

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
SCHEDULE 14A  
PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(A) OF THE SECURITIES  
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**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on May 17, 2016.**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**

*COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.  
4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD  
FRANKLIN, TN 37067*

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** March 25, 2016  
**Date:** May 17, 2016 **Time:** 8:00 A.M.  
**Location:** The St. Regis Hotel  
Two East 55th Street, at 5th Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

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| <b>Voting Items</b> |
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**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the election of the following nominees:**

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees:**

- 1a. W. Larry Cash
- 1b. John A. Clerico
- 1c. James S. Ely III
- 1d. John A. Fry
- 1e. William Norris Jennings, M.D.
- 1f. Julia B. North
- 1g. Wayne T. Smith
- 1h. H. Mitchell Watson, Jr.
- 1i. H. James Williams, Ph.D.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal:**

- 2. Proposal to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal:**

- 3. Proposal to approve the amendment and restatement of the Community Health Systems, Inc. 2009 Stock Option and Award Plan, which was approved by the Board of Directors as of March 16, 2016, subject to stockholder approval.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal:**

- 4. Proposal to ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST the following proposal:**

- 5. Stockholder proposal regarding proxy access.

**NOTE:** In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof.