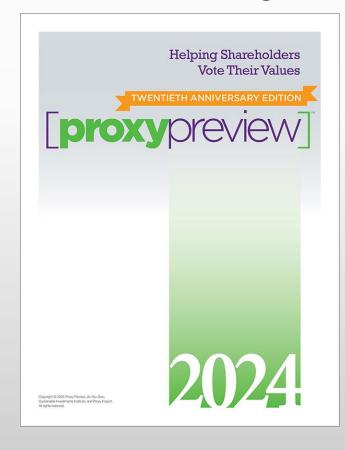


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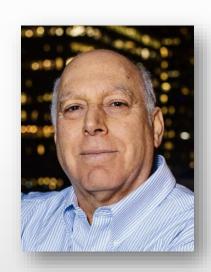
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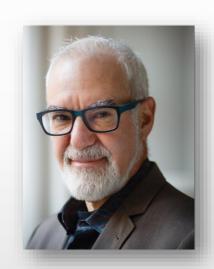
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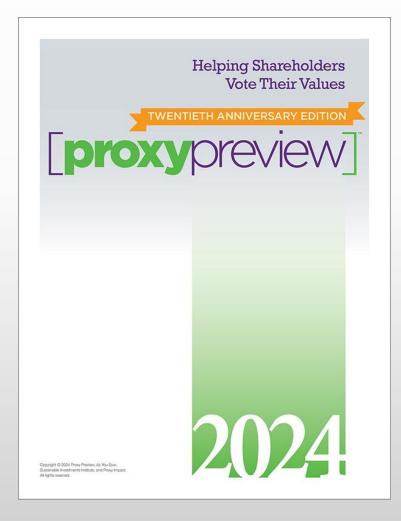
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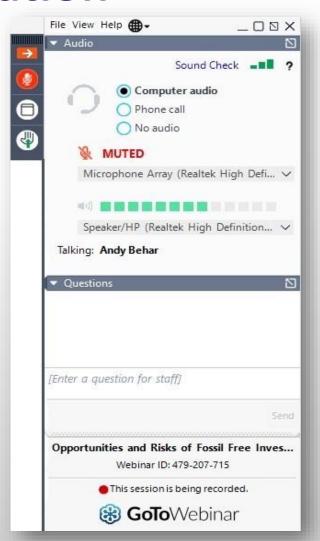
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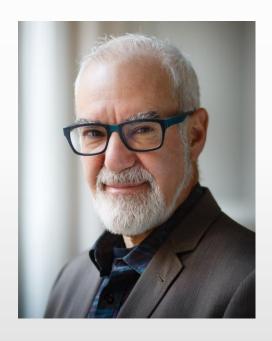
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### Introduction



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### About As You Sow

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### **2024 Proxy Season Overview**



