Higher One Holdings, Inc. Form PRE 14A April 23, 2014

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

SCHEDULE 14A

(Rule 14a-101) INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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HIGHER ONE HOLDINGS, INC.

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VOTE BY INTERNET - www.proxyvote.com

ATTN: Robert

Barbieri

HIGHER ONE HOLDINGS, INC.

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

115 MUNSON

STREET NEW HAVEN, CT 06511

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE PROXY MATERIALS

If you would like to reduce the costs incurred by our company in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to vote using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years.

VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

VOTE BY MAIL

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION ONLY

THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.

For Withhold For All To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark "For All Except" All All Except and write the number(s) of the nominee(s) on the line below.

The Board o o o of Directors recommends you vote

FOR the following:

1. Election of Directors Nominees

01 Mark Volchek 02 David Cromwell 03 Lowell Robinson

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5: For Against Abstain

2. Approval of the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation. o " "

3. Ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's " " " "

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independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

- 4. Approval, on a non-binding advisory basis, of the 2013 compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers.
- 5. Approval of the Company's Short Term Incentive Plan.

NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

For address change/comments, mark here. (seeYes No reverse for instructions)

Pleäse indicate if you plan to attend this meeting

Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Joint owners should each sign personally. All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, please sign in full corporate or partnership name, by authorized officer.

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX] Date Signature (Joint Owners) Date

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting: The Notice & Proxy Statement, Form 10-K is/are available at www.proxyvote.com.

HIGHER ONE HOLDINGS, INC. Annual Meeting of Stockholders June 11, 2014 9:00 AM This proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors

Address change/comments:

The stockholder(s) hereby appoint(s) Marc Sheinbaum and Christopher Wolf, or either of them, as proxies, each with the power to appoint his substitute, and hereby authorizes them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse side of this ballot, all of the shares of Common stock of HIGHER ONE HOLDINGS, INC. that the stockholder(s) is/are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of stockholder(s) to be held at 9:00 AM, Eastern Time on June 11, 2014, at the offices of Higher One Holdings, Inc., 115 Munson Street, New Haven, CT 06511, and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein. If no such direction is made, this proxy will be voted FOR the election of nominees for the Board of Directors listed on the reverse side and FOR Proposal 2, FOR Proposal 3, FOR Proposal 4 and FOR Proposal 5.

(If you noted any Address Changes and/or Comments above, please mark corresponding box on the reverse side.)
Continued and to be signed on reverse side

*** Exercise Your Right to Vote ***

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on June 11, 2014

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting

HIGHER ONE For holders as of: April 16, 2014

HOLDINGS, INC. Date: June 11, 2014 Time: 9:00 AM EDT

Location: Higher One Holdings, Inc.

115 Munson Street New Haven, CT 06511

ATTN: Robert Barbieri

HIGHER ONE You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

HOLDINGS, INC. 115 MUNSON STREET

NEW HAVEN, CT

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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.

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

Before You Vote How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Notice & Proxy Statement 2. Form 10-K

How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

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

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 May 28, 2014 to facilitate timely delivery.

How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. 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 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.

^{*} If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) in the subject line.

Voting items
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