

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Costco Wholesale Corporation Attn: Secretary John Sullivan, Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary 999 Lake Drive Issaquah, Washington 98027

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Arjuna Capital is pleased to withdraw the shareholder proposal submitted to Costco Wholesale Corporation on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regarding gender pay equity submitted under Rule 14a-8 for inclusion in Costco's 2018 proxy statement on behalf of Adam D. Seitchik.

We withdraw the proposal as Costco has committed, by the end of 2018, to disclose in the Sustainability-Employees page of Costco's website, the Company's commitment to and goal for reducing the gender pay gap. The disclosure will provide information relating to the percentage of pay earned by Costco's female compared to its male employees, including information on the various components of compensation (salary, bonus, and equity components).

We encourage the Company to provide disclosures across race and ethnicity; consider reporting on various levels of seniority: including entry, mid, and senior level; and include information outlining the methodology employed in the analysis.

We commend the actions that Costco has already taken toward creating an inclusive and diverse culture and workplace, and are excited that Costco has agreed to take the next step in sharing this information with its shareholders.

Sincerely,

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