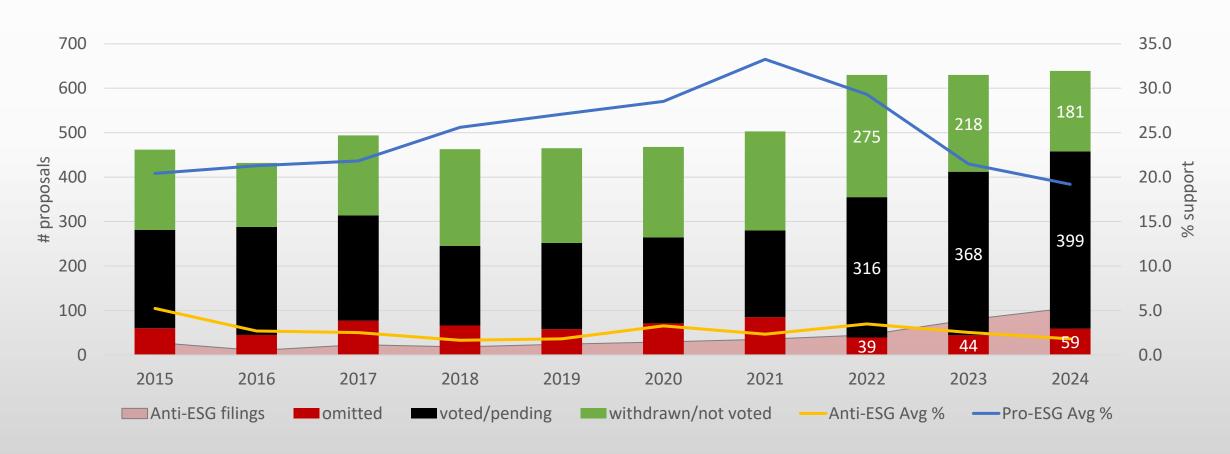
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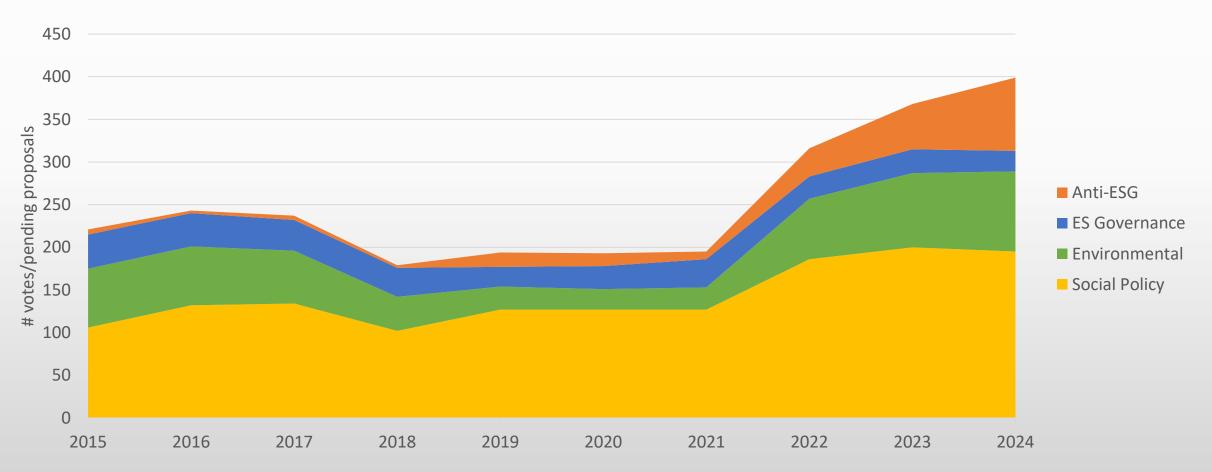
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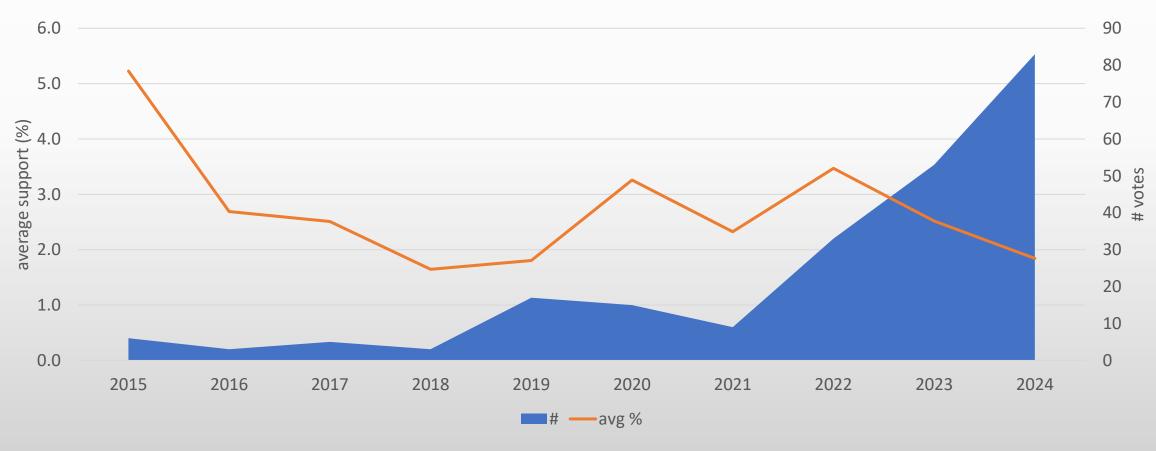
