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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**From:** Chris Liddell

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2005 9:11 PM

**To:** Microsoft and Subsidiaries: All FTE

**Subject:** Proxy Voting by Microsoft Shareholders

Every year, shareholders are given the opportunity to participate directly in the governance of Microsoft through the proxy voting process.

If you own Microsoft shares, **I encourage you to vote your proxy and take an active role in the overall governance of our company.**

This year, shareholders are asked to consider and vote on the following matters:

**1. Election of directors and**

**2. Ratification of the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Microsoft's independent auditor.**

**Over the next few weeks, you will receive your proxy materials and proxy voting instructions** either through an electronic link directly from our transfer agent, Mellon Investor Services (epxy@docucorp-asp.com), or in the postal mail, depending on where your shares are held. In either case, you may **vote electronically** by following the instructions in the materials you receive.

If you do not receive proxy materials and believe that you should have, or if you have **questions regarding Microsoft's proxy voting, please email Microsoft Investor Relations** at denniem@microsoft.com.

Thank you,

Chris Liddell