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#### 3 Easton Oval

#### Columbus, Ohio 43219

#### **April 3, 2018**

To Our Shareholders:

The 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual Meeting) of M/I Homes, Inc. (the Company) will be held at 9:00 a.m., local time, on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at the offices of the Company, 3 Easton Oval, Columbus, Ohio 43219. Holders of record of our common shares as of March 12, 2018 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting.

Enclosed is a copy of our 2017 Annual Report to Shareholders, which includes our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, a notice of the Annual Meeting and a proxy statement and proxy card for the Annual Meeting. It is important your common shares be represented at the Annual Meeting. Please record your vote on the enclosed proxy card and return it promptly in the postage-paid envelope provided or, alternatively, vote your proxy electronically via the Internet or telephonically in accordance with the instructions on your proxy card.

We look forward to reviewing the activities of the Company at the Annual Meeting. We hope you can be with us.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Schottenstein, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD

IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED OR, ALTERNATIVELY, VOTE YOUR PROXY

ELECTRONICALLY VIA THE INTERNET OR TELEPHONICALLY.

#### 3 Easton Oval

#### Columbus, Ohio 43219

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### To Be Held May 8, 2018

To Each Shareholder of M/I Homes, Inc.:

Notice is hereby given that the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual Meeting ) of M/I Homes, Inc. (the Company ) will be held at 9:00 a.m., local time, on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at the offices of the Company, 3 Easton Oval, Columbus, Ohio 43219, for the following purposes:

- 1) To elect three directors to serve until the Company s 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified;
- 2) To consider and vote upon a non-binding, advisory resolution to approve the compensation of the Company s named executive officers;
- 3) To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the adoption of the M/I Homes, Inc. 2018 Long-Term Incentive Plan;
- 4) To consider and vote upon a proposal to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for the 2018 fiscal year; and
- 5) To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Only holders of record of our common shares at the close of business on March 12, 2018 will be entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

It is important that your common shares be represented at the Annual Meeting. Whether or not you intend to be present at the Annual Meeting, please complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided or, alternatively, vote your proxy electronically via the Internet or telephonically in accordance with the instructions on your proxy card.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. Thomas Mason, Secretary

# THE COMPANY S NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS, PROXY STATEMENT, FORM OF PROXY AND 2017 ANNUAL REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.EDOCUMENTVIEW.COM/MHO.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 8, 2018.

The Company s Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Proxy Statement, form of proxy and 2017 Annual Report to Shareholders are available online at <a href="https://www.edocumentview.com/MHO">www.edocumentview.com/MHO</a>.

For information on how to obtain directions to the Annual Meeting and vote in person, please contact our Investor Relations department at (614) 418-8225 or <a href="mailto:investorrelations@mihomes.com">investorrelations@mihomes.com</a>.

#### ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

Instead of receiving paper copies of our future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports to shareholders in the mail, shareholders may elect to receive such documents electronically via e-mail or the Internet. Receiving your proxy materials electronically saves us the cost of printing and mailing documents to you and reduces the environmental impact of our shareholder communications. Shareholders may sign up to receive or access future shareholder communications electronically as follows:

*Shareholders of Record.* If you are a registered shareholder, you may consent to electronic delivery when voting for the Annual Meeting on the Internet at **www.envisionreports.com/MHO**.

*Beneficial Holders*. If your common shares are not registered in your name, check the information provided to you by your bank, broker or other nominee or contact your bank, broker or other nominee for information on electronic delivery service.

#### 3 Easton Oval

#### Columbus, Ohio 43219

#### PROXY STATEMENT

#### for the

#### 2018 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### To Be Held May 8, 2018

#### **GENERAL**

#### Time, Place and Purposes of Meeting

The 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of M/I Homes, Inc. (the Annual Meeting) will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., local time, at our corporate offices at 3 Easton Oval, Columbus, Ohio 43219. The purposes of the Annual Meeting are set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders to which this Proxy Statement is attached. All references in this Proxy Statement to M/I Homes, the Company, we, our or us refer to M/I Homes,

#### Solicitation of Proxies

This Proxy Statement and the accompanying form of proxy are first being sent on or about April 3, 2018 to holders of the Company s common shares, par value \$.01 per share (the Common Shares ), as of the close of business on March 12, 2018 (the Record Date ). This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Company s Board of Directors (the Board ) for use at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment thereof. The Company s 2017 Annual Report to Shareholders (the 2017 Annual Report ), which includes our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 (the 2017 Form 10-K ), is being mailed together with this Proxy Statement.

#### **Outstanding Shares and Quorum Requirements**

There were 28,562,753 Common Shares issued and outstanding on the Record Date. The Common Shares represent our only class of voting securities entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Each Common Share outstanding on the Record Date entitles the holder thereof to one vote on each matter submitted to a shareholder vote at the Annual Meeting. A quorum for the Annual Meeting is a majority of the outstanding Common Shares on the Record Date. Common Shares represented by properly executed proxies returned to the Company at or prior to the Annual Meeting or represented by properly authenticated voting instructions timely recorded electronically via the Internet or telephonically will be counted toward the establishment of a quorum for the Annual Meeting even though they are marked Abstain (on any or all applicable proposals) or Withheld (from any or all director nominees) or are not marked at all.

#### **Voting by Proxy**

A proxy card for use at the Annual Meeting is enclosed. You may ensure your representation at the Annual Meeting by completing, signing, dating and promptly returning to the Company, at or prior to the Annual Meeting, the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided. Alternatively, shareholders holding Common Shares registered directly with our transfer agent, Computershare, may vote their proxies electronically via the Internet or telephonically by

following the instructions on their proxy cards. The deadline for voting electronically via the Internet or telephonically is 1:00 a.m., local time, on May 8, 2018. There are no fees or charges associated with

voting electronically via the Internet or telephonically, other than fees or charges, if any, that shareholders pay for access to the Internet and for telephone service. A record holder of Common Shares may also attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. Beneficial owners of Common Shares held in street name by a broker, bank or other nominee may also be eligible to vote their proxies electronically via the Internet or telephonically. Beneficial owners should review the information provided to them by their broker, bank or other nominee. This information will set forth the procedures to be followed in instructing their broker, bank or other nominee how to vote the Common Shares held in street name and how to revoke previously given instructions. Beneficial owners who desire to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person must provide a legal proxy from their broker, bank or other nominee in order to vote in person at the Annual Meeting.

Broker/dealers who hold Common Shares for beneficial owners in street name may, under the applicable rules ( NYSE Rules ) of the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE ), sign and submit proxies for such Common Shares and may vote such Common Shares on routine matters, such as the ratification of the appointment of auditors, but broker/dealers may not vote such Common Shares on non-routine matters, such as the election of directors, the advisory vote on executive compensation and the approval of the adoption of the M/I Homes, Inc. 2018 Long-Term Incentive Plan, without specific instructions from the beneficial owner of such Common Shares. Proxies that are signed and submitted by broker/dealers that have not been voted on non-routine matters, as described in the previous sentence, are referred to as broker non-votes.

#### **Revocation of Proxies**

A record holder may revoke its proxy at any time before it is exercised at the Annual Meeting by (1) filing a written notice with the Company revoking the proxy, (2) duly executing and returning to the Company a proxy card bearing a later date, (3) casting a new vote electronically via the Internet or telephonically or (4) attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Attending the Annual Meeting without voting in person will not revoke a previously delivered proxy. Beneficial owners of Common Shares held in street name should follow the instructions provided by their broker, bank or other nominee to revoke a previously delivered proxy. Subject to such revocation and except as otherwise stated in this Proxy Statement or in the form of proxy, all proxies properly executed that are received prior to, or at the time of, the Annual Meeting and all proxies properly voted electronically via the Internet or telephonically before 1:00 a.m., local time, on May 8, 2018, will be voted in accordance with the instructions contained therein. If no instructions are given (excluding broker non-votes), proxies will be voted FOR the election of the director nominees identified in Proposal No. 1, FOR the approval of the compensation of the Company s named executive officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement (Proposal No. 2), FOR approval of the adoption of the M/I Homes, Inc. 2018 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Proposal No. 3), FOR the ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for 2018 (Proposal No. 4) and at the discretion of the proxy holders on all other matters that may properly be brought before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

#### Proposal No. 1

#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

In accordance with the Company s Amended and Restated Regulations (as amended, the Regulations), the Board is comprised of nine directors, divided into three classes with staggered three-year terms. A class of three directors is to be elected at the Annual Meeting. The Board has nominated the persons set forth in the table below for election as directors of the Company at the Annual Meeting. The three nominees receiving the greatest number of votes cast will be elected to serve until the Company s 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified or until their earlier death, resignation or removal. Withheld votes with respect to any nominee (or all of the nominees) and broker non-votes will be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum, but will have no effect on the election of such nominee(s).

Unless otherwise specified in your proxy, the Common Shares voted pursuant to your proxy will be voted FOR the election of the director nominees identified below. The Board has no reason to believe that any nominee will not serve as a director if elected at the Annual Meeting. If any nominee becomes unable to serve or for good cause will not serve as a director, the proxy holders reserve full discretion to vote the Common Shares represented by the proxies they hold for the election of the remaining nominees and for the election of any substitute nominee(s) designated by the Board.

Your Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR each of the director nominees named below.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Current Position(s) with the Company**

Name
Director Nominees - T
Michael P. Glimcher*
Michael P. Glimcher*

#### Committee Membership: Nominating and Governance

As the Chief Executive Officer of a developer and operator of retail malls and shopping centers across the United States and a former Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of a publicly-traded real estate investment trust with real estate projects across the United States, Mr. Glimcher brings the Board management, public company, risk management, corporate governance and real estate development and construction experience.

J. Thomas Mason

60 Chief Legal Officer of the Company since November 2011,

Executive Vice President of the Company since February 2008 and
Secretary of the Company since July 2002. Mr. Mason served as
Senior Vice President of the Company from July 2002 until February
2008 and as General Counsel of the Company from July 2002 until
November 2011. Prior to July 2002, Mr. Mason was a partner with
the law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP in Columbus,
Ohio.