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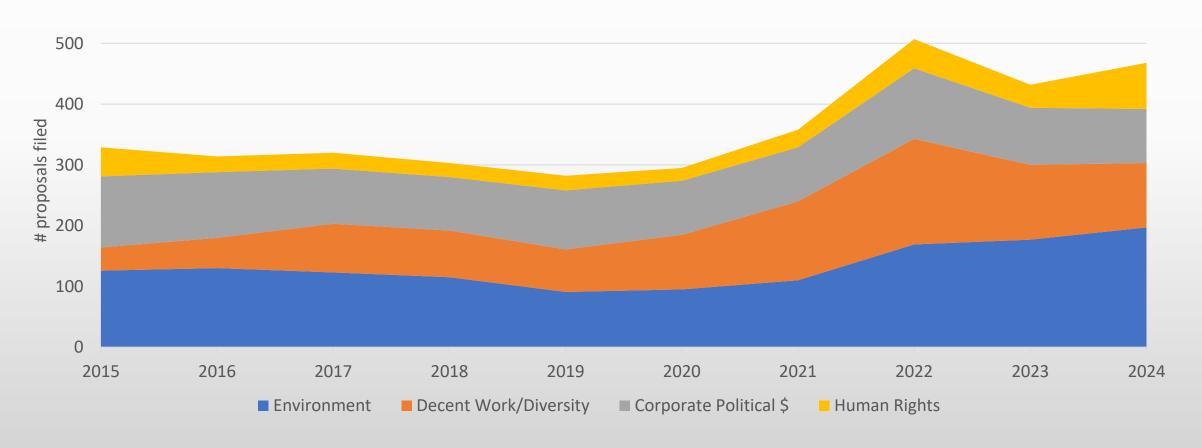
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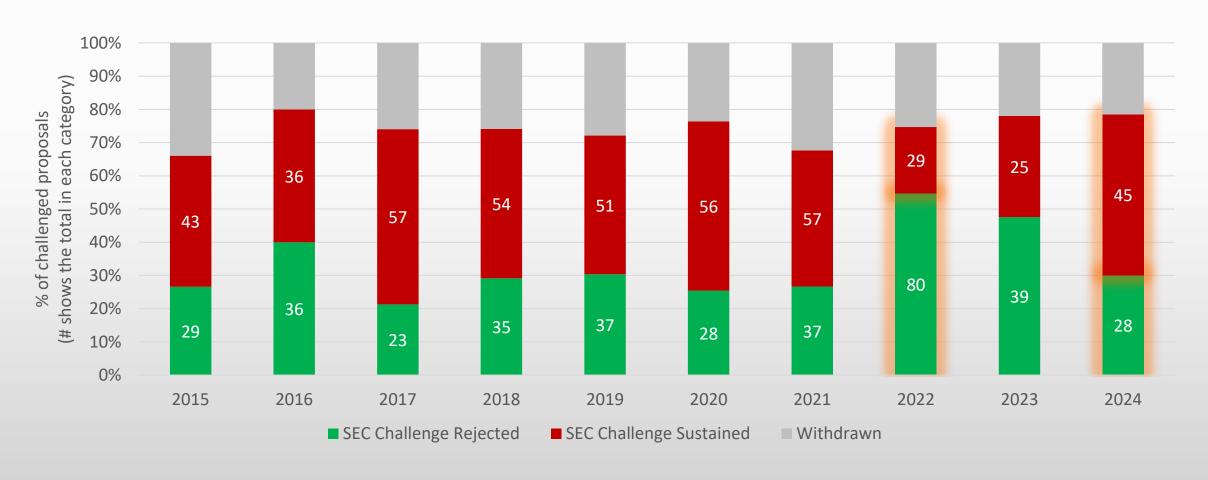


