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THE RUBICON PROJECT, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Important Notice of Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of

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TO BE HELD ON:

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 12:00 p.m., Pacific Time

By Virtual Meeting via live webcast

| COMPANY NUMBER | |
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| ACCOUNT NUMBER | |
| CONTROL NUMBER | |

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. To facilitate timely delivery please make the request as instructed below before June 26, 2020.

Please visit http://www.astproxyportal.com/ast/18899/, where the following materials are available for view:

- Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders
- Proxy Statement
- Form of Electronic Proxy Card
- Annual Report on Form 10-K

TO REQUEST MATERIAL:

TELEPHONE: 888-Proxy-NA (888-776-9962) 718-921-8562 (for international callers) E-MAIL: info@astfinancial.com

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VIRTUALLY AT THE MEETING: The company will be hosting the meeting live via the Internet this year. To attend the meeting via the Internet please visit https://web.lumiagm.com/293659257 (password: rubicon2020) and be sure to have available the control number.

TELEPHONE: To vote by telephone, please visit <u>www.voteproxy.com</u> to view the materials and to obtain the toll free number to call.

MAIL: You may request a card by following the instructions above.

| | 1. Election of Directors: |
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| | Lisa L. Troe |
| | Paul Caine |
| | Doug Knopper |
| | 2. To ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the company's independent registered public accounting firm for the current fiscal year. |
| | 3. To approve, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of the company's named executive officers. |
| | 4. To approve, on an advisory basis, the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation of named executive officers. |
| | 5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any postponements or adjournments thereof. |
| | THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE 'FOR" THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, "FOR" PROPOSAL 2, "FOR" PROPOSAL 3 AND "1-YEAR" FOR PROPOSAL 4. |
| Please note that you cannot use this notice to vote by mail. | |
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