#### Committee Membership: None

Mr. Mason has practiced law for over 34 years, including 18 years in private practice, with an emphasis on land acquisition/disposition and development. As Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of the Company, Mr. Mason is actively involved in the Company s risk management, land acquisition/disposition and development and human

**Director** 

resources functions. Mr. Mason provides the Board with insight into legal issues affecting the Company as well as valuable real estate expertise and detailed knowledge of many areas of our business.

		<b>Current Position(s) with the Company</b>	
			Director
Name	Age	and/or Business Experience	Since
Sharen Jester	61	President and Chief Executive Officer of Victoria s Secret, a division	2011
Turney*		of L Brands, Inc., a publicly-traded national retailer, from 2006 until	
		February 2016. Ms. Turney served as President and Chief Executive	
		Officer of Victoria s Secret Direct, the brand s catalogue and	
		e-commerce arm, from 2000 until 2006. Before joining Victoria s	
		Secret, Ms. Turney served for 10 years in various executive roles,	
		including President and Chief Executive Officer of Neiman Marcus	
		Direct, with Neiman Marcus Group, Inc., a publicly-traded national	
		luxury retailer. Ms. Turney currently serves as Chairman of the Board	
		of Directors for the Research Institute at Nationwide Children s	
		Hospital. She also served on the Board of Directors for Full Beauty	
		Brands, a national retailer. Ms. Turney is an advisor to the Board of	
		London-based Marks and Spencer, a publicly-traded company, and	
		technology companies Feedvisor, New Retail and Joox.	
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		Committee Memberships: Nominating and Governance;	
		Compensation	
		Compensation	

Ms. Turney s service as an executive officer of Fortune 500 publicly-traded companies provides the Board with diverse and valuable experience in numerous areas, including business management, strategic planning, retailing, finance, marketing, understanding the customer, brand management and sourcing.

#### Directors - Term to Expire at 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

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Friedrich	K.M.
Böhm*	

Consultant for large real estate development projects. Mr. Böhm was a partner of White Oak Partners, a private equity firm, from 2008 to 2015 and Chairman of White Oak Partners from 2008 to 2013. Mr. Böhm served as Chairman Emeritus of NBBJ, an international architectural firm, from 2006 to 2008, Chairman of NBBJ from 1997 until 2006 and Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of NBBJ from 1987 until 1997. He currently serves as a director of The Daimler Group and White Oak Partners and was formerly a director of TRC Companies, Inc., Huntington National Bank and NBBJ. In November 2013, Mr. Böhm was appointed as the Company s Lead Independent Director.

Committee Memberships: Audit; Compensation (Chairman); Executive

For nearly 20 years, Mr. Böhm served in an executive role with NBBJ, a leading international architectural firm that has designed communities, buildings, products, environments and digital experiences, including designing over 300,000 housing units. Mr. Böhm provides the Board with extensive and broad-based operating, design, strategic planning and management experience.

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		<b>Current Position(s) with the Company</b>	Director
Name	Age	and/or Business Experience	Since
William H. Carter*	64	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Hexion Inc. (formerly known as Momentive Specialty Chemicals Inc.), an international specialty chemicals and materials company, from April 1995 until December 2015, and a director of Hexion Inc. from November 2001 until December 2015. Mr. Carter also served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and a director of Momentive Performance Holdings LLC and its wholly-owned subsidiary Momentive Performance Materials Inc. from October 2010 until October 2014. Prior to joining Hexion Inc., Mr. Carter was a partner with Price Waterhouse LLP, which he joined in 1975. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Lancaster Colony Corporation and Vectra Corporation.	2012
		Committee Membership: Audit (Chairman)	

Mr. Carter has more than 40 years of finance and accounting experience, including having served as a chief financial officer of a public-reporting company and a partner for an independent registered public accounting firm. Through this extensive experience, he provides the Board with valuable expertise in numerous financial areas, including accounting, tax, treasury, capital markets and strategic planning.

Robert H. Schottenstein	65	Chairman of the Company since March 2004, Chief Executive Officer of the Company since January 2004 and President of the Company since May 1996. Mr. Schottenstein currently serves as a director of L Brands, Inc. and Installed Building Products, Inc. Mr. Schottenstein also serves on The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center board and is also a board member of The Ohio State University Foundation. In addition, Mr. Schottenstein serves on the Executive Committee of The Harvard University Joint Center for Housing. Mr. Schottenstein served as a Trustee of The Ohio State University (OSU) from 2005 to 2014 and as the Chair of the Board of Trustees of OSU from 2012 to 2014. Mr. Schottenstein formerly served as a director of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated.	1993
		Committee Membership: Executive (Chairman)	

Mr. Schottenstein s day-to-day leadership as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, more than 25 years of service with the Company in various roles spanning production, sales and land acquisition/disposition and development, family relationship (he is the son of the founder of the Company) and previous experience as a real estate attorney provides the Board with extensive knowledge of our operations, business, industry and history.

Directors - Term to Expir	e at 202	20 Annual Meeting of Shareholders	
Phillip G. Creek	65	Chief Financial Officer of the Company since September 2000,	2002
		Executive Vice President of the Company since February 2008 and	

Chief Financial Officer of M/I Financial Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (M/I Financial), since September 2000.

