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

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**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

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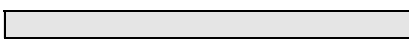
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### Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Notice of Annual Meeting



Meeting Type: Annual Meeting  
 For holders as of: April 10, 2018  
 Date: Monday, June 4, 2018  
 Time: 11:00 A.M. (Eastern Time)  
 Place: Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, 60 State Street, Boston, MA 02109

**The Board of Directors Recommends a Vote FOR the director nominee listed in proposal 1 and FOR proposal 2.**

- To elect one Class I director to hold office until the 2021 annual meeting of stockholders.  
**Nominees:** (01) Stephanie Monaghan O'Brien
- To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.  
Note: To conduct any other business properly brought before the Annual Meeting.

**Vote In-Person Instructions:** While we encourage stockholders to vote by the means indicated above, a stockholder is entitled to vote in person at the Annual Meeting. If you wish to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting, please register with the Inspector of Elections at the desk marked "Stockholder Registration" at the entrance to receive a ballot. Proper photo ID is required. Ballots should be returned to the Inspector of Elections in order to be counted. Additionally, a stockholder who has submitted a proxy before the meeting may revoke that proxy in person at the Annual Meeting.