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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A
Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.   )

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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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*** Exercise Your Right to Vote ***

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on April 22, 2015.

**Meeting Information**
- **Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting
- **For holders as of:** February 23, 2015
- **Date:** April 22, 2015
- **Time:** 4:00 p.m., local time
- **Location:** Marriott Minneapolis West
  9960 Wayzata Boulevard
  St. Louis Park, MN 55426

**Attending The Meeting:** If you plan to attend the Meeting, please bring a valid form of photo identification.

**Directions:**
1. From I-169, exit on Betty Crocker Drive/Shelard Parkway
2. Go west and follow Shelard Parkway 3/4 mile to hotel located on left

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in TCF Financial Corporation.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side). We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. This Notice also constitutes notice of the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

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**Before You Vote**

How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

**NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT**
**ANNUAL REPORT**

**How to View Online:**
Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow ([hidden]) (located on the following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

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If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

1) **BY INTERNET:**
   www.proxyvote.com

2) **BY TELEPHONE:**
   1-800-579-1639

3) **BY E-MAIL:**
   sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 8, 2015 to facilitate timely delivery.

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**How To Vote**

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** If you plan to attend the Meeting, please bring a valid form of photo identification. At the Meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow ([hidden]) (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.
## Voting Items

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

1. Election of 15 Directors, each to serve a one-year term
   - **Nominees:**
     - 01) Peter Bell
     - 02) William F. Bieber
     - 03) Theodore J. Biggs
     - 04) William A. Cooper
     - 05) Thomas A. Cusick
     - 06) Craig R. DaHil
     - 07) Karen L. Grandstrand
     - 08) Thomas F. Jisper
     - 09) George G. Johnson
     - 10) Richard H. King
     - 11) Vance K. Opperman
     - 12) James M. Ramstad
     - 13) Roger L. Sti
     - 14) Barry N. Winslow
     - 15) Richard A. Zona

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


5. Stockholder Proposal Regarding Severance (if properly presented).

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

6. Advisory (Non-Binding) Vote to Approve Executive Compensation as Disclosed in the Proxy Statement.