#### Committee Membership: Executive

Mr. Creek has served in various management positions with the Company since 1993 and has worked in the homebuilding industry for over 30 years. Mr. Creek has extensive experience in finance, accounting, strategic planning, homebuilding operations, investor relations and capital markets and provides the Board with valuable knowledge of the homebuilding industry and the Company s operations.

		<b>Current Position(s) with the Company</b>	
Name	Age	and/or Business Experience	Director Since
Norman L. Traeger*	78	Founded United Skates of America, a chain of family fun centers, in 1971 and The Discovery Group, a venture capital firm, in 1983. Mr. Traeger currently owns and manages industrial, commercial and office real estate. Mr. Traeger currently serves as a director of The Discovery Group.	1997
		Committee Memberships: Audit; Compensation; Nominating and Governance (Chairman)	

Mr. Traeger s diverse background as a business owner and operator, venture capitalist and real estate developer provides the Board with significant experience in sales, marketing, strategic planning and capital formation, as well as entrepreneurial and operational expertise.

Nancy J. Kramer*	62	Founder of Resource/Ammirati, a digitally led creative agency established in 1981 that was acquired by IBM in 2016, and is now Chief Evangelist for IBM iX. Ms. Kramer also serves on the Board of The Columbus Foundation, the Wexner Center for the Arts and The Wellington School.	2015
		Committee Membership: Nominating and Governance	

Ms. Kramer has more than 30 years of experience in the marketing and advertising industry. Her extensive experience provides the Board with valuable expertise with digital and interactive marketing and advertising.

<sup>\*</sup> Independent director under the NYSE Rules.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING THE BOARD, ITS COMMITTEES AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### **Board Organization, Independence and Committees**

The Board currently has nine members. The Board has determined that six of its nine members (Friedrich K.M. Böhm, William H. Carter, Michael P. Glimcher, Nancy J. Kramer, Norman L. Traeger and Sharen Jester Turney) qualify as independent under NYSE Rules. When determining whether a director qualifies as independent, the Board, in accordance with NYSE Rules, broadly considers all relevant facts and circumstances to determine whether the director has any material relationship with the Company, either directly or indirectly (as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company), other than serving as one of our directors.

Pursuant to the Company s Corporate Governance Guidelines, each independent director is required to notify the Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee, as soon as practicable, in the event the director s circumstances change in a manner that may affect the Board s evaluation of his or her independence.

During 2017, the Board held four meetings, and each director attended at least 75% of the total number of meetings of the Board and the committees on which he or she served (in each case, held during the period such director served).

During 2017, the Board had four standing committees: the Audit Committee; the Compensation Committee; the Nominating and Governance Committee; and the Executive Committee. In accordance with the applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC Rules) and NYSE Rules, each of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee has its own written charter, which is available on the Company s website at <a href="https://www.mihomes.com">www.mihomes.com</a> under the Investors heading.

Audit Committee. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to a written Audit Committee Charter adopted by the Board which reflects SEC Rules and NYSE Rules relating to audit committees. The Audit Committee annually reviews and assesses the adequacy of its charter and recommends changes to the Board as necessary to reflect changes in regulatory requirements, authoritative guidance and evolving practices. The primary purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board in its oversight of: (1) the integrity of the Company s consolidated financial statements and internal control over financial reporting; (2) the Company s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; (3) the Company s independent registered public accounting firm s qualifications, independence and performance; and (4) the performance of the Company s internal audit function.

The Audit Committee s specific responsibilities include: (1) reviewing and discussing the overall scope of the independent registered public accounting firm s annual audit plans, including staffing, professional services, audit procedures and fees; (2) reviewing and discussing the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives, as well as off-balance sheet structures, on the Company s financial statements; (3) reviewing and discussing the Company s quarterly financial statements and annual audited financial statements and related disclosures; (4) discussing the assessments of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company s systems of disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting; (5) discussing the guidelines and policies used by management to govern the process by which risk assessment and risk management is undertaken, paying particular attention to financial risk exposures; (6) monitoring and reporting to the Board concerning the independence, qualifications and performance of the independent registered public accounting firm; (7) reviewing and pre-approving all audit services and permitted non-audit services to be performed for the Company or its subsidiaries; (8) reviewing the internal auditors—annual audit plans and reviewing reports concerning the results of internal audits; (9) reviewing and discussing with the internal auditors their assessments of the Company s risk management processes and system of internal control; (10) establishing procedures for the confidential submission, receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting

controls or auditing matters; (11) engaging the independent registered public accounting firm; and (12) reviewing any issues that arise with respect to the quality or integrity of the Company s financial statements, the Company s compliance with legal or regulatory requirements, the performance and independence of the independent registered public accounting firm or the performance of the internal audit function.

Each member of the Audit Committee qualifies as independent and is financially literate under the applicable SEC Rules and NYSE Rules. The Board has determined that the Audit Committee s Chairman, William H. Carter, qualifies as an audit committee financial expert as defined by applicable SEC Rules. The Audit Committee has been established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ). The Audit Committee met nine times during 2017. The Audit Committee also met nine times with the Company s senior financial management, including the internal auditors, and the Company s independent registered public accounting firm, and discussed the Company s interim and fiscal year financial information prior to public release. The Audit Committee s report relating to the 2017 fiscal year appears on page 63 of this Proxy Statement.

Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee operates pursuant to a written Compensation Committee Charter adopted by the Board which reflects NYSE Rules relating to compensation committees. The Compensation Committee annually reviews and assesses the adequacy of its charter and recommends changes to the Board as necessary to reflect changes in regulatory requirements, authoritative guidance and evolving practices. Each member of the Compensation Committee qualifies as independent under the applicable NYSE Rules. The Compensation Committee s primary purpose is to assist the Board in discharging its responsibilities relating to the compensation (cash, equity and otherwise) to be provided to the executive officers and directors of the Company. The Compensation Committee Charter sets forth the specific responsibilities and duties of the Compensation Committee, which include: (1) establishing the Company s executive compensation philosophy, objectives and policies; (2) reviewing, approving and determining the amount and form of compensation for the executive officers; (3) reviewing and making recommendations to the Board regarding the amount and form of non-employee director compensation; (4) developing and administering plans to qualify the compensation paid to the executive officers for tax deductibility to the extent feasible; (5) reviewing and making recommendations to the Board concerning and administering the Company s cash incentive and equity-based compensation plans; (6) reviewing and discussing with the Board the Company s organizational structure and plans for management succession; (7) reviewing and discussing with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of the proxy statement and recommending to the Board whether to include such Compensation Discussion and Analysis section in the proxy statement; and (8) preparing a report on executive officer compensation for inclusion in the proxy statement. The human resources department supports the Compensation Committee in its duties, and the Compensation Committee from time to time delegates to the human resources department its authority to fulfill certain administrative duties. The Compensation Committee has the sole authority under its charter to retain, terminate and approve the fees and terms of retention of any compensation consultant, legal counsel or other advisor it deems necessary to assist in the performance of its duties, but only after taking into consideration all factors relevant to such consultant s, counsel s or advisor s independence from management, including any factors specified in the NYSE Rules. The Compensation Committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of any compensation consultant, legal counsel or other advisor that it retains.

The Compensation Committee met six times during 2017. The Compensation Committee s report relating to the 2017 fiscal year appears on page 50 of this Proxy Statement. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 33 of this Proxy Statement for more information concerning the activities of the Compensation Committee with respect to the 2017 fiscal year, including the Compensation Committee s engagement of Pearl Meyer & Partners (Pearl Meyer), an independent outside consulting firm, to assist the Compensation Committee in the design of the Company s 2017 executive compensation program.

*Nominating and Governance Committee.* The Nominating and Governance Committee operates pursuant to a written Nominating and Governance Committee Charter adopted by the Board which reflects

NYSE Rules relating to nominating committees. The Nominating and Governance Committee annually reviews and assesses the adequacy of its charter and recommends changes to the Board as necessary to reflect changes in regulatory requirements, authoritative guidance and evolving practices. The Nominating and Governance Committee's primary responsibility is to assist the Board on the broad range of issues surrounding the composition and operation of the Board, including: (1) identifying individuals qualified to become directors; (2) recommending to the Board director nominees for the next annual meeting of shareholders; and (3) developing and recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles. In addition, the Nominating and Governance Committee recommends to the Board committee selections and oversees the evaluation of the Board. Each member of the Nominating and Governance Committee qualifies as independent under the applicable NYSE Rules. The Nominating and Governance Committee met four times during 2017.

*Executive Committee.* When the Board is not in session, the Executive Committee may exercise those powers and carry out those duties of the Board which may lawfully be delegated by the Board. During 2017, the Executive Committee did not hold any formal meetings; however, the Executive Committee approved two actions by unanimous written consent.

#### **Corporate Governance Guidelines**

In accordance with NYSE Rules, the Board operates pursuant to written Corporate Governance Guidelines intended to promote the effective functioning of the Board and its committees and to reflect the Company s commitment to the highest standards of corporate governance. The Board, with the assistance of the Nominating and Governance Committee, periodically reviews the Corporate Governance Guidelines to ensure they are in compliance with all applicable requirements. The Corporate Governance Guidelines are available on the Company s website at <a href="https://www.mihomes.com">www.mihomes.com</a> under the Investors heading.

#### Review, Approval or Ratification of Related Person Transactions

All Related Person Transactions (as defined below) are subject to our written Related Person Transaction Policy. Under this policy, the Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving (or ratifying) all Related Person Transactions. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Audit Committee considers all relevant facts and circumstances relating to a Related Person Transaction and either approves (or ratifies) or disapproves the Related Person Transaction. While the relevant facts and circumstances vary depending on the transaction, they generally include:

the benefits to the Company of the transaction;
the terms of the transaction;
the interest of the Related Person (as defined below) in the transaction;
the alternatives to entering into the transaction;
whether the transaction is on terms comparable to those available from third parties; and

the overall fairness of the transaction.

The Audit Committee will approve (or ratify) a Related Person Transaction only if it determines that it is in the best interests of the Company. No director may participate in the consideration or approval (or ratification) of a Related Person Transaction with respect to which he or she or any of his or her immediate family members is a Related Person. The Audit Committee may, from time to time, delegate its duties under the Related Person Transaction Policy to the Audit Committee Chairman.

To the extent practicable, all Related Person Transactions will be approved in advance. If advance approval is not practicable, or if a Related Person Transaction that has not been pre-approved is brought to the attention of the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee will promptly consider all of the relevant facts and circumstances in its ratification of the transaction. Our directors, executive officers and other members of management are responsible for bringing all proposed Related Person Transactions of which they have knowledge to the attention of the Audit Committee Chairman.

Under our policy, a Related Person Transaction is any transaction, arrangement or relationship in which the Company or any of our subsidiaries was or is to be a participant and the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and any Related Person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest. A Related Person is any person who is: (1) a director (or nominee for director) or executive officer of the Company; (2) to our knowledge, the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the Common Shares; or (3) any immediate family member of any of the foregoing persons.

During 2017 and the year-to-date period in 2018, the Company has not been a participant in any Related Person Transaction except for the following transaction.

In February 2018, we entered into an agreement in the ordinary course of business to purchase a parcel of real property located in Dublin, Ohio for approximately \$4.65 million from an entity in which Gary Schottenstein (the brother of Robert H. Schottenstein) owns a majority interest. The transaction is currently expected to close during the fourth quarter of 2018. This transaction was approved by the Audit Committee in accordance with our Related Person Transaction Policy.

#### **Attendance at Annual Shareholder Meetings**

The Company does not have a formal policy with respect to attendance by our directors at our annual meetings of shareholders. However, directors are encouraged to attend, and the Board and its committees meet immediately following, each annual meeting of shareholders. All of our directors attended the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

#### **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

All of the Company s directors, officers and employees (including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer and controller, or persons performing similar functions) must adhere to the Company s Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which complies with the applicable SEC Rules and NYSE Rules and is intended to reinforce our commitment to maintaining the highest ethical standards in operating our business. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on the Company s website at www.mihomes.com under the Investors heading or by writing to M/I Homes, Inc., 3 Easton Oval, Suite 500, Columbus, Ohio 43219, c/o Chief Legal Officer and Secretary. We intend to satisfy the requirements under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K regarding disclosure of amendments to, or waivers from, provisions of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that relate to elements listed under Item 406(b) of Regulation S-K and apply to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, by posting such information on our website.

#### **Executive Sessions**

In accordance with our Corporate Governance Guidelines and NYSE Rules, our non-management directors meet without management or inside directors present at every regularly scheduled Board meeting (at least twice per year) and at such other times as our Lead Independent Director or a majority of our non-management directors deem necessary or appropriate. Each executive session is chaired by our Lead Independent Director. During 2017, the non-management directors held four executive sessions.

#### **Communications with the Board of Directors**

The Board believes it is important for shareholders and other interested parties to have a process by which to send communications to the Board. Accordingly, shareholders and other interested parties who wish to communicate with the Board or a particular director or group of directors (including the non-management directors) may do so by sending a letter to M/I Homes, Inc., 3 Easton Oval, Suite 500, Columbus, Ohio 43219, c/o Secretary. The mailing envelope must contain a clear notation indicating that the enclosed letter is a Shareholder/Interested Party-Board Communication or Shareholder/Interested Party-Director Communication. All such letters must identify the author as a shareholder or other interested party (indicating such interest) and clearly state whether the intended recipients are all members of the Board or certain specified individual directors. The Secretary will make copies of all such letters and circulate them to the appropriate director or directors.

#### **Board Leadership Structure**

The Company does not have a fixed policy regarding whether the offices of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer should be vested in the same person or two different people. The Board has determined that the combined role of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, as supplemented by our Lead Independent Director (as discussed below), is the most effective leadership structure for us at the present time. The Board believes that our Chief Executive Officer is best qualified to serve as Chairman because, as the officer ultimately responsible for our operations and performance, he is intimately familiar with our business, operations and industry and uniquely positioned to effectively identify and lead discussions concerning our strategic priorities. The Board further believes that the combined role of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer promotes the development and execution of our business strategy and facilitates information flow between management and the Board, which are essential to effective governance. In addition, the Board believes that our current Chief Executive Officer s family relationship (he is the son of the founder of the Company), previous experience as a real estate attorney and more than 25 years of service with the Company in various roles spanning production, sales and land acquisition/disposition and development further qualify him to serve as Chairman.

To supplement our leadership structure, the Board has a Lead Independent Director position, which is currently held by Friedrich K.M. Böhm. The Lead Independent Director serves at the discretion of, and is annually elected by, our independent directors. The Lead Independent Director has the following duties and responsibilities:

review with the Chairman and approve the agenda for meetings of the Board;

review with the Chairman and approve the schedule for meetings of the Board to assure there is sufficient time for discussion of all agenda items;

review with the Chairman and approve information provided to the Board;

call executive sessions or meetings of the independent directors or non-management directors, as he or she deems necessary or appropriate, and preside at all such executive sessions or meetings;

preside at all meetings of the Board at which the Chairman is not present;

meet separately with the Chairman after executive sessions of the independent directors or the non-management directors to review matters considered during such executive sessions;

serve as the liaison between the Chairman and the independent directors;

be available for consultation and direct communication with the Company s shareholders, if requested; and

perform such other duties as the Board may from time to time delegate.

The Board periodically reviews our leadership structure and retains the authority to modify the structure, as and when appropriate, to address our then current circumstances.

