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HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC.

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Stockholder Meeting Notice

Heron Therapeutics, Inc. Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on June 18, 2018 at 4242 Campus Point Court, San Diego, CA 92121, at 9:00 a.m. local time.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** all the nominees listed and **FOR** Proposals 2, 3 and 4:

1. To elect six director nominees to serve until the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified: 01 - Kevin C. Tang, 02 - Barry D. Quart, Pharm.D., 03 - Robert H. Rosen, 04 - Craig A. Johnson, 05 - John W. Poyhonen and 06 - Christian Waage.
2. To ratify the appointment of OUM & Co. LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2018.
3. To approve, on an advisory basis, compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers during the year ended December 31, 2017.
4. To amend the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to increase the aggregate number of authorized shares of common stock by 50,000,000.
5. In their discretion, the proxyholders are authorized to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

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