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SCHEDULE 14A
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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on June 8, 2017.**

CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.



CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.
ATTN: PAUL R. FLANDERS, VP/CO
968 JAMES STREET
SYRACUSE, NY 13203

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting
For holders as of: April 13, 2017
Date: June 8, 2017 **Time:** 9:00 A.M. EDT
Location: Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.
968 James Street
Syracuse, NY 13203

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

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.

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— **How To Vote** —

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Vote In Person: Many stockholder 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 → [XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX] (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 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. EDT at Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., 968 James Street, Syracuse, New York 13203 for the following purposes:

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR proposals 1, 2, 3 and 5.

1. To elect as Class II directors of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., the nominees below:

Nominees:

- 01) Hannah S. Craven
- 02) Lawrence E. Hyatt

2. To approve an amendment to the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation to implement a majority voting standard in uncontested elections of directors.
3. To adopt, on an advisory basis, a resolution approving the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers, as described in the Proxy Statement under "Executive Compensation."

The Board of Directors recommends you vote 1 YEAR on proposal 4.

4. To select, on an advisory basis, the frequency of the advisory stockholder vote on the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers.
5. To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the 2017 fiscal year.
6. In their discretion, upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

NOTE: The shares represented by this proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned stockholder(s). **If no such direction is made, this proxy will be voted FOR proposals 1, 2, 3 and 5, and for 1 YEAR on proposal 4.** If any other matters properly come before the meeting, the person(s) named in this proxy will vote in their discretion.

These items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement. Only stockholders of record on April 13, 2017, may vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. To vote by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com.