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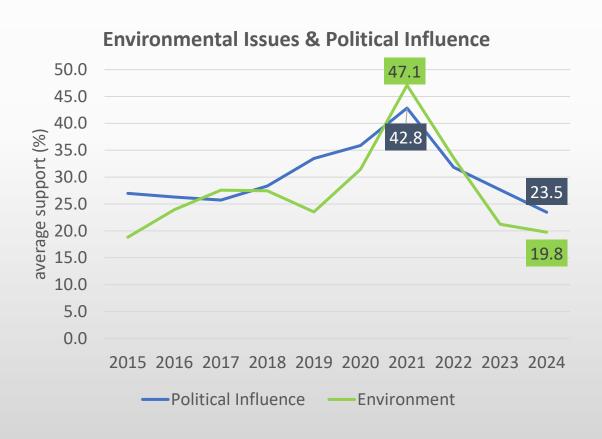


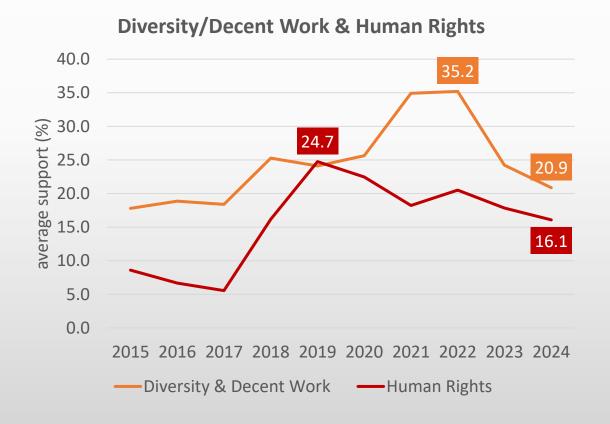
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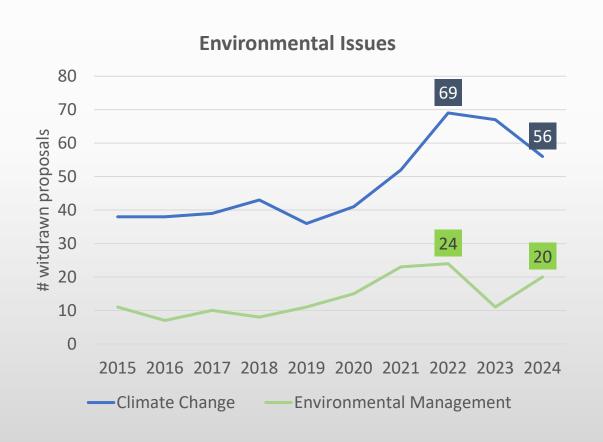


### **Most Popular Topics – But Falling Votes**





# Withdrawals: Where Have They Gone?





### **Other Notable Outcomes**

- ✓ Climate change *votes lower* with a few exceptions at food companies (4 over 40%). New idea on Clean Energy Supply Financing Ratio--**JPMorgan** & **Citi** to report, votes in mid-20s at **Goldman, BAC, MS.** Six "Just transition" votes and highest of 40.4% at **Ryder Systems.**
- ✓ Surge on animal welfare but *modest votes*—highest at **McDonald's** (36%), **Papa John's** (30.4%).
- ✓ 14 gender/racial pay disparity proposal votes all above 20%, average of 30%--less erosion than other issues.
- ✓ Worker health & safety audit earned strongest support with specifics at Amazon.com (31.2%) and Chipotle (30%).
- ✓ <u>Al biggest new issue</u>, votes at **Netflix** (43%), **Apple** (37.5%), **Warner Bros. Discovery** (24%): IP concerns, unsettled and disruptive tech/regulation: tech questions going to new industry (entertainment) where 2023 strikes occurred.
- ✓ Several <10% votes lowered political spending average for Center for Political Accountability despite 3 majorities (26% avg), but continued support on lobbying (29% avg) and a few points lower for climate lobbying.



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### **Top 10 Votes**



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# Top 10 ESG Votes: 2024

Proposal	Company	Proponent	Vote (%)
Adopt GHG reduction targets	Jack in the Box	The Accountability Board	56.6
Report on GHG emissions targets	Wingstop	The Accountability Board	52.2
Review/report on election spending	DexCom	John Chevedden	51.9
Report on GHG emissions targets	Denny's	The Accountability Board	49.9
Report on gender/racial pay disparity	American Tower	Arjuna Capital	49.2
Review/report on election spending	Crown Holdings	John Chevedden	48.9
Conduct collective bargaining audit	Warrior Met Coal	AFL-CIO	46.1
Review/report on election spending	Spirit AeroSystems	John Chevedden	45.3
Report on AI ethical guidelines	Netflix	AFL-CIO	43.3
Adopt Paris-compliant strategy to cut emissions	Quest Diagnostics	John Chevedden	42.1





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### "Breakthrough" Issues and Material Risk Concerns



