas H. Weidemeyer
2. Ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young, LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for 2012.
3. To approve our executive compensation.
4. To amend our Employee Stock Purchase Plan to increase the number of shares authorized for issuance.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote**

**AGAINST proposals 5 and 6:**

5. Stockholder proposal relating to a stock retention policy requiring senior executives to retain a significant percentage of stock acquired through equity pay programs until one year following termination of employment, if properly presented at the meeting.
6. Stockholder proposal to amend our By-laws and other governing documents to give stockholders of the lowest percentage of our outstanding Common Stock permitted by state law the power to call special stockholder meetings, if properly presented at the meeting.

**NOTE:** In their discretion, upon such other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