#### Board s Role in Risk Oversight

Management is responsible for identifying and managing risk and bringing to the Board's (or the applicable committees) attention the most material risks that we face. While management reviews risk on a company-wide basis, it focuses on risks in three primary areas: (1) financial risk; (2) legal, compliance and regulatory risk; and (3) operational and strategic risk. The Board has ultimate oversight responsibility for our risk-management program and carries out this responsibility directly and through its committees. The full Board directly oversees and reviews operational and strategic risk and receives regular reports from the committee chairs regarding risk oversight in the committees respective areas of responsibility. The Audit Committee oversees and reviews financial risk (including our internal controls) and legal, compliance and regulatory risk. In carrying out their oversight responsibilities, the full Board and the Audit Committee receive regular reports from the appropriate members of management regarding the material risks that have been identified, including how those risks are being managed and strategies for mitigating those risks. The Audit Committee also receives an annual risk assessment report from our internal auditors and, in accordance with its charter, discusses with management the guidelines and policies that management uses to govern the process by which risk assessment and management is undertaken, with particular attention to financial risks.

In connection with its oversight of our executive compensation program, the Compensation Committee reviews and evaluates our compensation policies and practices relating to our employees (as well as our executive officers). During its review and evaluation, the Compensation Committee focuses on any incentives that may create, and any factors that may reduce the likelihood of, excessive risk taking by our employees to determine whether our compensation policies and practices present a material risk to us. Based on this review, the Compensation Committee has concluded that our compensation policies and practices for our employees (including our executive officers) do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us.

The Nominating and Governance Committee oversees risks related to the composition and operation of our Board, including director independence and potential conflicts of interest.

#### **Nomination of Directors**

As described above, the Company has a standing Nominating and Governance Committee that is responsible for providing oversight on the broad range of issues surrounding the composition and operation of the Board, including identifying candidates qualified to become directors and recommending director nominees to the Board.

When considering candidates for the Board, the Nominating and Governance Committee evaluates the entirety of each candidate s credentials and does not have any specific eligibility requirements or minimum qualifications that must be met by a Nominating and Governance Committee-recommended nominee. The Nominating and Governance Committee considers those factors it deems appropriate, including judgment, skill, independence, diversity, strength of character, experience with businesses and organizations comparable in size or scope, experience as an executive of, or advisor to, a publicly-traded or private company, experience and skill relative to other Board members, specialized knowledge or experience and desirability of the candidate s membership on the Board. The Nominating and Governance Committee does not have a formal policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees. However, the Nominating and Governance Committee considers diversity, including diversity of gender, race and ethnicity, education, professional experience, viewpoints, backgrounds and skills. The Nominating and Governance Committee does

not assign a specific weight to particular factors and, depending upon the current needs of the Board, may weigh certain factors more or less heavily. The Nominating and Governance Committee does, however, believe that all members of the Board should have the highest character and integrity, a reputation for working constructively with others, sufficient time to devote to Board matters and no conflict of interest that would materially interfere with performance as a director.

The Nominating and Governance Committee considers candidates for the Board from any reasonable source, including shareholder recommendations, and does not evaluate candidates differently based on who has made the recommendation. Pursuant to its written charter, the Nominating and Governance Committee has the authority to retain consultants and search firms to assist in the process of identifying and evaluating candidates and to approve the fees and other retention terms for any such consultant or search firm. No such consultant or search firm has been used to date.

Shareholders may recommend director candidates for consideration by the Nominating and Governance Committee by giving written notice of the recommendation to M/I Homes, Inc., 3 Easton Oval, Suite 500, Columbus, Ohio 43219, c/o Secretary. The recommendation must include the candidate s name, age, business address, residence address and principal occupation or employment, as well as a description of the candidate s qualifications, attributes and other skills. A written statement from the candidate consenting to serve as a director, if so nominated and elected, must accompany any such recommendation.

The Board, taking into account the recommendations of the Nominating and Governance Committee, selects the nominees for election as directors at the annual meeting of shareholders. In addition, shareholders who wish to nominate one or more persons for election as a director at the annual meeting of shareholders may do so, provided they comply with the nomination procedures set forth in the Company s Regulations. To nominate one or more persons for election as a director at an annual meeting, the Company s Regulations require that a shareholder give written notice of such shareholder s intent to make such nomination or nominations by personal delivery or by United States Mail, postage pre-paid, to the Secretary of the Company not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days prior to the first anniversary of the date of the preceding year s annual meeting (or, if the date of the annual meeting is changed by more than 30 days from the anniversary date of the preceding year s annual meeting or, in the case of a special meeting, within seven days after the date the Company mails or otherwise gives notice of the date of the meeting). Such notice shall set forth: (1) the name and address of the shareholder intending to make the nomination and the person or persons to be nominated; (2) a representation that the shareholder is a holder of record entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice; (3) a description of all arrangements or understandings between the shareholder and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by the shareholder; (4) such other information regarding each nominee proposed by the shareholder as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to the proxy rules of the SEC had the nominee been nominated, or intended to be nominated, by the Board; and (5) the consent of each nominee to serve as a director of the Company, if so elected. The Chairman of the meeting may refuse to acknowledge the nomination of any person not made in compliance with the foregoing procedures.