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#### **NEW "BREAKTHROUGH" ISSUES SIGNAL MATERIAL RISK CONCERNS**

Issue	Risks	Proposal types	2024 vote
Artificial Intelligence	<ul> <li>+ data privacy lawsuits</li> <li>+ loss of public trust</li> <li>+ content appropriation lawsuits</li> <li>+ mis- and dis-information during elections</li> <li>+ human rights violations</li> </ul>	+ greater transparency & ethical guidelines + limits on use of generative AI + HR assessment of targeted advertising	Warner Discovery 24% Netflix 43% Apple 37.5% Alphabet (Item 13) 18.6% Meta (Item 6) 16.7%
Energy Transition	+ Net Zero commitments  + development of renewable energy industry / IRA implementation  + climate risks from fossil fuel expansion  + E.U. mandatory disclosure regulation	+ green financing ratio	Bank of America 26%  Morgan Stanley 22.9%  (Agreements w/ JPM, Citi)



### **Shareholder Rights Group**

The Shareholder Rights Group is an association of investors formed to defend the shareowner's right to engage with public companies on governance, corporate accountability, and long-term value creation.

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# **Legal Update**



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### **Questions and Answers**



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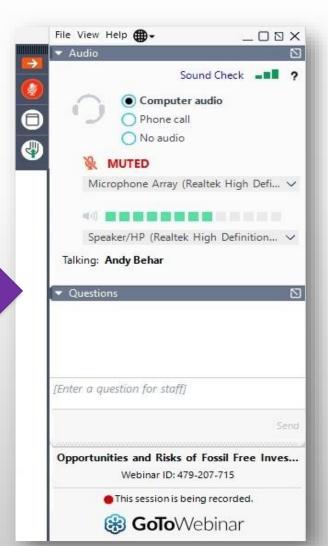
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# **Closing Remarks**



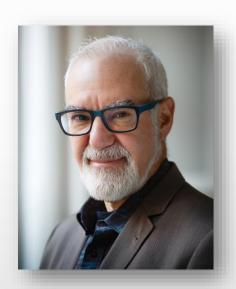
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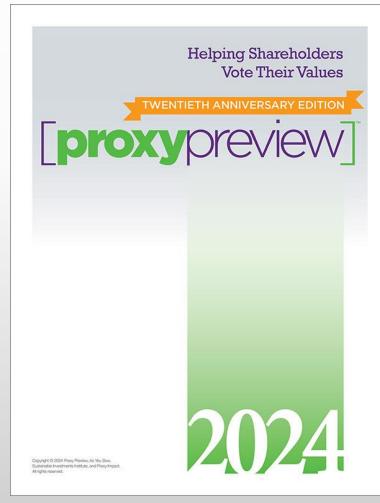
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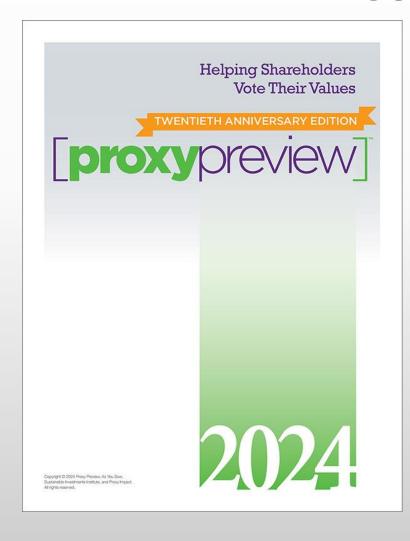
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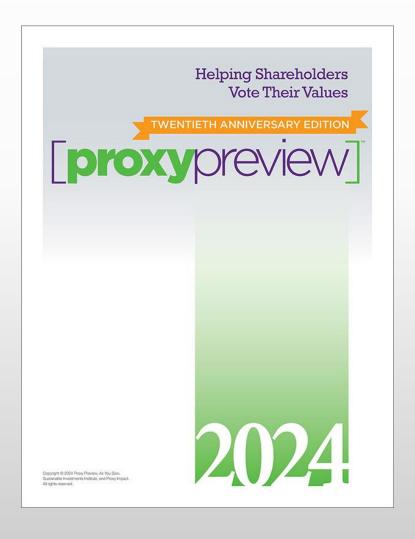
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