

NORDSTROM

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Dear Shareholders:

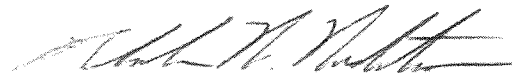
We conducted our Annual Meeting on May 25th as scheduled, but adjourned it before taking the vote on the four proposals included in the proxy statement previously sent to you. We adjourned the meeting in order to give you the corrected information described below and an opportunity to change your vote, if you so desire.

The day before the Annual Meeting, we discovered an error in the Option Exercises table contained at the bottom of page 38 of our proxy statement. That page is reprinted on the back of this letter, with the corrected numbers in boldface. As you can see, for three of the named executives, we reported some of their numbers incorrectly. Simply put, the figures in the columns entitled "Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise" and "Dollar Value Realized" are supposed to represent all stock options exercised by the named executives during the 2003 fiscal year. In contrast, the numbers we published in the original proxy statement only included the number and value of options where the named executive continued to hold the underlying stock after exercise. In other words, it excluded the typical exercise/sell transaction where the underlying stock is sold at the time the option is exercised. All of these option-related transactions were correctly reported in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, but those totals do not match the totals shown in the original proxy statement.

If you have already voted your shares and do not wish to change your vote, no further action is necessary. If you have not voted, or would like to change your vote based on this corrected information, you may use the proxy card provided with these materials. The polls will remain open until the Annual Meeting is reconvened. Any prior proxy card that you sent will automatically be replaced by the latest proxy card sent, **so again, if you are not changing your vote, you do not need to send a new proxy card.**

We will reconvene the adjourned Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2004 at 11:00 a.m., Pacific Daylight Time in Conference Room 7H, Downtown Seattle Nordstrom, 1617 Sixth Avenue, 7th Floor, Seattle, Washington 98101-1742. Please note that since the Annual Meeting program was conducted on May 25th as scheduled, the reconvened meeting will consist of no more than presenting the proposals included in the proxy statement and announcing the results of the vote. We will also report the results of that vote in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the second quarter of fiscal 2004. Should you have any questions please call our Corporate Secretary at (206) 303-4401.

Sincerely,



Blake W. Nordstrom
President