#### Proposal No. 2

#### ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

We are asking our shareholders to approve a non-binding, advisory resolution on the compensation of our executive officers identified in the Summary Compensation Table on page 51 of this Proxy Statement (the Named Executive Officers) commonly referred to as a say-on-pay vote. Our Board has adopted a policy providing for an annual say-on-pay vote. In accordance with this policy, we are asking our shareholders to vote FOR the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the shareholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company s Named Executive Officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and all related disclosures.

Through a mix of base salary, annual cash performance bonus and long-term equity awards, we seek to promote four primary objectives with our executive compensation program: (1) attracting and retaining exceptional executives; (2) motivating our executives; (3) aligning the interests of our executives and our shareholders; and (4) rewarding short-term and long-term performance. We are committed to a pay-for-performance philosophy. As such, our executive compensation program is designed so that a significant majority of each Named Executive Officer s compensation is at risk or variable and dependent upon our performance and/or long-term appreciation in the price of our Common Shares.

Consistent with prior recent years, our principal financial goal in 2017 was to continue to increase our profitability (as measured by our pre-tax income from operations, excluding extraordinary items ( Adjusted Pre-Tax Income )). We also sought to increase our new contracts and homes delivered as well as improve our customer service scores each of which we believe is a key to increasing profitability. The Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 33 of this Proxy Statement describes our executive compensation program and how and why the Compensation Committee determined that compensation. We urge shareholders to read the Compensation Discussion and Analysis as well as the Summary Compensation Table and other related compensation tables on pages 51-60 of this Proxy Statement.

Based on our continued focus on increasing our profitability in 2017, the Compensation Committee designed our 2017 executive compensation program in a substantially similar manner as our 2016 program. Highlights of our 2017 executive compensation program and the Committee s decisions include:

*Base Salary*. The Named Executive Officers base salaries in 2017 remained unchanged at their 2016 levels.

Annual Cash Performance Bonus. For 2017, each Named Executive Officer was eligible to receive a cash performance bonus based on our Adjusted Pre-Tax Income. The Compensation Committee selected Adjusted Pre-Tax Income to directly align the Named Executive Officers compensation with our focus on increasing profitability and provide a clear connection between pay and performance. The 2017 bonus program incorporated one primary change from 2016. The Committee increased the threshold performance level to \$45 million (from \$25 million in 2016) and the maximum performance level to \$165 million (from \$155 million in 2016). The Committee increased these amounts in an effort to drive performance relative to 2016. As a result, in order for the Named Executive Officers to earn the same bonuses in 2017 that they earned in 2016, we needed to increase our Adjusted Pre-Tax Income by 18% in 2017, and, if we earned the same amount of Adjusted Pre-Tax Income in 2017 as in

2016, the bonuses earned in 2017 would be 19% less than those earned in 2016. In 2017, we increased our Adjusted Pre-Tax Income by 18% and each Named Executive Officer received a cash performance bonus that represented 75% of his maximum annual performance

bonus opportunity. Because of the leveraged design of the 2017 bonus program, the 2017 bonuses constituted only a 1% increase from the 2016 bonuses despite our 18% increase in Adjusted Pre-Tax Income.

Equity-Based Compensation. In 2017, each Named Executive Officer received (1) the same number of stock options as he received in 2016 and (2) a target number of performance share units ( PSUs ) with the underlying Common Shares having approximately the same grant date market value as the grant date market value of the Common Shares underlying the target number of PSUs that he received in 2016. Under the 2017 PSU awards, each Named Executive Officer s PSUs will vest and be earned, if at all, after the completion of a three-year performance period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 based (1) 80% on our cumulative annual Adjusted Pre-Tax Income over the performance period and (2) 20% on our relative total shareholder return compared to our Peer Group over the performance period and, in each case, on continued employment. Any vested PSUs will be settled on a one-for-one basis in whole Common Shares. Any PSUs that do not vest due to inadequate performance or termination of employment will be forfeited.

2017 marked another year of increased profitability and overall growth for us. Among other things, we increased our (1) net income by \$15.5 million, or 27%, to \$72.1 million, (2) Adjusted Pre-Tax Income by \$21.3 million, or 18%, to \$136.5 million, (3) revenues by 16% to nearly \$2 billion, (4) new contracts by 11% to a company record 5,299 new contracts, (5) homes delivered by 14% to a company record 5,089 homes, (6) controlled lots by 24% to 28,531 and (7) shareholders equity by 14% to \$747 million. We also finished 2017 with backlog units and sales value that were 12% and 15% greater than a year earlier, respectively, and the average sales price in our backlog was the highest level in our history.

The vote on our executive compensation program is advisory which means that it is not binding on us. However, the Compensation Committee values the opinions of our shareholders. If there is a significant vote against this proposal, the Committee will consider our shareholders—concerns and evaluate what actions are necessary to address those concerns.

The affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the outstanding Common Shares entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting is required to approve this proposal. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum and will have the same effect as a vote against this proposal.

Your Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote <u>FOR</u> the approval of the compensation of our Named Executive Officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement.

## Proposal No. 3

# APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE M/I HOMES, INC. 2018 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

On February 15, 2018, the Board unanimously